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Bellflower Joins Nextdoor.com

The City invites residents to join www.nextdoor.com to help support the growing Neighborhood Watch Program and also help inform the community about current public safety issues. Nextdoor.com verifies each registrant's address with a built-in confirmation system to ensure that you are communicating (online) with people in your community that share your concerns. The goal is to create a user-friendly platform to disseminate valid information directly from the Public Safety Department and to also increase the City's online presence. To register visit www.nextdoor.com.

Annual City Events Begin Mid-Summer in Downtown

Food Trucks & Flicks and Summer Streefest Concerts Return Beginning Friday, July 10th

This season, the City's annual Food Trucks & Flicks and Streetfest Concert Series start a month later (than year's past), but just in time for the perfect warm Summer nights! To kick off the festivities, Food Trucks & Flicks will return to the Town Center Plaza on Friday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m. Bellflower Recreation In Motion (B.R.I.M) will provide free crafts and fun games for children in attendance prior to showtime and featured film will begin at dusk. Grab your spot on the lawn, a gourmet treat, and get ready to enjoy four family-friendly movies throughout

the Summer. The Town Center Plaza is located at 16521 Adenmoor Ave., near the intersection of Bellflower Blvd. and Belmont St.



The movie schedule is as follows:
July 10 - Annie
July 24 - E.T.
Aug. 7 - Tangled
Aug. 21 - Big Hero 6

The food trucks will be on site beginning at 6:30 p.m. and movies will begin at dusk (approximately 8:00 p.m.). The movies and parking are

free to the public; however there will be charges for the food. Food trucks and pricing will vary each event night, scheduled trucks will be announced on the City's website and social media sites prior to each event. Movie goers are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and no alcohol or pets will be allowed.

Streefest Concerts provide an assortment of music under the stars in the heart of Downtown Bellflower on alternating Thursdays in July and August. Instant Replay (classic rock) takes the stage for the first concert set

Mark Your Calendar

City Hall Will Be Closed Friday, July 3rd in Observance Of Independence Day

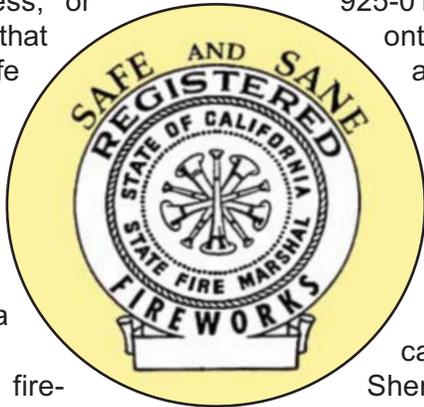
Note: City Hall will also be closed Thursday, July 2nd

Only Fireworks Marked Safe & Sane Permitted

Independence Day will be celebrated next month all across the nation, and the City of Bellflower encourages all residents to have fun in a safe and responsible manner. Bellflower Municipal Code Section 8.16.010 makes it illegal to "use, possess, or transport any fireworks that are not classified as Safe and Sane."

If your celebrations include fireworks, by law, they must bear the "Safe and Sane" label, and the seal must say "State of California State Fire Marshall."

"Safe and Sane" fireworks generally refer to fireworks which do not explode or shoot into the air, such as fountains, sparklers, smoke balls or snakes. Fireworks not sold at a community sales booth but originally were purchased in Nevada, from another state back east, Mexico, or over the internet, are almost always illegal. If they explode or shoot into the air, they are illegal in California.



In Bellflower, "Safe and Sane" fireworks may only be discharged July 1st through July 5th.

If you suspect or observe someone storing illegal fireworks, contact the City's fireworks tip hotline at (562) 925-0124 ext. 2532 or log onto www.bellflower.org and send an e-mail using the Safety Citizen Contact Form under the Public Safety Department. If you observe someone discharging illegal fireworks, call the Lakewood Sheriff's Station at (562) 623-3500, and a patrol unit will respond to your area. You may choose to remain anonymous if you'd like.

Penalties for the use or possession of illegal fireworks again will be \$1,000 or more. Last year, 66 individuals received a \$1,000 ticket in the midst of their celebration because they were caught using illegal fireworks.

Possession of a larger amount of illegal fireworks may result in a felony charge. Again this year, Sheriff's deputies will be out in full force in both marked and unmarked cars looking for kids and adults using illegal fireworks.

Bellflower Rolls Out New Website

The City of Bellflower is in the process of updating the new City website, www.bellflower.org. The City recently contracted with Civica to redesign a more user-friendly site. Content to the new site is currently "under construction" while information is being moved and updated. Completion is expected mid-June. For more information, call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2278.



Business Friendly Bellflower Approves Self-Certification Program

The City of Bellflower is pleased to announce a newly implemented Voluntary Self-Certification Plan Check Program. This program was adopted by the City Council on April 27, 2015 making Bellflower the first to do so in the State of California.

Other cities to adopt similar programs include New York (NY), Chicago (IL) and Phoenix (AZ). The main purpose of this program is to allow licensed architects and engineers the option of bypassing the City's normal building plan check procedure, obtain building permits the same day and potentially speed up the development review process by approximately 90 days.

For more details contact Tim Warr in the Planning Department, Building Division at (562) 804-1424, ext. 2274 or email twarr@bellflower.org.



Above: Mike Daniel, Director of the Small Business Development Center, Long Beach City College, participated in Congresswoman Linda T. Sánchez's small business Marketing & Social Media Workshop. Be on the lookout for upcoming, free workshops in future newsletters!

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for Thursday, July 16th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bellflower Blvd. is closed to traffic between Flower St. and Oak St. and showcases a large stage and seating area for concert-goers, local food vendors selling appetizing plates, craft and business booths selling custom gifts and services, and free activities at the B.R.I.M. program display. The concerts and parking are free. The music will begin at 6:30 p.m. and run until 9:30 p.m.

The band schedule is as follows:

July 16 - Instant Replay (classic rock)
July 30 - Hot Sauce (dance)
Aug. 13 - Brian Lynn Jones (country)
Aug. 27 - 80z All Stars (80's)



"My City Council colleagues and I proud to announce the return of the Food Trucks and Flicks events and the Streefest Concert Series to Downtown Bellflower. Last summer, Downtown welcomed just over 19,000 movie and concert-goers, and we're expecting the same success this year. The high-variety of restaurants along Bellflower Blvd. make Downtown a destination for family fun," said Mayor Scott A. Larsen.

Sponsorship opportunities for local Bellflower businesses and community members are now available for both events. The sponsorships range from Community Friend level at \$150 to \$2000 as an Elite Sponsor. For details call the Parks & Recreation Dept. at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2261 or visit www.bellflower.org.



Vector Control Urges Residents to Help Thwart Invasive Mosquitoes

For the fourth year in a row, two Los Angeles County vector control districts are tackling potentially dangerous, invasive mosquitoes and the public health agencies are asking residents for help.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) and the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District (SGVMVCD) have been working together since 2011 to control these invasive mosquitoes.

Three recent mosquito introductions now impact Los Angeles County residents – the Asian tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*), yellow fever mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*) and Australian backyard mosquito (*Aedes notoscriptus*). They are

excellent at colonizing new areas and vector control officials warn that these invasive *Aedes* could be anywhere in the county. Vector control is calling upon all residents to do their part by following these steps:

- REPORT any sightings of small, black-and-white mosquitoes, or if you are being bitten by mosquitoes during the day!
- Dump and drain all standing water around your home.
- Use insect repellent containing CDC-recommended, EPA-registered active ingredients, such as DEET, Picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus, to avoid bites.

For more info call (562) 944-9656 or visit www.glacvcd.org

WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower

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

Economic Development Manager (F/T)

Performs a variety of professional support work in planning, preparing, implementing, and monitoring economic development projects, programs, and strategies to improve the economic strength of the City through business development, retention, expansion, and job creation; acts as liaison for the City with a variety of private, public, and community organizations and regulatory agencies; conducts studies and develops recommendations for action, policies, and procedures; provides professional assistance to department management staff and exercises general supervision of assigned professional and technical support staff. Receives general supervision from the Director of Economic Development.

Ability to write effectively, operate modern office equipment including computer equipment and software. Provide administrative leadership and direction for the Economic Dev. Dept. Negotiate with prospective developers and businesses on various topics related to City assistance. Supervise, train, and evaluate staff.

Principles, practices, and funding sources for planning and implementing economic development and related programs and projects. Principles/practices of project management, and contract admin. Principles and practices of public relations.

Five years of responsible, related local government economic development experience including three years of supervisory experience. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in urban planning, public administration, business administration or a related field. Relevant private sector experience in the fields of commercial Real Estate, Commercial Development or property acquisition may be substituted on a one-for-one basis for up to three years of local government experience. A related Master's degree is desirable.

Summer Events at Brakensiek Library

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

High School Graduations

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



When school lets out and kids are looking for vacation fun and adventure, they can join the library's summer reading program, "Read to the Rhythm!"

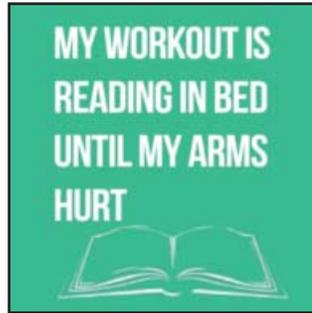
This summer beginning June 1st, the L.A. County Public Library will introduce children (and adults) to reading adventures at all County Libraries.

Participants track their own progress by recording minutes and books they read. Minutes can be recorded on Reading Game Card or participants can register for the online Reading Game and track their progress elec-

tronically. Participants have a chance to earn free books and cool prizes!

Reading is a great way to keep your imagination active and your local

library is ready to help with a reading list filled with adventurous books! Art activities, puzzles, special programs, eBooks, magazines, CDs, and DVDs are also offered by your local library and will provide hours of enjoy-



ment.

For more info about "Read to the Rhythm!" call the Brakensiek library at (562) 925-5543 or visit the County's website at www.colapublib.org.



562. 867. 3524

staff@bellflowertheater.org

YCAF KIDS are putting on a Show!

Twenty Seven youth from Bellflower and surrounding cities, have volunteered to raise funds to help get this project done! They are very excited because they will be doing something great for their community.

Show Date: Friday, June 26th @ 7:30pm
William & Jane Bristol Auditorium
16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower

Come support this great group of young volunteers and this important project! All proceeds go toward the playground!



Tickets \$10.00



The Sky's the Limit as Bellflower Kids Imagine Bright Futures with More Play!

Volunteers needed to help build our new **KaBOOM!** playground in ONE DAY on Thursday, July 16th at Simms Park. Volunteers must be 18+ years and ready to get dirty!

Volunteer today!

For parent volunteers: e-mail Cindy at Cvan@bellflower.org *Please mention YCAF



This kid-designed, community-built playspace will give Bellflower kids access to the active play they need to thrive. The playspace we're creating is more than a playground... it's a brain-expander, friend-maker, and muscle-builder. A few hundred volunteers will converge on John S. Simms Park this summer and build the entire new playground in ONE DAY! **This fundraising campaign will go directly towards the actual equipment being installed at the playground and for the tools and supplies the volunteers will utilize on Build Day - JULY 16th 2015**