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Bellflower App Now Available



Bellflower's new APP is now ready to download for all smartphone and mobile devices (Android, iPhone, BlackBerry or iPad). If you're not too sure what an APP is, it's a software application that makes contacting the City, or Bellflower event info easily accessed. To download, visit Google Play or iTunes and search "City of Bellflower." For direct links to download the app visit www.bellflower.org.

Bellflower Council Names New Mayor

At the March 28, 2016, City Council Meeting, the Bellflower Council Members reorganized with Scott A. Larsen ending his term as Mayor and Dan Koops stepping in as the new 2016-2017 Mayor. Council Member Ron Schnabegger will now serve his first term as Mayor Pro Tem.

Scott A. Larsen will be recognized at the annual Outgoing Mayor's Ceremony. For info visit www.bellflower.org.

Proper Disposal of Medicine Saves Lives and Protects the Environment

*Bellflower Teams Up to Recognize National Prescription
Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, April 30th*

The City of Bellflower and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department have partnered with Kaiser Permanente to host a National Drug Take-Back Day disposal event on Saturday, April 30th from 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. The Kaiser Permanente Bellflower Medical Office will serve as a collection site located at 9400 E. Rosecrans Ave. Bellflower, CA 90706 (please enter from Clark Ave).

The event is free and open to the public. Local residents are encouraged to turn in unused or expired

medication for proper disposal by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Drop offs are anonymous; no questions will be asked.



The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a convenient and responsible means of disposal, an opportunity to educate the public about the potential for abuse of prescription medications, and if thrown out with trash or flushed, how they pollute the environment. No sharps are accepted at this location.

For details visit www.bellflower.org

Hollywood Sports Park Relay For Life Kickoff

Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m.

9030 Somerset Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. It unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. For info call (323) 452-3898.

**Relay For Life Event
City of Bellflower
Sat, July 9th • 9:00 a.m.
Bellflower High School**

Additional Fundraiser

**Sole Sisters Concert
Saturday, April 23
6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
La Habra Community Center
(101 W. La Habra Blvd.)**

April Celebrates 5th Annual L.A. County Yarn Crawl

Fiber enthusiasts of all kinds, knitters, crocheters, weavers and spinners will once again converge on Los Angeles County for the nation's largest yarn crawl from Thursday, April 14th through Sunday, April 17th. Twenty-four yarn shops throughout Los Angeles County, plus a mobile yarn truck, will welcome fiber enthusiasts from across California and a number of other states and countries, who take part in this four-day extravaganza of yarn.

Visitors travel from shop to shop to discover new yarns, free patterns, interesting demonstrations, collectible pins, commemorative tote bags, yarn tastings, camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts and much more. Each crawler receives a free passport to track their shop visits. Crawlers also have the opportunity to win sponsor gift baskets available at each shop. In addition, prizes are awarded to those who visit all venues in any of four regions and/or all 25 locations during the weekend.

This annual event continues to enrich Los Angeles County's thriving needlearts community. The National



Above (left): The French Quarter Bar & Grill hosted their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony March 3rd. **Above (right):** Entertainment included the *Mud Buds* 10-piece dixie band and second line dancers. The French Quarter is located at 16728 Bellflower Blvd. Blf.

Endowment for the Arts estimates that there are more than 31 million adults involved in the U.S. in various segments of the needlearts. Last year more than 2,000 crawlers participated in this L.A. event.

Stitches in Time Yarn is a proud participant in the event located at 16525 Bellflower Blvd. For more info visit www.stitchesintimeyarn.com or for details about the yarn crawl visit www.layarncrawl.com.



Candace Broeker, Owner

Sanitation District Hosts Free Family Fun for Earth Day

Join the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County on Saturday, April 9, for their 10th annual Earth Day celebration – an event that features fun and educational activities for all ages. Tour a water reclamation plant or a material recovery facility, create eco-friendly arts and crafts, visit over 50 green exhibitors with engaging displays and demonstrations, and participate in many other activities while learning about environmental issues. Entertainment is also happening throughout the day with music and dance performances, face-painters, magicians, a live



animal show and tell, and raffle prizes. For the first time ever, a DeLorean time machine car will be on display at the event.

Earth Day 2016 will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Sanitation Districts' headquarters, located at 1955 Workman Mill Road in Whittier. Event parking with shuttle service will be located nearby at 13181 and 13191 Crossroads Parkway North. The event is free, and over 3,000 people are expected to attend. Food and beverages will be available.

For info call (562) 908-4288 ext. 2311 or visit www.lacsd.org.

Senator Tony Mendoza invites
the Bellflower community to a
Citizenship Fair
Feria De Ciudadania

Saturday, April 30th
from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
in collaboration with Norwalk-
La Mirada Unified School District,
NALEO Education Fund Mexican
American Opportunity Foundation
(MAOF), & Cerritos College

Excelsior High School
(Girls Gym)
15711 Pioneer Blvd.
Norwalk, CA 90650

Call to RSVP
Lame para hacer una cita
(888) 839-8682

Kiosks B & D Soon Available for Lease



Two Belmont St. Kiosks will soon be home to two new tenants! Applications and business proposals will be accepted from April 26th through May 19th. Terms for the lease agreement will be available mid-April and posted on the City's website (in the Economic Development Department section) at www.bellflower.org. or for pickup at City Hall, 2nd floor. For details, call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249.

WORKAROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower

16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
(562) 804-1424 ext. 2240

For a full job description visit
www.bellflower.org

Code Enforcement Inspector I

F/T plus benefits

\$3,831-\$4,657/month

Applications due: 4/7/16 - 2:00 p.m.

Perform a variety of duties involved in investigating, enforcing and resolving complaints about City codes and ordinances including zoning, housing, dangerous building, and uniform building codes. Receive, record, and investigate complaints from the public and staff regarding violations of municipal codes, ordinances, standards, and health and safety regulations; document violations by securing photographs and other pertinent data; research ownership records, prior complaints, municipal codes and ordinances, and state regulations to establish whether a violation has occurred. High school diploma or equivalent. One year of experience in investigation, enforcement, or public contact. Supplemental specialized college level training in, or knowledge of, planning, building, zoning, inspection, or law enforcement is desirable.

Host or Hostess (F/T)

Denny's Diner

Apply Online:

<http://www.jobs.net/jobs/dennys-diner/en-us/search/United-States/location/California/Bellflower/?idpartenaire=20004>

he Host or Hostess greets guests in a warm, friendly, smiling manner that welcomes them into the restaurant and sets the stage for a positive dining experience. A Denny's Host or Hostess has a "Guests First" attitude, with duties such as: Greeting and seating guests, inviting them to come back and see us again, suggesting new menu items from our limited time offerings, receiving payment and making correct change, etc.

CR&R To Provide Free Mulch

Give your garden a boost with free mulch courtesy of CR&R at its annual **Compost Give-Away on Saturday, April 23rd from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at Simms Park** (located at 16614 South Clark Avenue). CR&R, the City's waste hauler, wants to make sure everyone who waits in line receives the free mulch, so each person will be limited to two bags of mulch (carpooling is encouraged & bag limits are per person, NOT per vehicle). **Residents must bring the coupon found in the CR&R Environmental News mailer to receive their mulch.** For questions or more info, contact CR&R at (877) 826-9677 ext. 2242.

Free Google Workshop for Bellflower Businesses

The City's Economic Development Department will host a Google workshop during National Small Business Week (May 1st-7th) to help Bellflower business owners establish an online presence.

Department staff will attempt to answer a variety of different social media questions, however, the workshop is geared toward training business owners to claim their Google Business Listing and how to Get Found on Google Search and Maps. Attendees will be able to take immediate

steps toward getting their business online and growing.

Be on the lookout for details later this month in the Economic Development newsletter or on the City's website at www.bellflower.org. To reserve a spot in advance, email economic_dev@bellflower.org with the subject line "Google RSVP."



Brakensiek Library Events

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

Theatre Of Hearts Visual Arts Workshop

Sat, April 2, 2016
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Theatre of Hearts/Youth First presents a free 5-week hands-on art workshop. A professional artist will demonstrate different techniques to create wonderful works of art. All supplies will be provided. This workshop is especially suited for children and teens ages 8+. Space is limited, be sure to call to reserve a spot!

Workshops will be held on April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2016.

This program is made possible by the generous support of Supervisor Don Knabe, Fourth District.

Books! Books! Books!

Sat, April 9, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Used Book Sale offering great prices!

Teen Advisory Board

Mon, April 25, 2016
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Teens, if you are interested in volunteering or helping out at the library, then the Teen Advisory Board is the place to be. We meet the last Monday of each month to help plan and implement teen programs, recommend teen materials for purchase, and how to make the teen library experience better. The Teen Advisory Board is open to all teens in grades 6 - 12.



The SBDC workshops assisted 48 attendees over the five-week workshop series and the Brakensiek Library staff unveiled the new BIZ small business workspace. Irma Gorrocino, from Congresswoman Linda Sanchez's office, Erin Stibal, from Supervisor Knabe's office and members of the Bellflower Chamber of

Commerce showed support at the grand opening event.

Miss Bellflower Pageant Contestants Take the Stage

Many talented young women will compete for the crown on Saturday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. at the Bristol Auditorium in City Hall, 16600 Civic Center Dr.

Scholarship prizes will be awarded to winners on stage. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased prior to the event at the door.

Essay Contest

The contest is open to students who live in the Fair Housing Foundation's service area and are in grades 9-12.

Entries must be submitted on one page, less than 500 words, typed (12 pt font) and should contain wording/imagery that conveys the theme "Diversity Creates Better Neighborhoods." Deadline: April 16th 5:00 p.m. INFO: www.fairhousingfoundation.com

BE A STAR!
KIDS ON STAGE
Ages 5 to 12

YCAF AUDITIONS

9831 Belmont Street Town Center Plaza
Bellflower Ca 90706
April 22nd 2016
at 5:00pm
for info call
562 867-3524

GREAT FOR BEGINNING ACTORS

• THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF •

FAIR HOUSING FOUNDATION

32nd Annual
Fair Housing Poster Contest

Let your Art Make A Difference
Win Cool Prizes

Entries Must Include Theme
Diversity Creates Better Neighborhoods

Winners Will Receive:
1st Place- Android Tablet
2nd Place- \$50 Target Gift Card
3rd Place- \$25 Target Gift Card

- Open to Youth in 4th to 8th Grades
- Posters should be on 12x18 paper.
- Entries due to the Fair Housing Foundation by April 16th at 5:00pm.

For More Information: AOverlie@fhfca.org
Visit: WWW.FHFCA.ORG

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 • 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 Spring/Summer Hours of Operation

April (ALL PARKS)

Monday - Fri. • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Special/Holiday Hours

April 1 • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

May (ALL PARKS)

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

Special/Holiday Hours

May 28 - 30 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

June (ALL PARKS)

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

Special/Holiday Hours

Beginning June 11 • Sat • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
June 16 - 17 • Noon - 9:00 p.m.
Beginning June 20 • Mon. - Fri. • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pirate Park

April

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sat. • 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

May

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

Special/Holiday Hours

May 28 - 30 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

June

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

Special/Holiday Hours

June 11, 18 & 25 • 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 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