Small Business Week Kicks Off With Free Virtual Business Classes For Bellflower

You're invited to celebrate National Small Business Week 2022 beginning May 1st with a variety of free business workshops ranging in topics from how to market to your audience, growing your business, what federal resources are available, design and product photography, how to drive traffic to your website, and more.

The National Small Business Week 3-Day Virtual Summit, hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), begins Monday, May 2 – Wednesday, May 4, 2022 – starting each day at 11:00 am ET.

This year's free event will spotlight Building a Better America Through Entrepreneurship.

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.

Meet with an experienced mentor at no-cost through SCORE O.C. Sign up at orangecounty.score.org. For more small business info visit www.bellflower.org/programs.
The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) and the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee (MSRC) has established a residential Electric Vehicle (EV) charging incentive program to offset Level 2 (240v) EV charger hardware costs. This program will be available to residents within the South Coast AQMD’s four-county jurisdiction (incl. Bellflower).

The program will provide an buy-down the cost of residential chargers, which typically range from $400-$800. The program is administered on a first-come, first-served basis and provides up to a $250 rebate or the cost paid for the charger, whichever is lower. Low-income residents can qualify for a total rebate of $500 or the cost paid for the charger, whichever is lower. For additional information call 833-760-0651 or email at evchargingrebate@aqmd.gov.

Get To Know The Current Citation Strategy

Last year, the City of Bellflower implemented a more aggressive policy to stop the discharging of illegal fireworks. The enforcement strategy permits Bellflower Sheriff and Public Safety personnel to respond to a complaint at a residential property, film the discharging of illegal fireworks, and if the person(s) lighting them cannot be identified, the property owner will receive a $2000 administrative citation in the mail.

If those individuals who are discharging illegal fireworks can be identified by enforcement personnel, they will receive the traditional $2000 citation as per the City’s longstanding past practice. All individuals that receive a citation will be responsible for its payment. 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.

For more information, call the Bellflower Sheriff’s Substation at (562) 925-0124. For more details about permitted fireworks in Bellflower visit www.bellflower.org.

Mark Your Calendar

City Hall is closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day

There will be no trash pickup and no street sweeping on Monday, May 30th. Trash pickup will be delayed one day for the rest of the week.

RSVP List Filled for Catalytic Converter Etching Event

The City of Bellflower’s Public Safety Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Bellflower Special Assignment Team hosted a free catalytic converter etching event on April 27th. Catalytic converters continue to be a hot item for thieves to steal, therefore, engraving a license plate or VIN number will assist law enforcement in locating the victim and hopefully return the stolen property.

If you are a Bellflower resident and weren’t able to secure a reservation for this event, you can call in to request a future event or leave a voicemail message at (562) 925-0124 ext. 2557.
City of Bellflower
16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
www.bellflower.org

Management Intern
Temporary - $21.62 Hourly
Deadline: open until filled

The City's Intern program is designed to enhance the education of currently enrolled Master's program students by providing on-the-job training and experience.

Education & Experience:
Possession of a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited university with major coursework in a field related to the position and current enrollment in a related, accredited Master's degree program is required. Preferred majors include Public Admin or Business Admin or a related field.

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

Business Engagement Specialist
F/T with full benefits package
Salary Range: $45,000-$54,698

Connect local businesses with customized corporate employee training. The position is for the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO WDB), a government-funded workforce development program that aims to increase our region's skill development and business growth. This candidate must be able to establish business relationships, meet goals, and speak about employee training topics in manufacturing, logistics, safety, and information technology. A combination of 3 years of work experience and education is desired.

(Visit website for full job description)
**Organics Recycling Program**

On January 1, 2022, CR&R Environmental Services together with the City of Bellflower launched a new Organics Recycling Program. Single-family customers with cart service may now place food scraps in addition to yard waste in the green waste container.

**What materials may I place in the organics cart?**

- **From your yard:** Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, prunings, flowers, and other yard waste.
- **From your kitchen:** Fruit, bread, fish, meat, vegetables, dairy, food soiled paper, and FOG (fats, oil, and grease).

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

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.

As of January 1, 2022, 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 via email at bellflower-recycles@crrmail.com or call 562-944-4716.

By participating in the program, you are helping California reach targeted goals to reduce short-lived climate pollutant emissions. INFO: www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp

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**SEACCA’s All-Star Adoption Promotion**

Ready to add a new member to your family by adopting a pet from SEACCA’s Animal Care Center? The "All-Star Lineup" dog adoption promotion is underway and runs through Saturday, May 28th.

All dogs 40 lbs. or more are discounted to $40* and all dogs “1-day past available” date are only $45*. There may be additional fees for licensing and a deposit for spaying or neutering. Dogs labeled as Boutique Buddies are excluded.

To view currently available dogs, visit seaca.org or stop by the Self Serve Animal Browsing times on Wednesdays through Saturdays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 9777 Seaaca St., Downey, CA 90241.
Submit Your Best Photo For 2023 Calendar

Grab your camera and head outdoors! The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD) invites local photographers to celebrate the District's 70th Anniversary by participating in the 'Through My Lens Photo Contest.' Your photo could be featured in the 2023 District calendar.

This contest is open to residents 18+ years who live within the District's boundaries. All entries must be taken within the Greater Los Angeles County boundaries. There are 5 submission categories to pick from. The first deadline is May 20th, the second deadline is July 22nd and the final deadline is September 30th at 4 pm. Submissions will be placed in a raffle. Winners will be announced after every deadline. Final winners will be selected after the September 30th deadline.

All participants must sign and submit the “Photograph Submission & Release Form” found on the website. For details about the contest visit www.glamosquito.org/through-my-lens-photo-contest or email Diana Garcia at dgarcia@GLAmosquito.org

Local Student Artists

While not selected as County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors finalists, the following contestants had been selected as winners from the Clifton M. Brakensiek Library for the 42nd Annual Bookmark Contest held in Fall 2021. Congratulations again to our very own local artists!

Jailynn G. Prieto - 2nd Grade
Intensive Learning Center

Yesner Martinez - 4th Grade
St. Dominic Savio School

Zachary Lopez - 7th Grade
St. Dominic Savio School

Alexa Chang - 11th Grade
Cerritos High School

Congratulations Bellflower Graduates

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The City of Bellflower is a proud recipient of an Award of Excellence from the California Park & Recreation Society for the Veterans Memorial at Library Garden in the category of Excellence in Design – Park Planning category.

The City of Bellflower partnered with VFW Post 7243 to design enhancements to an existing tribute to veterans located within Library Garden. The VFW offered guidance on military protocols and attributes they would value being incorporated into the project. The final recommended enhancements included: individual monuments and lighted flag poles representing the 5 branches of the military and POWs; a lighted Battle Cross sculpture; a reflection area where bricks could be dedicated to honor veterans; lighted Veterans Memorial entry walls with lettering; and many decorative attributes including military insignia, quotes of valor and honor, and dedication plaques.

The beautifully enhanced City of Bellflower Veterans Memorial, located at 9918 Flower Street, was dedicated November 11, 2020 and proudly serves as a dedicated space where local veterans and their sacrifices on behalf of our nation and our values, as well as the sacrifices of their families and friends, will be forever acknowledged and enshrined in the center of the city for generations to come.

The CPRS awards program is the highest recognition our agency can receive and our award is a credit to all involved in making this project happen. We are honored to receive this award on behalf of our residents!