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 the City of Bellflower is again planning a zero-tolerance approach.

The Bellflower Municipal Code Section 8.16.010 states in part: “It is unlawful for any person to fire, set off, discharge or use, or cause or permit to be fired, set off, discharged or used any fireworks except that safe and sane fireworks may be fired...”

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).

The City of Bellflower strongly encourages 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.

For any questions or concerns call (562) 925-0124.

We’re in a drought. So, it’s time to go that extra mile, like using a broom instead of a hose to clean hard surfaces like a driveway, which can save 6 gallons of water every minute. An easy way to save water.

For water-saving tips and rebates, visit bewaterwise.com/howwesavewater
Following a gardening boom during the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s important for backyard citrus owners to continue to care for their citrus trees during the summer and beyond, as a lack of maintenance could be an invitation for a deadly plant disease called Huanglongbing (HLB).

The National Gardening Association found that the COVID-19 pandemic sparked 18.3 million new gardeners across the United States. The Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention Program is encouraging backyard citrus growers to recommit themselves to their gardens with tips to protect their citrus trees from pests and diseases. One of the biggest disease threats to California citrus is HLB, which can be spread by a pest called the Asian citrus psyllid (ACP) as it feeds on the leaves of citrus trees. Both the pest and disease have been found in the state of California and citrus tree owners should be on high alert. While not harmful to humans or animals, there is no cure for HLB, and infected trees will die.

To grow healthy California citrus:

- Inspect for the ACP (typically found on new leaf growth) and HLB symptoms monthly, or whenever watering, spraying or pruning your trees. Learn what to look for here: californiacitrusthreat.org/pest-disease/
- Apply proper products to keep pests at bay. Ask your local nursery or garden center about which products are best.
- Keep ants off your citrus tree. Ants protect harmful pests like the ACP. Place antbait around citrus trees and follow the product’s label instructions.
- While harvesting fruit, clip the fruit off at the stem and remove all leaves. If you’re sharing fruit with neighbors, any leaves or stems attached could unknowingly spread pests, including the ACP.
- Be sure to dry out citrus tree clippings or double bag them before removing the plant material from the property.
- Cooperate with state agricultural officials who may be inspecting trees in your area. If you see an agricultural official, it may mean that the ACP or HLB has been found near your home.

HLB affects all citrus plants and some relatives of citrus, like orange jasmine and curry leaves. If you think you’ve found the ACP or HLB, call the statewide hotline at 800-491-1899. For more info on ACP and HLB, visit CaliforniaCitrusThreat.org.
Work Around Town

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

Maintenance Assistant
Temporary - $15.00 Hourly
Deadline: open until filled

Assist a Maintenance Worker I/II in a wide variety of basic maintenance tasks including park, landscape, and facility maintenance; and performs related work as required.

Education & Experience:
Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth (12th) grade. Experience performing basic landscape and facility maintenance tasks is desirable. Note: A copy of your High School Diploma or GED must be attached to your application. Basic principles of tools and materials related to maintenance work.

SELACO WDB
10900 E, 10900 183rd St. #285
Cerritos, CA 90703
www.selacowdb.com

Accounting Assistant
F/T with full benefits package
Salary Range: $36,073 – 43,847

The Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board is hiring for an Accounting Assistant. The selected candidate will support SELACO’s Fiscal Department in the performance of accounts payable, payroll, accounting, and clerical tasks. The ideal candidate must be at least two-years in college, has knowledge of accounts payable, accounting and payroll. The candidate will be self-motivated, has strong attention to detail, skilled with Microsoft Word and Excel, a team player and can work independently. Must possess a valid CA driver’s license, clean driving record and proof of insurance.

(Visit website for full job description)

Cast Your Vote in the June Primary Election

Vote Centers are open daily from 10 AM to 7 PM for safe in-person voting, or to return a completed Vote by Mail ballot. All Vote Centers will follow current public health and safety guidelines. A full list of Vote Center locations are available online at: LOCATOR.LAVOTE.GOV.

The safest way to participate in this election is to return the Vote by Mail ballot by mail with prepaid postage as long as it’s postmarked on or before Election day and received by June 14, 2022, or in-person to a secure ballot drop box, to a voting location or your county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on June 7, 2022.

More info:
www.lavote.gov.
Business Workshops Offered at No-Cost

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. Apply today at www.37oaks.com/bellflower.

For Spanish speaking Bellflower business owners and residents, the City is working with 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. To register visit www.bellflower.org/programs or call (714) 627-2671.

For more small business info visit www.bellflower.org/programs.

Tacos Arandas Opens at SteelCraft

Tacos Arandas is now open at SteelCraft Bellflower. Items on the menu include: tacos, mulitas, quesdillas, burritos, aguas frescas, desserts, and more. Follow: @tacosarandasofficial

Chamber of Commerce Events

Chamber Chat & Cheers Social Hour
Thursday, June 23rd • 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Ironfire Workspace, 17434 Bellflower Blvd. Suite 200
Chamber businesses & community members networking event

Monthly Morning Mingle
Tuesday, June 28th • 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Chamber Office, 16730 Bellflower Blvd.
Monthly mingle with coffee & prizes

Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Booth
July 1st - July 4th
Golden Corral Parking Lot (Bellflower Blvd. & Artesia Blvd.)
Kids will learn to sculpt a favorite character or animal by learning the basics of form and anatomy. This enhances both their creativity and focusing skills! All materials will be provided. For ages 5-12 with a parent or caregiver. Attendance is limited and RSVP required 1 week before the program. To register, visit library staff in person or online at lacountylibrary.org/events.

Clay Sculpture
For Kids
Saturday, June 11th 2 - 3 pm

Lunch at the Library
Promotion Begins
Starting Tuesday, June 14th (Brakensiek Library is closed on Mondays) through August 5th, staff will offer free, nutritious, reheatable meals available for no-contact pickup on a first come, first served basis at select libraries this summer! There are no restrictions on family income.

Parents and caregivers can pick up on behalf of children, kids and teens who do not need to be present, but are welcome to tag along. This program is open to ages 0 - 18 years.

Lunch at the Library is a partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, and is supported by the Institute for Local Government’s California Summer Meal Coalition and California Library Association.

For more information visit: lacountylibrary.org/summerlunch/
School starts earlier this year, and before you know it, students will be back in class! This summer, the Bellflower Volunteer Center is working with community groups, residents, schools, service clubs, churches and organizations to provide backpacks and school supplies to our most needy children in Bellflower. You can help out by providing a backpack, or any of the school supplies that go in it. Donations will be collected at the Bellflower Volunteer Center and backpacks will be distributed to students on Wednesday, July 27 and Thursday, July 28.

NOTE: It would be much appreciated if we could receive your donations by Friday, July 1, 2022. If you would like to be a part of this important program, please contact the Volunteer Center located at Simms Park. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Suggested items to include:

- Backpack (durable)
- Pencil box/bag
- Pens, Pencils, Erasers
- Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers
- Paper, Dividers, Notebooks, Binders
- Glue Sticks, Rulers
- Stapler

(Please include new items only)

Bellflower Volunteer Center • 16610 S. Clark Avenue • (562) 804-1424, ext. 2331

This program is sponsored by HUD – CDBG, Community Development Block Grant
Movies will begin at dusk (after the sun goes down) but the Parks and Recreation Department's fun-filled Bellflower Recreation in Motion (B.R.I.M.) program will be on site at 6:30 p.m. to provide free games and activities for youth. You are welcome to bring your own picnic or visit one of our local restaurants near the plaza for dinner. Entrance is FREE! Parking is available in the nearby parking structures at City Hall or at Bellflower/Mayne Street. No alcohol or dogs, please. Remember to bring your lawn chair!

**Friday Event Dates and Movies:**
- June 17 – Encanto
- July 1 – Sing 2
- July 15 – Grease
- July 29 – Spider-Man: No Way Home

**Located in Town Center Plaza 16521 Adenmoor Avenue**

Come join us for a rockin' good time in Downtown Bellflower for four nights of great music, dancing, and exciting family fun. This event will feature live music, craft and business vendors, inflatable slides and obstacle courses, and games with Bellflower Recreation in Motion (B.R.I.M.). The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude at 9:30 p.m. You are welcome to bring your own picnic or visit one of our local restaurants on the boulevard for dinner. Entrance is FREE and vendor pricing will vary. Parking is available in the nearby parking structures at City Hall or at Bellflower/Mayne Street. No alcohol, please. Remember to bring your lawn chair!

**Thursday Event Dates and Bands:**
- June 23 – Mariachi Divas (Mariachi Music)
- July 7 – Pop Vinyl (Top 40/Pop/Rock Hits)
- July 21 – Kelly Boyz (Country Rock/Line Dancing)
- August 4 – 80s All Stars (80’s Music)

**Located in Downtown Bellflower, on Bellflower Blvd. between Flower & Mayne.**

This summer, enjoy eight weeks of City special events, alternating between Friday Night Flicks and Summer Streetfests! All of these events will begin at 6:30 p.m. For information, please call: (562) 804-1424, ext. 2261, or visit www.bellflower.org.