Streetfest Adds New Bands to the Summer Lineup

This year’s summer events have changed, adding two more nights of live music and moving movie night to Tuesday at the Town Center Plaza.

On Thursday July 6th, Stone Soul is set to take the stage in Downtown Bellflower to play Motown and Classic Soul hits. The popular Selena tribute band, Anything for Salinas, will perform on Thursday, July 20th following the Selena movie on Tuesday, July 11th. Watch Krypto the Super-Dog on the big screen in DC League of Superpets scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th.

Streetfest Concerts offer live music, food vendors, craft/business vendors, inflatable slides, obstacle courses and the Bellflower Recreation in Motion (B.R.I.M.) trailer with games for everyone to enjoy.

All summer events and parking are free to the public. There is plenty of parking available in the new parking structure at Bellflower Blvd. and Mayne St. Both summer events start at 6:30 p.m. Charges for food and vendor pricing will vary. Movie and concert attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs, but no alcohol will be allowed. For more info call (562) 804-1424, ext. 2261.

City Hall Closed
Tuesday, July 4th
In observance of Independence Day

There will be no trash pickup on Tuesday, July 4. Pickup will be delayed one day for the rest of the week.

There will be no street sweeping on Tuesday, July 4.

“Safe and Sane” fireworks may be discharged between July 1st - July 5th.

If you suspect or observe someone storing illegal fireworks, contact (562) 925-0124. If you observe someone discharging illegal fireworks, call (562) 623-3500, and a patrol unit will respond to your area.

The Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District wants residents to be proactive, and level up and beat mosquitoes at their own game this summer. There is no human vaccine for West Nile Virus, so therefore, residents must remember to wear insect repellent to protect against mosquito bites. Using insect repellent with the active ingredients DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus is recommended by the CDC. For more info on how to protect you and your family, visit their website at www.glamosquito.org.
Keep Your Cool in Hot Weather

High temperatures kill hundreds of people every year. Heat-related deaths and illness are preventable, yet more than 700 people die from extreme heat every year in the United States.

Take measures to stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay informed. Getting too hot can make you sick. You can become ill from the heat if your body can’t compensate for it and properly cool you off. The main things affecting your body’s ability to cool itself during extremely hot weather are:

High humidity. When the humidity is high, sweat won’t evaporate as quickly. This keeps your body from releasing heat as fast as it may need to.

Personal factors. Age, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug and alcohol use all can play a role in whether a person can cool off enough in very hot weather.

L.A. County has set up facilities to help escape the heat. The Brakensiek Library located at 9945 E. Flower St. serves as Bellflower’s local cooling center. To find other cooling centers in the County, visit ready.lacounty.gov/heat.

If you’d like to cool off outside, the Caruthers Park Splash Pad is now open at 10500 E. Flora Vista St. Splash Pad is for ages 12 and under only. Children ages 6 and under must have adult supervision. No animals allowed in splash pad area (except service animals). For additional rules and guidelines, please call 562-866-5684 or visit the Parks and Recreation page at www.bellflower.org.

SCE Bill Assistance Programs Still Available

Need more time to pay your bill? Southern California Edison (SCE) can provide some financial relief with long-term and short-term assistance programs. There are several programs available to assist residential customers with a past due balance. Some residents may qualify for a 12-month repayment plan, others may be eligible for a discount on their monthly bill through the Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) programs or California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE), and some customers may qualify for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). For info visit www.sce.com/residential/assistance.

Visit the Brakensiek Library from Noon-1:00 p.m. for Free Lunch at the Library! Kids and teens 18 years and under can enjoy FREE lunch at participating LA County Library locations while supplies last.

Lunches will be served Tuesdays-Fridays from Noon-1:00 p.m. from June 12th-August 4th. For more information: https://lacountylibrary.org/free-summer-lunch/

Want to join the market as a vendor?

Farmers Market operates every Monday at the Town Center Plaza from 3PM-7PM (16521 Adenmoor Ave.)

Fresh Produce, Baked Goods
Fresh Cooked Foods, and
Handmade Crafters
For info visit:
www.farmandcraftmarket.com
Organics Recycling Program in Bellflower

Senate Bill 1383 requires all residents to participate in an organic material collection program as of January 1, 2022. Bellflower’s residential community is a key partner with the City and CR&R Environmental Services, in meeting state-mandated recycling requirements.

Tips For Food Waste:

1. Limit – Make only what you will eat or need. While some family recipes are great for when the extended family gets together, they can be downsized for your family at home.

2. Seal – Keep aromatic foods in compostable bags. Compostable bags are now more common to find at big box stores and online.

3. Chill – Keep aromatic foods in the refrigerator or freezer. When temperatures increase, food spoils more quickly.

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

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Free COVID-19 test kits are available for pick up at Brakensiek Library and at most other libraries throughout LA County. No library card needed. INFO: lacountylibrary.org/antigen-tests

You can make a lifesaving difference.

Give blood.

Save the Date
City of Bellflower
Red Cross Blood Drive
Thursday, July 20, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall Green Room

To make your life-saving appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org & enter sponsor code COB, or call Wendy Thomas, WJBCA Manager at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2266

Celebrate with neighbors and law enforcement at the 5th Summer Streetfest event in Downtown Bellflower. Meet Public Safety staff and enjoy neighborhood camaraderie. For more info visit www.bellflower.org

The Stand Up Comedy Club’s ComedyfestLA is set for Saturday, August 26, 2023 in the Bellflower Town Center Plaza. There will be a great comedic lineup along with food and merch vendors, a beer garden & bar. General admission and VIP tickets will be available for purchase. Visit their website at www.thestandupclub.com
Zero Tolerance for Illegal Fireworks

The 4th of July festivities are soon upon us and City and County enforcement teams will be out in full force once again this year. Individuals caught possessing or discharging illegal fireworks will receive a $2,000 citation. Additionally, enforcement teams can also hold property owners equally responsible for allowing or not stopping their tenants and guests from discharging illegal fireworks, with citations subsequently sent to the owners in the mail. These enforcement efforts resulted in 106 citations last year and the City of Bellflower is again planning for this zero-tolerance approach.

The Bellflower Municipal Code Section 8.16.010 states in part: “It is unlawful for any person to fire, set off, discharge or use, or cause or permit to be fired, set off, discharged or used any fireworks except that safe and sane fireworks may be fired…”

To report illegal fireworks periodically occurring from a property in the days leading up to the 4th of July, call the Bellflower Sheriff Substation to add that location to an enforcement list at (562) 925-0124. On the 4th of July, call the Lakewood Sheriff Station, so that location can be dispatched to the undercover enforcement team (562) 623-3500.

The City of Bellflower strongly encourages 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 holiday season. For more info call (562) 925-0124.

Monthly Morning Mingle Continues

Stop by the Bellflower Chamber of Commerce for fun conversation and breakfast goodies. on Tuesday, July 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This event serves as a great platform to learn about businesses in town and community projects. The Chamber Office is located at 16730 Bellflower Blvd., at the corner of Bellflower Blvd. and Flower St.

Get to know Chamber members and be sure to bring your business card to enter the networking raffle.

Library News

The Summer Discovery Program has returned to LA County Libraries beginning June 1st, 2023 and runs through August 13th, 2023. The Summer Discovery Program is open to all ages and can be completed online or in person. Participants can register as a family or as an individual. To register online visit https://lacountylibrary.beanstack.com/reader365.

Online programming continues with a variety of topics and interests. Check out all the virtual programmed events at https://lacountylibrary.org/virtual-programming/.

Shop Local at Belmont Street Kiosks

Shoe Shine by Milton, Millennial Threadz, Posh Passport, and 562 Barber Supply are all open for business this Summer. Be sure to stop by on Thursday evenings during Streetfest Concerts to shop for women’s clothes and gifts, custom hats and t-shirts, and men’s grooming products. Due to staff shortages, hours vary per business. (16552 Bellflower Blvd.)
New Businesses Open Around Town

LEFT: Congratulations to the City’s newest kiosk operator Noe Preciado, owner of Millennial Threadz. He opened on June 5th and has already printed products for many area businesses. Stop by to learn about his embroidery and print services. (16552 Bellflower Blvd. Unit B, Bellflower, CA 90706)

RIGHT: City Council and staff welcomed Rokka Grill & Whiskey Bar to Downtown Bellflower with a ceremonial ribbon cutting on June 16th. This is their 2nd Rokka Grill restaurant serving up coconut shrimp, steaks, barrel aged whiskeys and more! (16600 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706)

LEFT: Denny’s on Rosecrans and Woodruff has soft opened! This location is spacious and offers a 50-person banquet room, patio seating and well-trained staff that provides a great dining experience. Stay tuned for their Grand Opening Event. (10136 Rosecrans Ave, Bellflower, CA 90706)

RIGHT: On June 15th, TGC Group celebrated the grand opening of Bellflower’s 1st hotel, Woodspring Suites. This pet friendly extended stay hotel offers many amenities including full kitchens in every suite, 24/7 laundry room, free wifi, and nightly, weekly and monthly hotel rates. (8827 Artesia Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706)
Current City Hours

The current City of Bellflower work schedule for employees and essential City services is listed below. City Hall and the Public Works Yard will be closed alternating Fridays.

**Bellflower City Hall Hours of Operation**
Monday - Thursday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed alternating Fridays)

**Building & Safety Division (located within City Hall)**
Monday - Thursday • 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (closed alternating Fridays)

**Bellflower Sheriff’s Substation Hours of Operation**
Monday - Friday • 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Alternating Fridays • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday • Closed
After hours services provided by Regional Sheriff's Station in Lakewood (562) 623-3500

**Simms, Caruthers and Thompson Park Facilities**
Parks and Recreation Summer/Fall Hours of Operation

**July (ALL PARKS)**
Monday - Fri. • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Special/Holiday Hours**
July 4 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**August (ALL PARKS)**
Monday - Friday • 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (through 8/11)
Monday - Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (beginning 8/14)
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Sept. (ALL PARKS)**
Monday - Friday • 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Special/Holiday Hours**
September 2, 3 & 4 • 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 pm

**Pirate Park**

**July**
Monday - Friday • 9:00 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Sat. • 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. / Sun. • 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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