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## Bellflower Boulevard Rumbles with Fun

*The 18th Annual Car Show Takes Over Downtown Bellflower Saturday, October 1st*

The Bellflower Lions Club and the City of Bellflower come together (a few weeks later this year) to host the 18th annual Bellflower Blvd. Car Show on Saturday, October 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Classic cars, spotless engines and custom colors are on display for all auto enthusiasts! A variety of 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.

This year, the Lions Club will kick off the show with a flag salute at the main stage, followed by a drawing for a free Chevrolet from George Chevrolet (booth #400). *Hollywood Blonde* will provide live music from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and at 5:30 p.m., don't miss the drawing for a free set of tires

from Just Tires (booth #363).

Trophies will be awarded at 6:00 p.m. and shortly after, all raffle prizes will be handed out as well. The event is free and open to the public. For info visit [www.bellflowercarshow.com](http://www.bellflowercarshow.com) or call (562) 645-3208.



## Habitat for Humanity, Partnership Housing and Bellflower Gear Up for Construction

The City of Bellflower, Partnership Housing and Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles (Habitat LA) are partnering on a new townhouse development that will bring six affordable homeownership opportunities to Bellflower. The kickoff celebration will take place on Tuesday, August 30th

(by invitation only) and construction to start shortly after. This project will be Partnership Housing and Habitat LA's first development in Bellflower. Habitat LA's offices and one of its ReStores are located nearby this project.

For additional details about the project, visit [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).



## Mark Your Calendar

City Hall will be closed Monday, Sept. 5th in observance of Labor Day



# City Surveys Residents About Future Downtown Transit Station Area

The City of Bellflower received a grant from LA Metro to fund a potential future rail station in Downtown at the intersection of Bellflower Boulevard and the Pacific Electric Right-of-Way. If fully built, the light rail will connect from the City of Artesia through Bellflower to the Downtown Los Angeles Union Station.

To prepare for the new station, the City has spearheaded the Downtown Bellflower Station Area Specific Plan, which seeks out new uses in the Downtown to complement the station.

Last month, City employees staffed a booth at a Streetfest concert and Food Trucks and Flicks event to survey residents about what they would like to see in the station area

such as restaurants, nightlife, housing, parks and open space or arts and culture. For those of you who have already taken the survey at one of the community events, your opinion is appreciated.

A survey is currently posted on the City's Facebook page and website. For more information about the project call (562) 804-1424 x2314 or email [jfriedman@bellflower.org](mailto:jfriedman@bellflower.org).



# Stop Your Pet's Back-to-School Blues

Dogs, cats, and other pets can suffer from separation anxiety, especially during the fall. As kids start a new academic year, pets often need help adjusting from a freewheeling summer of fun and a house full of people to lonely days waiting for children to return from school or adults to come home from work.

For these situations, SEAACA has created a list of behaviors to look for as well as solutions to help alleviate the "back-to-school" blues. Many behaviors can signal a pet's anxiety, boredom or sadness because of a shift from summer to a school schedule. These behaviors may include:

- Excessive pacing, barking/meowing.
- Urinating or defecating in the home or in unapproved areas.
- Escape attempts.
- Destruction of furniture or toys.
- Unusual chewing, digging or other frantic behavior.

If such behaviors are evident, SEAACA suggests pet owners to



help their animals adjust by using measures such as:

- Provide your pet with plenty of stimulation and exercise so he/she wants to rest when you are away.
- Introduce short separation periods to help your pet become accustomed to the upcoming schedule change.
- Foster your pet's independence by helping him/her play alone with toys.
- When your pet is alone, leave him or her with an interactive toy.
- Do not punish or scold your pet for unusual behavior during the adjustment period (punishment could exacerbate behavior).
- Leave the radio or TV on at a

low volume so your pet does not feel as lonely.

- Research if stress relief items may be suitable for your pet (i.e. pheromone aroma wall plug-ins, specially created CDs or stress relief garments available online or at local pet store).

If the behavior does not improve, seek the help of an animal behaviorist or your local veterinarian.

# High School Reunion Update

The annual Bellflower High School All 50's Class Reunion held during the Bellflower Blvd. Car Show (on October 1st) will not host a formal luncheon this year due to a scheduling conflict. The reunion organizer, Carole Ozanian, wishes all classmates the very best this year!

# Chamber of Commerce Events



The Grand Opening of Green Touch Nursery is set for Thursday, September 8th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. They are family-owned and specialize in water-wise plants for any size garden. The nursery is located at 8842 Park St. in Bellflower. For more info call (310) 897-4797.



Stitches in Time will host the Fall Networking Mixer on Thursday, September 29th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 16525 Bellflower Blvd. in Downtown. Be sure to stop by for socializing with local business owners, raffle prizes, and get to know Chamber of Commerce members.



# Sheriff's Deputies Offer Safety Tips For Pokemon Go Players

Los Angeles County sheriff's officials Wednesday provided Pokemon Go players tips on how to remain safe while playing the game.

"Many of our deputies continue to capture Pokemon and want to share some secrets in becoming the ultimate Ash Ketchum," the department said on Facebook, referring to one of the game's main characters.

Deputies advised the public to adhere to the following safety tips:

- Don't play while driving
- Play in well-lit areas
- If you suspect you are being

followed, yell for help and use your phone to dial 911

- Be aware of your surroundings as you play
- Stay off private property
- Play in pairs with a friend
- Be cautious of being lured into a bad situation



Pokemon Go, a smartphone game app that has become a sensation on social media,

leads players to physically seek out virtual Pokemon characters in real world settings by using smartphone cameras.

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## Back-to-School Info for Parents

The 2016-2017 school year is just underway (first day of school began Monday, August 22) and Bellflower Unified School District (BUSD) has provided a few easy tips for parents to prepare for the year.



- **Get your shots.** Students 7th-12th grade must get their pertussis shots, and must show proof of immunization to attend school this fall. Administrators may allow unimmunized students to remain in school for 30 days after the start before meeting the vaccine requirement.

- **Get your sleep.** Doctors recommend children in 1st-5th grade get as much as 10 to 11 hours of sleep each night. Lack of sleep can affect a child's ability to learn and may affect their immune systems.

- **Eat a healthy breakfast.** Hungry children do not learn as well as well-nourished ones. If you don't have time to pack a healthy lunch, schools usually serve students well-balanced meals. Low-income children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals (must apply at school).

- **Stay active.** Keep children physically active with outdoor activities. Studies show that physically active students have better classroom behavior and a better ability to learn.

- **Read!** Reading to children calms them at bedtime and exposes them to language, sounds, and new ideas.

- **Get to know your child's teacher.** This will help create a good line of communication to improve your child's education.

(For more tips visit BUSD website at [www.bUSD.k12.ca.us/parents](http://www.bUSD.k12.ca.us/parents))

**YCAF 17th Annual TALENT SHOW**

We're looking for talented Youth ages 6 to 18  
Dancers, Vocalists, Instrumentalists, Magicians, Comedians  
Solo, Duet, Trio, Group  
All Acts Welcome Acts must be under 3 minutes in length

**OPEN AUDITIONS**  
August 26th 2016 at 6:30pm  
William and Jane Bristol Auditorium  
16600 Civic Center Drive  
Bellflower Ca 90706

**CALL 562 867-3524**  
Date of TALENT SHOW  
September 24th 2016

Visit us at:  
[www.bellflowertheater.org](http://www.bellflowertheater.org)

In cooperation with the City of Bellflower  
Parks and Recreation Department

## Free Adult Computer Workshop Begins September at the Brakensiek Library

The Brakensiek Library offers fun classes for adult residents interested in improving their basic computer skills beginning September 7th. The workshop series will continue every Wednesday through October 5th. Space is limited. To RSVP call (562) 925-5543 or visit the library's Information Desk



to sign up.

If computers aren't your "thing," consider joining fellow readers at the upcoming Book Club Meeting on Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

The Brakensiek Library is located at 9945 E. Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706.

# 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 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 21 - 23 • 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
 November 24 • CLOSED  
 November 25 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 December 23, 26, 27, 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](http://www.bellflower.org)