



## Trejo Named Keynote Speaker at Bellflower's BRAVO Awards Ceremony

The City of Bellflower is pleased to share that Danny Trejo will serve as special Keynote Speaker at the 26th Annual BRAVO Awards on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bristol Civic Auditorium.

Trejo, an actor with a prolific career in the entertainment industry with 400 credits to his name, has starred in dozens of films, including *Desperado*, *Heat*, *From Dusk Till Dawn*, *Con Air*, *Spy Kids*, *Grindhouse*, and *Machete*. A Los Angeles native, Trejo began building his restaurant empire in L.A. in 2016, opening Trejo's Tacos, followed by Trejo's Coffee & Donuts. He now has eight Trejo's Tacos locations in the Los Angeles area, including two new locations in the Original Farmer's Market and in the Colony in West L.A. Trejo's Coffee & Donuts has also proven to be just as successful and will continue to expand in the near future.

Despite Danny's impressive list of credits, it is his continuous role as a devoted father of three and an intervention counselor that bring him the most satisfaction. Danny's colorful life and prolific career are chronicled in the new bio-documentary *Inmate #1* which will be available early 2020. Danny is also preparing to share his love of food with the world with the release of his first cookbook *Trejo's Tacos: Recipes and Stories from LA*, which will hit the shelves on April 21, 2020. We look forward to welcoming Trejo to the City

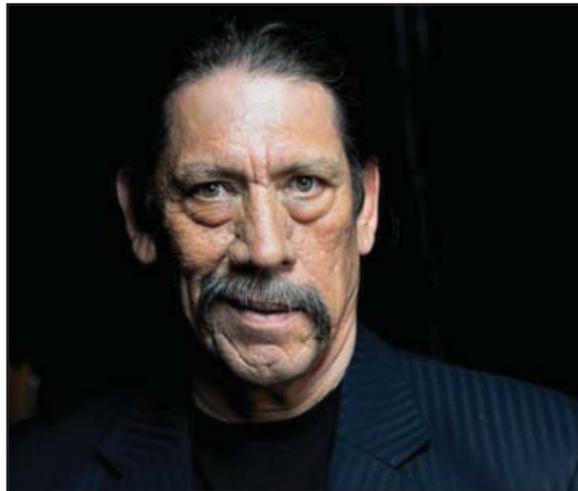
of Bellflower as we pay tribute to our local community heroes.

The BRAVO Awards recognize individuals based in Bellflower from the L.A. County Sheriff's Dept., the L.A. County Fire Dept., as well as, community heroes who performed outstanding acts of valor, heroism and community service in support of public

safety during the past year.

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 info contact Kristen Smith at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2267 or [ksmith@bellflower.org](mailto:ksmith@bellflower.org).



### *In Memoriam*

#### *Mike Brassard*



Maurice "Mike" George Brassard was born on February 13, 1937 and passed away on December 1, 2019 at the age of 82. He served one term on the Bellflower City Council from 1984-1988 and was Mayor from 1987-1988. In addition to City Council service, he was a local business and property owner, Noon Lions member and an active member of the community.

### *First-time Mayor Juan Garza*

At the City Council Meeting on December 9, 2019, City Council reorganized and appointed Juan Garza to serve as the new Mayor and Dan Koops as the Mayor Pro Tem. This is the first term for Mayor Juan Garza. Congratulations. For more info, visit [www.bellflower.org](http://www.bellflower.org).

# Gifts Galore at *Christmas With a Cop* Event



The City of Bellflower's Public Safety Department teamed up with Caring Connections to host the third annual *Christmas with a Cop* event on Friday, December 20, 2019 at Thompson Park. Caring Con-

nections, an organization committed to the well-being and success of students at Bellflower Unified School District, identified 15 students as our key participants. Students and their families enjoyed a catered taco lunch. This

event helps to strengthen relationships with law enforcement and public safety personnel. Gifts were purchased, wrapped and presented by the LA County Sheriff's Department personnel.

## *It's Easy to Recycle Your Christmas Tree*

CR&R Waste Management will begin their annual Christmas tree collection recycling service on Thursday, December 26th and continue curbside pickups through Saturday, January 11th.

If your tree is over 10' tall, CR&R asks each resident to cut it in half and place at the curb on your regular collection day. Small trees may be placed inside your green waste cart [if you have one].



Tree collectors will come by on your scheduled collection day.

Christmas trees are composted, mulched or even converted into fuel. Trees must not contain ornaments or decorations, stands, tinsel, nails, plastic containers, or lights. Flocked trees, (spray painted white) will be collected but not recycled due to chemical content. For more information call (562) 944-4716 or visit [www.crrwasteservices.com](http://www.crrwasteservices.com)

## Grand Openings



Trill Nail Parlor is set to host a Grand Opening on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The owner, Lana Chung, will provide a live dee-jay and door prizes. Trill is located at 17012 Bellflower Blvd.

## *Bellflower is Seeking Survey Participation*

The City is preparing the 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants. Residents and stakeholders are invited to complete a brief survey to provide their opinion about current housing, community, and economic development needs in Bellflower. The information gathered from the surveys will help the City decide how federal Community Development Block Grant



(CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program funds should be spent in the community. **The deadline to complete the survey is January 31, 2020.** The survey can be found at the following link: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/cityofbellflower](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cityofbellflower), or by scanning the QR code, or a paper copy can be picked up at the Economic Development Dept. (2nd Floor, Bellflower City Hall).



Bellflower Chamber of Commerce will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Tacos Y Mariscos El Tio #2 on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. Food and raffle prizes! Located at 10450 Artesia Blvd.

# Small Business Video Spotlight

Every month, the City of Bellflower will highlight a local business in the E-Citizen Newsletter and feature a short video on Bellflower's YouTube Channel to showcase local businesses. Small business owners can participate at no-cost and will be interviewed by city staff. To nominate your business, call the Economic Development at (562) 804-1424 ext 2010 or email Annika Miyashiro-Ruiz at [amiyashiro@bellflower.org](mailto:amiyashiro@bellflower.org)



## Bellflower Welcomes Blink Fitness & Aldi

Blink Fitness is value-based fitness club that features cardio and strength equipment, personal training programs, locker rooms with showers and memberships at a low cost (starting at just \$15 per month + annual fee) Blink Fitness opens in late December 2019 at 16121 Bellflower Blvd.

ALDI, located next door to Blink Fitness, is a popular affordable grocery chain that offers a wide selection of everyday items. ALDI offers low prices due to their stripped-down approach in its stores i.e. products are shelved in the shipping boxes they arrived in. The store's grand opening is set for early February 2020.



## Ung Family Welcomes You to Cassidy's Corner at SteelCraft



Looking for a quick breakfast bite or a made-to-order bagel sandwich? Stop by Cassidy's Corner Cafe and choose from over 20 varieties of bagels. Owner Joe Ung has been serving up bagels for 15 years and has created many speciality items including cream cheese filled bagel bites (Bagel Bombs), the fan favorite red velvet bagel and has perfected the popular "everything" bagel. Cassidy's Corner Cafe, named after his oldest daughter, offers several healthy options for breakfast and lunch,

including açai bowls and the Desi breakfast sandwich, a lighter alternative to the Joe's Special.

In addition to bagel making, the Ung family enjoys being a part of the community. Joe often supports school scholarships and readily participates with local fundraisers. Make SteelCraft Bellflower a breakfast stop in the new year! Cassidy's Corner Cafe opens early at 6:00 a.m. To learn more visit [www.steelcraftlb.com](http://www.steelcraftlb.com) or follow Cassidy's Corner Cafe on Instagram @cassidyscornercafe.



ABOVE: The new Downtown Bellflower logo is now complete at the SR-91 FWY underpass at Bellflower Blvd. Congratulations Mikala Taylor on a great job!

# What to Expect: 2020 Census Questions

As required by the Census Act, the U.S. Census Bureau submitted a list of questions to Congress on March 29, 2018. Based on those questions, the 2020 Census will ask:

How many people are living or staying at your home on April 1, 2020. This will help us count the entire U.S. population and ensure that we count people according to where they live on Census Day.

Whether the home is owned or rented. This will help us produce statistics about homeownership and renting. The rates of homeownership serve as one indicator of the nation's economy. They also help in administering housing programs and informing planning decisions.

About the sex of each person in your home. This allows us to create statistics about males and females, which can be used in planning and funding government programs. This data can also be used to enforce laws, regulations, and policies against discrimination.

About the age of each person in your home. The U.S. Census Bureau creates statistics to better understand the size and characteristics of different age groups. Agencies use this data to plan and fund government programs that support specific age groups, including children and older adults.

About the race of each person in your home. This allows us to create statistics about race and to provide other statistics by racial groups. This data helps federal agencies monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

About whether a person in your home is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin. These responses help create statistics about this ethnic group. This is needed by federal agencies to monitor compliance with anti-discrimination provisions, such as those in the Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Act.

About the relationship of each person in your home. This allows the Census Bureau to create estimates

about families, households, and other groups. Relationship data is used in planning and funding government programs that support families, including people raising children alone.

Governments, businesses, communities, and nonprofits all rely on the data that these questions produce to make critical decisions.

## The Census Will Never Ask Certain Questions

- Your Social Security number.
  - Money or donations.
  - Anything on behalf of a political party.
  - Your bank or credit card account numbers.

If someone claiming to be from the Census Bureau contacts you via email or phone and asks you for one of these things, it's a scam, and you should not cooperate. For more info visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

For more information, visit:  
**2020CENSUS.GOV**

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## City Hall Closed

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**  
December 24th-27th

**NEW YEAR'S EVE & DAY**  
Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st

## Trash Collection & Street Sweeping Holiday Schedule

Trash: There will be no trash collection on Wednesday, Dec 25, 2019 and Wednesday, Jan 1, 2020 (as normally scheduled). Pickup will be delayed one day for the rest of the week.

Street Sweeping: There will be no street sweeping on Wednesday, Dec 25, 2019 and Wednesday, Jan 1, 2020 (as normally scheduled)

## How is Voting Changing in 2020?

Approved by California lawmakers in 2016, and established by SB 450, the Voter's Choice Act (VCA) expands voters' options for how, when and where they cast their ballots. The VCA is an optional law which allows counties to decide if they will transition into the new voting model.

State policymakers and election officials hope to increase voter participation by providing voters with increased flexibility to vote when and where is most convenient for them. For example, voters in participating counties will be able to vote on weekends, at any vote center in their county, and by mail (if requested in advance).

To encourage even more participation, the new voting devices allow for

customization of visual and audio preferences to ballots in more than thirteen languages and accessibility features that provide equality and independence to voters with disabilities. Similar to the current model, each machine produces paper ballots and exceeds the national voting system security standards.

The improved voting system debuts in 2020 with vote centers throughout the county where voters can go to the location of their choice over an extended 11-day period. The full-service vote centers will offer services including conditional (or same day) voter registration and modernized equipment that provides language and disability access. For more info visit [www.vsap.lavote.net](http://www.vsap.lavote.net).

# FREE SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP

## Raising Capital For Your Business

**TUESDAY**

**January 14, 2020**

**6:00 PM to 8:45 PM**

Bellflower City Hall, 2nd Floor  
16600 Civic Center Drive  
Bellflower, CA 90706



**Register at [www.orangecounty.score.org](http://www.orangecounty.score.org)**

Are you a seasoned business owner or manager, familiar with the business cycles and trends, but you need more money to expand your operation or grow into another segment? Or are you buying another business whether you have one or not? Or have you finally decided to pursue your dream of starting your own business but need capital to develop your start-up?

Raising Capital for Your Business is a workshop that offers advice geared to all types of entrepreneur that are looking for capital.

### What you will learn:

- The types of money available and types of suppliers of money and how they differ.
- The different effects of taking each type of capital long term for your business.
- How to measure and use financials tools to evaluate your business & cost of your capital.
- How to begin to develop your current business plans now to raise capital for the future.
- Valuable resources and tools to use for more information.

Presented by Irving Kau, Head of KW Capital Partners and PANGAEA UNITED FUND.



INFO: Call Bellflower Economic Development at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2010

# 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 Winter/Spring Hours of Operation

**January (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.

**February (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. - 5:00 p.m.

**March (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. - 5:00 p.m.

**Special/Holiday Hours (ALL PARKS)**

January 1 • Unsupervised  
 January 2 & 3 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 January 6 • 10:00 am - 8:00 pm  
 January 20 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 February 14 • 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 February 17 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Pirate Park**

**January**

Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Sun. • 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**February**

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

**March**

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

**Special/Holiday Hours**

January 1 • Closed  
 January 20 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 February 17 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday  | Saturday |
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**Key for calendar**

**C** City Hall closed    **H** City Hall closed for holiday

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