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Bellflower Council Reorganizes and Passes the Torch

The March 3, 2015, general municipal election was canceled following the withdrawal of one of the candidates, resulting in the same number of candidates as offices to be filled. At the March 23, 2015, City Council Meeting, the Honorable Deborah L. Sanchez, Judge of the Superior Court, administered the Oaths of Office to Council Members Ray Dunton, Sonny R. Santa Ines, and Ron Schnablegger. At that meeting, the City Council also reorganized with Scott A. Larsen being selected as Mayor and Dan Koops as Mayor Pro Tem.

The 2014-2015 Mayor Sonny R. Santa Ines will be recognized for his accomplishments during his mayoral term at the April 27, 2015 at the Outgoing Mayor's Ceremony. For more info about visit www.bellflower.org

Four-Legged Friends Free to Roam at Flora Vista Dog Park

The City of Bellflower invited area residents and dog park supporters to join in the Grand Opening Celebration of the new Flora Vista Dog Park on Tuesday, March 17th. Over 100 attendees enjoyed the afternoon sun, sipped on Starbucks refreshments and had an opportunity to socialize with local pet-parents.

The dog park features fenced in areas for large and small dogs to run off-leash, and connects to the bike trail where many residents walk their dogs on a leash. The park also includes decorative landscaping such as concrete bone planter (which will also double as a seating area), paw prints in the walking path, and a customized drinking fountain for humans and pets. Dog waste dispensers, drought tolerant plants and on-site parking are featured as well. The grounds of each enclosed park is bedded with decomposed granite.

To help fund ongoing maintenance and improvements to the park, the City has created a sponsorship opportunity. For sponsorship details, call (562)

804-1424 ext. 2267.

The park is open from dawn to dusk and is patrolled regularly by Public Safety and SEAACA personnel. Rules are posted at the park entry. The park is located north of Alondra Blvd. and west of Clark Ave. at 9203 Flora Vista St.



Two New Businesses Open in April



Cathy's Alterations, owned and operated by Cathy Vines-Nichols will officially host a Grand Opening event on Thursday, April 9th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cathy's Alterations is located at 16552 Bellflower Blvd. Kiosk C on Belmont St.

in Downtown Bellflower.

Interested in waist-training? Get ready to shop for shapewear at the Grand Opening of Waistini on Thursday, April 16th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 9722 Artesia Blvd. in Bellflower.

Every Drop Counts During Drought Season

The State of California is preparing for the fourth consecutive year of drought and Governor Brown recently announced legislation for a \$1 billion dollar Emergency Drought Package. The package will provide assistance towards families and communities financially impacted by drought conditions, strengthen water infrastructures and provide safe drinking water to all Californians.

"This unprecedented drought continues with no signs yet of letting up," said Governor Brown. "The programs funded by the actions announced today will provide direct relief to workers and communities most impacted by these historic dry conditions."

As California prepares for dry summer season, the City of Bellflower would like to remind residents to conserve and reduce their water use by 20 percent. In compliance with the State Water Code, the Bellflower Municipal Water System adopted water conservation measures (August 2014) which include: prohibition of hose watering or washing down of any sidewalks, driveways, walkways, parking areas or other paved surfaces except as is required for the benefit of public health and safety; no watering of lawns and landscaping between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; no watering more than once per day, every other day; no excessive water runoff into adjoining streets, parking lots or alleys when watering lawns and landscapes; vehicles must be washed by hand-held bucket or hose with shutoff nozzle to prevent water hose runoff; public eating establishments shall only serve water upon customer's request; decorative fountains must pump recirculated water and responsibility of all residents to report and/or repair leaky plumbing systems. The first violation will be subject to a written warning and if violations continue, penalties increase to \$100 for 1st offense, \$200 for 2nd offense with 12 months, and \$500 for each additional violation in a 12 month span.

Considering drought tolerant landscaping for your home? Looking to conserve water and reduce your water bill?

In response to the State's emergency drought declaration, the City of Bellflower allows drought tolerant landscaping. Be sure to note that decorative pavers, rocks, stone, brick or other decorative hardscape may be used in the landscape design as an accent

and a permanent irrigation system is required. The City Council has recently approved an artificial turf pilot program, which allows for artificial turf to

be installed in front yards. Before you begin installing drought tolerant landscaping or artificial turf, be sure to present your plan to the Planning Department in City Hall. For more details, contact the Planning Department at (562) 804-1424.



Assemblymember Cristina Garcia Honors Bellflower *Woman of the Year*

Born in Honduras, Sandra Espinoza-Perry immigrated to the United States in search of a better life. Her escape from poverty led to her to Bellflower, CA where today, she gives back to her hometown, as well as, her home country. Her volunteerism improves many lives in many ways. Espinoza-Perry and her husband have hosted families from Los Mochis, MX (Bellflower's Sister City), help third-world countries through World Help Organization, and are members of the Bellflower Noon Lions Club. As a Miss Bellflower Pageant Board Member, she provides guidance and inspiration for the youth of the community. Congratulations on your achievement!



8th Annual Relay For Life Kickoff Dinner Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Hosted by Hollywood Sports Park

9030 Somerset Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706

Please RSVP by
April 3, 2015
For more info
call Robin Snow
(702) 885-5551



**Don't Miss
the Kickoff
Bake Sale**

YCAF Master Class to Feature Chakiris

The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation is proud to announce that Academy Award-winning actor, George Chakiris, will participate in a free children's musical theatre workshop on Friday, April 24th at 7:30 p.m. The evening will also include an on-stage discussion with Chakiris, as well as a Q&A with the audience.



George Chakiris rose to stardom in 1947 with his film debut in the chorus of *Song of Love*. Later, he appeared in various musical films and starred in Marilyn Monroe's "Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" number, and in *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, released in 1953.

Chakiris is most recognized as Bernardo from the 1961 film *West Side Story*, for which he won the Golden Globe and the Academy Award. Chakiris' television credits include *Wonder Woman*, *Medical Center*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Dallas* and *Murder She Wrote*.

Student participants 10-18 yrs old will be admitted free of charge. Tickets are now on sale: college students (with valid I.D.) and senior citizens are \$5.00 and adult tickets are \$8.00. Phone reservations are strongly encouraged. The event will take place at the Bristol Civic Auditorium located inside City Hall at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA.

To enroll call at (562) 867-3524 or email staff@bellflowertheater.org.

Good Friday Breakfast Mixer

The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce and the Bellflower Kiwanis Club team up to host the Annual Good Friday Breakfast on Friday, April 3rd at Simms Park (16614 Clark Ave, Bellflower, CA 90706). The program begins at 7:15 a.m. and will serve a delicious breakfast and feature guest speaker Pastor Ken Goodban from Calvary Baptist Church. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more info call (562) 867-1744.



**BELLFLOWER BRONCOS
YOUTH FOOTBALL
FLAG, TACKLE & CHEER**

**WALK UP
REGISTRATION DATES:**

**APRIL 10, MAY 8
JUNE 12, JULY 10**

**SIMMS PARK ROOM 6
16614 CLARK AVE. BELLFLOWER**

**Boys & Girls ages 5-14 yrs
Tackle & Flag Leagues Forming**

**INFO: (562) 746-6585 or email
earl@bellflowerbroncos.com**

WORK AROUND TOWN

Starbucks

17254 Lakewood Blvd. Bellflower
(562) 804-5338
www.starbucks.com/careers/working-at-starbucks

Shift Supervisor

Applications due: Open until filled

Assist the store manager in executing store operations during scheduled shifts. Deploys partners and delegates tasks so that partners can create and maintain the Starbucks Experience for all customers. Organizes opening and

closing duties as assigned. Follows all cash management and cash register policies and ensures proper cash management practices are followed by shift team.

Available to work flexible hours that may include early mornings, evenings, weekends, nights and/or holidays. At least six (6) months of experience delegating tasks to other employees and/or coordinating the tasks of two (2) or more employees.

Starbucks

14301 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower
(562) 925-5726
www.starbucks.com/careers/working-at-starbucks

Barista

Applications due: Open until filled

Provides legendary customer service to all customer and creates the Starbucks Experience for all customers by providing prompt service, quality beverages and products, and maintaining a clean and comfortable store environment.

No previous experience required. Available to work flexible hours that may include early mornings, evenings, weekends, nights and/or holidays. Comply with a dress code that prohibits displaying tattoos, piercings in excess of two per ear, and unnatural hair colors, such as blue or pink.



Figaro Opera Tales

Sat, April 11, 2015 • 3:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.

Highlighting one of opera's favorite characters Figaro, the LA Opera puts on a fun, high energy show featuring four professional opera singers.



This free event is open to everyone; families are especially encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be provided after the program.

Sponsored by LA County Supervisor Don Knabe, 4th Dist.

Richard Woloski's Puppet Show

Mon, April 13, 2015 • 6:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Celebrate National Library Week with a humorous puppet and magic show by puppeteer Richard Woloski.

Fun for the entire family!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Bellflower Library



Easter Egg Hunt

Simms Park 16614 Clark Ave. Saturday, April 4, 2015

10:00AM

Activities & Shows

Age group games
Crafts
Cupcake Decorating
Show

11:15AM

Egg Hunts (by age categories)

Pre-K & Kinder w/parents
Pre-K & Kinder w/out parents
1st & 2nd graders
3rd & 4th graders
5th & 6th graders



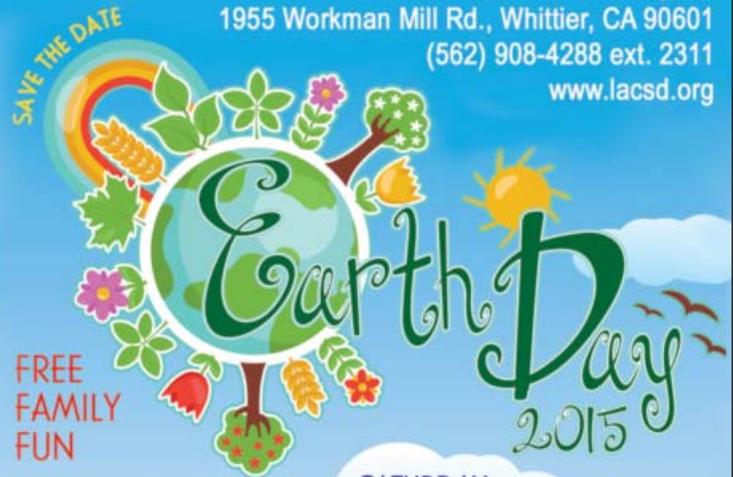
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BELLFLOWER

Sanitation Districts' Parking Lot

1955 Workman Mill Rd., Whittier, CA 90601

(562) 908-4288 ext. 2311

www.lacsd.org



SATURDAY

April 18, 2015

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tour a water reclamation plant and/or a material recovery facility, enjoy music and dance performances, create eco-friendly arts and crafts, and participate in many other activities while learning about environmental issues. Bring your old shoes and eyeglasses to donate.

The event is free & open to the public

FAIR HOUSING FOUNDATION CONTESTS

Essay contest: Students grades 9-12th who live in the Fair Housing Foundation service area.

Entries must be submitted on one page, no more than 500 words & typed, 12 pt font. Essay theme - "Fair Housing: 50 Years, We Still Have A Dream."

Deadline: April 16, 2014 5:00 p.m.

Poster contest: Students grades 4-8th who live in the Fair Housing Foundation service area. Entries must be submitted on paper or board 12"x18".

Poster theme - "Fair Housing: Opening Doors-Unlocking Dreams"

Deadline: April 17, 2014 5:00 p.m.

PRIZES

1st Place: Android Tablet

2nd Place: \$50 Target Gift Card

3rd Place: Target Gift Card

ATTN: April Overlie, Director of Education & Outreach
Fair Housing Foundation, Long Beach Office

3605 Long Beach Blvd., #302

Long Beach, CA 90807

INFO: aoverlie@fairhousingfoundation.com

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 Spring/Summer Hours of Operation

April (ALL PARKS)

Monday - Fri. • 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

April 5 • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 April 6 - 10 • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

May (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. - 6:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours

May 23 - 25 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

June (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. - 6:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours

Beginning June 13 • Sat • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 June 18 - 19 • Noon - 9:00 p.m.
 Beginning June 22 • Mon. - Fri. • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pirate Park

April

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours

April 5 • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.

May

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

Special/Holiday Hours

May 23 - 25 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

June

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

Special/Holiday Hours

June 13, 20 & 27 • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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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