



# the BELLFLOWER CITIZEN

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## By-District Election Maps Deadline Nears

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.

As part of a recent lawsuit 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 election 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.



A Public Participation Kit is available online at the City's website ([www.bellflower.org/districting](http://www.bellflower.org/districting)), the City's Public Works Maintenance Yard, the Bellflower Substation, Caruthers Park, Simms Park, Thompson Park, and the Brakensiek Library.

Once maps have been received, the results will be compiled and presented to

the public at a series of public hearings to be held in the Council Chambers at Bellflower City Hall on August 24, September 14, and September 28, 2015. The purpose of the hearings is to select a map to be included in a ballot measure to be presented to the voters of the City. For more information contact the City's consultant Douglas Johnson at (310) 200-2058 or City Hall at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2278.

### *Summer Movies & Music Wrap-up*

Streetfest Concert Series continue to rock Downtown Bellflower on alternate Thursday evenings through August 27th. Streetfest festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. and continue to 9:30 p.m.

Legendary Disc Jockey Richard Blade, formerly of the World Famous 106.7 KROQ and current DJ on Sirius XM's 1st

## *Meet Bellflower Public Safety Team*

The City invites residents to come out and meet the Bellflower Public Safety Team at Thompson Park's National Night Out Celebration on Tuesday, August 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. located at 14001 Bellflower Blvd.



National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes law enforcement-citizen partnerships to help make our neighborhoods safer. It is a platform to enhance the relationship between neighbors and discuss public safety concerns.

The free event will host Public Safety vehicles on display, carnival games, giveaways, inflatable jumper, music, and face painting. Several food trucks will be at the event selling items for purchase. For more info call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2530.



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## SUMMER Pg 1

Wave channel and host of Flashback Lunch on 93.1 Jack FM, will be appearing at the 80z All Stars August 27th Streetfest from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. 80's attire is encouraged!

In addition, the Go Country 105 Street Team will make a special appearance at the August 13th Streetfest along with Brian Lynn Jones and The



Misfit Cowboys.

A large stage and seating area for concertgoers are

put up on Bellflower Blvd. and free activities for children will be provided by the B.R.I.M. program. Concerts and parking are free and open to the public.

Food Trucks and Flicks keeps serving up the gourmet goodies every other Friday evening (through August 21st) along with the B.R.I.M. Program which provides free youth crafts and games prior to the movie showtime. All movies begin at dusk. Grab a bite to eat and get ready to relax in the Town Center Plaza (16521 Adenmoor Ave).

Food trucks and pricing will vary each event night. No alcohol or pets are permitted.

### Summer Event Schedule:

July 30 - Hot Sauce (dance)

**Aug. 7 - Tangled (movie)**

Aug. 13 - Brian Lynn Jones (country)

**Aug. 21 - Big Hero 6 (movie)**

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).

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR**

City Hall will be closed  
Monday, Sept. 7th  
in Observance of  
Labor Day

# City Blood Challenge July 30th

There's still time to grab an appointment and donate life-saving blood to patients in need! Every 2 seconds someone in the United States needs blood. The City of Bellflower's Annual Blood Drive is set for Thursday, August 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Green Room, City Hall (2nd floor). If you decide to participate last minute, walk-in appointments are welcomed!

Here are some tips to help make your donation easy!

- **Eat Healthy** - Maintain a healthy iron level in your diet by eating iron rich foods, such as red meat, fish, poultry, beans, spinach, iron-fortified cereals and raisins.

- **Drink an extra 16 oz. of water** or nonalcoholic fluids before the donation.

- **Eat a healthy meal** before your donation. Avoid fatty foods, such as hamburgers, fries or ice cream before donating. (Fatty foods can affect the tests we do on your blood. If there is too much fat in

your blood, your donation cannot be tested for infectious diseases and the blood will not be used for transfusion.)

- **Get a good night's sleep.**

If you are a platelet donor, remember that your system must be free of aspirin for two days prior to donation.

Remember to bring your donor card, driver's license or two other forms of ID.

Modified from [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)



## Bellflower Blvd. Rumbles with Fun

The 17th Annual Bellflower Park Street.

Boulevard Car Show kicks

into gear with 200+ show vehicles, live music

and roaring cackle cars! Co-hosted by the Bellflower Noon Lions and the City of Bellflower, the event is set for Saturday, September 19th from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and will feature food vendors, entertainment, and hundreds of car enthusiasts. Cars will be exhibited along Bellflower Blvd. and span from Flora Vista Street to

The event is free and open to the public. To register your vehicle for a non-reserved space, a \$25 registration fee is required prior to August 15th (\$40 after 8/15) or for a reserved space, a \$35 registration fee is required prior to August 15th (\$45 after 8/15). Vendor booths are also available. Over 20 different trophy categories to place in! For more info visit [www.bellflowercarshow.com](http://www.bellflowercarshow.com) or call (562) 645-3208.



## WORK AROUND TOWN

**Goldenwest Plywood & Lumber**  
17326 Woodruff Ave.  
Bellflower, CA 90706  
(562) 867-3386

**F/T position:** Inside/Outside Sales  
Experience: 1 year minimum  
Salary: Negotiable  
Submit resume to:  
steve@goldenwestplywood.com

**Denny's Restaurant**  
17320 Lakewood Blvd.  
Bellflower, 90706

**P/T positions:** Cook (3 available)  
Asst Server (2 available)

Cook must be 18+ years and 1 year experience of full-service line cook experience. Servers must be 16+ years. Various shifts available. Apply at: [www.snagajob.com](http://www.snagajob.com)

# Simms Park Adds New KaBOOM! Playground

A total of 170 community volunteers, 71 Jet Blue Airlines staff members and 20 City employees teamed up on Thursday, July 16th to build a new playground at Simms Park. Prior to construction, local children were invited to participate in the KaBOOM! Playground Project Design Day and provide input on what design concept they liked most. Some unique features of the new playground include a Little Library where children may give or receive a book, a music wall,

an airplane constructed of tires, a shade structure, and a zip line. In compliance with the grant funding requirements, the playground's flooring is composed of engineered wood fiber. This commonly used surface is approved by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and allows wheelchair accessibility to the new play space.

The playground was made possible through a grant provided by the non-profit organization KaBOOM! and their funding partner, Jet Blue Airways. Additionally, donations made on a crowdfunding site (\$1,959.00) also contributed to the cost of construction. Thank you to all sponsors and volunteers for your time, hard work and donations.



## Back to School

Backpack & School Supplies Drive  
Donations must be received by August 29

The Bellflower Volunteer Center is working with the community groups, residents, schools and organizations to provide backpacks and school supplies to the most needy children in the Bellflower Unified School District.

**Suggested items:** Durable backpack, Pencil box/bag, Pens, Pencils, Erasers, Crayons, Colored pencils, Markers, Paper, Dividers, Notebooks, Binders, Glue sticks, Rulers, Dictionary. *\*Please include new items only.*

**Bellflower Volunteer Center**  
16610 S. Clark Avenue  
(562) 925-9003



*Bellflower Symphony Orchestra presents*

**FREE SUMMER CONCERT**  
in the Park

Saturday, Aug. 22 - 7:00 p.m.  
Caruthers Park Patio  
10500 Flora Vista St., Bellflower  
Bring your blanket, chairs and picnic

For information call (562) 867-4871

T. MAYNE THOMPSON PARK - (562) 966-8614

**PENNY CARNIVAL**

BOOTH GAMES • FACE PAINTING • ARTS & CRAFTS

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13**  
11:00AM - 1:00PM

Children ages 3-13 participate in carnival style games for fun or tasty prizes. Refreshments will be served. Participation is only pennies for each activity.

# VISIT THE LIBRARY & ENJOY FUN, FREE EVENTS

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library  
9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower • (562) 925-5543

## Swazzle's Superconductor: An Adventure through Music Puppet Show Saturday, Aug. 1 • Noon - 1:00 p.m.

This hilarious interactive puppet show tells the story of a daring hero who goes on a comical quest to rescue his friends from the clutches of the villainous Decomposer. Fun for the entire family. Sponsored by *The Friends of the Bellflower Library*.

## BARK Read with Dogs

Tuesday, Aug. 4 • 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Practice your reading skills by reading to a Therapy Dog from Beach Animals Reading with Kids (BARK)! Beginning readers are welcome.

## Genealogy Workshop

Tuesday, Aug. 11 • 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

This 90 minute workshop will cover information for people interested in beginning genealogy. Some topics covered: Finding and documenting sources, dating and preserving family photos, genealogy on the internet, introduction to RootsMagic and Family Tree Maker programs, plus much more! Presented by Whittier Area Genealogical Society.

# YCAF Annual Talent Show Ready to Audition

The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) will hold auditions for their annual Talent Show on Thursday, August 6th at the Bristol Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. located at 16600 Civic Center Dr., Bellflower. The semi-final Talent Show is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th and the final Talent Show is set for Saturday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m.

Participants ages 6-18 years old are invited to perform a 3-minute audition. A panel of celebrities will judge at the official show and cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to top talent acts. For more info, call (562) 867-3524 or visit [www.bellflowertheater.org](http://www.bellflowertheater.org).



## Rumors Take Over Theater

Two separate casts light up the stage with outstanding performances of the popular farcical play *Rumors* by Neil Simon. Enjoy hearing exaggerated stories, seeing creative costuming and watching an over-the-top dinner party at the Bellflower Theater (9831 Belmont St.). For tickets call the Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) at (562) 867-3524.

### CAST A

Fri. Aug 21 7:00 p.m.  
Sat. Aug. 22 7:30 p.m.  
Sun. Aug. 23 2:00 p.m.  
Fri. Sept 4 7:30 p.m.  
Sat. Sept. 5 7:30 p.m.  
Sun. Sept. 6 2:00 p.m.

### CAST B

Fri. Aug 28 7:00 p.m.  
Sat. Aug. 29 7:30 p.m.  
Sun. Aug. 30 2:00 p.m.  
Fri. Sept 11 7:30 p.m.  
Sat. Sept. 12 7:30 p.m.  
Sun. Sept. 13 2:00 p.m.



ASSEMBLYMEMBER

**Cristina Garcia**

DISTRICT 58

# SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

The four-week Summer Reading Challenge begins August 1st. Open to all students from pre-school-12th grade. Win an iPad, gift cards and other great prizes!

To participate: Must live in the 58th District, read a total of four books - two books of your choice & another two from the reading list (on website). Write an age appropriate book report from the report list & take a Selfie!

Submit entry form, book list, book report & a selfie with Assemblymember Garcia or her office staff via email to [Martin.medrano@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Martin.medrano@asm.ca.gov).

For more info visit [asmdc.org/members/a58](http://asmdc.org/members/a58) or call the District Office at (562) 861-5803.

You can also drop them off in person or mail them to:

8255 Firestone Blvd, Suite 203  
Downey, CA 90241  
Attn: Summer Reading  
Challenge!



**AUGUST  
1st - 31st**