



# the BELLFLOWER CITIZEN

Volume 15 Issue 7

ONLINE EDITION

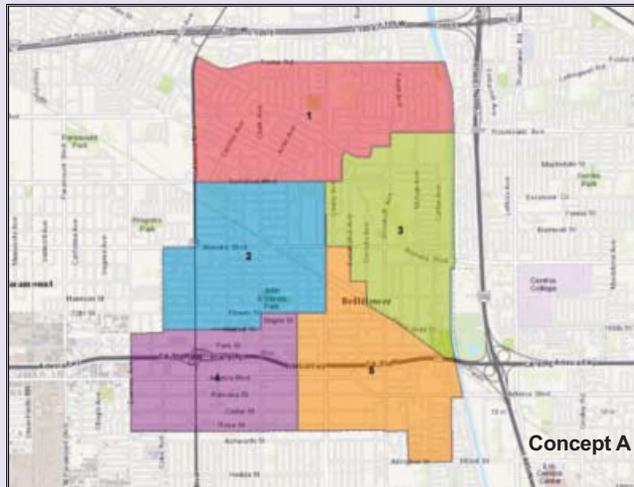
July 2015

## Bellflower Proposes New Districts, Seeks Public Input

The City of Bellflower has traditionally elected its City Council representatives using an at-large election system. An "at-large" election system means that candidates from any area of a city may run, and voters get to vote on all candidates. In a "by-district" electoral system, a city is divided into a number of districts. Voters can only vote on the candidate running in their particular district, and candidates can only run in the district which they live. Districting is the process of drawing the boundaries that divide the city's population into voting districts. Five voting districts-equal in population-are proposed. The ideal population for each district is 15,323 persons based on the City's 2010 Census population of 76,616.

A lawsuit entitled Melliz, et al. v. City of Bellflower, was filed against the City under the California Voting Rights Act on July 14, 2014. The City settled the action on January 15, 2015. In connection with the settlement, the City agreed to place a measure on the November 8, 2016, ballot to allow the voters to determine whether to adopt a by-district election method for the elec-

tion of its City Council members. Under State law, such a measure must include the districting map that would become effective if the measure were approved by the voters.



On May 11, 2015, the City retained an experienced districting/demographic consulting firm, National Demographics Corporation ("NDC") to advise it on the process of preparing a Council district plan and assist the community with drawing and submitting districting plan(s) they think would be best for Bellflower. On May 26, 2015, the City Council adopted the criteria to guide the establishment of Council districts and is encouraging the public to participate in the process by drawing and submitting districting plan(s) through the use of a Public Participation Kit. For more info visit [www.bellflower.org/districting.asp](http://www.bellflower.org/districting.asp).

## Movies & Music Begin in July

Break out the lawn chairs and save a spot on the lawn for the annual Food Trucks & Flicks event at the Town Center Plaza beginning Friday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m. Food trucks will serve up treats every other Friday evening (through August 21st) and the Bellflower Recreation In Motion (B.R.I.M) will entertain children with free crafts and fun games prior to showtime. All movies begin at dusk. Grab a bite to eat and get ready to enjoy a movie under the stars. 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:**  
7/10 - Annie                      7/24 - E.T.  
8/7 - Tangled                    8/21- Big Hero 6

CONT Pg 3

## 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

## New City Website Officially Launched

The City of Bellflower is proud to unveil the new [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org) website, which was recently redesigned by Civica Software. Upgraded features include responsive design for easier viewing on a variety of platforms (i.e. desktop, tablet or smartphones) and user-friendly navigational icons on the homepage. For more info, call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2278.



# Be Safe & Sane on 4th of July

This month, celebrate the nation's independence in a safe and responsible manner. The City of Bellflower reminds residents and visitors that it is illegal to "use, possess, or transport any fireworks that are not classified as Safe and Sane."

If your evening events includes 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](http://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.



## Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Booth

July 1st-4th, 2015  
10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Bellflower Blvd. &  
Rosecrans Ave.,  
Bellflower

The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit and rely on the fireworks booth fundraiser to help keep the membership costs affordable for businesses.

## Community Academy Finds Success

Twenty-four residents received certificates for completing the Community Academy Program, a new City training course to help foster relationships between the public and the law enforcement community. This program helped clarify any incorrect and/or misleading information about Public Safety.

Participants gained perspective

on policies and procedures, and also had an opportunity to discuss concerns with officers direct.

The City of Bellflower thanks law enforcement professionals from the K-9 Unit, the Taskforce for Regional Auto Theft Prevention, the Bellflower Detective Bureau, the Special Assignment Officers and local residents for sharing their insight.



Save the Date

**BELLFLOWER CITY CHALLENGE  
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2015**

**10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.**

**CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR GREEN ROOM**

**INFO: (562) 804-1424 EXT. 2266**

## MOVIES Pg 1

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. No alcohol or pets are permitted.

Streetfest Concerts provide live music under the stars in the heart of Downtown Bellflower on alternating Thursdays in July and August, beginning on Thursday, July 16th at 6:30 p.m.

A large stage and seating area for concert-goers will be setup in Downtown, along with food and craft vendors. Free activities children will be provided by the B.R.I.M. program. Concerts and park-

ing are free. and open to the public.

### 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)

For more info call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2261 or visit [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



# Celebrate Life at Bellflower Relay

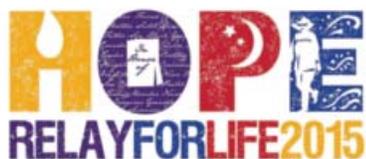
Bellflower's American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraising event is soon here! Twenty-four local teams will take over Bellflower High School Ron Yary Stadium for a 24-hour relay race to fight cancer starting on Saturday, July 11th at 9:00 a.m. (and finishing on Sunday, July 12th at 9:00 a.m.).

Relay for Life is a unique fundraiser where teams of people camp around the track, take turns walking laps throughout the night, cook food, host games, enjoy music and build camaraderie amongst community members. Participants are not required to be on site for the full event, but can walk their "leg" of their relay race and stick around (or come back) for all the fun activities!

The first hour of the Relay opens with the Survivors Lap and the Caregivers Lap. All cancer survivors at the event will take the first lap around the track to celebrate their victory over cancer and then followed by the care-

givers who give time, love, and support to their friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers facing cancer. In the evening, the Luminaria Ceremony will provide time for attendees to remember loved ones lost to cancer and honor those battling the disease by lighting up the field with candlelight.

For event info visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org) and type in "90706" under "search for an event" bar on the homepage contact Bridget Valadez via email at [bridget.valadez@cancer.org](mailto:bridget.valadez@cancer.org)



## Simms Park Playground

A few hundred volunteers will meet on Thursday, July 16th for a Build Day, and build the entire new playground in ONE DAY!



To volunteer call (562) 925-9003.

# WORKAROUND TOWN

## Kmart

10400 Rosecrans Ave.  
Bellflower, CA 90706

### Apply online:

[www.searsholdings.com/careers](http://www.searsholdings.com/careers)  
\*Enter zip code 90706 and search

## Loss Prevention Associate

(Part-time) Req ID: 493327BR

This position is responsible for providing excellent customer service, assist with reduction of loss of inventory, time, and assets, monitor surveillance equipment, & apprehend shoplifting suspects.

## Cashier

(Part-time) Req ID: 491951BR

Responsible for providing excellent customer service, efficiently and accurately completing sales and service transactions at the cash wraps, as well as handle customer issues that may arise on the sales floor.

## Restaurant Associate

(Part-time) Req ID: 493340BR

Provides food service according to industry food standards, prepares dough, refills ice machines, add on sale displays (i.e. cotton candy, popcorn) are replenished, demonstrate proper procedures in the handling of food, and more.

## Flower St. Rehab Project

The project limits extend on Flower St. from the City of Bellflower west City limit (just west of Hayter Ave.) to Woodruff Ave. Construction to be completed in late Aug. 2015. For more info visit [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).



# Family & Teen Summer Programs at the Brakensiek Library

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

## Magic Show with Justin Rivera

Wed, July 8 - 2:00 p.m.

Watch Justin Rivera amaze you with his comedy and magic skills. Then learn some magic tricks of your own! Open to all Teens.



## David Cousin's Comedy Juggling Show

Sat, July 18, 2015  
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Enjoy an amazing performance by five-time world-record holding juggler David Cousins. The show features jaw-dropping juggling acts and comedy. Open to all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bellflower Library.

## Opera-Kadabra Magic Show

Sat, July 25, 2015  
1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Opera and magic collide as baritone, Patrick Bell, sings classical opera while performing stunning and humorous magic tricks. All arias are performed live and each aria is explained to help follow the story. Families welcomed!



## Jungle Rhythm Drum Circle with Chazz Ross

Sat, July 11, 2015  
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Drummer, Chazz Ross, creates jungle sounds on djembe drums while playing simple rhythms, and sings silly songs too! Learn more about drum history and culture. Fun for the entire family!



## Decoupage Song Boxes

Wed, July 22 - 3:00 p.m.

Teens, do you have a favorite song? Decoupage a trinket box based on that song. All materials provided.

## Sci-Fi Sundaes

Wed, July 29 - 3:00 p.m.

Love science fiction movies and ice cream? Teens are invited to the Library for both! Watch a new sci-fi release and make sundaes.

## YCAF Holds Auditions for Talent Show

The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) will hold auditions for their annual Talent Show on Monday, August 6th at the Bristol Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. located at 16600 Civic Center Dr., Bellflower. The Talent Show is set for Saturday, September 26th at 7:30 p.m. Performers ages 7-18 years

old are invited to a 3-minute audition. ABC7 News Entertainment Reporter George Pennacchio will make a special appearance at the Talent Show, along with a panel of celebrity judges. For more info, call (562) 867-4524 or visit [www.bellflowertheater.org](http://www.bellflowertheater.org).

**YCAF** Calling all Teens **AUDITIONS** FOR **RUMORS** by Neil Simon  
 Auditions: June 28th @ 7pm  
 Call-backs: June 29th @ 6:00pm  
 at 9831 Belmont Street, Bellflower - 90706  
 Ages: 13-18 (13th birthday must be on or before 6/21/15)

**Certified Farmers Market**  
 Be fit! Eat right! Simply the best in farm fresh produce!  
 Mondays • 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Simms Park  
 16614 S. Clark Ave.  
 For more information please call  
 (562) 925-9003

**Swim Under the Stars**  
 Bring the entire family for an evening swim under the stars!  
 (Recreation swim policies apply.)  
 Dates: Saturday, June 27, July 18, August 8, August 22  
 Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m. / Fee: General Admission

**Senior Trip to Pechanga Casino • \$10**  
 Tuesday, July 21 - 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
 Registration Deadline: Sunday, June 28  
 Includes: transportation + \$5 Free Play  
 More than 3,000 slot & video machines and 130 table games

New Ordinance

## City of Bellflower Water Conservation Measures

California is experiencing a historic drought, which has led to serious water shortages. In response, the City of Bellflower has passed an ordinance (BMC 13.16) requiring residents and businesses to abide by the following water conservation measures. **The ordinance will take effect July 22, 2015.**

- New limits on lawn watering
  - You may only water up to 2 times per week
  - No watering between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. daily
  - No watering during and within 48 hours of rainfall
  - No watering landscapes outside new homes, without drip or microspray systems
- No hosing down paved surfaces (i.e. sidewalks, driveways)
- While washing a vehicle, do not leave the hose running. Instead, use a hose with an automatic shutoff nozzle

*Violations may be punishable by a fine starting at \$100*

To report a violation, contact Code Enforcement at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2284



- To Do List:
- Turn sprinklers off
  - Mulch around trees
  - Fix leaky toilet

♥, California

### Ways to Save:

Check your sprinkler system often and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. **Save: 15-12 gallons/each time you water**

Plant drought-resistant trees and plants. **Save: 30- 60 gallons/each time you water/1,000 sq. ft**

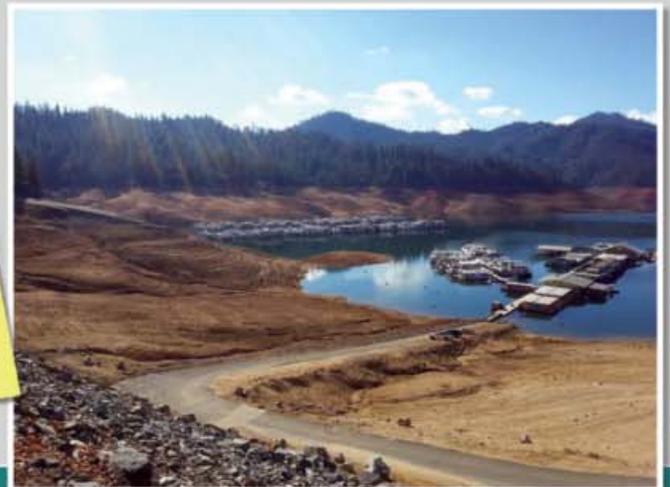
Use a broom to clean driveways, sidewalks and patios. **Save: 8-18 gallons /minute**

Take five-minute showers instead of 10 minute showers. **Save: 12.5 gallons with a low flow shower-head, 25 gallons with a standard 5.0 gallon per minute showerhead.**

Turn off the water while washing your hair. **Save: Up to 150 gallons a month**

Install low-flow showerheads. **Save: 2.5 Gallons**

Review your water bill monthly to check for unusually high use. Check water meters at night or on the weekend to detect leaks. There should be no flow when all water using fixtures have been turned off.



# 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

**July (ALL PARKS)**

Monday - Fri. • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Special/Holiday Hours**

July 2 • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**August (ALL PARKS)**

Monday - Friday • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Special/Holiday Hours**

August 31 • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Sept. (ALL PARKS)**

Monday - Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Special/Holiday Hours**

September 6, 7 & 8 • 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Pirate Park**

**July**

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Special/Holiday Hours**

July 2 • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
July 4 • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**August**

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Sept.**

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.  
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Special/Holiday Hours**

Sept. 6, 7 & 8 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	H	C
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	C
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	C

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	C
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	C
30	31					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	H	8	9	10	11
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	C
27	28	29	30			

**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](http://www.bellflower.org)