



Water Conservation: Impacts & Actions

On April 1, Governor Brown issued an Executive Order mandating a 25 percent reduction in water use for all urban water users

For the first time in state history, Governor Jerry Brown has directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water

reductions in cities and towns across California to reduce water usage by 25 percent. In April 2015, the Governor requested all water companies to find ways to preserve sufficient potable water and ensure safe drinking water for all Californians. To save more water now, 50 million square feet of lawns throughout the state will be replaced with drought tolerant landscaping, creation of a temporary, statewide consumer rebate program to replace old appliances with more water and energy efficient models is underway; new requirements limit water use for campuses, golf courses, cemeteries and other large landscapes; and new homes and developments are prohibited from irrigating with potable water unless water-efficient drip irrigation systems are used, and a ban on watering of ornamental grass on public street medians is now in effect.

The Governor's order calls on local water agencies to adjust their rate structures to implement conservation pricing, recognized as an effective way to realize water reductions and discourage water waste.

In response to Brown's declaration, the City of Bellflower is actively assisting residents in finding ways to

conserve. Many residents have called for information about turf removal rebates and use of artificial turf.

Rebates are offered by most water agencies and have guidelines on who is eligible and how to apply. A brief overview is provided below (for more info, call your water company direct).

First, to apply for the rebate, you must have live grass in your yard. Homeowners who let their turf die off are not eligible. If your turf removal project has already been

started or is already completed, you will not qualify.

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Community Invited to Join in Prayer

Kingdom Causes Bellflower and the Ministerial Association will recognize National Day of Prayer with a public prayer event on Thursday, May 7th at the Town Center Plaza (16521 Adenmoor Ave. Bellflower). The annual event is set to begin at 11:55 a.m. and light refreshments will be provided.

The national theme for 2015 is *Lord, Hear Our Cry*, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men.

For more information about National Day of Prayer visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org or for information about the local event, call (562) 804-2189.



City Hall
Will Be Closed
May 25th In
Observance Of
Memorial Day

Reminder: City Hall will also be closed on Friday, May 22

New Townhouses Take Shape

The newest residential development, *The Boulevard Collection*, is a modern, gated community of 67 earth-friendly, three-story townhouses with 10 townhouses dedicated for a unique live/work experience. City Ventures have developed a variety of floor plans ranging from 1,413–2,935 square feet with up to 3 bedrooms, 3½ bathrooms and direct access to a

2-car garage, these townhouses provide smart solutions to your everyday needs. These Green Key Homes offer open layout concepts, designer finishes, Energy Star appliances, high-efficiency lighting, dual-glazed windows, drought tolerant landscapes and much more. Model homes will be ready to tour late June 2015. For more info visit www.cityventures.com/bellflower.



New Court Elected for 2015-16 Year

A new Miss Bellflower and Miss Teen Bellflower took reign on Saturday, April 18th at Hosanna Church in Downtown Bellflower. The two new Miss Bellflower Courts will represent the Bellflower community and provide volunteer services throughout the 2015-2016 year.

Natalie Wilson earned the title Miss Bellflower Queen 2015 and her court is composed of princesses Nicole Bonnette, Gabrielle Vendryes and Jessica Carillo. The new 2015 Miss Teen Bellflower is Sophia Wilson and her princesses are Mikayla Mathis, Laura Ramirez and Troy Johnson.

The theme for this year's competition was American Heritage. Actress Ashley Campuzano, Cerritos Council Member Jin Edwards, Central Water Basin Board Member Phil Hawkins, Past BUSD Superintendent Rick Kempainen, Retired Cerritos College Board of Trustee Jeanie McHatton, & Artesia Council Member Ali Sajjad Tad judged the pageant. Winners were selected based on their interview and competition scores.

Several local businesses showed support by providing services or clothing for the pageant contestants. Wedding Professional Services, Cinderellaz Closet, Moza by Zully, Johnny Rebs' Southern Barbecue, Hollywood Sports Park, Bellflower Chamber of Commerce, and Sheena Bostic from Treasured Moments Photography. Logo2go and A to Z Limo provided support as well.

For more information about the Bellflower Court call (562) 566-3942.



3rd Annual Food Trucks, Movies & Music Return Friday, July 10th

Family time returns for free outdoor movies at the 3rd annual *Food Trucks & Flicks* summer series at Bellflower's Town Center Plaza (at Bellflower Blvd. & Belmont St.). Movies will begin at dusk, at approximately 8:15 p.m. on the earlier dates and 7:30 p.m. on the later summer dates.

Annie, an American musical comedy-drama, will launch the Food Trucks & Flicks series set for Friday, July 10th.

Food trucks will serve up gourmet treats (for purchase) starting at 5:30 p.m. adjacent to the Town Center Plaza. Additionally, the Bell-

flower Recreation in Motion (BRIM) program will be there with fun kids activities too!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! Businesses can promote their products/services to more than 19,000 people throughout the year. Tiered Sponsorship levels range from \$150-\$2000.

For Summer events details, a list of food trucks scheduled, band line-up for Streetfest or various sponsorship opportunities call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2267 or visit www.bellflower.org.



Kiwanis Auction to Fund Local Projects

The Bellflower Kiwanis Club is pleased to announce their 29th annual Silent & Live Auction on Friday, May 8th at the Sycamore Plaza at 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood. Auctions begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will follow at 8:00 p.m.

Funds raised from the event will help sponsor eight college sponsorships, five active youth

clubs, Special Olympics swim meet and barbecue, holiday food baskets for families in need and U.S. flag maintenance (91 fwy/Bellflower Blvd).

Tickets are \$100.00 per person and on sale now. Kiwanis Club is still in need of items for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate call Ray Dunton at (562) 866-2169 or Dawn Dunton at (562) 244-8692.



Bellflower's DAY OF THE SHRED

Shred-it trucks will be on site to provide FREE shredding for Bellflower Residents!

Saturday, May 16, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Simms Park Parking Lot
16614 S. Clark Avenue

What to bring:
Personal documents to be securely destroyed and recycled. Paper, file folders, staples, rubber bands and small binder clips are okay!

What not to bring:
Phone books, hardcover books, plastics, metals, CDs, DVDs, trash, hazardous materials.

Shred-it

Available on a first-come, first-served basis until trucks are filled. Limit 5 boxes/bags per vehicle. You must take your boxes/bags after they are emptied. For more information, call Simms Park at (562) 866-7510.

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Before you begin installing drought tolerant landscaping or artificial turf, be sure to present your landscape design to the Planning Department in City Hall. Please note that 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.

Once the City has approved your design, you can begin. If you would like to apply for a rebate, you must fill out the online application and submit photos of the turf you plan on removing (*prior to any landscape removal*). Wait to receive an email approval to start your project.

Turf removal rebates are available for \$2.00 or more per square foot from

the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and/or your local water company.

For more info or to learn about what rebates are available in your area, visit www.socalwatersmart.com. For additional questions about what to show on your "landscape plan" submittal to the City, contact the Planning Department at (562) 804-1424.



WORKAROUND TOWN

Wonderland Preschool

10440 Artesia Blvd. Bellflower
(562) 866-4919

Preschool Teacher (F/T & P/T)

At least 2 years of continuous work experience managing a classroom, developing curriculum, and monitoring growth for children in preschool for ages 2, 3, and/or 4. Completed at least 12 ECE units and have at least 2 years of work experience. **Please do not call the school.** Include in your resume, an expected hourly rate, and if you are seeking a full-time or part-time position. Send your resume to the Craigslist ad email at: ns3fc4971157043@job.craigslist.org

City of Bellflower

16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
(562) 804-1424 • For full position description: www.bellflower.org

Management Analyst I/II (F/T)

Perform a wide variety of highly technical and responsible professional, financial and administrative duties in the Economic Development Department. Oversee assigned administrative processes, procedures, and programs. Provide administrative support functions for assigned programs including budgeting, administrative, technical, and other specialized department programs. Collect, compile, and analyze information from various sources on a variety of specialized topics including financial, budget, or administrative issues or questions. Assist in the drafting and implementation of policies, procedures, ordinances, and resolutions; assist in the preparation of supporting documents. Participate in special projects and research of new programs and services, budget analysis and preparation, and feasibility analyses. Significant responsibility for budget development and administration including capital budgets, grant development and housing program implantation. Familiarity with CDBG and HUD programs is highly desirable.

New Red Cross App

The American Red Cross has developed a new suite of emergency apps for download. Each app provides expert advice on what to do in case of disasters such as earthquakes, floods, home fires and more. It gives people instant access to weather alerts, life-saving information and ways to contact family/friends in one free app for mobile devices.

To download the free First Aid App, text "GETFIRST" to 90999 or search "Red Cross First Aid" in the Apple App Store, Google Play or Amazon Marketplace. For more info visit www.redcross.org

YCAF Hosts Actor George Chakiris

Academy Award-winning actor, George Chakiris, will participate in a children's musical theatre workshop hosted by the Bellflower Youth Cultural Arts Foundation on Friday, April 24th at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Bristol Civic Auditorium located inside City Hall at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower.

This workshop will provide a unique opportunity for students (ages 10 to 18) to engage in an on-stage discussion with Chakiris and listen to first-hand experience from a professional. Members of the audience will also be given time for a Q&A portion with Chakiris.



Students who register in advance will be admitted free of charge. Tickets are available at the door to students (with valid student I.D.) and senior citizens for \$5.00 and adult tickets are \$8.00.

Chakiris is widely recognized from the film *West Side Story*, for which he won the Golden Globe and the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role as Bernardo, leader of the Sharks. His television credits include *Wonder Woman*, *Medical Center*, *Hawaii Five-O*, *Dallas* and *Murder She Wrote*.

For more info call (562) 867-3524 or visit www.bellflowertheater.org

Slip on your Dance Shoes & Step Over to the Brakensiek Library

9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706 Phone: (562) 925-5543



Susana Elena Spanish Classical & Flamenco Dancer

Sat, May 9, 2015 • 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.

Susana Elena is a solo Spanish classical and flamenco dancer who performs to recorded music. The show is multicultural and educational, with an emphasis on fun and entertainment for the entire family. The program consists of three to four dances, brief explanations of them, and various

ways the audiences can participate. At show's end children are invited to join in a simple rumba flamenco, danced with scarves. This event is free and open to the public.

Zumba Dance

Every Sat in May

11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Get energized and healthy with Zumba! This instructor led class welcomes participants of all levels, teens and adults of all ages. This event is free & open to the public and is sponsored by Friends of the Bellflower Library. Don't forget to bring water and a towel!



City of Bellflower Congratulates All Local Graduates



St. John Bosco High School
Sat. May 23
9:00 a.m.
St. John Bosco Campus



Bellflower High School
Wed. June 17
6:00 p.m.
BHS, Ron Yary Stadium



Mayfair High School
Thurs. June 18
6:30 p.m.
BHS, Ron Yary Stadium



Somerset High School
Tues. June 16
6:30 p.m.
Somerset Campus



Valley Christian High School
Fri. June 12
7:30 p.m.
Cottonwood Church, Los Al