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Ten Heroes to Receive City's Top Award

Bellflower's 22nd Annual BRAVO Awards Set For February 4, 2016

The City of Bellflower applauds ten recipients for their bravery and public safety service at the 22nd annual BRAVO Awards ceremony on Thursday, February 4, 2016. The program will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the Bristol Auditorium inside Bellflower City Hall located at 16600 Civic Center Drive, Bellflower, CA.

Awardees include a Sensei who teaches discipline to local youth, a firefighter's dedicated service to the community for over 20 years, and longtime residents who teamed up to save a boy's life. Two high school students will also share the stage to accept a scholarship award for their excellent essays about Bellflower's public safety.

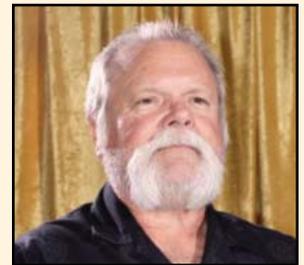
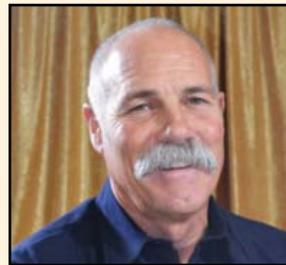
The BRAVO Awards honor individuals based in Bellflower who performed outstanding acts of valor,

heroism and community service during the past year.

Award-winning actor Louis Gossett, Jr. will serve as the Keynote Speaker and Los Angeles County

Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe will host the program.

Gossett's award-winning talent has earned an Oscar, an Emmy, and
BRAVO 2



City Hall Closed February 15, 2016

Presidents Day Observed

BRAVO Winners (Top left - right): Deputy Brian Banks, Fire fighter Ted Borges, Jerry Cleveland, Bobby Dietz, Kimberly Garcia, Steven Pappas, Jesse Perez, Deputy Sergio A. Santoyo, Sensei Gilliland, Marco Antonio Velasco, Kaila Douglass, Eleazar Singh

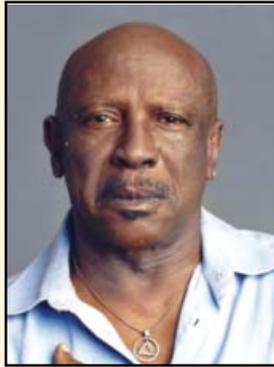
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a Golden Globe, and most recently, he spearheaded a nonprofit organization, The Eracism Foundation, to develop and produce entertainment that brings awareness and education to issues such as racism, ignorance, and societal apathy.

Supervisor Knabe, was first elected as the County Supervisor in 1996 and proudly remains on the Board today. He has spent much of his political career working to protect vulnerable children from abandonment. In 2001, he established the Safe Surrender program throughout the County and since inception, 142 babies have been safely surrendered. In 2015, he expanded the program with the creation of a scholarship program to help provide future funding

for these innocent children.

Los Angeles County Fire Chief Daryl L. Osby, and Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell are both featured speakers in this year's lineup. Additional program highlights include students from St. John Bosco's Theater Program to sing the National Anthem and a delicious lunch to follow prepared by Hambone's Bar



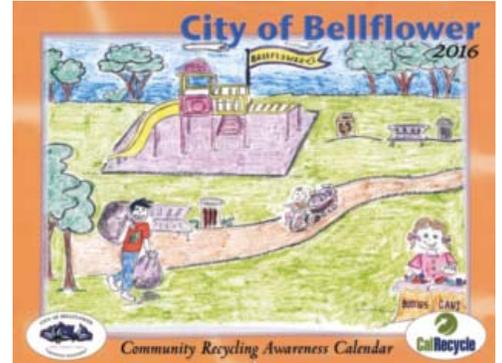
Above: Keynote Speaker Louis Gossett, Jr. (left) Program Host Supervisor Don Knabe (right)

& Grill.

The BRAVO Awards ceremony is funded through sponsorships from area businesses and individuals and represents one of the City of Bellflower's most prestigious honors.

For more information about the event visit the City's website at www.bellflower.org or call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2267.

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**New Dental Office
Offers Free Treatment**

Dreamland Dental & Orthodontics just moved into Downtown Bellflower and is offering a Valentine's Day free teeth whitening special. The office is located at 16537 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, CA.

To take advantage of the free treatment, a consultation is required (\$39 x-ray, exam and complimentary oral cancer screening) and your teeth must be healthy (patients with gum disease are not eligible). The offer expires February, 29 2016.



Dreamland Dental is a family-based practice that was started by Dr. Nasibi and Dr. Heyrani-Nasibi to offer a comfortable, state-of-the-art dentistry to Bellflower and the surrounding area. For more information visit www.dreamlanddental.com or call the office at (562) 867-2026.



Local Advertising Opportunities

The City of Bellflower offers the best in leisure activities and facilities to residents of all ages. If the residents of Bellflower meet your target audience, the City has two new advertising outlets at a great price!

Three times a year, the community looks forward to receiving a full-color Parks and Recreation brochure in their mailbox. This brochure provides a great opportunity for local businesses and organizations to reach out to over 25,000 residents in Bellflower. The brochure is also posted to the City's website and is made available in an electronic format.

Another opportunity to show your support and advertise your business is to become a sponsor at the Flora Vista Dog Park. Your sponsorship helps with maintenance costs and in

return, your logo (or name) is proudly displayed on bone-shaped signage on the park fencing. For more information call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2267.

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Bellflower has highly desirable demographics.
College Educated: 45%
Average Income: \$59,790
Population: 79,101
18 years of age and older: 73%



WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower

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

Recreation Specialist (P/T)

Range: \$12.40 - \$15.09/Hr.
15-20 Hrs per week, M-F

Performs a variety of specialized and responsible recreation duties and assignments; assists with special events, projects and clerical work; may supervise assigned staff as needed; and provide technical assistance to admin and supervisors. Possession of a valid CA Driver License, First Aid & CPR cert., or be willing to obtain certification within the first three (3) months of employment. Completion of two (2) years of college & two (2) years of leadership in recreation activities. Open until filled.

Life Guard I (P/T)

Range: \$10.69 - \$12.99/Hr.
15-20 Hrs per week, hours vary
Deadline: March 14, 2016

Under supervision of the Aquatics Supervisor, lifeguards are responsible for the safety & rescue at the Bellflower Aquatic Center. Lifeguards perform emergency care as necessary and respond to unsafe conditions or potential hazards. Lifeguards observe swimmers, enforce regulations, and perform related work as required. American Red Cross certification (Lifeguarding, First Aid & CPR).



EMBRACING THE FUTURE

BELLFLOWER'S STATE OF THE CITY

Presented by Mayor Scott A. Larsen
Thursday, February 18 at 11:30 a.m.
Simms Park Auditorium (16614 South Clark Ave.)

\$15 PER PERSON

Small Business Series Continues

The Brakensiek Library teamed up with the Small Business Development Center in Long Beach to offer a **Free** 5-week seminar series on best practices of owning, opening and operating a small business. Current or potential small business owners will benefit from this series designed to present a range of concepts. The schedule of programs is as follows:

2/2 - Target Marketing, 2/9 - Marketing Technologies
2/16 - Access to Capital, 2/23 - Financial Management

Register for the entire series of seminars or individual classes that fit your needs. These courses are designed to be hands-on and interactive, and are taught by local practitioners who serve as experts in their respective fields. The workshops are from 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. and seating is limited. Online registration: www.longbeachsbdc.org/focus

For more info or to attend a workshop call the Library at (562) 925-5543.

Downtown Bellflower to Get New Look

Streetscape Improvements on Bellflower Blvd. will begin on Monday, February 1st and continue through July, to improve traffic flow and pedestrian walkability within the Downtown area. New bulb-outs, landscaping, and decorative asphalt crosswalks will be installed. For more information, visit www.bellflower.org.



Every Monday in February
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Free Latin-inspired dance-fitness class with easy to follow dance moves that strengthen and tone the body. Open to men and women of all ages, shapes, and fitness levels. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bellflower Library.

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

Singing Valentine Phone Calls Fundraiser

Can't find the words for that special someone? Surprise your Valentine with a heartfelt song by the Mayfair High School Vocal Ensemble. For a minimal donation of \$5.00, students will call your loved one (whether your sweetheart, friend, parent or grandparent anywhere in the USA) on Saturday, February 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and sing an appropriate song to them for the holiday. The Mayfair Singing



Valentine Phone Call fundraiser has been a student tradition for over 50 years!

Be sure to make checks payable to the Mayfair Vocal Boosters c/o Gina Holcomb, Mayfair High School, 6000 N. Woodruff Ave., Lakewood, CA 90713.

The order form and payment must be received by Wednesday, February 10th. To download the form, visit www.bellflower.org.

Rumpelstiltskin is My Name

The Youth Cultural Arts Foundation (YCAF) will perform the popular German fairytale *Rumpelstiltskin* on Friday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, February 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bristol Auditorium in Bellflower City Hall (16600 Civic Center Dr.).

Performers take the stage and go back-in-time to when a King cast a young girl away to a lonely tower room

filled with straw and a spinning wheel, and demands that she spin the straw into gold by morning. The odds are stacked against her until an imp-like creature appears and offers his help. Does she accept?

Be sure not to miss YCAF's Spring show. Adults are \$10 and seniors & kids (12 yrs or less) are \$5 per person. For info: www.bellflowertheater.org.

Certified Farmers Market

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Mondays - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Simms Park
16614 S. Clark Ave.
For more information please call
(562) 925-9003

Dare to be part of something great? ...challenge yourself?

Dare to Dream

Miss Bellflower Pageant 2016

Orientation:

Saturday, Feb 13th • 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Brakensiek Library 9945 E. Flower St. Bldg.

For more information
call (562) 565-3942 or
visit www.missbellflower.com



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