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The 21st Annual BRAVO Awards Highlights Local Heroes for Valor and Service

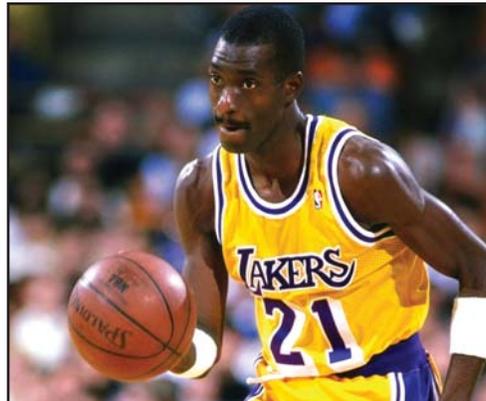
The City of Bellflower is pleased to announce that Michael Cooper, former Los Angeles Laker and current WNBA coach with the Atlanta Dream will serve as the keynote speaker for the 21st annual BRAVO Awards. The event will take place Thursday, February 5th, 2015 beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the William and Jane Bristol Auditorium inside Bellflower City Hall located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA.

The BRAVO Awards recognize individuals based in Bellflower from the L.A. County Sheriff's Department, the L.A. County Fire Department and community heroes who performed outstanding acts of valor, heroism and community service in support of public safety in Bellflower during the past year.

Former NBA player, NBA-DL and WNBA champion coach Michael Cooper is currently with the WNBA's Atlanta Dream. Cooper was a five-time NBA Champion as a player with

the Los Angeles Lakers, and led the Los Angeles Sparks to two WNBA titles as the team's head coach, as well as coaching the Albuquerque Thunderbirds of the NBA D-League to a championship during their inaugural season.

Cooper attended Pasadena (CA) High and then Pasadena City College before starring at New Mexico, where he made the All-Western Athletic Conference first team as a senior in 1978. He was selected to the Lobo Hall of Honor in 1992.



Cooper's association with Los Angeles started when he spent his entire 12-year (1979-90) NBA career with the Lakers, helping the "Showtime" Lakers to five NBA titles (1980-82-85-87-88). Known for his defensive prowess, he was named to the NBA All-Defensive Team eight times – including five first team selections – and was the league's Defensive Player of the Year in 1987.

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State of the City; Strong Today, Stronger Tomorrow

Mayor Sonny R. Santa Ines will present Bellflower's State of the City address on Thursday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Simms Park Auditorium (16614 South Clark Ave.)

Tickets are \$15.00 and will be on sale beginning Monday, January 12, 2015. Themed "Strong Today, Stronger Tomorrow," the luncheon will highlight recent accomplishments and forecast future City projects for the new year.

For more information about the event call (562) 804-1424, ext. 2267 or visit www.bellflower.org.



City Hall Closed Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 2 & 19 Regular City Council Meetings Resume Jan. 15

Reminder: There will be no trash collection on Thursday, January 1.
Collection will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week.
(e.g. Wednesday's route will be collected Thursday)

There will also be no street sweeping on
Thursday, January 1.

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Cooper finished his career ranked in the Lakers' top 10 in games played (873), minutes played (23,635), 3-point field goals (428), steals (1,033), blocked shots (523), assists (3,666), defensive rebounds (2,028) and free throw percentage (.833). He also spent one season playing professionally in Italy in 1991 with Pallacanestro Virtus Roma.

Recognized as one of the most successful coaches in WNBA history, Cooper has ranked second in career winning percentage (.663) and sixth in career victories (167) entering the 2014 season. He is the last WNBA head coach to have led his team to back-to-back league titles, winning the 2001 and 2002 championships in Los Angeles.

Cooper has also been recognized for his community efforts off the court.



During the 1985-86 season, Cooper was selected by the Pro Basketball Writers Association as the recipient of the J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award. He was also honored with the Commitment to Excellence Award during the 2007 Los Angeles Sports Fans Choice Awards. Cooper is also known for his "5 Ds": Determination, Dedication, Desire, Discipline and Decision-Making; he has used these both on and off the court as the foundation for success.

Cooper has exemplified the spirit of the BRAVO Awards through his community efforts and his actions on the court. "As the Keynote Speaker, he will bring a positive message to our community and pay tribute to our local heroes," said Mayor Sonny R. Santa Ines. Mayor Santa Ines added that he has arranged for Cooper to autograph a basketball that will be raffled for at-

tendees at the event.

The BRAVO Awards ceremony is funded through sponsorships from area businesses and individuals and represents one of the City of Bellflower's most prestigious honors.

For more info about the BRAVO program visit www.bellflower.org or call Kristen Smith at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2267 or ksmith@bellflower.org.

CR&R WILL PROVIDE FREE CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING SERVICES BEGINNING FRIDAY, DEC. 26TH THROUGH SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

REMOVE STAND, LIGHTS AND ORNAMENTS, AND PLACE YOUR TREE ON THE CURB NEXT TO YOUR TRASH CONTAINER ON TRASH DAY. IF YOUR TREE IS MORE THAN 10' TALL, BE SURE TO CUT IT IN HALF.

FOR MORE INFO CALL 562-944-4716

Rotary Club and Hollywood Sports Have a Flippin' Good Time Serving Pancakes



On Saturday, December 20th, the Bellflower Rotary Club and Hollywood Sports Park teamed up to host a pancake breakfast for underprivileged families. Santa visited and brought toys for the children. Food baskets were also distributed to families during the event. Many supporters such as U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, Assemblymember Christina Garcia, Bellflower City Council, Miss Bellflower Court, volunteers carolers, and *The Monster Kids* attended the breakfast.

SEAACA's Pet Care Fairs Hit The Road

The Fair is sponsored by the Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) in collaboration with The Lucy Pet Foundation and the City of Bellflower. SEAACA was chosen by the Lucy Pet Foundation as a partner to provide much needed spay/neuter programs in SEAACA service areas.

On Sunday, January 25, 2015, the Pet Care Fair will be held at Simms Park located at 16614 S. Clark Ave. in Bellflower from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Fees for pet spaying and neutering start at just \$50.00 and go up from there depending on the size of the animals. All appointments must be made in advance. To make an appointment for your pet to be spayed/neutered, chipped and/or vaccinated contact The Lucy Pet Foundation at 855-499-5829 or info@lucypetfoundation.org

Los Angeles Superior Court Issues Preliminary Injunction Against Marijuana Dispensary in the City of Bellflower

On December 11, 2014, Judge Margaret Bernal of the Los Angeles County Superior Court issued a Preliminary Injunction enjoining the operation a marijuana dispensary commonly known as the Bellflower Patient Group that has been operating at 16203 Clark Avenue.

The Preliminary Injunction prohibits Bellflower Patient Group, its principal, and the property owner, from causing or allowing the operation of any dispensary, cooperative or collective or any other unlicensed use at the location. Specifically, the order prohibits selling, serving, storing, keeping, or giving away of marijuana at the property or at any other property under the Defendants' control.

The Bellflower Municipal Code does not allow for the operation of marijuana dispensaries in the City, and the City works with property owners to educate them on City requirements

and to ensure all businesses in the City are operating successfully and legally.

The City of Bellflower took aggressive action to address several complaints of noise, litter, loitering, drug use, and other nuisances from residents in the neighborhood surrounding the Bellflower Patient Group and has attempted to work with the property owner to bring the property into compliance. When initial efforts proved unsuccessful, the City was forced to take legal action. According to City Prosecutor James Eckart, "The City's priority is the health, safety, welfare, and quality of life of

Bellflower residents, business owners, and guests. The City is prepared to initiate legal action against any person or operation that seeks to illegally profit through the sale of marijuana in the City, and will enforce all applicable laws to the fullest extent possible."



Bellflower Symphony Orchestra Night at the Opera

Saturday, January 31,
2015:00 p.m.

Free admission for members
or Bellflower residents

Donation recommendation:
\$12 Adult - \$10 Student/Senior

For info call (562) 867-4871

Bristol Civic Auditorium
16600 Civic Center Dr.,

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City of Bellflower

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

Sound Technician (P/T 20-25 hrs)
Parks & Recreation Department
\$9.12 - \$11.08/Hr.

Applications due: Open until filled

Operating the auditorium's audio equipment, which includes a Phonic (Sonic Station 32) sound mixing board. Place/strike monitors and/or equipment and audio cables including safety taping

in position for stage use and when requested at off-site city events. Assist with civic auditorium operations, supervision and maintenance of facilities. Assist with enforcement rules, regulations, and operating policies. Inspect civic auditorium and/or equipment; report necessary repairs. Answer questions and provide info to the public. Complete logs/reports as required.

High School diploma or equivalent. College theater courses or volunteer experience is desirable. May be required to work weekends, evenings, holidays.

Recreation Leader (P/T 10-20 hrs)
Parks & Recreation Department
\$9.12 - \$11.08/Hr.

Applications due: Open until filled

Plans and organizes enriching youth recreation activities on City parks including outdoor/indoor sports, crafts, games, contests, and special events. Enforces equal and fair disciplinary measures with activity participants. Provides general supervision of facility operations. Accepts registration for classes and provides excellent customer service. Supervises, cleans, assists with preparing facility for groups and special events. Performs general custodial/maintenance duties, including the set-up and takedown of tables, chairs, and special equipment. Performs other duties as assigned.

Must be able to read, write, and speak clearly and effectively using the English. Applicants must be a minimum of 16 years old and enrolled in high school.

Library Events

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

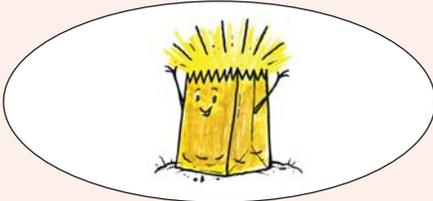
Luminarias for Teens

Wednesday, January 7

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free - For grades 6-12

Create your own luminaria out of paper bags. These are perfect to light during the shorter winter days. All materials are supplied.



Royalty Tea Time

Saturday, January 17

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Free - All ages welcome

Miss Bellflower and her court will be having a tea time for little princesses and princes at the Library. Come dressed up and enjoy treats with Bellflower's very own royalty!



Teen Library Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, January 21

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free - For grades 6-12

Explore the wonders of the library with a scavenger hunt! Compete against your friends for the prize!



Thank you to all the Bellflower Restaurants for your participation in the YCAF Holiday Show Promotion!



16610 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 925-5100



16701 1/2 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 685-4962



16527 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 925-6204



16639 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 866-6455



9834 Flower St. (562) 867-8582



16600 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 925-2271



16530 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 866-3454



16922 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 804-2222



9825 Belmont St. (562) 920-5200



16310 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 920-1714



16601 Bellflower Blvd. (562) 804-7212



The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) wrapped up the 75th performance of the *Holiday Show* in mid-December. The cast of 26 young people starred in a short melodrama and/or a segment of Christmas caroling. Over 600 attendees enjoyed the play and also received a special dining discount. Congrats on a job well done!

Attention Bellflower Businesses

Is Your Business Active on Social Media?

The City offers assistance for local businesses to promote their business on social media



The City has launched a Yelp Promotions Program to assist your business social media presence. To help support business growth, the Economic Development Department is currently monitoring Bellflower businesses on Yelp. Beginning January 2015, be a part of the world-wide web and grow your customer base by taking advantage of free social media tools and resources. We are here to help!

WHY YELP?

Yelp was founded in 2004 as tool for connecting people with businesses. Reasons to be active:

- 1. Expand your Business Reach.** To date, Yelpers have written over 67 million reviews.
- 2. Connect with Your Customers!** Yelp provides business owners a way to get honest feedback from your customers.
- 3. Improve Your Business Model.** By hearing what customers are say, your business's can better capitalize on its strength and improve on its weaknesses. Negative reviews can harm your business, and positive ones can bring in more potential customers.
- 4. It's Happening, and it's Free!** And the City is here to help your business succeed.

CITY SERVICES FOR YOUR BUSINESS:

1. Learn to set up and claim a business owner account on Yelp.
2. Receive guidance on how to respond to "Yelpers" comments in a manner that is advantageous
3. Receive City business newsletters, emails, and social media marketing
4. More services coming soon! The City is working to develop incentives for businesses interested in social media promotions. Sign up now, and be the first to know the details of our program.

SIGN UP NOW!

Send an email with your business name, contact person and phone number to:
Economic_Dev@bellflower.org

Contact us at: Economic_Dev@bellflower.org
 Annika Miyashiro-Ruiz - Public Affairs Specialist at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249
 James Nguyen - Management Assistant at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2286



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 Winter/Spring Hours of Operation

January (ALL PARKS)
 Monday - Thursday • 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sun. • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

February (ALL PARKS)
 Monday - Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

March (ALL PARKS)
 Monday - Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours (ALL PARKS)
 January 1 • Unsupervised
 January 2 & 19 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 February 13 • 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 February 16 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

• **Pirate Park**

January
 Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sun. • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

February
 Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

March
 Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours
 January 1 • Closed
 January 19 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 February 16 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

January 2015						
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February 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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March 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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