Friday Night Flicks & Summer Streetfest Draws Moviegoers and Music Fans

Friday Night Flicks has taken over Town Center Plaza (located at 16521 Adenmoor Ave.) with the premiere of the Disney hit Encanto in mid-June. Be sure not to miss out on the great movie lineup of family-friendly movies throughout the rest of the summer. All movies are projected onto a large outdoor screen, and are all preceded by free youth activities provided by Bellflower Recreation in Motion (B.R.I.M.). The fun continues with Sing 2 on Friday, July 1st, followed by Grease on Friday, July 15th, and Spider-Man: No Way Home on Friday, July 29th. Bring your own picnic or enjoy dinner at a nearby restaurant.

On Thursday, June 23rd, Mariachi Divas rocked the stage at the first Summer Streetfest concert series in Downtown Bellflower. The upcoming concert on Thursday, July 7th will feature Top 40/Pop/Rock hits from Pop Vinyl, followed by line dancing to country rock band Kelly Boyz on July 21st. Closing out the series with totally awesome 80’s hits is the 80’z All Stars on Thursday, August 4th. Streetfest will also host food vendors, craft/business vendors, inflatable slides and obstacle courses. B.R.I.M. will also provide games for everyone to enjoy.

All summer events and parking are free to the public. There is plenty available parking in the new parking structure at Bellflower Blvd. and Mayne St. Both summer events start at 6:30 p.m. Charges for food and vendor pricing will vary. Movie and concert attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, but no alcohol will be allowed. For more info call (562) 804-1424, ext. 2261 or visit www.bellflower.org.

“Safe and Sane” fireworks may be discharged between July 1st - July 5th.

If you suspect or observe someone storing illegal fireworks, contact (562) 925-0124. If you observe someone discharging illegal fireworks, call (562) 623-3500, and a patrol unit will respond to your area.

City Hall Closed
Monday, July 4th
In observance of Independence Day

There will be no trash pickup on Monday, July 4. Pickup will be delayed one day for the rest of the week.

There will be no street sweeping on Monday, July 4.
Alcohol Servers Must Complete Mandatory Training and Possess RBS Certification by August 31, 2022

The deadline for alcohol servers and their managers at over 56,000 businesses to meet mandatory training under a new law is rapidly approaching. The new law goes into effect on July 1, 2022, and by August 31, 2022, every alcohol server and their managers must be trained under Assembly Bill 1221 and Assembly Bill 82.

AB 1221 defines an alcohol server as anyone that is employed at an ABC on-premises licensed establishment who is responsible for checking identifications, taking customer orders, and pouring or delivering alcoholic beverages.

Alcohol servers and their managers must have a valid Responsible Beverage Service (RBS) certification from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Servers and their managers must pass an online ABC administered RBS exam by August 31 to be certified. If they are newly hired, they must pass the exam and be certified 60 days from the first date of employment.

For info visit www.abc.ca.gov/californias-mandatory-alcohol-server-training-deadline-draws-near/.

City Offers Free Classes For Bellflower Businesses

Bellflower business owners and operators have a special opportunity to participate with 37Oaks, a commerce development company that helps product entrepreneurs scale and diversify through e-commerce, wholesale, storefronts and pop ups. The City has partnered with 37Oaks to offer a 10-course certified program that is designed to help support our local product-based merchants.

To qualify for this course, your business must be product-based (i.e. food, beverages, clothing, beauty, books, art, etc.) located in Bellflower. You must have a desire to grow into a brick-and-mortar store in the city and must have a minimum of 6 months of business operations. Current course is now filled, but you can still apply to be added to the waitlist for the next session www.37oaks.com/bellflower.

For Spanish speaking Bellflower business owners and residents, the City is working with Asociación Emprendedor@s to host a free 8-week program that will cover how to start, grow and operate a business.

This course will be held in-person with sessions every Thursday from June 30th - August 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. To register for this session (if there’s available seats, or for future sessions) please visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/programa-emprendedores-ciudad-de-bellflower-ca-registration-317725123397 or call (714) 627-2671.

LA County Library’s annual Lunch at the Library program returns this summer, providing free meals to kids and teens 18 and under. Meals are available for pick-up on a first come, first served basis at select libraries. Brakensiek Library’s schedule: Tuesday – Friday from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., now through August 5th, with the exception of July 4th. More info is available at LACountyLibrary.org/SummerLunch.
Organics Recycling Program in Bellflower

As of January 1st, all businesses and multi-family dwellings are also required by State regulations to arrange for ongoing recycling and organic waste recycling services. This applies to all commercial businesses regardless of service levels and applies to all multi-family dwellings. To establish these required recycling services now, contact CR&R Environmental Services at (562) 944-4716 or email bellflower_recycles@crmail.com.

By participating in the program, you are helping California reach targeted goals to reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions.

For more information on SB 1383 and other State requirements, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/sb1383.

Tips For Using Your Organics Cart:

- Start with yard trimmings such as leaves, grass clippings, and/or newspaper at the bottom of your organics cart to prevent food scraps from being trapped
- Alternate layering of food scraps and yard trimmings will help keep your cart cleaner
- Compostable bags are optional and available at local retailers. Other types of plastic bags are not accepted. You may also line your cart with newspaper or paper bags.

Items NOT Accepted in Organics Carts: Recyclables (plastic, glass, metal), Styrofoam, bones, waxed / coated paper, pet waste, palm fronds, and trash.

City of Bellflower Blood Drive

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Location: Green Room, 2nd Floor

To make your life-saving appointment, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code COB, or contact Wendy Thomas, WJBCA Manager at (562) 804-1424 x2266.
Zero Tolerance for Illegal Fireworks

The 4th of July is right around the corner and enforcement teams will be out in full force once again this year. Individuals caught possessing or discharging illegal fireworks will receive a $2,000 citation. Additionally, enforcement teams can also hold property owners equally responsible for allowing or not stopping their tenants and guests from discharging illegal fireworks, with a citation subsequently sent in the mail.

These enforcement efforts resulted in 111 citations last year and Bellflower is again planning a zero-tolerance approach. The City of Bellflower is starting early to encourage all property owners to take a more active role in ensuring that family members and guests on their property refrain from using illegal fireworks this Fourth of July season. The City discourages illegal purchases - just don't do it.

The Bellflower Municipal Code Section 8.16.010 states in part: “It is unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, have in his/her possession, fire, set off, discharge or use, or cause or permit to be sold, offered for sale, possessed by such person, fired, set off, discharged or used, any fireworks unless such fireworks are classified as “safe and sane” by the State Fire Marshal…”

To report illegal fireworks periodically occurring from a property in the days leading up to the 4th of July, contact the Bellflower Sheriff Substation to add that location to an enforcement list (562-925-0124). On the 4th of July, contact the Lakewood Sheriff Station so that location can be dispatched to the undercover enforcement team (562-623-3500).

Monthly Morning Mingle Continues

Stop by the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce’s Office located at 16730 Bellflower Blvd. for easy conversation and some breakfast goodies. This event serves as a great platform to learn about businesses in town and community projects.

Get to know Chamber President, Larry Wehage, and be sure to bring your business card to enter the raffle.

The next mingle is Tuesday, July 26th from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
On June 21st, TGC Group celebrated the official start of construction of its 18th hotel in its portfolio, the WoodSpring Suites Bellflower in Bellflower, CA. As of today, TGC Group has developed, owned, and operated 20 hotels, has currently four (4) under construction and four (4) more to start before summer is over bringing it to 29 hotels. The general contractor for the project is Buffalo Construction of Louisville, KY and the hotel will be managed by Wichita, Kansas based TGC Hospitality Management. The hotel is located at 8827 Artesia Boulevard, Bellflower, CA 90706 and expected to open early summer 2023.

“This is our thirteenth WoodSpring Suites Hotel and our first in California. We are excited about being a part of the Bellflower community,” said Nick Esterline, President and Founder of TGC Group. The WoodSpring Suites Bellflower is located off the Artesia SR-91 FWY and Lakewood Blvd. The four story, 122-room non-smoking and pet friendly hotel offers single and double queen suite accommodations with an exciting amenity package including free wi-fi, a workout facility, fully equipped kitchens in every room, 24/7 laundry facilities, flat panel TVs and a clean, comfortable, practical place to get work done and relax.

“It’s great to see continued investment in our City and we are excited to welcome the WoodSpring Suites brand to our community,” stated Mayor Ray Dunton. “The hotel will be visible to many commuters along the 91-Fwy and will definitely be a welcomed landmark helping to put Bellflower on the map. We envision future development in the west Artesia corridor and much more commercial activity as the hotel begins operations.”

To learn more about WoodSpring Suites visit www.woodspring.com.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District confirmed in early June a West Nile Virus positive mosquito sample was found in Bellflower. There is no human vaccine for West Nile Virus, so therefore, residents must be proactive against mosquito bites by wearing insect repellent with the active ingredients DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus. For more info on how to protect you and your family, visit www.glamosquito.org.
Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA) receives many calls regarding wildlife sightings and can respond to calls for wildlife that are sick, injured, deceased or when certain wildlife has had physical contact with a human or domestic animal. SEAACA is not authorized to relocate healthy wildlife.

They do not routinely respond to sightings or healthy wildlife in traps. SEAACA asks the public to safely release the wildlife back into the community or call a licensed trapper or pest control service. To help reduce contact with wildlife, remove the three (3) life sustaining elements (food, water and shelter) on the property. For helpful tips to discourage wildlife activity in residential neighborhoods visit www.seaaca.org/wildlife.

If there is an emergency regarding wildlife or injured animals, contact us at (562) 803-3301.
BELLFLOWER SEeks NEW & CREATIVE BUSINESSES FOR KIOSKS

EXPAND YOUR SMALL BUSINESS...OR START YOUR OWN

Be a part of the growing business community in Downtown Bellflower. Belmont Street Kiosk B is available for 2-yr lease.* Enjoy low rent and free adjacent parking.

Kiosk businesses may vary (i.e. car accessories, pet grooming, small tool shop, handyman services, gift shop, hat shop, etc.)

Seeking creative business proposals and open to hearing all concepts!

Business proposals must include the following:
• Completed application - available at www.bellflower.org or City Hall 2nd Floor
• Explain retail sales or services, samples of merchandise/services (photos ok)
• 1-year sales projections
• Proposed business hours
• Marketing plan

All proposals must be submitted in writing no later than
Thursday, July 21st by 5:00 p.m.

For info call the Economic Development Dept. at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249.

* Food prep is not permitted however certain prepackaged food(s) are allowed
Free rent agreement is determined by Bellflower City Council.
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 Summer/Fall Hours of Operation

  July (ALL PARKS)
  Monday - Fri. • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
  Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

  Special/Holiday Hours
  July 4 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

  August (ALL PARKS)
  Monday - Friday • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (through 8/12)
  Monday - Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (beginning 8/15)
  Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

  Sept. (ALL PARKS)
  Monday - Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
  Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

  Special/Holiday Hours
  September 3, 4 & 5 • 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

- Pirate Park

  July
  Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
  Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

  Special/Holiday Hours
  July 4 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 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