As Halloween creeps closer, the LA County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) encourages everyone on the road to be extra careful as more children are out walking the neighborhood hunting for treats.

“We want our community to have a fun night out on Halloween, but to also stay safe and make responsible choices,” Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department Sergeant Robert Hill said. “If your night involves drinking, make sure you plan for a sober ride home. Even one drink can impair judgement.

Because of the parties, trick-or-treating, and other festivities, Halloween night can be especially dangerous on our nation’s roads. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, adults between the ages of 21 and 34 had the highest percentage (68%) of fatalities in drunk-driving crashes on Halloween night in 2020. During that same night, 11 pedestrians were killed in drunk-driving crashes.

Whether you are celebrating the spirit of Halloween or Día de los Muertos, LASD offers the following tips for families to be as safe as possible.

### Keep Halloween Trick-or-Treating Safe This Year

**Important Dates**

- **Sunday, Nov. 6**
  - Daylight Saving Time Ends
  - Move clocks back at 2:00 a.m.

- **City Hall Closed**

- **November 10-11 & 23-25**
  - Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Holiday & RDO Friday

- **No Trash Collection & Street Sweeping**
  - Thursday, Nov. 24
  - Collection delayed 1 day, e.g. Thursday route collected on Friday

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**City of Bellflower Municipal Water Service Transitions to California American Water**

In 2016 voters approved the City’s transition of water services to California American Water. After six years of cutting through red tape, the City is pleased to inform their water customers that this will finally happen. Starting November 1, 2022, the new water provider will be California American Water. It has been the City’s pleasure to provide water service to portions of the community.

California American Water has a long history of providing water service in communities neighboring Bellflower, and it brings an additional level of expertise called for in these complex times, along with the technology and wherewithal needed to provide clean, potable water. Additionally, California American Water will offer enhanced customer service, including conservation and payment assistance programs that are currently unavailable. Its commitment to customers, safety, and environmental protection made them the best choice to provide service to the community.

Current Bellflower Municipal Water customers should expect to receive future water bills from California American Water. Any remaining balances owed to the City of Bellflower as of November 1, 2022, will be transferred to California American Water. Any payments made on the final bill will be forwarded to the new California American Water account. If there are any outstanding balances or arrearages that have difficulty paying, please work with California American Water to find out more about relief programs and payment plans.

California American Water will send out welcome packets in early November, to provide information about payment options and programs. California American Water will send details about Customer Open House events, both in-person and online, to welcome their new customers. Please plan to attend and get to know the new water utility. Until then, you may reach out by phone at (619) 885-7031 or via email at welcome@amwater.com with any questions you may have.

Please join the City and welcome California American Water to the community and neighborhoods in the coming months.
Organics Recycling Program in Bellflower

Bellflower’s multi-family communities and commercial facilities are key partners with the City and its trash and recycling hauler, CR&R Environmental Services, in meeting state-mandated recycling requirements.

California has several recycling mandates that apply to multi-family and commercial properties, including food scrap and landscape waste recycling requirements of Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383). SB 1383 requires all commercial customers and multi-family properties to participate in an organic material collection program as of January 1, 2022. CR&R Environmental Services and the City of Bellflower launched a Food Scrap and Landscaping Recycling Program that conveniently collects organic waste materials from multi-family and commercial properties and transports them to a composting facility. Diverting organic material from landfills helps reduce negative environmental impacts created by greenhouse gas emissions. To establish these required recycling services now, call CR&R Environmental Services at (562) 944-4716 or email bellflower-recycles@crrmail.com.

For more info on SB 1383 and additional State requirements, visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp

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 acceptable and available at local retailers. Other types of plastic bags are not accepted. You may also line your cart with newspaper or use paper bags.

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

Celebrations Around Town

Congratulations to Sky Boba Cafe on your soft opening on October 20, 2022. The City welcomes you to the Bellflower business community and looks forward to tasting your expanded menu in the near future. Sky Boba Cafe is located at 14220 Bellflower Blvd. (Rosecrans Ave. and Bellflower Blvd.)

Congratulations to Taco Nazo for coming in #2 for Best Tacos in the Nation. Yelpers love their Ensenada-style seafood, specifically the “World Famous” fried fish and shrimp tacos topped with crunchy cabbage, fresh pico-de-gallo, and a drizzle of secret sauce. Taco Nazo - 10326 Alondra Blvd.

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH
DRIVE-THRU COLLECTION EVENT
SAVE THE DATE
Simms Park
16614 Clark Ave, Bellflower
SAT. December 3rd
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
SEE ITEMS ACCEPTED PG 5
Recreation Leader - Adaptive Recreation (P/T - $15/hourly)
Parks & Rec Dept
Deadline: Open Until Filled

Assists, plans and coordinates recreation programs and activities, with program emphasis on assignments working with developmentally disabled youth and adults. Assist with coordinating and supervision of community special events.

Recreation Leader
(P/T - $15/hourly)
Parks & Rec Dept
Deadline: Open Until Filled

Under general supervision, to assist in planning and conducting recreation programs and activities; and to maintain recreational facilities. Assist with coordinating and supervision of community special events.

Education & Experience and Licenses for both positions:

Experience in recreation leadership or recreation programs is desirable. A typical way to obtain this is direct experience in leadership, volunteerism or participation in recreational activities. Must be at least 16 years of age and enrolled in High School. Enrollment in college with a major in Recreation, Adaptive Recreation or a related field is highly desirable. Possession of a valid California Driver's License is required for some assignments.

Possession of, or ability to obtain, First Aid and CPR certificates within three months of employment.

For a full job description visit the City’s website.
Long-awaited Butterfly Garden Park Underway Thanks to Grant Funding

Three cheers for the newest park in Bellflower! The Butterfly Garden Park groundbreaking ceremony was held on October 4, 2022 and officially marks the start of construction. The City of Bellflower in partnership with California Department of Parks of Recreation and National Park Service have teamed up to create a new pocket park that will convert an abandoned commercial parcel into a sustainable green space. This park will feature permeable surfaces, a bioswale, walking path, benches, native plant vegetation that attracts butterflies, interpretative signage, and butterfly-shaped paving.

The park is just under one acre and is located on the south side of Alondra Blvd. and west of San Gabriel River; or between Alondra Blvd and Trabuco Street just west of the San Gabriel River (10525 Trabuco St. & 10510 Alondra Blvd). For info visit www.bellflower.org

Donations Needed For Holiday Drive

For Thanksgiving, the Volunteer Center is accepting gift cards, monetary donations and canned goods for low income families by November 1st. For Christmas, gift cards, monetary donations, canned goods and gifts for children by Wednesday, November 30th. For details call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2331 or visit www.bellflower.org.

Farmers Market Updates

Starting in November, there will be seven temporary handicapped parking spaces added to the parking lot along the Town Center Plaza (from Hambone’s Bar & Grill to the Frontier building) only on Mondays during the Bellflower Farmers Market hours.

The Farmers Market and Art Project Bellflower have teamed up to host a ‘Halloween at the Market’ on Monday, October 31st from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be trick-or-treating and arts & crafts.

Halloween PG 1

Safe as possible and share the road safely:

Drivers

• Slow down and watch out for more foot traffic in residential neighborhoods.
• Take extra time looking for trick-or-treaters at intersections and entering/exit driveways.
• Never drive distracted/impaired.
• If you are heading to a local bar, restaurant or house party and plan to drink, bring the designated sober driver with you, use a ride-hailing service, or stay the night.

Trick-or-Treaters

• Make sure costumes fit to prevent trips and falls.
• Decorate costumes & bags / buckets with reflective tape.
• Have kids use flashlights or glow sticks to make it easier for drivers to see them.
• Walk on sidewalks, when available. Avoid darting into the street or crossing between parked cars.
• Stick to familiar, well-lit routes.
• Look both ways before crossing the street. Make eye contact with drivers before crossing.

State of the City Video Now Available

A video recording of this year’s State of the City Presentation, originally held on October 6th is now available for public viewing on the City of Bellflower’s YouTube channel at https://youtu.be/rw05PyYAIL0.

The video will also air on Spectrum Cable channel 36 prior to the airing of City Council meetings through November 5th. Approximate airing days and times are Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., and Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
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Sponsored jointly by the Sanitation Districts and the Department of Public Works. The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program gives Los Angeles County residents a legal and cost free way to dispose of unwanted household chemicals that cannot be disposed of in the regular trash.

THINGS TO BRING...
Motor oil, antifreeze, paint, paint thinner, turpentine, cleaners with acids or lye, pesticides and herbicides, car batteries or household batteries, old computers and television sets, sharps or used needles, expired pharmaceuticals and mercury thermometers.

THINGS NOT TO BRING...
Explosives, ammunition or radioactive materials, waste from businesses will NOT be accepted, trash or old tires, white goods such as washers, stoves, refrigerators or air conditioners.

HOW TO PREPARE...
Be sure to bring items in a sturdy box, preferably in their original labeled containers. Be prepared to leave your containers. Do not mix products together.

For more details about the event call (800) 238-0173

What are my voting options?

1. Vote by mail. All you have to do is fill it out, sign the Return Envelope, and send it back as soon as you receive it.

2. Drop off at a Ballot Drop Box. Vote early with no waiting. Drop Boxes are located at City Hall and Thompson Park.

3. Visit any Vote Center starting Oct. 29th. Find a Vote Center near you at LAVOTE.GOV and make your plan to vote before November 8th.

Do you qualify for a grant to help protect your home from earthquake damage? Some older homes are not bolted to their foundations, making the homes more vulnerable to earthquake damage. A retrofit can help because it makes a home stronger and less likely to suffer damage during a quake. VISIT: earthquakebracebolt.com

ADPTION SPECIAL:
All dogs 1 day past available date.
$25 Adoption Fee* (*Excludes Boutique Buddies)

VISIT: STEELCRAFT BELLFLOWER 16500 BELL FLOWER BLVD
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
MARIACHI | POP-UP MARKET | CRAFTS
11.02.2022

REMEMBER AND HONOR
Please join us as we honor our military veterans with a ceremony and resource fair.

VETERANS MEMORIAL
Wednesday, November 9, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Veterans Memorial • 9918 Flower Street • Bellflower, CA 90706
Show your holiday spirit by decorating the outside of your home and competing in the City of Bellflower’s Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Nominations are now open and all entries must be submitted and received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 1, 2022. The contest committee will be judging nominated properties* the week of December 5. The winning homes will be recognized with a lawn sign and a certificate of recognition from the Mayor and City Council. Submit your nomination online at https://tinyurl.com/BHHHD2022

*Program is open to Bellflower residents in single-family homes only. Condominiums, townhomes, apartments, mobile homes, and gated communities are excluded from participation.

Please call the Parks & Recreation Department at (562) 804-1424, ext. 2103 or visit the City’s website www.bellflower.org for more information.