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Cars Enthusiasts Flock to the Boulevard

Bellflower Hosts 16th Annual Car Show on Saturday, September 6th

Cruise on down to Bellflower on Saturday, September 6 to see the line-up of classic cars for the 16th Annual Bellflower Boulevard Car Show hosted by the Bellflower Noon Lions. The car show is set to begin at 2:00 p.m. and continue to 7:00 p.m.

The family-friendly event hosts hundreds of extraordinary classic and modern cars, a variety of delicious food and treats, as well as an assortment of vendors selling kid's items, gifts and plenty of car and truck related merchandise.

Attendees can look forward to hearing the roar of the Cackle Cars as they fire off on all cylinders at 4:30 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.

The annual event is FREE and open to the public. The cost to show your car at the event is \$25 per car, \$35 for a reserved space and \$40 on the day of the event. Vendors can register for a 10' x 10' space for \$55. There are 25 categories to compete in and winning cars are awarded at 5:00 p.m. at the main stage located on the corner of Bellflower Blvd and

Flower Street.

To enter your car into the show, visit the Bellflower Boulevard Car Show website and register online. The form must be filled out completely and the registration fee paid by September 5th. To request a specific spot on the Bellflower Boulevard, be sure to select it during the registration process. All spaces are first come-first served basis (with exception for annual par-

ticipants). Registration can also be mailed in along with the appropriate fees. For car show information call Larry Wehage at (562) 331-9265 or visit www.bellflowercarshow.com.



Bellflower Named Finalist for Most Business-Friendly City Award

The City of Bellflower has been named a Finalist for the 2014 Most Business-Friendly City Award by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC).

The LAEDC recently named its finalists for the prestigious "Eddy Awards,"[®] and has recognized The City of Bellflower's commitment to its business community. "With a newly-established Economic Development Department, Bellflower has created incentive-based zoning and streamlined the entitlement process. Bellflower has low business, utility, and property taxes, and numerous incentives programs including forgivable sales tax loans, marketing and promotional agreements, and a restaurant expansion program. The City's regular business outreach,

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CITY HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

LABOR DAY ☺ MONDAY, SEPT. 1

CITY HALL CLOSED - NO STREET SWEEPING - NO TRASH COLLECTION

Collection will be delayed by one day remainder of the week

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open staff channels and satisfaction surveys highlight its commitment to identifying problems and supporting its business community. This is Bellflower's first year as a finalist for the Most Business Friendly City in L.A. County Award," said Lawren Markle, LAEDC's Director of Public Relations and Marketing.

The LAEDC provides collaborative and strategic economic development leadership to promote a globally competitive, prosperous and growing L.A. County economy to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and communities and enable those residents to meet their basic human need for a job. This is achieved through objective economic research and analysis, strategic assistance to government and business, and targeted public policy. Their efforts are guided and supported by the expertise and counsel of our business, govern-

ment and education members and partners. The LAEDC is a private, non-profit organization established in 1981 under section 501(c)(3).

The Winners of the awards will be announced at the 19th Annual Eddy Awards® on Thursday, November 13th, at the Beverly Hilton. "We are very proud to have been considered

for this award. It is quite an honor and it shows that what we are doing here in Bellflower is really making a difference. We work hard to support our business commu-

nity, and we are starting to see the fruits of our collective labor. Bellflower really is growing together," said Bellflower Mayor, Sonny R. Santa Ines.

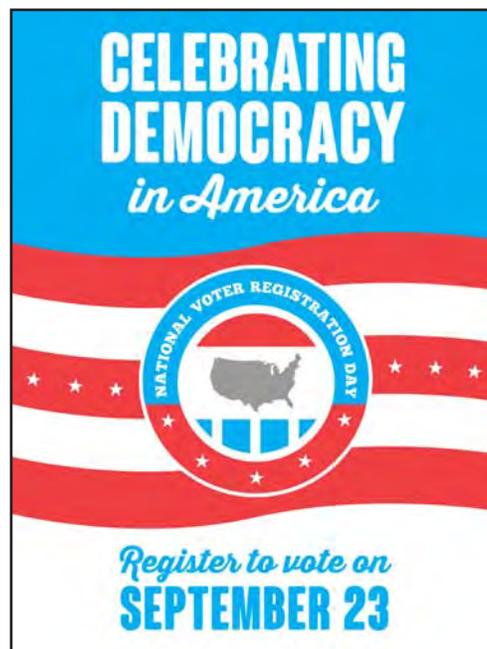
Inaugurated in 1996, the "Eddy Awards"® gala presents the State's only "business-friendly city" award, recognizing cities within L.A. County that are proactively promoting business-friendly programs and services, a key factor in job-creation. Bellflower has done just that by creating an Economic Development Department to spur business and job growth in the community and has seen much success. The City has recently attracted new restaurants and retail uses to its Downtown area, and has brought new developments to Alondra Blvd, Lakewood Blvd, and other areas of the City that are creating new jobs and revitalizing the community.



Bellflower High School Reunion

Take a trip down memory lane at the Bellflower High School All 50's Class Reunion on Saturday, September 6 at Firehouse Chef Food and Drink located at 16530 Bellflower Blvd., in Downtown Bellflower. The reunion begins at 11:00 a.m. with a no-host mixer and ends at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and include a tasty barbecue lunch. The previous year's attendance proved popular; space is limited.

To purchase your ticket or for more info contact Carole Ozanian at caroleozna@aol.com.



HERO Program Now Approved



Considering energy efficient upgrades and improvements such as solar, HVAC, windows, roofing, water savings products? The Home Energy Renovation Opportunities Program (HERO) is a new financing program which covers 100% of the cost to purchase and install eligible products. HERO offers low-fixed interest rates, flexible payment terms including 5/10/15/20 years for most products, and repayments are made through your property taxes. Additionally, if the property is sold before the HERO Financing is paid in full, the remaining payments can be passed on to the next owner.

The HERO program is active in 42 cities across Los Angeles County including Bellflower. Homeowner's qualify for the program based on the equity in their home and their history of on time payments rather than their credit score. Homeowners participating in HERO can choose from over 900,000 "green" products and over 1,000 registered HERO contractors. The contractor is only paid from HERO funds after the homeowner has signed a completion certificate.

HERO is funded by private investors and approved by the Bellflower City Council. For more info or assistance call the City's Building Department at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2006 or call the HERO Hotline at (855) HERO-411. To apply for the program, visit heroprogram.com/apply.

Smiles All Around at National Night Out



Residents had an opportunity to meet public safety personnel and mingle with neighbors during the annual National Night Out (NNO) event on Tuesday, August 5th. Several Bellflower residents hosted neighborhood block parties during this nationwide celebration of crime prevention and public safety.

The Bellflower Mobile Team, comprised of Members of Bellflower's City Council, Sheriff's deputies and firefighters, distributed safety informa-

tional materials, encouraged all attendees to show their NNO Spirit by permitting fun photos on deputies' quads, in patrol cars and climb onto a fire truck to be posted on Twitter using #bellflowerNNO. Top three winning photos each received a \$50 gift card to a local City restaurant (Fronk's, Hambone's and Firehouse Chefs). Thank you to all Bellflower participants for making this year safe and memorable! For more info call (562) 925-0124 ext. 2530.



City Paves the Way for *The Boulevard Collection*

The City of Bellflower hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking event for the upcoming mixed-use project *The Boulevard Collection* on Tuesday, August 26th. The project, to be constructed by City Ventures, is located at 9303 Alondra Boulevard, and will feature over 6,500 sq. ft. of commercial space on the ground floor and 67 3-bedroom owner-occupied residential units above and behind. Attendees learned about the new eco-friendly town-homes which will have direct access to the Bike Trail & Walking Path and each unit will be furnished with many green elements such as high-performance energy efficient appliances, high-efficiency lighting, hybrid electric water heaters and dual-glazed windows with ultra-violet coating. The \$20 million project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2015.



Following the first project, City Ventures is slated to build another development consisting of 18 residential units ranging from 1,382-1,833 sq. ft. The future site is located in Downtown Bellflower and will also provide direct access to the Bike Trail & Walking Path. Additionally, as part of its commitment to Bellflower, City Ventures has contributed to the construction of the new Los Angeles County Fire Museum to be built on Bellflower Boulevard south of the Pacific Electric Train Depot site. The 24,000 sq. ft. 2-story facility will be designed to resemble a traditional historic Los Angeles County Fire Station, host a ground-floor Fire museum and a catered event center for 300 people just above. That project alone is approximately a \$4.5 million investment in the future of Bellflower.

For more info about the develop-

ment call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2278. For information about available commercial tenant space, contact the Economic Development Department at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249.



WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower (2 positions)

16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower

View full job description at:

www.bellflower.org

Accounting Technician II (F/T)

Deadline: 09/04/14 at 4:00 p.m.

Perform a variety of accounting duties involved in the preparation and maintenance of financial and statistical records including payroll, accounts payable/receivable, fixed assets, health benefits, and cash receipting. Maintain/reconcile a variety of ledgers, reports and account records and prepare related reports and adjustments. Fundamental principles and procedures of payroll, fiscal record keeping, accounts receivable, and billing preferred. Experience with Microsoft Word and Excel. Equivalent to a high school diploma supplemented by specialized work in accounting or business practices, along with three (3) years of recent full time experience.

Finance Analyst (F/T)

Deadline: 09/10/14 at 4:00 p.m.

Perform a variety of financial, analytical and accounting duties; prepare, analyze and maintain financial and accounting transactions and records; and performs and provides support for timely processing of payroll, accounts payable, account receivable, business licensing, cash receipting, and the posting and maintenance of related records/reports. Research, compile/analyze financial and budgetary info and present data in written reports and spreadsheets. Coordinate with grant administrators to determine and comply with all required accounting, assist with the fiscal year end closing and financial audits. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in accounting or a related field. Three (3) years recent, increasingly responsible, related work experience.

SUMMER EVENTS WRAPPED UP AUGUST 2014



Mark Your Calendar for YCAF's Annual Talent Show

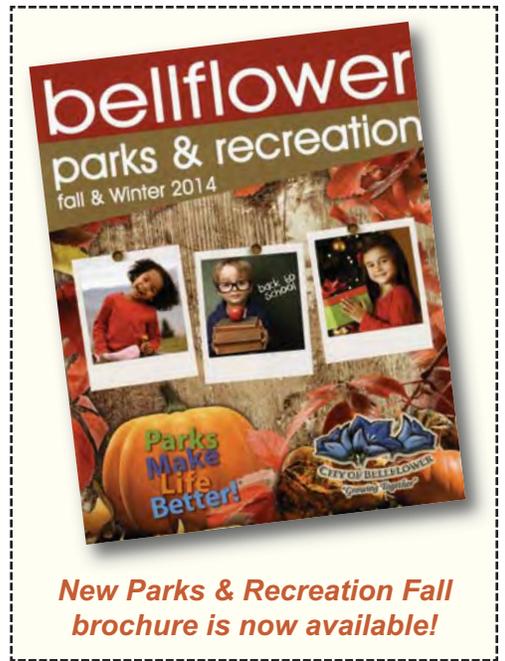
Auditions are over and top talent has been selected to perform in the Youth Cultural Arts Foundation's 15th Anniversary Talent Show on Saturday, September 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the Bristol Civic Auditorium (16600 Civic Center Dr., Bellflower City Hall).

The annual event has become one of the longest running and most successful talent showcases in the region. Participants are divided into two age groups: 6-12 & 13-18. The three highest-scoring acts in each division will be presented a trophy and cash

prize. This year, over \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded on stage.

Hollywood stars have previously participated in the event, such as Christopher Lloyd, Veronica Cartwright, Julie Andrews, Debbie Allen, Alimi Ballard, Wilmer Valderrama and Kevin Spacey, and more.

George Pennacchio, Entertainment Reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News will serve as Master of Ceremonies. For more information, call YCAF at (562) 867-3524 or email staff@bellflowertheater.org.



New Parks & Recreation Fall brochure is now available!

FREE MOVIE EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

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

Marvel Madness

Tuesday, September 9 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of discussing your favorite Marvel movies and comics! A screening of a hit Marvel movie will also be offered. Contact the library for the title and additional details.

Monsters in Movies

Tuesday, September 23 • 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Join a discussion about the popular "monster" or kaiju genre of movies, classic films with the Toho monsters as well as modern adaptations such as "Pacific Rim". Watch a film of the latest monster movie to hit the big screen!



Presents First Annual

SALUTE OUR HEROES **FREE**



Saturday, September 13th • 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker: Navy Lieutenant Kevin Shaeffer
Mayfair High School Band, *Johnny Rockets*, Beer Garden, Raffle

For more information call (562) 867-1744

Senior Excursions Solvang Danish Days

Held annually since 1936, Solvang comes to life as it celebrates all things Danish on Saturday, September 20th from 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Enjoy a day filled with arts, crafts, food and a parade - Walking level: Medium-High. Registration fee is \$35 and includes deluxe transportation & the deadline is **Sunday, August 31st**. To register call (562) 866-8614.

