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Summer Heats Up with Custom Cars

The Bellflower Lions Club and the City of Bellflower team up for the 17th annual Bellflower Blvd. Car Show on September 19, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Classic cars, custom engines, unique colors and details are on display for all car enthusiasts! Numerous vendors will offer giveaways and many will have specialty car items, gifts, raffle prizes, tasty lunch specials and treats for sale. Local businesses will also participate and offer specials the day of the event.

Between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., the show highlights vintage 1950's to

1970's dragsters during the mid-town Cacklefest. Enjoy the roar of the crowd as the cackle cars rumble their engine and shoot-off puffs of smoke.

This year, the Lions Club will host 200+ show vehicles, live music and handout twenty spectacular trophies to top-winning owners!

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 still available. For info visit www.bellflowercarshow.com or call (562) 645-3208.

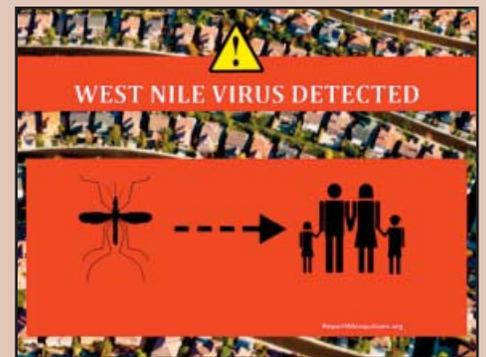


West Nile Virus Mosquito Sample Found in Bellflower

Vector Control Provides Tips to Limit Exposure

On August 7, 2015, the City of Bellflower was notified that they were one of thirty-seven cities in the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) with confirmed West Nile virus activity. A mosquito sample collected this month as part of GLACVCD's ongoing disease surveillance program, helped detect the presence of virus in the Bellflower community. A variety of tools are used to monitor mosquito populations and virus activity throughout L.A. County. Vector control routinely monitors mosquito traps and tests mosquito samples for viruses that can impact public health.

During this time of year, mosquito activity is elevated and the West Nile virus (WNV) has been



identified in multiple Los Angeles County communities. So far this year, GLACVCD has confirmed WNV-positive test results for 59 mosquito samples, one sentinel chicken and one dead bird.

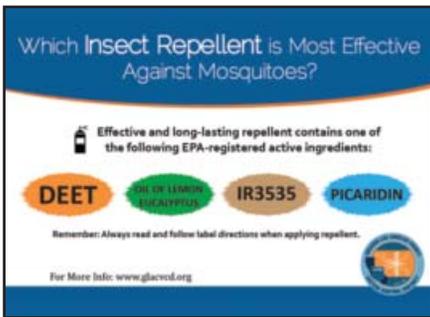
West Nile virus is primarily transmitted between birds by mosquitoes. The virus can be transmitted to hu-

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

mans through the bite of a mosquito infected with West Nile virus. Individuals infected with the West Nile virus cannot transmit it to other people and there is no cure. To help reduce the spread of WNV, vector control encourages the public to report dead birds. Simple ways residents can protect themselves, their families and pets include:

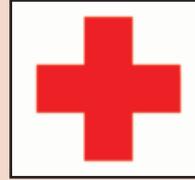
- Eliminate or report standing water on your property because that's where mosquitoes breed.
- Avoid outdoor activities when mosquitoes are most active.
- If you are outdoors when mosquitoes are biting, wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts and apply insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients such as DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, and Oil of lemon eucalyptus.



To report dead birds, contact the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on their toll-free hotline at 877-WNV BIRD or visit them on-line at www.westnile.ca.gov. To contact Vector Control, call (562) 944-9656 or visit www.glacvcd.org.

Bellflower Saves Up to 93 Lives

The need for blood is constant and the Bellflower community responded to the American Red Cross Blood Drive in droves! On July 30th, City Hall invited participants to donate



life-saving blood to ensure it's read-

ily available throughout the peak (summer) season at area hospitals. Residents responded to the City Blood Challenge campaign and Bellflower surpassed the collection goal set by the Red Cross (107%). Congratulations!

Bellflower Chamber Salutes Heroes

The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce invites all residents to attend the 2nd Annual Salute Our Heroes Event on Saturday, September 12th, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Town Center Plaza in Bellflower.

The event is free and will host live music by Dave Storm & Thundercreek, a variety of food trucks, a beer garden sponsored by Budweiser, military, fire and police displays and vehicles, a B.R.I.M. children's activity area, and various

vendor booths. The guest speaker and member of the Wounded Warriors, Jeremiah Pauley, will inspire the audience with an motivational speech and local groups are scheduled to perform on the Town Center Plaza outdoor stage. A special donation to the Wounded Warriors Project will be awarded during the event.

Free admission and parking. Additional cost for beer. Vendor space is available. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at (562) 867-1744.



Get Your Game On at the Chamber's Networking Mixer

Ready to make new business connections in the City? The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a Fall business mixer full of great conversation and delicious food set for Thursday, September 24th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Start networking your products and services or simply reacquaint yourself with familiar faces. The Guild House located at 9958 Artesia Blvd. Bellflower, CA will host the event and provide beverages and fun games! For more information call (562) 867-1744.

Effective September 8, 2015

New Building & Safety Division Hours

8:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.
(Monday - Thursday)

8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
(Alternating Fridays)

Closed Alternating Fridays

WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower (3 positions)

16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
View full job description at:
www.bellflower.org

Management Assistant (F/T)

\$4,359 - \$5,298 / month
Deadline: 09/29/15 at 4:00 p.m.

The current opening is in the Public Works Dept. Perform a wide variety of entry level professional, technical, financial and administrative duties in the Public Works Dept, including preparation of correspondence, staff reports, resolutions and ordinances. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in Public Admin., Business Admin., or a related field. One year of directly related recent full time work experience in a Municipality (City) government is highly desirable. Must possess and maintain a current California Driver License.

Public Safety Supervisor (F/T)

\$65,124 - \$79,152 / annual
Deadline: 10/01/15 at 3:00 p.m.

Plans, organizes, oversees, and reviews the work of field and clerical staff of the Public Safety Dept.; sets priorities and directs staff on a project or day-to-day duties; performs routine to complex duties involved in the enforcement and communication of municipal codes and state laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations; This is the supervisory level class in the community services officer series and responsibilities include the authority to cite violators and initiate court proceedings for compliance. Equivalent to the graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in business or public admin. or a related field, and four (4) years of experience in enforcement of municipal codes, ordinances and regulations with one (1) year of supervisory and/or administrative experience. Public Safety experience a plus.

Fair Housing Foundation Offers Management Training

The Fair Housing Foundation (FHF) actively supports and promotes freedom of residence through education, advocacy, and litigation, to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to secure safe and decent housing that they desire and can afford, without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, familial status, marital status, disability, ancestry, age, source of income or other characteristics protected by laws.



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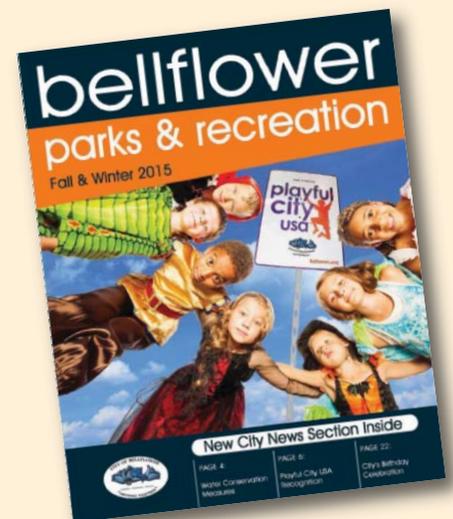
non-profit corporation dedicated to eliminating discrimination in housing. To help further the message, the FHF is offering free management training on Tuesday, September 1st to landlords, managers, property owners, realtors, attorneys, and management companies. The event will be held at the Brakensiek Library at 9945 Flower St. in Bellflower. The session will include a review of Federal and State fair housing laws, occupancy standards, rental process guidelines, advertising guidelines and much more. Fair Housing Foundation staff will lead a "What would you do?" group discussion and give an official exam (certificate awarded to participants with a passing score) to certify the training received.

The space is limited to 10 participants per session. To reserve a seat for the Certificate Management Training, call (800) 446-FAIR. For rental property owners with multiple properties and larger property management companies, please email FHF for special arrangements at fhf@fairhousingfoundation.com.

Bellflower High School Reunion

Take a trip down memory lane at the Bellflower High School All 50's Class Reunion on Saturday, September 19 at 20/20 Bar & Grill located at 16530 Bellflower Blvd., in Downtown Bellflower. The reunion begins at 11:00 a.m. with a no-host mixer and ends at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and include a tasty buffet lunch. The previous year's attendance proved popular; space is limited.

To purchase your ticket or for more info contact Carole Ozanian at caroleozna@aol.com.



New Parks & Recreation Fall brochure is now available!

LIBRARY

FREE EVENTS

Clifton M. Brakensiek Library
9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower •

BARK Reading with Dogs

Tuesday, Sept. 1

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.

Yarnival: Knit & Crochet Club

Every Saturday in Sept.

9:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Got yarn? Learn basic skills for knitting and crochet in a group environment. All skill levels are invited and encouraged to join this group and learn from others.

Limited basic supplies such as yarn and needles are provided.

Personal Safety Workshop

Tuesday, Sept. 15

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Learn to be more aware of your surroundings to increase personal safety. The Children's Rescue Alliance presents a free workshop providing techniques for dealing with unsafe situations and what to do during an unwelcome approach. This workshop is designed to help participants identify risks and evaluate options for dealing with threats of violence.

For children ages 4 – 10 with their parents and caregivers. Parent/caregiver participation is required and pre-registration with the Information Desk staff is recommended.

Do You Believe in Magic?



ABOVE: Magician Sean Tyler is the newest business owner to move into Downtown Bellflower with over-the-top talent and mystical merchandise. With over 9 years experience and a genuine interest in entertainment, the Magic Box offers tricks, props, books, DVDs and lessons for beginners. Amaze the non-believers at dinner party or host a children's birthday party! Tyler is available to perform for all occasions. For more info call (254) 339-2207, visit www.themagicbx.com or stop by Kiosk D at 16552 Bellflower Blvd. at Belmont Street. (closed Mon & Tues)

YCAF's 16th Annual Talent Show Takes Bristol Auditorium Stage

The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) will host their 16th annual Talent Show on Saturday, September 26th at the Bristol Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. located at 16600 Civic Center Dr., Bellflower.

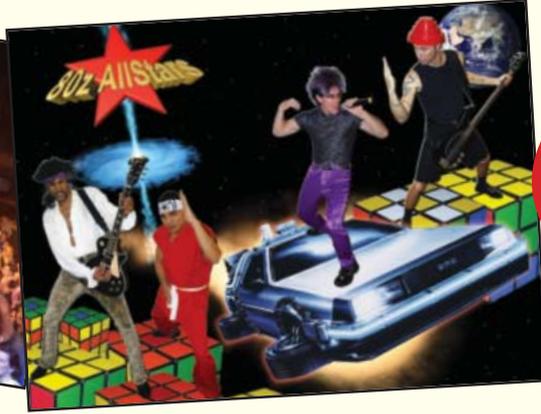
The annual event showcases many talented children from the Southern CA region and winning acts receive trophies and cash awards. In the past several years many Hollywood celebrities, such as Christopher Lloyd, Jon Voight, Julie Andrews, Della Reese, Florence Henderson and Kevin Spacey, have generously volunteered their time to come out and support the performers. George Pennacchio, Entertainment Reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News will serve as this year's Master of Ceremonies. For more information, call YCAF at (562) 867-3524 or email staff@bellflowertheater.org.



**Greater Bellflower Little League
Baseball & Softball Sign-ups thru Sept. 12**
www.greaterbellflowerlittleleague.com

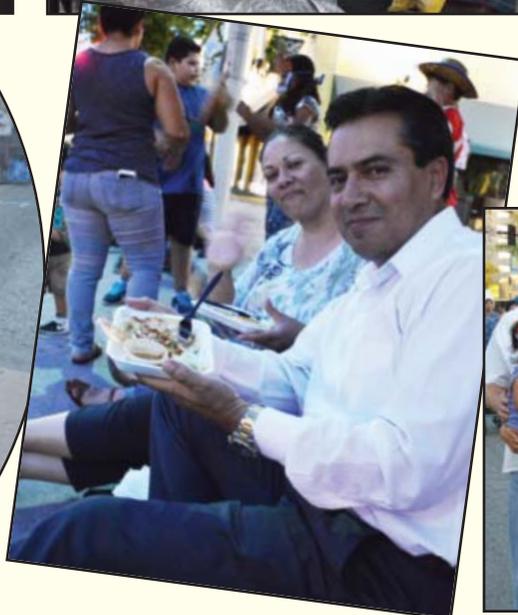
SUMMER EVENTS WRAP-UP

Final Streetfest Concert on Thursday, Aug 27th
Downtown Bellflower 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.



80z Allstars
with Special Guest
DJ Richard Blade

STREETFEST HIGHLIGHTS 2015



Bellflower's PARTY IN the PLAZA Birthday Celebration



Saturday, October 10, 2015 . 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join us as we celebrate Bellflower's 58th birthday with a Party in the Plaza! This event will feature live music and a free family fun zone. Bellflower restaurants will also be serving up bite sized samples of their finest cuisine at the Taste of Bellflower hosted by the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce.

Live Music by



50's, 60's, Rockabilly, Surf, Retro 80's



Taste of Bellflower
Hosted by Chamber of Commerce



For vendor information and fees,
please call (562) 867-1744

The Town Center Plaza is located at 16521 Adenmoor Avenue. Overflow parking available in the L.A.

County parking structure located behind City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Drive.

For event information, please call (562) 804-1424, ext. 2261.



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