Serrano Breaks Ground on *Edgeway* Mixed-Use Project

Downtown Bellflower has ceremoniously welcomed a new luxury apartment building and premium commercial space with the highly anticipated Edgeway Downtown Bellflower. The new mixed-use project by Serrano Development Group (Serrano) will bring new housing and an exciting new retail and nightlife venue to Downtown Bellflower. Construction of the dynamic, mixed-use development is underway and is scheduled to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2023.

The Edgeway is located between 16411 Bellflower Blvd. and 9735 Oak Street and will replace an existing parking lot and demolished retail building located along Bellflower Boulevard in the heart of the historic Downtown Bellflower district.

“The landscape of Downtown is expanding and will now provide sought-after housing, a much needed component to help support our Downtown business community. We are looking forward to seeing more pedestrians and activity in the heart of our vibrant community,” said Bellflower Council Member Dan Koops.

The new residential building will include 91 generously sized one- and two-bedroom units that are equipped with in-unit tech and work areas, private balconies overlooking the downtown area, as well as quartz countertops, wood-style flooring, tile backsplashes, and stainless-steel appliances. Residents will enjoy a lavish amenity package including a resort style pool and spa, numerous outdoor living and game areas, a fitness center, business center, DIY room, and a clubroom. On-site parking for all residents will be provided through a ground-level, secured garage.

“We are thrilled to develop this project in the City of Bellflower,” said Serrano Principal Jason Tolleson. “The Edgeway is a transformative development that will bring housing and entertainment to a walkable downtown.

City Hall Holiday Closure

December 22, 2021 thru January 2, 2022

City Hall will reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022

Holiday Trash Schedule

Trash: There will be no trash collection on Saturday, December 25, 2021 and Saturday, January 1, 2022. Trash collection for these days will be delayed until the following Monday.

Dunton Named Mayor, Santa Ines Pro Tem

Bellflower City Council recently re-organized on December 13, 2021. Ray Dunton was selected to serve as Mayor and Sonny R. Santa Ines as Mayor Pro Tem. Former Mayor Dan Koops will be recognized at the annual Outgoing Mayor’s Ceremony in 2022.
Shop Safely This Holiday Season

LASD provides tips for in-person & online shopping

The start of the holiday shopping season has been in full swing since Black Friday and Cyber Monday and has provided many opportunities for consumers to find a great deal. In order to help the public have a crime-free shopping season, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) periodically informs and continues to warn the public through social media about holiday safety.

Listed below are a few simple tips to help make this holiday crime-free:

• Neighbors watch out for neighbors! If you will be staying home or traveling, help keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report it to your local law enforcement. This makes communities safer.

• When out shopping, stay vigilant! Park in a well-lit area and avoid shopping alone.

• If you place packages in your vehicle and plan to go back inside for more shopping, please consider driving away from your current parking spot and park somewhere new, so no one knows what valuable items you just left unattended.

• Keep a secure hold on your purse. When approaching or leaving your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings.

• Be suspicious of people claiming to be from your credit card company asking you to verify Personally Identifiable, Information be careful.

• Monitor bank statements for suspicious activity. With increased activity during the shopping season, it is easy for a bad guy to slip in a few unauthorized transactions without you knowing it. Monitor bank and credit cards regularly for suspicious transactions and question anything that does not look legitimate regardless of the amount.

• Be wary of online deals that are too good to be true. Do your research on whoever you are buying from. If an online seller asks you to wire payment, be suspicious. Many times fraudsters will advertise a great deal on a high dollar item, but will only accept a money wire transfer. Once the money is wired to an account, it is very difficult to recover it.

Modified from: lasd.org/holiday-shopping-safety-tips/

Businesses can use strategies such as increased lighting and expanding security cameras to help prevent theft. Retail and business owners should work closely with law enforcement by providing updates via in-person or virtual meetings.

If you see something, say something. Report crime by calling 911 if it is an emergency, or remain anonymous by calling Los Angeles-Crime Stoppers at 800-222-TIPS.

Edgeway
Downtown Bellflower

MONTHLY MORNING MINGLE
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Coffee & Goodies
16730 Bellflower Blvd.
(Corner of Bellflower Blvd. and Flower St.)

HAPPY NEW YEAR
Exchange Business Cards
Get to know Bellflower businesses and neighbors!
**Work Around Town**

**City of Bellflower**
16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
www.bellflower.org

**Management Intern**
Temporary position (1 year)
$19.61 - $23.84 Hourly
Deadline: open until filled

Provides a variety of routine and responsible administrative, operational, technical, and financial duties in support of a City department; and to research, write, and present reports and recommendations. This is a temporary, entry-level classification. The City's Intern program is designed to enhance currently enrolled graduate students by providing on-the-job training.

**Habitat for Humanity**
8739 Artesia Blvd. Bellflower
www.habitatla.org

**Construction Site Supervisor**
F/T with full benefits package
Compensation: DOE

Seeking a qualified candidate to manage all aspects of a project site. Work with Superintendent to plan and schedule work in keeping with the project schedule. Complete accurate take offs of materials. Ability to provide construction labor and leadership, including proficiency in all aspects of building a residential house from start to finish.

**Job Qualifications:**
- 8 years+ experience, HS diploma, valid CA Driver’s Lic and insurance

For a full job description visit website

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**Nominations Now Open for 2022 BRAVO Awards**

The BRAVO Awards (Bellflower Recognizes Acts of Valor & Outstanding Service) honor individuals and employees who have demonstrated outstanding public service or acts of heroism related to public safety in Bellflower during the past year. Citizens, residents, Sheriff and Fire Department personnel, medical and security professionals are all eligible to be nominated. Visit the City's website at www.bellflower.org to access the nomination form and nominate someone you feel has done something above and beyond.

Nominations are accepted December 21, 2021 through January 29, 2022. Recipients of the 2022 BRAVO Awards will be honored at a special ceremony on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

**Bringing Community Together**

**Special Comedy Shows Dec 18th & 31st**

Stand Up Comedy Club • 9831 Belmont St., Bellflower

Wear an ugly sweater to the Christmas show and you may be the winner of a 4-pack of tickets for FREE! Each comedian will pick the ugliest sweater in our audience and award the prize. (4 prizes)

Special lineup of comedians + Christmas Carolers!

Welcome 2022 in a great way with laughter, music and raffle prizes!
You may win a 4-pack of tickets for FREE! (4 prizes total)
TICKETS: www.thestandupclub.com

**Pints for PanCAN Fundraiser Jan 15th, 2022**

Ten Mile Brewing at SteelCraft 16500 Bellflower Blvd.

Sip some craft beer beginning at 4:00 p.m. to raise money for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN). This organization raises awareness and research of the 3rd deadliest disease in the U.S.

A portion of beer proceeds will go toward fundraising.

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**No More Clogs, Trap the Grease**

Help fight against sanitary sewer overflows (SSO’s) by properly disposing of food scrap this holiday.

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, and grease (FOG) or to report illegal dumping, visit www.lacounty.gov or call L.A. County Public Works at (626) 458-5100.
Welcoming California’s New Organics Recycling Program

On January 1, 2022, CR&R Environmental Services together with the City of Bellflower launched a new Organics Recycling Program. Your green waste container now accepts food scraps in addition to yard waste. A new organics decal will be placed on the lid of your green waste container outlining acceptable materials. The collected organic material will be delivered to one of CR&R’s compost facilities where it will be converted to compost. This new expanded collection program will divert your organic material away from the landfill.

Senate Bill 1383

In September 2016, Governor Brown signed SB 1383 establishing methane emissions reduction targets in a statewide effort to reduce emissions. In accordance with this law, all jurisdictions must provide organic waste collection services to all residential and commercial customers by January 1, 2022, to ensure organic material is diverted from the landfills. Organic waste includes food scraps and green waste, such as landscaping and pruning waste. For more info visit https://crrwasteservices.com.

Safe Travels This Holiday Season

Residents who have traveled for the holidays should also get tested for COVID-19 if they traveled internationally or to locations in this country with high transmission rates, or if they participated at gatherings and events with large numbers of people. There are free testing sites throughout the county and individuals can go to https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/ to find out information about where to get tested. Residents must also isolate if they have a positive COVID test result and quarantine if they are vaccinated with symptoms or in close contact with symptoms or if they are an unvaccinated close contact.

All residents across LA County should continue following masking protocols, which require residents to wear a mask when indoors or at large outdoor mega events - regardless of vaccination status. Individuals should also wear a mask when at any crowded indoor or outdoor events.

For more information about vaccines or holiday travel visit www.publichealth.lacounty.gov.

Be Free to Be Green, Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Do a good deed at the end of this holiday season by making sure those greenhouse gases stay where they belong. Christmas tree recycling is an easy way to give back to the environment and keep seasonal trees out of the local landfills. CR&R Environmental will begin their annual Christmas tree collection recycling service on December 26, 2021 and continue curbside pickups through January 8, 2022.

If your tree is over 6’ 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 regular scheduled collection day.

Christmas trees are composted, mulched or even converted into fuel. Trees must not contain ornaments/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 info call (562) 944-4716.
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 3 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
  January 14 • 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
  January 17 • 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
  February 18 • 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
  February 21 • 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.

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