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Bellflower Named Finalist for Most Business-Friendly

City's Business Strategies Recognized by the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation for a Second Year in a Row

On and The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) has recently recognized Bellflower's economic development efforts by naming the City a finalist for the 2015 Most Business-Friendly Award. The City of Bellflower, along with Carson, Lakewood, Palmdale and Santa Clarita, has been nominated in the 67,000 and Over Population category. The winning city will be announced at the 20th Annual Eddy® Awards on Thursday, November 12, 2015.

Under the leadership of a progressive City Council, Bellflower's hard

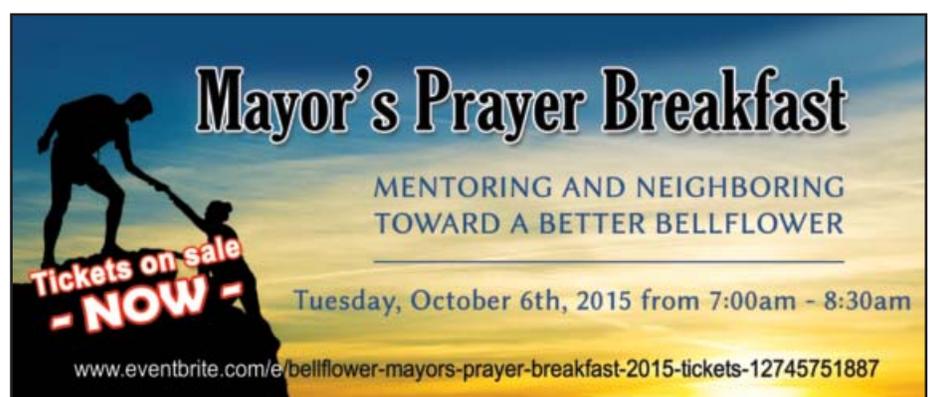
working staff dedicated countless hours toward marketing businesses in the Downtown district, created unique incentives to attract new businesses and committed to finding ways to say "yes" to help advance new and existing developments. Finalists were selected based on criteria such as: a commitment to economic development, availability of economic incentives, competitive tax rates and fee structures, effective communication with and about business clients, and services designed to facilitate business entry, expansion, and retention.

The City of Bellflower exemplifies modern development trends by offering incentive-based zoning, Self-Certification Building Plan Check process, citizen oversight and input with regard to economic development priorities and programs, and satisfaction surveys which allow staff to identify and resolve business-related issues.

"We are honored to have been named a finalist for

the second year in a row. This year's nomination shows Bellflower is moving in the right direction and is committed to growing a sustainable business community. Our residents have shown overwhelming support for new development and reinvestment in the community by approving Measure P," said Bellflower Mayor Scott A. Larsen.

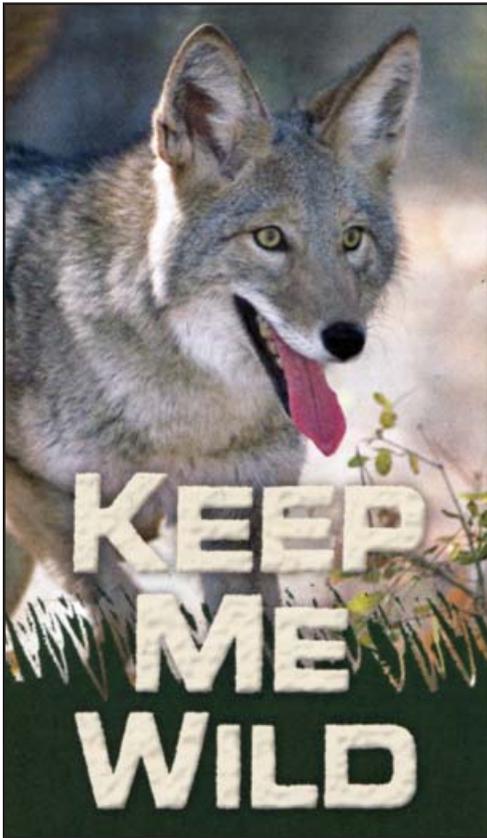
The LAEDC provides collaborative and strategic economic development leadership to promote a globally competitive, prosperous and growing L.A. County economy to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and communities and enable those residents to meet their basic human need for a job. This is achieved through objective economic research and analysis, strategic assistance to government and business, and targeted public policy. Their efforts are guided and supported by the expertise and counsel of our business, government and education members and partners. The LAEDC is a private, non-profit organization established in 1981 under section 501(c)(3).



Wily Coyote! Tips on How to Live in Harmony

Bellflower Public Safety has recently received a higher volume of calls regarding coyotes in the community and would like to help educate the public on how to live in harmony. A Coyote Management and Coexistence Plan presented by the Humane Society of the United States provides a thorough understanding of coyote ecology and biology in urban settings, and the best known management practices and management tools. This plan outlines a few basic principles:

1. Human safety is a priority in managing human-coyote interactions.
2. Coyotes serve an important role in ecosystems by helping to control the population of rodents, geese, rabbits and other urban mammals.
3. Preventive practices such as reduction and removal of food attractants, habitat modification and responding appropriately when interacting with wildlife are key to minimizing potential interactions with coyotes.
4. Solutions for coyote conflicts must address both problematic coyote behaviors (such as aggression towards people and attacks on pets) and the problematic human behaviors



(intentionally or unintentionally feeding coyotes and letting pets outside unattended) that contribute to conflicts.

5. Non-selective coyote removal programs are ineffective for reducing coyote population sizes or preventing human-coyote conflicts.

6. A community-wide program that involves residents is necessary for achieving coexistence among people, coyotes and pets.

Generally, coyotes are reclusive animals who avoid human contact. Coyotes in urban and suburban environments, however, may learn that neighborhoods provide easy sources of human-associated food while presenting few real threats. These coyotes, having lost their fear of humans, may visit yards and public areas even when people are present and may cause conflicts with people and pets. Humans have contributed to this habituation of coyotes by not reacting when they see a coyote. We have a tendency to either ignore them due to fear or to be enamored by them because they are wild and it is “cool” to see one. To coexist safely, it’s important to modify this behavior and attitude in resident coyote populations. Coyotes are drawn to urban and suburban areas for the following reasons:

1. **Food:** Human-associated food such as pet food, unsecured compost or trash, and fallen fruit in yards. To reduce food attractants, never hand-feed or deliberately feed a coyote, avoid feeding pets outside, never compost meat or dairy (unless the compost is fully secured), remove fallen fruit, maintain good landscaping, keep trash lids secure and be sure to bag especially attractive food wastes such as meat scraps or leftover pet food.

2. **Water:** During dry conditions, water can be as alluring as food (to coyotes and their prey), so remove water bowls set outside for pets and

make watering cans unavailable.

3. **Access to shelter:** Parks, greenbelts, open spaces, golf courses, buildings, sheds, decks and crawl spaces, etc., increase the amount and variability of cover for coyotes. They allow coyotes to safely and easily remain close to people, pets, homes and businesses without detection. In the spring, when coyotes give birth, they may take advantage of available spaces under sheds or decks for use as a den, bringing them into close contact with people and pets.



4. **Unattended pets:** Pets are a normal part of an urban landscape. Within their territory, coyotes may consider pets as potential prey or potential competitors. The best way to minimize risk to pets is to not leave them outside unattended. Coyotes primarily eat small mammals such as mice and rats, but will also prey on slightly larger mammals such as rabbits and groundhogs, including outdoor free-roaming cats. Attacks on cats are normal coyote behavior and do not indicate a danger for people. The only way to protect cats from coyotes (and the other dangers of outdoor life such as cars, disease, dogs and other wildlife) is to keep cats indoors (or only let them outside in a secure enclosure or when accompanied by a person and under the control of a leash/harness).

People who feed feral cats are often concerned that coyotes might prey on the cats. Although there is no sure way to protect feral cats from coyotes, the following tips can be helpful:

- Feed cats only during the day and at a set time—and pick up any leftovers immediately.
- Provide escape routes for cats.
- Haze* coyotes seen on the property. Making them feel uncomfortable will encourage them to stay away.

COYOTE Cont

Dogs are also vulnerable to coyote confrontations. These incidents generally involve coyotes who are accustomed or habituated to people (usually due to wildlife feeding), or coyotes who are protecting their territory and pups (usually during breeding season).

Small, unattended dogs may be seen as potential prey for coyotes. It is important to either keep dogs on a leash six feet long or shorter when outdoors or to stay within six feet of them when outside. (Coyotes may view a dog on a leash longer than six feet as an unattended pet.) Attacks on unattended, small dogs are normal coyote behavior and do not indicate a danger



for people.

Although attacks on larger dogs are rarer, coyotes will sometimes go after a large dog when they feel that their territory is threatened. This generally occurs during the coyote breeding season, which takes place from January through March.

During this time, it is especially important not to let dogs outside unattended and to keep them on leashes (six feet long or less) when in public areas.

**Hazing is an activity or series of activities that is conducted in an attempt to change behaviors of habituated coyotes and/or to reestablish a healthy fear of people in the local coyote population. Hazing techniques include generating loud noises, spraying water, shining bright lights, throwing objects, shouting, etc. Hazing can help maintain a coyote's fear of humans and deter them from neighborhood spaces such as backyards, greenbelts and play spaces.*

Info: www.seaaca.org/wildlife/coyotes
Modified from www.humanesociety.org

Housing Clinic Provides Free Counseling

The Fair Housing Foundation (FHF) will hold a free Walk-In Clinic for housing issues at the Brakensiek Library at 9945 E. Flower St. on October 6th from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Foundation will have a housing counselor present to assist residents with questions and provide advice. Common topics addressed include landlord/tenant disputes, lease agreements, discrimination, repairs, evictions, security deposits, disability modifications, rent increases, and occupancy issues.

The FHF is contracted by the City of Bellflower and receive funds through the Community Development Block Grants. The FHF educate the public about Fair Housing rights and responsibilities through workshops, trainings, community events, and provide mediation. For more info call (800) 446-FAIR.

BARK THERAPY DOGS QUILT RAFFLE

CREATED BY JULIE CRAIG AND QUILTED BY LORI AUSTIN
AN AMAZING 40" X 50" QUILT WITH 12 DOG FACES CREATED OUT OF FURRY FABRICS



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WINNER ANNOUNCED DEC. 1ST



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MAIL CHECK TO P.O. BOX 91478 LONG BEACH, CA 90808
OR USE PAYPAL AT BARKREADINGDOG@AOL.COM

Upon receipt, BARK will fill out tickets with your name and phone # and send ticket stubs for the amount of tickets purchased.
Check & Paypal payments must be received by November 28, 2015
You do not need to be present to win. Winner will be notified by telephone.
www.barkdogs.org (562)235-8835

WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower

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

Code Enforcement

Supervisor (F/T + benefits)

\$65,124 - \$79,152 / annually
Deadline: Open Until Filled

Plans, organizes, oversees, and reviews the work of technical and clerical staff of the Code Enforcement Division; sets priorities and directs the work of assigned staff on a project or day-to-day basis; performs routine to complex duties involved in the enforcement and communication of municipal codes and state laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations; provides information and general assistance to homeowners, tenants, and the public; and performs related work as required. This is the supervisory-level class and incumbents may perform special project work for the Planning and Building Services department. Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in Public Admin., Business Admin., or a related field, plus four (4) years of experience in enforcement of municipal codes, ordinances and regulations with one (1) year of supervisory and/or administrative experience.

Economic Development

Manager (F/T + benefits)

\$7,100- \$8,630 / month

Deadline: Open Until Filled

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.

Party in the Plaza Marks Bellflower's 58th

Bellflower is celebrating their 58th birthday and everyone is invited to the special event! *Party in the Plaza* is set for Saturday, October 10th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Town Center Plaza. A free concert will be given by *The Smokin' Cobras*, a rockin' oldies band, ready to perform the biggest hits from the 50's, Rockabilly and Surf in a modern exciting style! Be sure to bring your lawn chairs and scout the best spot to rock out.



Another special birthday event is the free *Family Fun Zone* with inflatables to climb on (mainly obstacle courses and sports themed games). The inflatables are recommended for young children 4 and older. The Bellflower Recreation in Motion (BRIM) will park their trailer and host fun table top games and crafts for all

local youth.

The first annual *Taste of Bellflower* hosted by the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce will feature samples from area restaurants. Be sure to stop by and check out the best of Bellflower for free.

No dogs or alcohol permitted. For more info visit www.bellflower.org

Bellflower BIZ Business Breakfast Workshops

CM Brakensiek Library 9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower (562) 925-5543

The Bellflower BIZ (Business Incubation Zone) is a grant-funded project designed to help local business owners and entrepreneurs to start and/or grow their business. This month, the Library will offer 2 (of 5) workshops on FREE online business resources accompanied by a light breakfast.

lynda.com

Wednesday, Oct. 14 - 9:00 a.m.

Lynda.com provides a vast library of streaming online instructional videos and course covering the latest business software and skills including LinkedIn for Businesses, Social Media Marketing and more!

Legal Information Resources

Wednesday, Oct. 28 - 9:00 a.m.

Access popular business resources such as the Nolo Press titles free from home with your library card.

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During Our
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*Animals require a spay/neuter deposit Dogs \$50/ Cats \$40

9777 Seaca St.
Downey, CA 90241
(562)803-3301
www.seaca.org

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Roundup

Saturday, November 7, 2015
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Simms Park
Clark Avenue and Oak Street
Bellflower

Old paint, Solvents, Batteries, Computer monitors. These are some of the household hazardous waste and electronic waste items you can bring to a Roundup for recycling. It's a great opportunity to clean out your garage and clean up the environment. Our free drive-thru, drop-off events are a quick, convenient, and common-sense way to dispose of materials too toxic to trash, pour down a sink, or dump in a storm drain.

No Business Waste Accepted

Brought to you by the County of Los Angeles and presented by the Department of Public Works and the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County in cooperation with the cities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Compton, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Lynwood, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, and South Gate.

House-generated cleanup waste such as hazardous medicine, gun residues, springs, knives, and miscellaneous needles SHOULD NOT be placed in your trash. Bring them to the Roundups or visit www.CLEANLA.com for alternate disposal options.

You can also take your used motor oil to more than 600 oil recycling centers in Los Angeles County. Call 1(800) CLEAN-LA for a complete listing.

For more information or an event schedule, contact:
1(888) CLEAN-LA
www.CleanLA.com
or 1(800) 238-0172
www.lacsd.org

Free Flu Shots • Sat, Oct 24th

Flu vaccines are recommended for everyone six months of age and older, including healthy adults. It's especially important to get a flu vaccine if you are:

- 6 months through 18 years old
- 50 years or older
- Pregnant or just had a baby
- Morbidly obese
- A healthcare provider
- Living in a nursing or other long-term care home
- Living with a weakened immune system or a chronic medical condition (like diabetes, heart disease or lung disease).
- Living with or caring for someone
 - > Under 5 years old
 - > 50 years of age or older
 - > With a chronic medical condition

Find a local County Library to visit for a free flu shot:

Brakensiek Library
October 24 12:30 - 3:30 pm
9945 Flower St., Bellflower, CA 90706

If you have a severe egg allergy or are sick the day of the clinic, check with your doctor before getting vaccinated.
- Call your regular health care provider to see what other shots you may need. If you don't have a regular provider, call 2-1-1 (LA County Information Line) or visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip for a list of no cost or low-cost vaccine providers.
- Clinic dates and times are subject to change. Please call to confirm before you go.

The LA County Department of Public Health has partnered with the County of LA Public Library to provide flu vaccines at no charge to people who don't have health insurance or whose healthcare provider doesn't offer flu vaccines.

For more information visit: colapublib.org



September Highlights



Above: 50 BUSD students were selected by the nonprofit organization Caring Connections to receive a \$100 gift card funded by the Bellflower Rotary Foundation. Students picked out cloths, shoes & school supplies at Bellflower KMart.



Above: Bellflower Chamber of Commerce Salute Our Heroes event.



Actress Leah Remini and ABC News reporter George Pennacchio participated in YCAF Talent Show.



YCAF Talent Show



Salute Our Heroes



YCAF Talent Show



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The Mini Buc Cheer Clinic Fundraiser

Open to grades 3rd - 8th

Clinic: October 26th - 29th from 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Game: October 30, 2015 at 7:00 p.m, Bellflower vs. Norwalk

Cost: Cash Only \$35 per participant by Oct. 12, 2015

Registration after 10/12: \$45 per participant

To register bring registration form and payment to:

1) Any BHS Varsity Home Game or Bellflower High, Ms. Vega Rm 512 and the enrolled student

Cost includes: T-Shirt, cheer bow, instruction by the BHS Cheerleaders, participant and one adult entrance into the game, performance at the game.



Joint Service Club Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 8 • Noon
Simms Park

Tickets on sale
through Oct. 1st
\$15 each

Reservations required

For more information
call Connie at
(562) 688-6986

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. **Please note, effective September 8, 2015, Building & Safety Division hours will be the same as City Hall hours.**

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 • **NEW HOURS** • 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 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 Fall/Winter Hours of Operation

October (ALL PARKS)

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

November (ALL PARKS)

Monday - Thursday • 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sun. • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

December (ALL PARKS)

Monday - Thursday • 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. / Sun. • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours (ALL PARKS)

November 11 • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
November 23 - 25 • 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
November 26 • CLOSED
November 27 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
December 18 • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
December 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
December 24, 25, 31 • closed/unsupervised

Pirate Park

October

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

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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