Help Grow Your Business with Free Online Courses

Bellflower business owners and operators have a special opportunity to participate with 37 Oaks, 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 by March 17th at www.37oaks.com/bellflower.

Bellflower Needs Your Input

The City of Bellflower is actively applying for the Clean California Grant and is seeking the public’s opinion about how to improve Bellflower’s Town Center Plaza. See Page 5 for more details.

Small Business Resources

To help support local business owners, the City of Bellflower can highlight new businesses, special events, holidays celebrations, and grand openings in the monthly E-Citizen newsletter at no-cost.

To request a FREE ribbon cutting ceremony or learn how to feature your business in a short video for Bellflower’s YouTube Channel, email economic_dev@bellflower.org or call (562) 804-1424 ext 2249.
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. By diverting organic material from landfills, we will help reduce negative environmental impacts created by greenhouse gas emissions. To establish these required recycling services now, please contact CR&R Environmental Services at bellflower_recycles@crrmail.com or (562) 944-4716.

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

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 (plastic, glass, metal), Styrofoam, bones, waxed / coated paper, pet waste, palm fronds, non-compostable plastic bags, & trash.
Spring Volunteer Job Training
Now Open for Young Teens

The City of Bellflower offers an exciting volunteer job training program that provides resources for young teens in the community that will not only equip them for life after graduation, but also give them exposure to different positions within the Parks and Recreation Department. The LEAD program provides young teens with the proper guidance, level of expectation and tools to learn life skills that are crucial for leadership development. The program benefits them both in their professional and personal developments, while teaching them basic job skills and the importance of community involvement. The LEAD Program is looking for volunteers with an open mind and desire to learn first-hand what it takes to join the Parks and Recreation Department’s team. What you need to know:

• This is a nine-week spring program.
• All applicants must be graduating class of 2023-2026 to apply.
• Applications available in person at Caruthers, Thompson, and Simms Park or online at www.bellflower.org
• Application deadline is March 1, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

For more info., contact Michelle Navarro at mnavarro@bellflower.org

What’s Happening Downtown?

Have you seen the new equipment setup in Downtown Bellflower? It’s the first step toward closing the digital divide. Bellflower Connect is in the preliminary phase of the project.

The physical unit out there is called a mobile wireless spectrum test unit, and it's used for temporary radio frequency testing before setting up a permanent system. The community will see this mobile unit in various locations in the city as testing continues. This process is needed to have more accurate data points before we put up fixed locations that can't be moved. Stay tuned for more updates!

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

ALL POSITIONS LISTED ARE FOR PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Leader - Park Patrol
Part Time - $15.50 Hourly
Deadline: 02/16/2023 4:00 p.m.

A crew of two staff patrol all parks assisting with opening, closing and/or cleaning outdoor restrooms, performing litter abatement on park grounds, providing strict enforcement of the municipal codes and ordinances governing parks, and providing general public relations to park visitors.

Recreation Leader
Part Time - $15.50 Hourly
Deadline: 02/16/2023 4:00 p.m.

Assist in the planning, promoting, conducting, supervising, and evaluating of recreational programs and activities.

Interact and stimulate interest while conducting and supervising program activities, including but not limited to sports, games and contests, special events, art and crafts, social activities, park patrol, and transportation services.

Lifeguard
Part Time - $15.50 Hourly
Deadline: 03/10/2023 4:00 p.m.

Responsible for the safety and rescue of facility patrons at the Bellflower Aquatic Center. Lifeguards perform emergency care as necessary and respond to unsafe conditions or potential hazards. Lifeguards observe swimmers, enforce regulations, and perform related work as required.

Visit website for full job descriptions

Bellflower Chamber of Commerce
“GAL’entine Networking Lunch
Love yourself or fall in love with wonderful you!
An opportunity for business women to see community-to-network, engage and connect with each other.
-loving and learning from each other in a relaxed atmosphere, while pampering yourself.
$5 per person
Light lunch provided
Raffle prizes Networking

Thursday, February 9, 2023 • Noon
Chamber Office 16730 Bellflower Blvd.
Hosted By
Chamber Director, Amber Stewart—Mary Kay Cosmetics
Space is limited. RSVP required. Email: bellflowercoo@gmail.com

Would You Minion

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 • 5PM TO 9:30PM
STEELCRAFT BELFLOWER, CA
ALL AGES WELCOME • FOOD & DRINKS • MUSIC BY OBEYED-E

Visit website for full job descriptions
Brakensiekel Library Events

February is Black History Month and the Brakensiek Library will provide a variety of activity kits for all ages including kits on Culinary Traditions, Adventures with Birds, Draw a Self-Portrait. They will also be having our first in person program of the year with Teresa Smith presenting Dances from Around the World on February 15th from 3-4 pm. Attendance will be limited and require a reservation. Please check their website for sign ups one week before the event. Online programming continues with a variety of topics and interests.

TO REGISTER VISIT: lacountylibrary.org/clifton-m-brakensiek-library/

Congratulations to the 2023 Calendar Winners

Congratulations to Ramona Elementary School student Xavier De Anda whose artwork entry was chosen as the Grand Prize winner of the 2023 City of Bellflower CalRecycle Artwork Contest. Many more top-notch drawings were included featuring this year’s theme “Let’s Go, Let’s Grow! Recycle!” Stop by City Hall Information booth and pick one up for free.

Grand Prize – Xavier De Anda
1st Place – David Lozada Lozano
2nd Place – Chloe Teng
Cormick Pond, Maia Tolentino, Wendy Mendoza, Miah Tran, Genevieve Chev, Damian Palad, Kaylee Khong, Chloe Gonzalez, Julian Gurrola, Keithleen Dominguez Angeles, Nadyne Ortiz

Spring Basket Items Needed

Celebrate springtime by helping a child in need! The Bellflower Volunteer Center works closely with community groups, residents and organizations to provide spring baskets for students in our community. There are several ways to get involved.

1) “Adopt” a child – We provide you with the details of the child you “adopt” (name, age, etc.). You create a basket based on the information we provide, and arrange to drop off the basket at the Volunteer Center.

2) Donate items for a basket - Suggested items for donation include: books, balls, puzzles, games, toys, candy, socks, school supplies, gift cards, toiletries (brush, lotion, comb, toothbrush, etc.) * Please include new items only.

NOTE: All donations must be received by March 2, 2023.

If you would like to be a part of this important program, please contact the Volunteer Center located at Simms Park, (562) 804-1424, ext 2331 or by email at mnavarro@bellflower.org.

Program sponsored by HUD – CDBG, Community Development Block Grant.
City Applies for Grant To Improve Plaza

Attention Bellflower residents! Your input is needed to help make Town Center Plaza even better. The City of Bellflower is applying for the Clean California Local Grant Program and we want to hear from you about what improvements you would like to see at the plaza.

The Clean California Local Grant Program, developed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), provides funds for local communities to improve and beautify their streets, roads, parks, transit centers and more. The goal is to enhance communities and create better spaces for walking and recreation.

Take a few minutes to complete a survey to share your ideas and help the City of Bellflower make Town Center Plaza a more enjoyable place to visit. Whether it’s adding new landscaping, installing artwork, or enhancing the walking paths, your input will play a vital role in our grant application.

Calling all Bellflower Business Owners! The Bellflower Economic Development Department is adding email addresses to our business data base. Get business advertising opportunities, city updates, networking events, grant information, and more, direct to your inbox. Email your first name, last name, business name, address and phone number to economic_dev@bellflower.org.

If you’d like to share your opinion in person, the City’s Economic Development Department staff will be out at the Town Center Plaza on Monday, February 6th and Monday, February 13th from 3:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. (during the Bellflower Farmers Market) located at 16521 Adenmoor Ave. If you would like to participate, but don’t have the time to meet with us, be sure to visit the City’s website at www.bellflower.org to take a brief online survey starting Friday, February 3rd.

Don’t miss out on this chance to have a say in the future of Town Center Plaza and help us make the most of this grant opportunity.