

The City of Bellflower

Families. Businesses. Futures.

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Welcome and thank you for choosing to grow your business in the City of Bellflower. Below is a brief history of the City.

At the time of its incorporation, Bellflower was a 51-year old community, fully matured in all areas but that of city government. Incorporation was granted on September 3, 1957 as California's 348th city. The City was named after an orchard of Bellefleur apples grown by pioneer settler William Gregory.

At the time of incorporation, Bellflower was the principal shopping center for an estimated surrounding population of 100,000. In spite of opening two major regional shopping centers in the vicinity, stores in downtown Bellflower were unaffected. Customers preferred the personal service of the Bellflower stores and remained loyal shoppers. From its farming roots at the turn of the century, Bellflower has become a city of over 79,000 residents with an innovative approach to enhancing services and generating revenues to support the growing community.

Today, Bellflower is a dedicated business-friendly community and finds ways to say "YES" to support the economic development of the city.

Fast Facts & Demographics

25th Largest City in Los Angeles County

Type: General law city

Incorporated: September 3, 1957

Population: 79,190 (based on Census April 2020)

Households: 23,473

Businesses: 4,686

Area: 6.1 square miles

Average Elevation: 34 feet

Average Temperature: 73.8 degrees

City Mottos: "Growing Together" and "The Friendly City"

City Flower: The Dahlia

Origin: Settled by Dutch dairy farmers at the turn of the century

Name: Derived from the "Belle Fleur" apple, which grew abundantly in the region

Primary School District: Bellflower Unified

Located: Approx. 15 miles south of Downtown LA

Get to Know City Hall Departments & General Business Contacts



To protect and enrich the quality of life, to make Bellflower an excellent place to live, work and play.

Have questions regarding your business, but unsure of who to contact? Familiarize yourself with Bellflower City Hall and agencies that can have a direct impact on your success.

Applying for a business license or if you need assistance filling out the business license application	Business License ext. 2273, 2008
Zoning Clearance (contact the Planning Department to make sure your business is in the correct zone before purchasing or leasing a property), Signs (i.e. banners), permanent signs, Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for Grand Opening/Special Events, exterior building improvements	Planning ext. 2314, 2011, 2238
Municipal code enforcement, property maintenance, report unkept properties	Code Enforcement ext. 2284
Permits for beginning construction, modifying buildings, new buildings, inspections	Building & Safety ext. 2006
Request assistance for Grand Opening ceremony, marketing questions, social media assistance, E-Citizen newsletter, SCORE mentoring & workshops	Economic Development ext. 2010, 2249
Advertise in the quarterly Parks & Recreation brochure, advertise at special events, sponsorship opportunities	Parks & Recreation ext. 2258, 2267
Advertise or run notices in local newspapers	Press Telegram (562) 435-1161 Herald American (323) 556-5720
Graffiti removal, sidewalk repairs, potholes, tree trimming, street sweeping	Public Works ext. 2259
Parking enforcement, live scan	Public Safety ext. 2501
Homelessness	Lakewood Sheriff's Station (562) 623-3500

Utilities

SoCal Gas	(909) 307-7070
Southern California Edison (SCE)	(800) 655-4555
CR&R Waste & Recycling Services	(562) 944-4716
Water - Contact the City of Bellflower Public Works Department or visit www.bellflower.org/resources/residents/water.asp	Public Works ext. 2285
Cable and internet services (dependent on location) Frontier or Spectrum	Frontier (855) 927-7544 Spectrum (866) 271-7664



Courtesy Contact Directory

<u>Bellflower Chamber of Commerce</u> 16730 Bellflower Blvd., Suite A Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 867-1744 <u>Bellflower Courthouse L.A. County Superior Court</u> 10025 E. Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706 Criminal Clerk: (562) 345-3398 Traffic Court: (562) 345-3399 <u>Bellflower Sheriff Substation</u> 16615 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 925-0124 <u>Bellflower Home Garden Water Co.</u> 17447 Lakewood Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 531-8586 <u>Bellflower Municipal Water</u> 10016 Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 925-6174 <u>Bellflower Somerset Mutual Water Co.</u> 10016 Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 866-9980 https://bsmwc.com/ <u>Cable Company-DIRECTV</u> (888) 795-9488 directv.com <u>Cable Comp- Frontier (formerly Verizon)</u> (877) 237-3619 www.frontier.com	<u>Cable Company-Spectrum (formerly Time Warner Cable)</u> 14328 Lakewood Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 528-0997 (855) 261-7301 www.spectrum.com <u>CA Regional Water Quality Control Board</u> 320 W. 4th St., Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90013 (213) 576-6600 <u>Child Care Licensing LA East Regional Office</u> 1000 Corporate Center Dr. Monterey Park, CA 91754 (323) 981-3350 <u>CR & R (Waste Service)</u> 12739 Lakeland Rd. Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 (562) 944-4716 www.crrwasteservices.com <u>Department of Consumer Affairs</u> Main Branch Office 500 W. Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 974-1452 Local Branch Office 7807 S. Compton Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90012 (323) 586-6508 Mon & Wed 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. <u>Department of Motor Vehicles-DMV</u> 9520 Artesia Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706 (800) 777-0133 www.dmv.ca.gov	<u>Dial-a-Ride/Bellflower Bus</u> (562) 865-7433 <u>Environmental Health Department</u> 5050 Commerce Dr. Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (626) 430-5560 <u>Fair Housing Foundation-FHF</u> 3605 Long Beach Blvd., #302 Long Beach, CA 90807 (562) 989-1206 / (800) 446-3247 www.fhfca.org <u>Fire Department (L.A. County)</u> Plan Check & Business License Clearance 5823 Rickenbocker Rd. City of Commerce, CA 90040 (323) 890-4125 <u>Franchise Tax Board</u> 300 S. Spring St., Suite 5 Los Angeles, CA 90013 (800) 852-5711 <u>Graffiti Hot Line</u> (562) 920-5533 <u>Hall of Records</u> (to check names on file) Register/Recorder County Clerk 12400 Imperial Hwy. Norwalk, CA 90650 (800) 815-2666 (562) 462-2137 <u>I.R.S. Information</u> Local Office 501 W. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90802 (562) 491-7751 www.irs.gov
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<u>L.A. County Assessors</u> (Real Properties and Personal Properties) 1401 E. Willow St. Signal Hill, CA 90755 (562) 256-1701 <u>L.A. County Building & Safety Office</u> 13523 Telegraph Rd. Whittier, CA 90755 (562) 946-1390 <u>L.A. County Public Health</u> 16615 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 925-0124 <u>L.A. County Public Library</u> <u>Clifton M. Brakensiek</u> 9945 Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 925-5543 <u>L.A. County Public Works</u> 900 S. Fremont Ave. Alhambra, CA 91803 (626) 458-5100 Sewer Dept. Ext. 7188 <u>L.A. County Register-Recorder</u> Document Analysis and Records Section 12400 Imperial Hwy. Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 462-2716 <u>L.A. County Sanitation</u> 1955 Workman Mill Road Whittier, CA 90607 (562) 908-4288 Ext. 2301	<u>Lakewood Sheriff Department</u> 5130 N. Clark Ave. Lakewood, CA 90712 (562) 623-3500 <u>Liberty Utilities</u> 9750 Washburn Rd. Downey, CA 90241 (562) 923-0711 (800) 727-5987 <u>Long Beach Press-Telegram</u> (To file a fictitious statement-D.B.A.) 727 Pine Ave. Long Beach, CA 90844 (562) 499-1236 legals@presstelegram.com <u>Mobilehome Parks</u> Registration and Titling Only 3737 Main St., Ste. 400 Riverside, CA 92501 (951) 782-4431 <u>Mobilehome Complaints</u> (800) 952-5275 <u>Southern California Edison</u> Customer Service (800) 655-4555 <u>Southern California Gas Co.</u> Commercial: (800) 427-2000 Residential: (877) 238-0092 <u>South Coast Air Quality Management District</u> 21865 E. Copley Dr. Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (909) 396-2000	<u>Southeast Area Animal Control Authority (SEAACA)</u> 9777 Seaaca St. Downey, CA 90241 (562) 803-3301 <u>Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO-WDB)</u> 10900 E. 183rd Street, Suite 350 Cerritos, CA 90703 <u>State Board of Equalization</u> (To obtain resale no.) 12440 E. Imperial Hwy., Suite 200 Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 466-1694 <u>State of California ABC Alcoholic Beverage Control Department</u> 3950 Paramount Blvd., Suite 250 Lakewood, CA 90712 (562) 982-1337 <u>State Contractor's Licensing Board</u> 12501 Imperial Hwy., Suite 600 Norwalk, CA 90650 (800) 321-2752
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**ADVERTISING YOUR BUSINESS
FOR LESS THAN A
PENNY A DAY!**

Join The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce

ALL INCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

***Business Start Up Package**

-Grand opening coordination and ribbon cutting.
(We'll take care of invites to City officials, Dignitaries, local business owners, & community and advertisement publications)

***Social Media Set Up**

(We'll help you set up your Facebook, Instagram, and or Twitter, including pictures and teach you how to use them. We'll also provide tips and coaching so you can easily maintain them yourself.)

***New Member Spotlight**

(Featured article publication in the Chamber Newsletter)

***Special Events and Seminars**

(Attend Networking Mixers, Educational Seminars/Luncheons, and Community Events)

***Hosting Opportunities**

(Host Networking Mixers, Educational Seminars/Luncheons, and Community Events)

***FREE or Low Cost Vendor Opportunities**

(Vendor opportunities, where available in Networking Mixers, Trick Treat on the Boulevard, Shop Bellflower and other special events.)

***Marketing Tools and Services**

(Free emailing blasts of flyers, coupons and special events of your business. Features on our website social networking sites and newsletter.)

***Literature Display in Chamber Office**

(Place your brochures, flyers and business cards in our strategically located office in downtown Bellflower)

***Member 2 Member Program**

(Chamber Members offer special deals and discounts to other Chamber Members)

***Theme Park & Activity Discounts**

(Discount tickets and coupons to major attractions in Southern California)

**GROWING
TOGETHER**



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CHAMBER OFFICE

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bellflowercoc@gmail.com

bellflowerchamber.org

Follow Us on Social Media



Take Advantage of the Chamber Benefits

"If you don't see it on here, just ask!"

*Ribbon Cutting
Grand Opening
Mixers
Open House
Ambassadors
Board of Directors / Executive Directors
Member 2 Member Discount Program
E-mail Blasts
Candidates Forum
Advertising
Ice Cream Social Business Expo
Monthly Morning Mingle
Newsletter
Referrals
Over 5 Social Media sites
Trick or Treat on the BOO!-levar
Discounted Vendor Opportunities
Business Beautiful
Workshops
Literature Display
Theme Park Discounts
And More!!*

Ambassadors are the face of the Chamber

What is a Chamber Ambassador?

A volunteer who promotes the Chamber of Commerce in a positive manner to their community and businesses, by working hand-in-hand with the Ambassador Chairperson! This is a great way to network your business / Etc. and move up to a Director.

1. Assist with all Ribbon Cuttings, Grand Openings, Mixers, Open Houses and all other Chamber events.
2. You are the face of the Chamber! Greet all attendees to events, making them feel welcomed.
3. Help get door prizes.
4. Go out and Welcome new businesses.
5. Visit non-Chamber Members, asking them to join the Chamber. Always try to get new members.
6. Visit existing Chamber Members, asking how things are going. Inviting them to events. Can we do anything for them.

If you would like to be an Ambassador, please let the Chamber office know.

Member 2 Member Discount

If you would like to offer a discount at your business and be put on the Member 2 Member program (which includes brochure and website), please let the Chamber office know.

This can increase sales, exposure, additional free advertising, bring new customers, help meet other Chamber members and etc.

FREE Advertising

Always feel free to contact the Chamber and let us know what is going on in your business world. We are here to listen and promote! Take advantage of the FREE advertising and exposure!! Email in JPEG form flyers of your event, sale, discounts, and etc.

Or just tell us about your business... what you specialize in and we will include in our next monthly Newsletter! You get out of the Chamber.... What you put in to it!! We are here to help!

Bellflower Chamber of Commerce



RIBBON CUTTING

2020

CHAMBER RIBBON CUTTING GUIDE

One of the most exciting events and times for a business is celebrating the ribbon cutting, grand opening, anniversary or other business milestone. The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce provides this guide to assist you in the plans and preparation for a successful event.

Your business is open! Congratulations!

We've been a part of hundreds of ribbon cuttings and can attest to the excitement that they hold. Whether it's a super large affair or just a simple photo with family it deserves a celebration, and we know the hard work that comes after your doors are open. At the Chamber it's what we do, and we want you to succeed.

Planning your Ribbon Cutting

Planning for a ribbon cutting will assure that you have the outcome of the event you anticipated. For many of you, it's your first time being involved in a ribbon cutting. That's okay we can help you along the way.



WE ARE NOT
A TEAM
BECAUSE WE
WORK TOGETHER.
WE ARE
a team because
WE RESPECT,
each other and
for each other.

A ribbon cutting is an official ceremony conducted to celebrate the opening of a business and to welcome your business to Bellflower.

Chamber across the county, including the Bellflower Chamber are the official organization of ribbon cuttings in their communities. A ribbon cutting can be a large event or a simple small event, the choice lies with the business. Either way this Chamber guide can help your through the process, along with your Chamber family.



Hosting a Ribbon Cutting

Hosting a ribbon cutting is an exciting time for your business. We often say that the most exciting 30 seconds of the business opening process is when you cut the ribbon. In reality, the ceremony does last a bit longer, but the culmination of the planning and hard work that went into preparing a business for opening cannot be celebrated in a better way. This is such a special occasion in the history of your business, take advantage of the photo opportunity and begin building a Chamber of Commerce Network.

Scheduling the Event

*When should you hold a ribbon cutting?

Ribbon Cutting events are usually held within six (6) months of the business opening. Most all businesses have already opened before the ribbon is actually cut and that is widely acceptable protocol. Getting your business up and running is your first priority. You want everything to be completely finished and running smooth. Scheduling the ribbon cutting event within two (2) months of your business opening is ideal! The ribbon cutting can be a stand alone event or in coordination with a grand opening (also acceptable to hold after the actual opening), open house, after hours or other opening event. You should always take advantage of all the advertising opportunities and schedule your ribbon cutting early with the Chamber of Commerce, again at least two (2) months is ideal.



Who is Eligible for a Ribbon Cutting?

Because the Chamber is privately funded and takes tremendous resources, a ribbon cutting special event is reserved for **members only**. Please remember, the ribbon cutting is only the beginning of your Chamber relationship! We offer so much more for your business through, events, advertising, discounts, networking, committees, referrals and etc.

Is there a Cost?

This is one of the benefits of joining the Chamber of Commerce and is a free event. Your membership investment is minimal, actually less than a penny a day and the return is great with the exposure alone.

Community Partner

That's a very important role of today's business. Once the demands of your new business settles down, take advantage of the Chamber connections and networking opportunities that are beneficial in keeping your business connected.

"The more advance notice, the better!"

To Consider

Some ribbon cuttings have been just a simple photo op. Some have dozens of people attend and extend the event for an hour or so. Some have light refreshments. Others have had a larger amount of refreshments or meals. If you are a Chamber Member we will support you on this exciting day in your business, and we look forward to your success.

Ribbon Cuttings



We recommend you plan your Ribbon Cutting at least one month or more in advance.....

This assures your date is available and just as important, allows for more in-cresed exposure of your business. Please provide as much information as possible about your plans to help us properly promote your event. We can also offer guidance on the event and scheduling. The Chamber attempts to accommodate your scheduling dates and times within typical business hours and available dates. Thursdays are generally and usually the best day, but there can be exemptions. Keep in mind the Chamber of Commerce does have to coordinate with its President.

The Bellflower Chamber of Commerce recommends Thursdays and generally starting in the 4:00pm time frame. The ribbon cutting ceremony usually takes about 15 minutes and that's when the Chamber will be present. You may have your ribbon cutting longer hours of course. We will be there to take pictures, provide the ribbon & scissors, raffle tickets if needed and etc., along with our Chamber President presenting you with a certificate.

The Chamber will:

- Promote your ribbon cutting / event
- Place your ribbon cutting / event on our website, monthly Newsletter, E-Blasts and our several social media sites
- Provide a flyer / invite
- Invite all Chamber Directors, Ambassadors, Office staff, Mayor & City Council and local Dignitaries (elected officials), along with the Chamber Membership.
- Provide the large scissors (they really do cut!) and ribbon
- Take photos of your ribbon cutting / event
- We will post photos of your ribbon cutting / event on our social media outlets, website and monthly newsletter.
- Give you tremendous exposure of your ribbon cutting / event
- Provide raffle tickets and raffle drum if needed
- Welcome everyone if needed

Business should plan to provide

- Refreshments
- Drinks
- Decorations
- Tables & Chairs (if applicable)
- Wastebaskets
- Raffle prizes
- Entertainment (not a must)

These are optional and at the discretion of the business hosting. Many businesses add these extra touches, but many don't. Go as big or small as you would like. As a courtesy, we do recommend at least you provide drinks for all attendees.

The event will be on your location, we suggest you plan for parking, cleared entrances, basic services an overall neat appearance showcasing your business.

Do's and Don'ts!!

DO:

- Schedule the event
- Schedule as soon as possible— Not only to reserve your date with the Chamber, but to give attendees ample time to mark their calendar.
- Invite guests—many people fail at this. Invite staff, family, builders, contractors, vendors, customers and etc.
- Determine and Decide—Such as who will cut the ribbon, who will welcome guests and etc.

DON'TS

- Rely completely on the Chamber for attendance at your event. The Chamber cannot guarantee the number of guests in attendance.
- Over think
- Don't forge to enjoy the event.

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Membership Investment Application

Business Listing

Business Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Address: _____

Primary Contact Person

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____ Email: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____

Type of Business: _____

Number of Employees: _____

Payment: (we accept check, cash and money order)

Paid with: Check _____ Cash _____ Bill Me _____

Membership Investment Cost

Non-Profit, Homebased and

Associate Members \$55.00

Employees

1-5	\$160.00
6-10	\$175.00
11-20	\$210.00
21-30	\$265.00
31-50	\$315.00
51 or more	\$550.00