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Tree Lighting Ceremony Brings Santa and Snow

Be sure to mark your calendar for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony set for Friday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in Downtown Bellflower. Local residents and neighboring communities are invited for a festive event filled with carolers, crafts and refreshments.

Santa Claus will make an appearance and meet with children one-on-one to take a photo and listen to their holiday wishes!

A holiday skating rink for scooters and skates (children are encouraged to wear a helmet to enter the rink) will be available, along with the Bellflower Recreation In Motion (BRIM) program, and sledding slides. Complimentary

refreshments and snacks will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

For more info on all City's holiday programs call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2261. or visit www.bellflower.org.



Mark Your Calendar

City Hall Closed

Nov. 28 & 29
Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 24-27
Christmas Holiday

No Trash Collection & Street Sweeping

Thursday, Nov. 28
Wednesday, Dec. 25
Collection delayed 1 day,
e.g. Thurs. route collected on Fri.



CITY OF BELLFLOWER DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

bellflower parks & recreation

www.bellflower.org

- ★ Free fun for the entire family
- ★ Holiday crafts, carolers & refreshments
- ★ Enjoy a visit with Santa Claus
- ★ B.R.I.M.



REAL SNOW SLEDDING
RETURNS to BELLFLOWER
This activity is free and sleds will be provided.

Thank you to our sponsors...



Friday, Dec. 6 • 6:30 p.m.

Downtown Bellflower at Friendship Square · Bellflower Blvd. & Belmont St.

Admiral Pest Control Honored For Innovative Pest Control Services

In September, Pest Control Technology (PCT) recognized Admiral Pest Control as a Rising Star - one of 25 emerging pest control companies in the U.S. Admiral Pest Control was profiled in the September issue of PCT and representatives from each Rising Star company were honored at a special event held in Dallas.

PCT's Rising Star program, sponsored by Univar Solutions and VM Products, was created to highlight pest control businesses on the move. Rising Star companies were evaluated on their performance in areas critical to

the success of high-performing companies, including human resources, customer relations, technical services, sales & marketing, and others.

At the PCT Rising Star event, PCT Publisher Dan Moreland congratulated each company, noting "PCT is proud to shine the spotlight on Rising Star companies. You are the folks driving this industry by taking risks, innovating and leading by example. It will be exciting to see what's next for these up-and-coming pest control firms." For more info, contact Admiral Pest Control at (866) 400-1915.



Recycle Old Filters

Doing an oil change? Don't forget the filter! The City of Bellflower will hold a used motor oil filter exchange event on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at O'Reilly Auto Parts, 15766 Bellflower Blvd. In exchange for their used motor oil filters, residents will receive new motor oil filters free of charge. (Bellflower residents may receive up to 2 new filters in exchange for 2 used filters; filters valued up to \$15 each; limited to stock on-hand; while supplies last.) After your next oil change, bring in your used oil and filter and receive vouchers for new oil filters.

"Used motor oil and filters are highly recyclable," says Kevin Sales, Bellflower's Used Oil Recycling Program coordinator. The City of Bellflower encourages all residents to participate in this event and to regularly recycle their used motor oil and filters at participating Certified Collection Centers. For more info call 888-HEY-SLICK.

Christmas with a Cop



Breakfast & Gift Giveaway Event December 20th at Thompson Park

The City of Bellflower Public Safety Department is **SEEKING DONATIONS** for our Christmas with a Cop Event to benefit 15 underprivileged students. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies and the Bellflower Public Safety staff will host a special holiday event which includes a continental breakfast and Christmas present giveaway.

To donate mail checks to:
City of Bellflower
ATTN: Christmas with a Cop
16600 Civic Center Drive
Bellflower, CA 90706



For more info call,
Sacramento Ramos at
(562) 925-0124 ext. 2530
Donations due by:
Friday, December 13th 2019

SATURDAY
December 14, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

O'Reilly Auto Parts
15766 Bellflower Blvd.
Bellflower, CA 90706



Bellflower residents may receive up to 2 new filters in exchange for 2 used filters. Restrictions apply, while supplies last.



VOTING SOLUTIONS
FOR ALL PEOPLE

The Vote Center Placement Project (VCP) successfully hosted 67 community meetings which focused on community input and awareness. The Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk will continue to provide outreach and community presentations throughout the remainder of the year and into 2020. More info vsap.lavote.net.

Valet Program Ends November 24

The City has received feedback from the community regarding the downtown valet program in the Town Center public parking lot. In response, the City has decided to cancel the program as of November 24, 2019. FREE 2-hour parking from 7am to 9pm daily

(except on Sundays) will be implemented starting Nov 25th. We appreciate your understanding of the parking changes affecting Downtown and hope the public continues to support our local small businesses. For info, call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2010.

No More Clogs, Trap the Grease

Be a part of the solution to help fight against sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's) by learning how to properly dispose of food scrap this holiday season.

Be sure not to pour used oils or hot grease down any drain, including the kitchen sink, toilet, and storm drain outside. Use mesh drain screens to help catch food scraps for



disposal in the trash can. Pour cooled liquids, i.e. fats, food scraps, grease, and oils onto paper towels and/or into their original containers and dispose into the trash.

For more info on fighting fats, oil, grease (FOG) or to report illegal dumping, visit www.lacounty.gov or call L.A. County Public Works at (626) 458-5100.

WORK AROUND TOWN

ALDI (new store)

16123 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower
www.careers.aldi.us

STORE ASSOCIATE, (F/T)

32-40 hours/week
\$15.50/hour plus a pay increase within the first year of employment

- Assists management in achieving store appearance and maintenance standards.
- Identifies and rectifies hazards and/or equipment in need of maintenance to provide a safe environment.
- Assists management in achieving payroll and total loss goals.
- Assists customers with problems or concerns, and contacts management as appropriate regarding customers with problems or concerns.

High School Diploma or equivalent preferred. Prior work experience in a retail environment preferred. For a full description visit ALDI's website.

Los Cerritos YMCA

15530 Woodruff Ave, Bellflower
www.lbymca.recruiting.com

DRIVER, (P/T)

\$13.75 - \$14.00/hr

Drive children participating in the YMCA before and after school program. High School Diploma or equivalent., First Aid and CPR, meet California and Federal requirements and YMCA Transportation qualifications regarding MVR report and maintain satisfactory driving record.

TEACHER, (P/T)

\$14.00/hr

Provide direction for the program participants, and implements program curriculum in the classroom. Provides a quality experience. 12 child development units required minimum required.

Fun Free Holiday Stuff

Saturday, December 14

Kids' Christmas Party

Simms Park 16614 S. Clark Ave.

Crafts, Refreshments, Holiday Activities • 10:30am-1:00pm

Visit with Santa • 10:45am-12:45pm

Saturday, December 21

Special Holiday Event

SteelCraft 16500 Bellflower Blvd

Santa Letter Writing Workshop & Free Pictures with Santa 3-5pm

The Jamberries to perform • 6:30-9:30pm

Thursday, December 26

Cookie Decorating Party Ages 4+

Brakensiek Library 9945 E. Flower St.

Friends & family can learn holiday designs • 4:30-5:30pm

Sponsored by the Friends of the Bellflower Library

Monday, December 30

Matinee Monday Ages 55+

Simms Park 16614 S. Clark Ave.

Film: Christmas with the Kranks at 12:30 p.m.

FAQs Regarding Bellflower's Temporary Services Shelter (TSS)

The City of Bellflower is establishing a TSS at 8833 Cedar Street. The purpose of the TSS is to provide temporary shelter services for Bellflower's homeless population. This obligation has come about because of the City's recent efforts to settle a lawsuit filed by the Orange County Catholic Worker advocacy group.

Q. How many people will the TSS serve?

A. The shelter is aimed to temporarily serve up to 50 homeless individuals at a time.

Q. As a Bellflower resident, will I be paying more taxes to fund the temporary shelter?

A. No

Q. Who will operate the TSS?

A. City staff is interviewing non-profit service providers that specialize in managing TSS.

Q. Why is the City building a TSS to serve homeless persons in Bellflower?

A. Two reasons. First, the City's residents made it clear they want the City Council to address the growing homelessness crisis in Bellflower. A Citywide survey conducted in October 2018 showed that 74% of our residents said it was the most serious problem in Bellflower. In short, it's a clear mandate from the community to fix this crisis. Second, the City settled a homelessness-related federal lawsuit filed against the city by a homeless advocate group and, in the settlement, (The Catholic Worker of Orange County v. City of Bellflower) Federal District Court Judge David O. Carter ordered the City to build a TSS for 50 persons.

Q. Why the hurry? Why can't we study this problem further?

A. Judge Carter ordered the City to complete a plan for the creation of a TSS by December 31, 2019. In order to meet the Court Order, the City must move forward immediately.

For more info, visit www.bellflower.org or attend the Informational Meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Simms Park (16614 Clark Ave).

Bellflower Named Runner-Up

The City of Bellflower was named a finalist for LAEDC's Most Business Friendly City for 2019. Thank you to Vanessa Delgado, John Giries, and Martin Howard for your inspiring video testimonials. To see the promo video, visit the City of Bellflower's channel on YouTube or cable channel 36.



Santa Paws Is Coming to Town
Saturday, Dec 14 • 11:00am-1:00pm

Have your pet's photo taken with Santa - \$10
Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar • 8800 Apollo Way, Downey CA
More info: (562) 803-3301 or www.seaaca.org

The poster features a central photo of Santa Claus with two dogs. Logos for Lazy Dog Restaurant & Bar and SEAACA are visible. The background is decorated with snowflakes and paw prints.



SEAACA
Dedicated to Quality Animal Care & Control

Fall in LOVE

\$5 Adoption fee for cats 8+weeks
\$25 Adoption fee for dogs 6+years

Excludes Boutique Buddies - now through Dec 14th
Includes: spay/neuter, micro-chip, 1st vaccines, flea treatment
More info: (562) 803-3301 or www.seaaca.org

The poster features silhouettes of a dog and a cat, autumn leaves, and the SEAACA logo.