



E-the BELLFLOWER CITIZEN

Volume 20 Issue 3

ONLINE EDITION

March 2020

Don't Wait, Cast Your Vote Today

Recently L.A. County has upgraded from polling places to Vote Centers. Voters now have the option to cast a ballot in-person at any Vote Center in the County. **Vote Centers for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election are open now until Tuesday, March 3.**

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.

Voters will now have 11 consecutive days to vote in-person at any Vote Center Countywide. For Vote Center locations visit www.locator.lavote.net/locations/vc. For election information and results / resources visit www.lavote.net.

The Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office designated five Vote Centers in the City of Bellflower. Public Access to the Vote Centers from February 22, 2020, to Monday, March 2, 2020, will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Election Day (Tuesday, March 3, 2020), Vote Centers will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

11-Day Vote Centers Saturday, February 22 – Tuesday, March 3

Location	Address
Simms Park	16614 Clark Avenue
Affinity Real Estate & Mortgage Services	10070 Rosecrans Avenue

4-Day Vote Centers Saturday, February 29 – Tuesday, March 3

Location	Address
Bellflower City Hall, Green Room, 2 nd Floor	16600 Civic Center Drive
Living Way A Foursquare Church	9336 Rose Street
The Salvation Army	9644 Cedar Street

Old Fountain Transformation

Last Fall, the water fountain feature at the Bike Trail Plaza (Woodruff & Flower) sustained severe damage as a result of overnight vandalism. The Public Works Department made several attempts to repair or modify the fountain, but the damage proved irreparable. In addition, staff contacted the original contractor that built the fountain, only to learn that it could not be repaired and would need to be replaced. As a result, the contractor provided an estimate in excess of \$90,000 to build a new fountain. This option was presented to the City Council at the February 24, 2020 City Council meeting. After some discussion, which included the future removal of the Bike Trail Plaza by

Metro to make way for the Eco-Rapid Line (the current Bike Trail Plaza is built on Metro's railway property), the City Council directed staff to remove the water fountain feature and utilize the area within the perimeter wall to create a decorative garden. Public Works staff is set to begin this work in the near future. See progress on the Bellflower City Hall Facebook Page, City of Bellflower Twitter, or in future issues of the Bellflower E-Citizen Newsletter.



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 8, 2020
at 2:00 a.m. clocks are turned forward 1 hour



**Thank you to all of the
2020 BRAVO Sponsors**

Platinum \$3000



17406 Woodruff Ave,
Bellflower, CA 90706
(562) 925-9531

GOLD \$2000

City Ventures
Empire Transportation &
Pronto Fleet Maintenance
George Chevrolet
Kaiser Permanente

SILVER \$1000

Azure Development
CR&R
Hensley Law Group
Student Scholarship Funding
Supervisor Janice Hahn

BRONZE \$500

ACP Management
Admiral Pest Control
Beaver, Menkes & Hass
Hartzog & Crabill
Hunt Industrial Properties
Intergraphics Printing Co.
Rotary Club of Bellflower

HONORABLE \$250

Bellflower Noon Lions
Encounter Christian Church
Kiwanis Club of Bellflower
Soroptimist Club of Bellflower

FRIEND \$100

Randy Bomgaars
Hails Family Furniture
Holland International Market, Inc.
Larsen, Gangloff & Larsen, CPA's
TNT Fireworks

Welcome to a World of Fantasy at the Guild House Game Shop

The Guild House is a local game shop offering tabletop board games to miniature war games, a unique gaming atmosphere found in the heart of Downtown Bellflower.

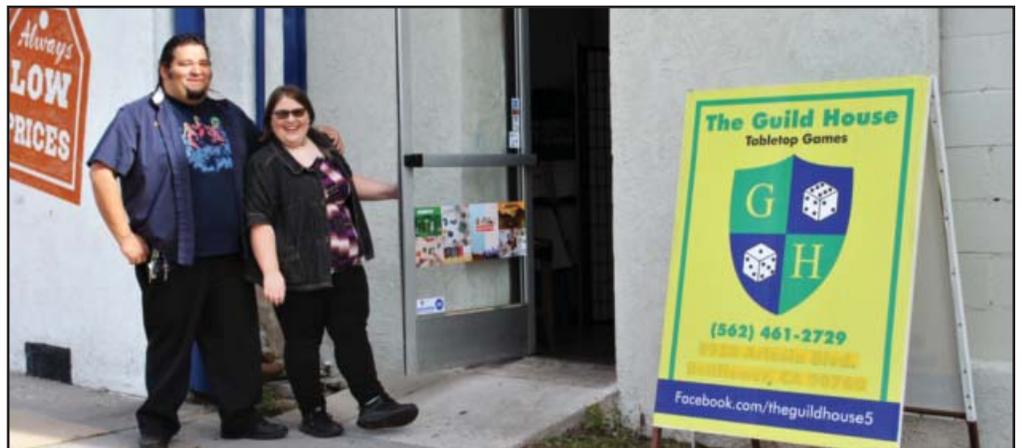
Are you looking for your favorite game but haven't had any luck finding it? Chances are, owners Charles and Monica Mendez, sell it or have played it. Their vast knowledge about games old and new, and painting techniques to create outstanding miniature game-board figurines is top-notch! In addition to board games, The Guild House sells collectible card games, custom dice and role playing games.

Charles originally opened The Guild House in 2014 in a retail center off Artesia Blvd. and soon discovered

a community passionate about gaming. The City of Bellflower's location provided easy freeway access which allowed their shop to become a regional draw with gamers visting from Pasadena and West Covina. Due to their early success, The Guild House opened larger storefront in Downtown Bellflower and now offer more gaming events and merchandise.

The Guild House is looking to expand their services in 2020 and will soon offer birthday party packages. Celebrate your special day at The Guild House.

For gaming events and info visit www.theguildhousegames.com or stop by the retail shop at 16631 Bellflower Blvd, Bellflower, CA 90706.



Small Business Video Spotlight

Every month during the 2020 calendar year, the City of Bellflower will highlight a local business in the E-Citizen Newsletter and edit a short video for Bellflower's YouTube Channel to showcase our City's business

community. Small business owners and operators can participate at no-cost and will be interviewed by city staff. To nominate your business call (562) 804-1424 ext 2010 or email amiyashiro@bellflower.org.

Representative Roybal-Allard Meets in Bellflower with Caring Connections

On February 18, Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40) met with members of Caring Connections, who help promote healthy and successful futures for children and families in the Bellflower Unified School District. The congresswoman spoke

with members on a variety of issues of mutual interest, and she reminded them about the upcoming 2020 Census, including the importance of ensuring the Census counts every person who lives in their home.

Caring Connections is a non-profit organization created in 1992 to help promote healthy and successful futures for the children and families in the Bellflower Unified School District. The organization includes more than 50 local agencies working together to improve student achievement and attendance in school, and connect families to community resources.



Since there is a case of coronavirus in LA County, what can I do to protect myself?

The risk of transmission of coronavirus within LA County remains low. Remain at home when ill, wash your hands with soap and water frequently and cover coughs and sneezes to prevent influenza.



www.publichealth.lacounty.gov

CENSUS 101

Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is required: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

United States Census Bureau

Census Day 2020

April 1 is Census Day, a key reference date for the 2020 Census.

When completing the census, you will include everyone living in your home on April 1, 2020. Census Day will be celebrated with events across the country.



ABOVE: On February 8th, Assemblymember Garcia held a #Pride58 Gala event at Bicycle Casino in Bell Gardens to recognize the community efforts of constituents in District 58. Bellflower Chamber of Commerce Director, Monica Riche Mendez was honored. The #Pride58 is a campaign made to highlight the an individual or business for their positive contributions each Sunday throughout the year. For more info www.a58.asmdc.org.

WORK AROUND TOWN

City of Bellflower

16614 S. Clark Ave, Bellflower
(562) 804-1424 ext. 2258
www.bellflower.org

LEAD Program Volunteer Parks & Recreation Department Applications due: 05/01/2020

The Lead Program provides teens with invaluable leadership and volunteer work experience through hands on recreation training and mentoring. To provide a leadership development, mentor training, and work experience in recreation services. Teen Leaders must fill out the Teen Leader application and return the application to Simms Park by Friday, May 1, 2020. Applicants must be available to volunteer all their assigned program hours with the exception of approved time-off requests and must be graduating class of 2020-2023 to apply. All qualified applicants will be invited to a group interview starting the week of May 18, 2020 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. For a full volunteer description visit the City's website under Parks & recreation.

Greater L.A. County Vector Control District

12545 Florence Ave.
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
(562) 944-9656 www.glacvcd.org

Director of Human Resources Human Resources Dept.

Full-Time: \$7,529 - \$9,351/monthly

The Director of Human Resources leads a full-service human resources operation. This includes planning, coordinating and directing the activities of the HR Dept and the overall administration, coordination, and evaluation of the Human Resources programs and services. Such programs and services include employee health benefit admin, classification and compensation, recruitment and selection, employee relations, risk management, workers' compensation, and safety training. Visit GLACVCD website for full job description.

Event Calendar

Celtic Harp Solo Concert

Saturday March 7, 2020

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Brakensiek Library

9945 Flower St. Bellflower

In celebration of National Irish-American heritage month, join us for an afternoon of music with Peggy Skomal, as she introduces us to the uniqueness and history of the Celtic Harp.

For ages 6 and up.

Arc Walk for Independence

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Walk begins - 8:00 a.m.

Stonewood Center, Downey

Registration: \$30 (at event: \$35)

More info: www.thearcaoc.org

Sewing Classes

Kids & Adults

Weekly 2hr Classes

Tuesday & Wednesday

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Saturday

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Monthly Fee: \$90 - \$120

Schedule your class today!!



Stormy Weather Banks, owner of Stormyweather Designs Boutique, has over 30 years experience and is passionate about teaching life skills. For more info call (562) 461-8555.

Educational FUN for all ages!

SATURDAY
APRIL 18, 2020
10 AM - 2 PM

Earth Day
2020

IT'S FREE!

- OVER 50 GREEN EXHIBITORS
- EARTH-FRIENDLY ARTS AND CRAFTS
- WATER RECLAMATION PLANT AND MATERIALS RECOVERY FACILITY TOURS
- MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES
- FACE PAINTING AND MUCH MORE!

SANITATION DISTRICTS' PARKING LOT
1955 WORKMAN MILL ROAD
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA 90601
(562) 908-4288, EXT. 2311 · WWW.LACSD.ORG

SPONSORS
Bye Bye Mattress, Golden State Water Company, San Gabriel Valley Water Company, Vacco Industries

CONVERTING WASTE INTO RESOURCES

BEING YOUR OLD SHOES TO DONATE TO SOLES 4 SOULS

SORRY, BUT NO PETS ARE ALLOWED

Spring Basket Donations Due March 19

Celebrate springtime by helping a child in need! If you would like to provide a donation or help assemble baskets, contact the Volunteer Center at 16610 S. Clark Ave. (562) 804-1424 ext. 2331.

There are several ways to get involved. Volunteer opportunities include:

1) "Adopt" a child – We provide you with the details of the child you "adopt" (name, age, etc.). You create a basket based on the information we provide, and arrange to drop off the basket at

the Volunteer Center.

2) Donate items for a basket. - Suggested items to include: books, coloring books, toys, balls, puzzles, games, wrapped candy, socks, school supplies, gift cards, toiletries (brush, lotion, comb, toothbrush, etc.)

*Please include new items only. **NOTE: All donations must**

be received by March 19, 2020.

Sponsored by HUD - CDBG, Community Development Block Grant

