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.

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<td>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</td>
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<td>Municipal code enforcement, property maintenance, report unkept properties</td>
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<td>Request assistance for Grand Opening ceremony, marketing questions, social media assistance, E-Citizen newsletter, SCORE mentoring &amp; workshops</td>
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<td>Advertise in the quarterly Parks &amp; Recreation brochure, advertise at special events, sponsorship opportunities</td>
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<td>Advertise or run notices in local newspapers</td>
<td>Press Telegram (562) 435-1161</td>
<td>Herald American (323) 556-5720</td>
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<td>Graffiti removal, sidewalk repairs, potholes, tree trimming, street sweeping</td>
<td>Public Works ext. 2259</td>
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<td>Homelessness</td>
<td>Lakewood Sheriff’s Station (562) 623-3500</td>
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**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 (855) 927-7544 Frontier or Spectrum (866) 271-7664
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<td>5050 Commerce Dr. Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (626) 430-5560</td>
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<td>Criminal Clerk: (562) 345-3398 Traffic Court: (562) 345-3399</td>
<td>1000 Corporate Center Dr. Monterey Park, CA 91754 (323) 981-3350</td>
<td>3605 Long Beach Blvd., #302 Long Beach, CA 90807 (562) 989-1206 / (800) 446-3247 <a href="http://www.fhfca.org">www.fhfca.org</a></td>
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<td>17447 Lakewood Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 531-8586</td>
<td>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 &amp; Wed 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. &amp; 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</td>
<td>300 S. Spring St., Suite 5 704 Los Angeles, CA 90013 (800) 852-5711</td>
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<td>9520 Artesia Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706 (800) 777-0133 <a href="http://www.dmv.ca.gov">www.dmv.ca.gov</a></td>
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<td>1401 E. Willow St. Signal Hill, CA 90755 (562) 256-1701</td>
<td>Liberty Utilities 9750 Washburn Rd. Downey, CA 90241 (562) 923-0711 (800) 727-5987</td>
<td><strong>Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board (SELACO-WDB)</strong> 10900 E. 183rd Street, Suite 350 Cerritos, CA 90703</td>
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<td><strong>Long Beach Press-Telegram</strong> (To file a fictitious statement-D.B.A.) 727 Pine Ave. Long Beach, CA 90844 (562) 499-1236 <a href="mailto:legals@presstelegram.com">legals@presstelegram.com</a></td>
<td><strong>State Board of Equalization</strong> (To obtain resale no.) 12440 E. Imperial Hwy., Suite 200 Norwalk, CA 90650 (562) 466-1694</td>
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<td>13523 Telegraph Rd. Whittier, CA 90755 (562) 946-1390</td>
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<td><strong>State of California ABC Alcholic Beverage Control Department</strong> 3950 Paramount Blvd., Suite 250 Lakewood, CA 90712 (562) 982-1337</td>
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<td><strong>L.A. County Public Health</strong> 16615 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706 (562) 925-0124</td>
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<td><strong>South Coast Air Quality Management District</strong> 21865 E. Copley Dr. Diamond Bar, CA 91765 (909) 396-2000</td>
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<td><strong>L.A. County Sanitation</strong> 1955 Workman Mill Road Whittier, CA 90607 (562) 908-4288 Ext. 2301</td>
<td><strong>Southern California Edison</strong> Customer Service (800) 655-4555</td>
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Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Request Form

Congratulations on your opening (or re-opening) of your business! When you're ready to invite customers through the door, feel free to reach out to the Bellflower Economic Development Department to help host a formal Grand Opening event. We will invite the Mayor and City Council Members to present a City Certificate, provide the red ribbon and large ceremonial scissors, and post your event photos on the City’s website and/or in the Bellflower E-Citizen community newsletter.

To request a date is simple. Before you begin planning, be sure all the “bumps” in your business plan have been worked out, i.e. hiring/training is complete, products are stocked, marketing materials are ready to distribute, and all Building permits/business license fees are current. We typically schedule a 30-minute timeframe on a Wednesday or Thursday in late afternoon approx. 1 month in advance. Your event will be advertised on the City’s website and/or E-Citizen. For more information call Annika Miyashiro-Ruiz at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2249.

Fill out information below and return to:

Bellflower City Hall
Attn: Economic Development Department
16600 Civic Center Dr.
Bellflower, CA 90706

--- OR --

Email: Annika Miyashiro-Ruiz
amiyashiro@bellflower.org

Owner Name: ____________________________

Owner Phone: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Business Name & Address: ______________________________________________________

Business Phone: _______________________ Website: ____________________________

Requested date of Grand Opening: (1st choice) __________________ (2nd choice) __________

Most business Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting events offer complimentary refreshments, snacks, raffle prizes, discounts, and/or more. Please include this information in the paragraph below.

Please provide some details about your business, products and services:

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For new businesses:

Why did you select the City of Bellflower for your business?

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Have you already claimed your Google business listing? □ yes □ no

Yelp profile? □ yes □ no

If no, would you like assistance from Economic Development to claim your profiles? □ yes □ no
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)
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!-levard
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!
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.

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.
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's 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 of 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 then 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!”

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-creased 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.

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.
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.

Bellflower Chamber of Commerce
16730 Bellflower Blvd, Suite A
Bellflower, CA 90706
562-867-1744
Bellflower Chamber of Commerce

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 Employees
Associate Members $55.00
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