



Christmas Tree Lights Up at Annual Holiday Program on December 5th

The City of Bellflower will once again bring holiday cheer to Downtown Bellflower when it hosts the 14th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 5th beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Residents and adjacent communities are invited to join in the seasonal celebration at the free family event that will take place in Downtown Bellflower at Friendship Square located at 16615 Bellflower Blvd.

Santa Claus will arrive during the event and meet with children one-on-one to take their holiday wishes! The Mayfair High School Vocal Ensemble will entertain attendees with a special

performance of holiday songs.

There will also be a rink for scooters and skates (children are encouraged to wear a helmet to enter the rink), along with the Bellflower Recreation In Motion (BRIM) program, and holiday crafts. Refreshments will be served, including complimentary

peach cobbler donated by Johnny Rebs Restaurant, and coffee and hot cocoa provided by Starbucks.

For more information on all City's holiday festivities call the Parks & Recreation Department at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2261 or visit the City's website at www.bellflower.org.



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, November 2

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Move clocks back at 2:00 a.m.

City Hall Closed

Tuesday, November 11

Veterans Day

Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28

Thanksgiving Holiday

Nomination Period Opens for Bellflower's March 3, 2015 General Municipal Election

Bellflower's next general municipal election to elect three City Council Members will be held March 3, 2015. The nomination period opens November 10, 2014, and closes December 8, 2014. During the nomination period, prospective candidates will receive a comprehensive packet of information that outlines the nomination and election process, as well as forms and critical deadlines; nomination documents must be obtained ("pulled") and submitted ("filed") before the end of the nomination period.

While not required, it is recommended that prospective candidates

contact the City Clerk's Office in early November to set up an appointment during the nomination period to pull papers; this process generally takes about two hours. Regular office hours are: 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday; closed alternating Fridays and holidays.

For more information about becoming a City Council candidate, contact the City Clerk's Office at (562) 804-1424, ext. 2220. For updated information as the election draws nearer, please visit the City's website at www.bellflower.org.

Conservation is Key; Tips to Help Reduce Water Waste

With the end of the dry season, it is important to remember that California is still facing an extreme drought. This year is one of the driest years in California's history. A few simple steps can help Bellflower residents reduce water use.

Outdoors:

- Change your sprinkler schedule. As the weather cools, plants and lawns don't need as much water. Water at night or early morning to reduce evaporation and water lost to wind.
- Add mulch to landscape (2"-3" layer) - around plants to retain soil moisture and suppress weed growth.
- Avoid watering homes, sidewalks or

streets. Check your sprinkler system for leaks, overspray and broken sprinkler heads.

- Redirect downspout to capture rainwater for the plant areas. Consider investing in a rain barrel to help reduce costs of running sprinklers.



Indoors:

- Install low-flow showerheads and keep showers to 5 minutes.
- Run only full loads when running washers / dishwashers.
- Don't use the toilet as wastebasket.
- Don't leave the water running when

washing dishes, brushing your teeth, or shaving.

- Check for leaks.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway or sidewalk.

modified: www.saveourh2o.org

HHW & E-Waste Event November 8th

City of Bellflower will host a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Waste collection event on Saturday, November 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Simms Park located at 16614 S. Clark Ave. HHW is any product labeled: toxic, poison, combustible, corrosive, flammable or irritant that is disposed of. The term "e-waste" is applied to consumer electronic equipment that is no longer wanted. E-waste refers to computers, printers, televisions, VCRs, cell phones, fax machines, stereos, and electronic games. Electronics may contain lead, copper, and other heavy metals or potentially toxic substances.

Our community and the environment are endangered when these products are discarded improperly. For a complete list of items that will be accepted visit www.dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/hhw or www.bellflower.org.

Los Angeles Department of Water & Power

California Poppy

Leucanthis "Concha"

Succulent

CASH IN YOUR LAWN

California Friendly® Landscape Incentive Program

The LADWP California Friendly® Landscape Incentive Program provides residential and commercial customers with cash incentives for replacing healthy turf with water wise landscaping features. In place of water-thirsty and high maintenance grass, put in California Friendly® plants, mulch, and permeable pathways to save money while conserving water. Residential customers can receive up to \$2 per square foot of turf removed. Commercial customers can get \$1 per square foot.*

Outdoor Water Conservation

Approximately 40 percent of water use in Los Angeles is outdoors. To help conserve water, LADWP encourages customers with turf or grass areas to plant California Friendly® species that require less water, once established.

Benefits of California Friendly® Landscaping

California Friendly® plants are natural to the California climate, attractive, resilient, non-invasive, easy to maintain, and water wise year-round.

Elements of a California Friendly® Landscape

Landscapers can select from a rich and diverse plant palette of California Friendly® trees, perennials, groundcover, vines, succulents and shrubs. There are also ways to enhance a landscape with non-vegetative groundcover or paving materials like decomposed granite, pea gravel, rocks, pebbles, mulch and wood chips.

Apply for a Rebate

Get your California Friendly® Landscape Incentive Program application pre-approved before starting the project. A pre-approval package and guidelines for eligibility are on www.LADWP.com/CF

* Incentives may change. Please check the website prior to starting your project.

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower

16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
(562) 804-1424 ext. 2240
www.bellflower.org

Executive Assistant II (F/T) Public Safety Department

\$4,273 - \$5,194/month - plus benefits
APPLICATIONS DUE:
Monday, Nov. 17, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Perform a variety of responsible, confidential, and complex administrative and secretarial duties; to plan, organize, and oversee the operations and functions of the assigned office; receive and assist office visitors and telephone callers; resolve complaints; composes and prepares letters, memoranda, reports and additional misc. duties.

Equivalent to a high school diploma supplemented by seven years of increasingly responsible administrative secretarial, administrative assistant or office management experience. Must possess a valid Class C California Driver License, and a current (within one year) typing certificate showing ability to type at a corrected rate of 55 words per minute.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT Simms Park

Range: \$22.10 - \$26.86/Hour (P/T)
Open until filled, 20-25 hr per week

Assist in planning, management, and supervision of operations at Simms Park. Coordinate and organize the associated services, activities, and special events; Prepares reports, schedules and other administrative materials. Supervises, schedules, counsels and evaluates part-time recreation staff, contract employees and volunteers. High School diploma or equivalent, supplemented by two (2) years of college level course work in recreation, public administration or related field.

Free Flu Shots at Brakensiek Library

The LA County Department of Public Health has partnered with the County of LA Public Library to provide flu vaccines at no charge to people who don't have health insurance or whose healthcare provider doesn't offer flu vaccines.

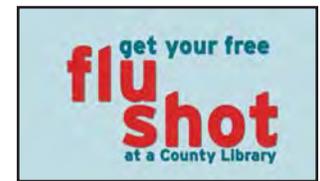
Flu vaccines are recommended for everyone six months of age and older,

including healthy adults. It's important to get a flu vaccine if you are: 6 months through 18 years old, 50 years or older, pregnant or just had a baby, morbidly obese, a healthcare provider, living in a nursing or other long-term care home, living with a weakened immune system or a chronic medical condition (like diabetes, heart disease or lung disease), living with or caring for someone under 5 years old or 50 years of age or older with a chronic medical condition

If you have a severe egg allergy or are sick the day of the clinic, check with your doctor before getting vaccinated. Call your regular health care provider to see what other shots you may need. If you don't have a regular provider, call 2-1-1 (LA County Information Line) or visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip for a list of no cost or low-cost vaccine providers.

Clinic dates and times are subject to change. Please call to confirm before you go.

Brakensiek Library
Saturday, November 1, 2014
12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Nixle Helps Keep Residents Safe

The City of Bellflower is beginning to use new technology to keep residents and surrounding communities better informed about public safety through text message and email alerts. Nixle enables government agencies to communicate in a secure way and exchange multimedia content over a trusted mobile platform app. The City already has over 900 subscribers for our newly launched Nixle account.

To receive public safety updates, go to www.nixle.com and follow a few simple steps to create a personal account. Once your account has been created, be sure to subscribe to "City of Bellflower Public Safety." To choose to register for alerts via text, text your zip code to 888777 to enroll. Additionally, there is an application for Apple products that can be downloaded at www.nixle.com.

 *Bellflower Symphony Orchestra Presents*

173 Years of Dvorak

Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Bristol Civic Auditorium
16600 Civic Center Dr., Bellflower, CA

Free admission for members
or Bellflower residents
Donation recommendation:
\$12 Adult - \$10 Student/Senior

For info call (562) 867-4871

Protect Your Pet from Halloween Haunts

This holiday of ghosts, goblins, and spooks is one of the most dangerous times of the year for pets. Your knowledge of potential dangers along with careful preparation will help ensure that your cat or dog has a safe holiday!

BLACK CATS BEWARE

It's very important to keep all pets, especially black cats, indoors on Halloween night. Cats or dogs wandering the streets on Halloween are at risk for getting lost, being used in a ritual, hit by a car, abducted, injured, and taunted by costumed kids.



EVIL IN THE NIGHT

Pets should be locked indoors, either in a crate or in a secure separate room, while trick-or-treaters come to the door or if you are having a party.

CANDY: THE KISS OF DEATH

Halloween candy, including chocolate, is for humans, not animals. Be sure to educate your kids about this. Candy containing sticks such as lollipops and candy apples can be very harmful if in-

gested, causing choking, obstruction, or perforation of the intestines.

DON'T ASK FOR BAD LUCK

Curious kittens and cats can burn their faces, feet, or whiskers exploring visually attractive jack-o'-lanterns. Open flames can be alluring, too, so candles should not be left burning unattended. Many startled pets will accidentally knock them over, creating havoc and potential fires, not to mention serious burns from the hot wax. Make sure that all burning objects are out of your pets' reach.

CANINE AND KITTY COSTUMES

While pets look cute in costumes, resist the urge to dress them. Don't force the issue; you can seriously traumatize your pet. Every year pets get strangled and even lose blood supply to their limbs from improperly fitting costumes. If you still choose to dress your pet, make sure you buy a costume made for dogs or cats and never leave them unattended when dressed up.

For info visit www.lucypetfoundation.org

Dude, Where's Your Cat?

The Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) in collaboration with The Lucy Pet Foundation is hosting a mobile spay/neuter cat clinic on Saturday, January 10th behind the City of Bellflower Sheriff's Substation at 16615 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower. The cost for the procedure is \$10.00.



Spaying or neutering your pet eliminates or reduces a wide variety of health problems that can be very difficult and expensive to treat,

such as many types of cancer, tumors, and other serious health complications. Spayed and neutered animals no longer feel the need to roam seeking a mate, so they have less chance of being involved in fights or traumatic injuries. Also, infections, abscesses, diseases such as feline leukemia virus and feline AIDS (transmitted by fighting), and other contagious diseases are greatly reduced in altered cats, which helps avoid expensive vet bills while extending their life span.

For an appointment call (855) 449-5829 or email info@lucypetfoundation.org.

Cooper to Speak at BRAVO 2015

The City of Bellflower is pleased to announce that Michael Cooper, former Los Angeles Laker and current WNBA coach with the Atlanta Dream will serve as the keynote speaker for the 21st annual BRAVO Awards. The event will take place Thursday, February 5th, 2015 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the William and Jane Bristol Au-

ditorium inside Bellflower City Hall located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA.



The City of Bellflower is now accepting nominations for the 21st annual BRAVO Awards. The BRAVO Awards honor individuals for acts of valor, heroism and outstanding service in support of public safety. See page 6 for nomination form.

Holland Intl Market Grand Opening

Saturday Nov. 1st
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

9835 Belmont St. Bellflower
Info: (562) 925-9444



Library Events

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library
9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706
(562) 925-5543

Learn About Dreams

Wednesday, November 5
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Learn how to interpret your dreams and the meanings behind them. Create dreamcatchers to help you have a more pleasant sleep. Snacks will be provided.



Teen Manga Club

Every Monday in November
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Free & open to the public

Enjoy an afternoon of discussing your favorite anime and manga, watching anime, playing games, doing art activities, and much more!



Say it Ain't Sew Now Open on Belmont St. in Downtown



Meet the new tenant of Kiosk B, Mika Vancelette, owner of *Say It Ain't Sew*. Vancelette is a Bellflower resident who started her business from home in 2009 and is now looking to grow her business and expand services. She offers custom screen prints, vinyl prints, rhinestone designs, embroidery and custom cheer bows. Vancelette has provided work t-shirts, Pop Warner team uniforms, high school cheer gear and various sports team jerseys. *Say It Ain't Sew* is open Tuesdays-Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - Noon, Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and Sundays-Mondays by appointment only. For more information call (562) 668-1435.

Orozco's Auto Service Offers Free Oil Change

Need an oil change? Orozco's Auto Service will provide a free oil change to customers when they make a minimum donation of \$42.00 to a charity of their choice. To participate, visit a shop and write a check out to a school, church or community non-profit organization and service staff will provide a quick oil change. Orozco's is located at 9681 Alondra Blvd., Bellflower, CA 90706. For more information call (562) 920-1871 or visit www.ozcosautoservice.com.



ENJOY A FESTIVE MELODRAMA & FUN CHRISTMAS SONGS

It's Christmas Eve in Mistletoe, but everyone is far from *Holly Jolly*. Rolland N. Dough is foreclosing on the entire town, which has everybody dreaming of a black Christmas! Will the townspeople be out in the cold, "walkin' in a winter wonderland?" Will the most wicked villain of all time finally win out this time?

FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

NOV. 21 THRU DEC. 21

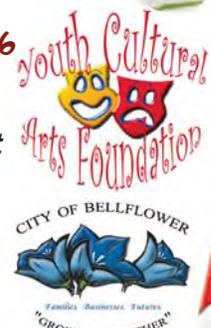
9831 BELMONT ST. BELLFLOWER, CA 90706

FOR INFO CALL (562) 867-3524

After the show, present your theater ticket stub and receive a holiday discount of buy 1 entree, get 1 entree 1/2 off

For participating restaurants visit www.bellflower.org

TICKETS
\$3



Nomination Form 2015

The BRAVO Awards (Bellflower Recognizes Acts of Valor & Outstanding Service) honors residents and employees in Bellflower who have demonstrated outstanding public service or acts of heroism related to public safety during the past year. Citizens, residents, Sheriff and Fire Department personnel, medical and security professionals are all eligible to be nominated. Please complete the following form to nominate someone you feel has done something above and beyond to help another person. Recipients of the 2015 BRAVO Awards will be honored at a special ceremony on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at the William and Jane Bristol Civic Auditorium.



Nominee Information

Name:

Address:

E-Mail Address:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

Employer:

Position/Title:

Reason for Nomination: Describe the act of heroism, valor or outstanding public service related to public safety

(Continue on another sheet if needed)

Nominator Information

Your Name:

Address:

E-Mail Address:

Primary Phone:

Secondary Phone:

How did you learn of act/service?

Relationship to Nominee:

Please return completed nomination form by Thursday, November 13, 2014 to:

City of Bellflower

Public Safety Department

16615 Bellflower Blvd., Bellflower, CA 90706

Or fax to (562) 804-7873 or e-mail to mporras@bellflower.org



For more information, call Maria Porras at (562) 925-0124

To complete nomination form online or obtain sponsorship forms, visit www.bellflower.org