



# the BELLFLOWER & CITIZEN

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## Large and Small Breeds Welcomed at Flora Vista Dog Park Unveiling

The City of Bellflower is calling all four-legged friends to join in the festivities at the Flora Vista Dog Park Grand Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, March 17th at 3:30 p.m. City officials are proud to unveil the completed design and decorative elements offered at the City's first dog park. Some highlights of the dog park include: fenced in areas for large and small dogs to run off-leash, access to the bike trail where many residents walk their dogs on a leash, a concrete bone planter (which will also double as a seating area), embedded paw print walkways, and a drinking fountain for humans and another for pets. Dog waste dispensers, decomposed granite grounds and on-site parking

will be featured as well.

Annual sponsorship packages are now available for \$500.00. It is a wonderful way for sponsors to invest in their marketing platform, directly reach a captive audience, and connect in a meaningful way as a partner. A personal or business message will be displayed on a banner (approx. 2' x 4') for 1 year. All proceeds will go directly

into maintaining the dog park.

For info call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2267 or see page 5 for application.



### *Zinn Park and Trail Project Begins Soon*

#### Highlights include:

- Development of approx. 1,970 linear ft. of pedestrian trail
- Installation of outdoor fitness equipment at three fitness areas
- Installation of cast iron benches, trash receptacles, and park entry monument sign
- Funded by \$203,900 Prop A grant from L.A. County Regional Park and Open Space District and City's Park Facilities Funds



### *Golden Corral Now Open*



Mayor Sonny R. Santa Ines, Bellflower City Council and Golden Flower Inc. held a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Celebration on February 18th. Hundreds of friends, colleagues and family members made their way to congratulate the owners for their speedy build and wish them the very best in Bellflower. Golden Corral is located at 17308 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, CA.

# Bellflower Busy All Month Long

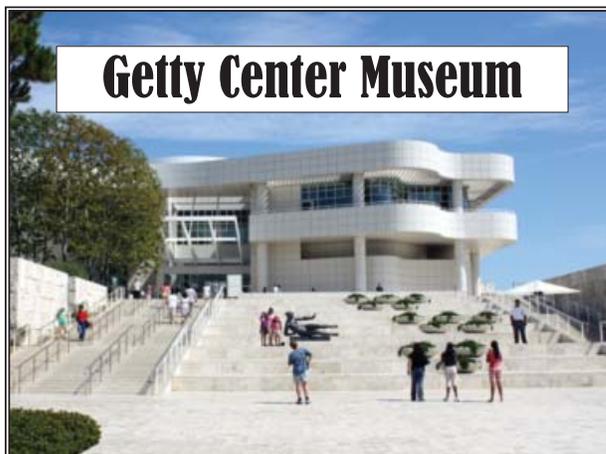
February delivered a variety of fun-filled events for the community. Kicking off the series was the 21st Annual BRAVO Awards held on Thursday, February 5th which featured former NBA player Michael Cooper and two NBC4 reporters Daniella Guzman and Whit Johnson. All three speakers entertained the audience and helped salute 15 BRAVO recipients for their courage and service.

Little House, a local women's treatment center which provides residential long-term treatment care for drug and substance abuse, is ready to begin construction of an ADA residential cottage with an attached multipurpose room and kitchen. The project is funded by HOME Investment

Partnership Funds and Low and Moderate Income Funds.

Bellflower's State of the City Luncheon was held on Thursday, February 19th at Simms Park Auditorium. The presentation themed *Strong Today, Stronger Tomorrow* highlighted past achievements, discussed current construction and forecasted future projects within the City.

The BRAVO Awards and the State of the City Presentation will be airing on Time Warner Public Access (Channel 36) mid-March. Be sure to also visit the City's website to review the State of the City powerpoint presentation. For details about the recent events, visit the *Bellflower City Hall* Facebook page or [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).



## Getty Center Museum

### Adult/Senior Excursion

Los Angeles - \$20/person  
 Wednesday, April 15  
 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Register by March 22**

A day of culture, art & conservation  
 Take part of a 45-minute tour  
 (Walking Level: Medium)

**Info: (562) 866-8614**

## Wildlife Tips From SEACA

Opossums are North America's only marsupial and are the size of a cat; grey to black fur; black eyes; pink and pointed nose; feet and tail; and black ears. They are nocturnal, slow moving and when frightened they fall into an involuntary shock-like state "playing possum."



Opossums hiss and growl and show 50 sharp teeth when frightened, but, in reality, they are gentle and placid. They prefer to avoid all confrontations and wish to be left alone. They eat insects, snails, rodents, berries, over ripe fruit, carrion and sometimes eat snakes, ground eggs, corn or other vegetables. They are able to live wherever water, food, and shelter exist.

Listed below are a few simple steps to keep them from making your home, their home.

- **Feed pets inside your home instead of outdoors. If you must feed your pets outside, make sure uneaten food is removed.**
- **Remove water sources and place screens or netting over outdoor ponds.**
- **Manicure your yard to create a more open space, which is less inviting to our wildlife friends.**
- **Make sure outdoor trashcans and bins are fitted with tight lids.**
- **Remove fallen fruit off of the ground.**
- **Seal off entry ways underneath raised foundations.**

For more info visit [www.seaca.org](http://www.seaca.org).

## WORK AROUND TOWN

### **City of Bellflower**

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

*For a full job description visit  
[www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org)*

### **Seasonal Maintenance Asst.(P/T) Public Works Department**

\$9.00/hour - up to 29 hrs. per week  
**Applications due:** 3/6/15 - Noon

To perform a variety of basic maintenance tasks including ball field maintenance, weed abatement and trash removal, bike trail and dog park maintenance, public Right-of-Way maintenance, Basic custodial tasks and turf maintenance, graffiti removal and other duties as assigned.

High School Diploma or equivalent is required. Basic landscape and facility maintenance experience is desirable. Assignment ends on or before September 30, 2015.

### **Community Services Officer(P/T) Public Safety Department**

\$18.11- \$22.02/hr.

**Applications due:** 3/24/15 - 2:00 p.m.

Work for the parking citation program; write reports and provide customer service; and to assist in limited code enforcement. Must be available to work a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours per week with a training officer between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, for a period of six to eight weeks.

Work flexible hours that include days, evenings, and weekends. Learn, interpret, and apply the policies, procedures, laws, codes, and regulations pertaining to parking citation programs and code enforcement. Learn ink/live scan fingerprinting.

High school diploma or G.E.D. Training in law enforcement is desirable. Must possess at least two years of experience in public contact and maintain a valid CA Driver's License.

# Thank You to all BRAVO 2015 Sponsors

## Diamond - \$4000



MESA VERDE  
DEVELOPMENT, INC.

Mesa Verde Development, Inc.  
19 Spectrum Pointe Drive, Suite 609  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
(949) 697-1931 • paul@mesaverdedev.com



Located at Belmont Court, Downtown Bellflower

## Platinum - \$3000



12739 Lakeland Rd. Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670  
(562) 944-4716



17406 Woodruff Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706  
(562) 925-9531

## Gold - \$2000



## Silver - \$1000



## Bronze - \$500

Hartzog & Crabill, Inc. Rotary Club of Bellflower  
Mike Cabrera - Intergraphics Printing Co.



## Honorable - \$250

Admiral Pest Control  
ACP Management Co.  
Beaver, Menkes & Hass  
Bellflower Kiwanis Club  
Bellflower Noon Lions Club

MGB Services, Inc.  
Mr. Termite  
Youth Cultural Arts Foundation  
TNT Fireworks

## Friend - \$100

Mayor Sonny R. Santa Ines  
Mayor Pro Tem Scott A. Larsen  
Council Member Ray Dunton  
Council Member Dan Koops  
Council Member Ron Schnabegger  
Bellflower Soroptimist

Christina's Uniforms  
Hails Family Furniture  
Laser Precision Tooling & Engineering, Inc.  
Ray Hamada  
Ray Smith Realty  
Shelton B. Pitluk, O.D.

## Free Homework Help Available Via Web

Free homework help from a live, on-line tutor is at your fingertips! All you need is a County of Los Angeles library card and an Internet connection. You can use Live Homework Help from home, school and the Library.

Live Homework Help is available for three different age groups:

K-12 Students can receive help in English, Spanish or Vietnamese in a wide range of subjects including math, science, English, social studies and essay review.

College students can get help in English, Spanish or Vietnamese for their college level courses including English, science, math, social studies, and essay review. Tutors are also available to assist adults in English, Spanish and Vietnamese with GED preparation, Citizenship preparation, and career services such as resume review, job searching and interview preparation. Additionally tutors can help adult learners with various back to school needs.

Hours in English and Spanish: Everyday from 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Vietnamese: Everyday from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. For more info call the Brakensiek Library at (562) 925-5543.



### Community Recycling Calendar Now Available

Stop by City Hall to pick up your free 2015 calendar created by local fifth-grade students. Thank you to all the students for your creativity, hard work and *Keeping Bellflower Clean & Green!*

*Love Bellflower: A Day of Service*

**Volunteers from the community teamed up with Kingdom Causes Bellflower to spend February 14th, Valentine's Day, showing their love for the City by cleaning up parks, lots and improving the streetscape. Way to go!**

### Spring Basket Program

Help us provide spring baskets for our most needy families!  
"Adopt a Child" - We will provide you details of the child you "adopt," and you can create a basket based on the information provided  
OR ...Donate items for a basket by March 9  
For more info contact Cindy Van Meeveren at (562) 925-9003

### ARC Walk for Independence

Walk for people with intellectual & developmental disabilities  
Saturday – March 21, 2015  
\$15 per person (children under 10 yrs FREE)  
Registration: 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m. Opening: 8:00 a.m. Walk: 8:30 a.m.  
Stonewood Center - Downey

*South California Arts Foundation*

**Fiddler  
on the Roof**

Musical Theater  
Workshop

**Bristol Auditorium**  
16600 Civic Center Dr.  
Bellflower, CA 90706  
[www.bellflowertheater.org](http://www.bellflowertheater.org)

Find us on  
Facebook!  
INFO:  
(310) 562-3524

**Show Dates:  
March 27, 28, 29**

*Fiddler on the Roof Jr. presented/supplied by Music Theater International, NY.*

# CITY OF BELLFLOWER - DOG PARK SPONSOR APPLICATION

The cost for a sponsorship is \$500.00 annually. For that amount sponsors may create a personal message, advertise a business or remember a loved one on a dog-bone shaped sign that is approximately 2' x 4' in size (see example to the right). This sign will be displayed at the Dog Park for one year. In addition, sponsors will be listed as Official Dog Park sponsor in three issues of the Recreation Brochure (28,000 printed each time), which are also distributed to all Bellflower residents.



Sponsor Name to be listed: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Parks Make Life Better!



## Bellflower Dog Park

Located at 9203 Flora Vista Street

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:

CITY OF BELLFLOWER  
ATTN: KRISTEN SMITH  
16600 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE  
BELLFLOWER, CA 90706  
FAX: (562) 925-7272

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CITY OF BELLFLOWER.  
TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD, PLEASE CONTACT  
KRISTEN SMITH AT  
(562) 804-1424, X2267.