



the BELLFLOWER CITIZEN

Volume 14 Issue 7

ONLINE EDITION

July 2014

Town Center Plaza Welcomes Foodies, Movie Goers Stake Out Their Seats

Are you seeking new food experiences as a hobby rather than simply eating out of convenience or hunger? If so, Bellflower Food Trucks and Flicks events will help satisfy your appetite! Summer events are starting soon and will offer many delicious dishes for all Foodies in attendance.

The City of Bellflower will host the 2nd Annual Food Trucks & Flicks series beginning Friday, July 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Center Plaza (16521 Adenmoor Ave). Popular food trucks are invited to serve up their tastiest treats and fan-favorite plates. The food trucks scheduled to appear on the premiere night include **Taco Obsession** (Mexican food), **GD Bros** (Burgers), **Good Greek Grub** (Greek food), **White Rabbit** (Asian Fusion food), **Mustache Mike's** (Italian Ice), **What the Funnel** (sweet and savory funnel cakes) and **The Grilled Cheese Truck**. Food trucks may vary per event.

The Bellflower Recreation in Motion (BRIM) trailer will also offer fun free children's crafts and games. A balloon artist will also be roaming the event adding to the evening's entertainment.

The hit movie "Monsters University" will begin at dusk (approx. 8:30 p.m.) Movie nights continue every other week in the Town Center Plaza through August 22nd. Movies and parking are free to the public; however there will be charges for the food. Food trucks and prices vary each event night. Movie goers are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and no alcohol/pets will be permitted.

The movie schedule is as follows:
July 11 **Monsters University**
July 25 **Despicable Me 2**
Aug. 8 **The Lego Movie**
Aug. 22 **Frozen**

Also, Bellflower's Annual Summer Streetfest concert series commences the following week on Thursday, July

17th on Bellflower Blvd. between Flower St. and Oak St. **The Answer** will perform memorable classic rock hits and welcomes all attendees to dance and sing along! Live music, food vendors, craft vendors, and BRIM begin at 6:30 p.m. and will remain open until 9:30 p.m. Entrance is free and be sure to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the summer night.



The band schedule

is as follows:

July 17	The Answer
July 31	Instant Replay
Aug. 14	80z All Stars
Aug. 28	Doo Wah Riders

For more info call (562) 804-1424, ext. 2267 or visit www.bellflower.org.



**City Hall Closed
Friday, July 4th**

**In observance of
Independence Day**

*(Additionally, City Hall will be
closed Thursday, July 3rd)*

Housing Assistance Program Returns

The City of Bellflower will be offering a limited number of grants and/or deferred loans to low-income residents through two Federally funded programs money provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Home Improvement Program – Single Family Rehabilitation, will assist qualifying homeowners with necessary repairs to their home. Assistance is also offered to homeowners who are disabled and/or elderly.

The Homebuyers Assistance Program – Down Payment Assistance will provide a deferred payment second mortgage to assist qualified households with up to 80% of the required down payment for a home in Bellflower.

These programs are provided on a first come, first served basis for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, which begins July 1st. For an application or for information about fund availability, call the City's Housing and Grants Division at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2010.



Mark Your Calendar

There will be no trash collection on Friday, July 4. Collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week (e.g. Friday's route will be collected Saturday).

There will be no street sweeping on Friday, July 4.



Masters Teach & Inspire Youth

The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) hosted the first Master Class instructed by Wendi McLendon-Covey on Friday, June 27th at the Bellflower Bristol Civic Auditorium. McLendon-Covey taught students Improv, a form of theater where most or all of what is performed is created at the moment it is performed. She is well known for her ability as an improvisational actress and is most famous for her role as Rita in the 2011 comedy film *Bridesmaids*. She currently stars as Beverly Goldberg in the ABC comedy series *The Goldbergs*.

YCAF has several upcoming Master Class sessions:

Jr. Master Class / ages 8-12 yrs
Shakespeare & Star Wars
Sat., July 5 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Master Class / ages 13-18 yrs
Shakespeare & Star Wars
Sat., July 5 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Master Class / ages 12-18 yrs
Hamlet Wardrobe Sewing Class
July 12-19 (times vary)

For info or to sign up for a class visit www.bellflowertheater.org.



Donate Life-Saving Blood, Schedule an Appointment for City Hall Drive

Show your civic pride and set your appointment to donate blood at the 4th Annual City of Bellflower Blood Challenge on Thursday, August 14 at Bellflower City Hall. The American Red Cross has begun scheduling donors from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and welcome walk-in appointments as well. Last year, the City's Blood Drive collected 34 units of blood (which is equivalent to 102 lives) and hopes to set a new record for 2014!

To request an appointment, call Wendy at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2266 or visit www.redcross.org (Sponsor code for the event COB will be accessible via website mid-July).

Listed below are a few interesting facts about blood needs and why your donation makes you a hero!



American Red Cross

- More than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood
- More than 1.6 million people were diagnosed with cancer last year. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during chemotherapy treatment.
- Sickle cell disease affects more than 70,000 people in the U.S. About 1,000 babies are born with the disease each year. Sickle cell patients can require frequent blood transfusions throughout their lives.

Utility Bill Increase Announced by Southern California Edison

You have a right to know exactly what's going on with your electric bill. That's why Southern California Edison (SCE) is notifying customers about anticipated rate changes to help prepare and modify energy usage.

Why are rates changing?

1. The cost to generate or buy power is increasing: This cost increase is passed directly to the customer, and SCE does not make a profit from this.
2. Infrastructure investments: SCE is updating the grid to deliver safer and more dependable electricity.
3. Rate design changes: Currently high-usage customers subsidize low-usage customers. With this upcoming change, costs will be more evenly spread among all of our customers.



How much are rates increasing?

SCE is committed to making sure you know how you'll be impacted

by these rate increases. The average residential customer can expect a 5% - 10% increase to their monthly bill.

Ways to save energy:

Looking for simple ways to save energy during hot weather? SCE provides a few simple tips to help reduce energy use:

- Set the thermostat to 78 degrees when you're at home. (Safety First: If you have a medical condition or heat sensitivity, no amount of energy savings is worth the risk to your health)
- Use fans to help circulate the air and window coverings to avoid direct sunlight entering your home.
- Use the microwave instead of the stove and oven. Not only does it use less energy, the microwave won't inadvertently heat your home like a stove or oven would.
- Replace your A/C's air filter and clean the vents to ensure proper air flow and intake.

Modified from www.sce.com

Bellflower Actively Seeks New & Creative Businesses

Be a part of the growing business community in Downtown Bellflower. The City is seeking business proposals for Belmont Street Kiosks. Your business idea could earn you one year's rent FREE!

Business proposals must include:

Explanation of retail sales or services, samples of merchandise/services (photos ok), 1-year sales projections, business hours, and marketing plan.

INFO: (562) 804-1424 ext 2249 or visit www.bellflower.org



WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower

16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
(562) 804-1424

Code Enforcement Inspector I

Full time • \$3,755-\$4564/month

A variety of duties involved in investigating, enforcing and resolving complaints about City codes and ordinances including zoning, housing, dangerous building and uniform building codes. High school diploma or equivalent plus one year of experience in investigation, enforcement or public contact. Supplemental specialized college level training desired. For detailed info visit www.bellflower.org or visit City Hall Human Resources.

Blacksmith's Corner, Inc.

17647 Lakewood Blvd. Bellflower
(562) 531-0386

Animal Caretaker/Customer Serv.

Part-time, Must love animals

The job will start out at part-time with the opportunity of it becoming a full-time position. Responsibilities include: caring for store animals, customer service, carry outs, and store maintenance. Seeking a true animal lover who won't mind getting their hands dirty. Experience is desired but willing to train the right person. Must be available any days/hours including weekends. Apply at www.indeed.com

K-Mart

10400 Rosecrans Ave. Bellflower
www.searsholdings.com/careers/

Cashier • Part-time

Responsible for providing excellent customer service, efficiently and accurately completing sales and service transactions at the cash wraps, as well as handle customer issues that may arise on the sales floor.

BARK at the Library First Thursday Every Month

Local children of all ages gathered at the library to practice their reading skills to a therapy dog who is nonjudgmental and trained to listen. Beach Animals Reading with Kids (BARK) is a volunteer program that gives students an opportunity to practice and develop their reading ability by reading to a therapy dog. All dogs are certified therapy dogs and their owners are present at all times.

Many children find it intimidating to read aloud in front of others or classmates.

"I have been attending the BARK sessions for about three months, and I have to say it really makes my son want to read," states Nicole Guherrez, She continued, "My son has a reading disability, and the program offers my son a chance to practice his reading."

A study at UC Davis (Feb 2010) research has shown that reading with therapy dogs can improve a child's reading skills. "From a child's point of view, the child believes that they are simply reading to a dog. Through practice, children become better readers. This, in turn, has a positive impact in all areas of academic learning," says Robert Gardner, a staff member at the Brakensiek Library.

To participate, a child, accompanied by a parent/guardian, can simply show up to the event. Small children are able to read with a parent or the dog handler may read with the child as

well. Participants read for 15-20 minutes and are encouraged to read to as many dogs as they wish. After reading, participants can select a bookmark of their favorite therapy dog.

BARK therapy dogs visit many libraries, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and various institutions throughout Los Angeles County. The program first came to the Brakensiek

library in August 2011 and continues to assist elementary and middle school children in the community.

The BARK Reading with Dogs event is held once a month on the first Thursday of every month at the Brakensiek Library. The next session is scheduled for Thursday, July 3rd at 6:00 p.m. For more information call (562) 925-5543.

Library Makes Summer Awesome

Brakensiek Library • 9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower • (562) 925-5543

Enjoy painting? Calling all teens to get creative and paint your very own vase! All materials provided. For grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, July 2 • 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Enjoy juggling? Don't miss the amazing performance by five-time world-record holding juggler David Cousins. Delight in jaw-dropping juggling acts, comedy, music and lots of audience involvement. Fun for the whole family.



Saturday, July 5 • 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy calligraphy? Adults are invited to learn the basics of the art of calligraphy with an instructor. This program consists of 3 class sessions where you will practice skills you have learned. Space is limited, sign up at the Information Desk. Sponsored by Friends of the Bellflower Library.



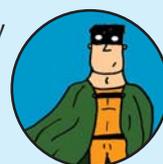
Tuesday, July 8 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Enjoy candy design? Learn how to make delicious sushi out of your favorite treats & sweets! All supplies are provided.

Tuesday, July 8 • 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy drawing? Artist Max Espinoza will teach teens how to draw all types of cartoon and superhero characters in just a few easy steps. For grades 6 - 12. Sponsored by Friends of the Bellflower Library.



Wednesday, July 9 • 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

See more events at www.colapublib.org



Play it *Safe and Sane* in July

The City of Bellflower reminds the community to celebrate Independence Day in a responsible manner and abide by Municipal Code Section 8.16.010, which makes it illegal to "use, possess, or transport any fireworks that are not classified as Safe and Sane."

If you plan to set off fireworks, by law, they must bear the "Safe and Sane" label, and the seal must say "State of California State Fire Marshall." "Safe and Sane" fireworks generally refer to fireworks which do not explode or shoot into the air, such as fountains, sparklers, smoke balls or snakes. Fireworks not sold at a community sales booth but originally were purchased from another state, Mexico, or over the internet, are almost always illegal. If they explode or shoot into the air, they are illegal in California.

In Bellflower, "Safe and Sane" fireworks may only be discharged July 1st through July 5th.

If you suspect or observe someone storing illegal fireworks, contact the City's fireworks tip hotline at (562) 925-0124 ext. 2532 or log onto www.bellflower.org and send an e-mail using the Safety Citizen Contact Form under the Public Safety Department. If you observe someone discharging illegal fireworks, call the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at (562) 623-3500, and a patrol unit will respond to your area. You may choose to remain anonymous if you'd like.

Penalties for the use or possession of illegal fireworks again will be \$1,000 or more. Last year, more than 70 individuals received a \$1,000 citation in the midst of their celebration because they were caught using illegal fireworks.

Possession of a larger amount of illegal fireworks may result in a felony charge. Again this year, Sheriff's

deputies will be out in full force in both marked and unmarked cars looking for kids and adults using illegal fireworks.

Bellflower Chamber of Commerce Fireworks

July 1 - 4

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**BUY 1, GET 1 FREE
SPECIALS!**

Bellflower Blvd. & Rosecrans Ave.

For more info call (562) 867-1744



Bellflower Beverage Depot Celebrates Success



Below: Bellflower Beverage Depot staff received a Certificate of Achievement from Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard's office at their Grand Opening Ceremony on June 5, 2014. (certificate presented by Bellflower Chamber of Commerce)



SAVE THE DATE

EMOTIONS PRESENTS

2ND ANNUAL

CAR SHOW

@

BELLFLOWER High School

AUGUST 2014 30TH

CAR CLUBS  SOLO RIDERS

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
15301 McNab Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706
For more info email [@etreto1@aol.com](mailto:Elvia Treto)

Current City Hours



The current City of Bellflower work schedule for employees and essential City services is listed below. City Hall and the Public Works Yard will be closed alternating Fridays.

Bellflower City Hall Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed alternating Fridays)

Building & Safety Division (located within City Hall)

Monday - Thursday • 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed alternating Fridays)

Bellflower Sheriff's Substation Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Alternating Fridays • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Saturday • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Sunday • Closed
After hours services provided by Regional Sheriff's Station in Lakewood (562) 623-3500

Simms, Caruthers and Thompson Park Facilities

Parks and Recreation Summer/Fall Hours of Operation

July

Monday - Friday • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

August

Monday - Friday • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

September

Monday - Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours (ALL PARKS)

July 3 • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 July 4 • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 August 30 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 August 31 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 September 1 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 September 2 • 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 September 3 • 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pirate Park

July

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

August

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

September

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours

July 3 & 4 • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 August 30 & 31 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 September 1 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

July 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 C	4 H	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 C	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 C	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 C	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 C	30
31						

September 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 H	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 C	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 C	27
28	29	30				

Key for calendar

C City Hall closed **H** City Hall closed for holiday

For more information call City Hall at (562) 804-1424 or visit www.bellflower.org