Stringent Illegal Fireworks Citation Policy Helps Curb Booms in Bellflower

The 4th of July festivities are soon upon us and the 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 a citation 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, contact the Bellflower Sheriff Substation to add that location to an enforcement list (562) 925-0124. On the 4th of July, contact 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 Fourth of July season. For more information call (562) 925-0124.

Support Businesses During Construction

Roadway improvements on Bellflower Blvd. have been moving along steadily, however the traffic has slowed for many businesses in the area. Show your support by visiting a local business along the construction route. Gogini Korean BBQ, who recently celebrated their grand opening, is offering a “Buy Two Plates or Bowls, Get the Third Free.”

Sequel Contractors Inc. is expected to begin repaving operations the first week of June, and completion of Bellflower Blvd. by the end of June or early July, barring any unforeseen circumstances. For updates, visit the City’s website at www.bellflower.org.
Small Business Program Helps Spanish-Speaking Californians See Themselves As Entrepreneurs

After two decades of working in the corporate world in sales and leadership development, Monica Robles decided to start her own consulting business.

“I opened a business and I didn’t have a lot of information, so I closed my business in less than a year,” recalled Robles. “No wonder people don’t continue; the information is scattered all over the place about how to start a business.” Then she realized the hurdles must be even higher for monolingual Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs.

In 2016, she created a curriculum to support women who suffered domestic violence and needed a way to become financially independent from their abuser. While developing the program, she learned there was a great need for this kind of technical assistance service and that’s when she became the founder of Asociación de Emprendedor@s, a 501c3 nonprofit.

The Basic Entrepreneurship Program, Emprendedor@s Program, is at the heart of the nonprofit’s work. It consists of eight weekly sessions that cover everything from transitioning from a “hobby” business to navigating the permitting process and working with the Internal Revenue Service to accessing capital. The main pillars are empowerment of the individual, development of their leadership skills and to provide technical business support to learn the city, county, state and federal legal requirements to establish a microbusiness.

“We are the only Spanish-only platform in the region,” said Robles. “I think that this is one of the main things that I want to make sure that people know is that we cater to the monolingual Hispanic community and we do everything in Spanish.”

Graduate Rosa Benavides, owner of La Paloma Blanca Charcuterie & Co., said she learned more discipline and how to do more for her business. She added, “It opened my eyes to see that there’s a lot of help for the Hispanic community that I wasn’t aware of and that a lot of people are not aware that the community is here to help for Spanish-speaking people.”

Ana Mendez, owner of 5 Estrellas Tax Pro, is a certified tax preparer, an immigration consultant, and a graduate of the program. “It was very, very rewarding to see the passion that Monica puts into this,” said Mendez.

“Through this program, we have been able to increase their awareness and to have them see themselves as business owners to change that mentality of ‘Oh, I’m just doing this on the side or it’s a hobby,’” said Robles. “We’re changing that mentally to really have them become entrepreneurs.”

She added, “When they graduate, I present them with different resources that are out in the community. I say, ‘I’m kindergarten. I’m the basics.’ I’m the one who pushes them through the mental mindset change so they can continue their journey.”

Since 2016, the program has graduated more than 1,000 students in Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside and Los Angeles counties. Each cohort consists of up to 30 students and the retention rate is nearly 100%. Because the program is free, each student goes through a vetting process to determine their commitment to attend classes, do the homework and be on time. To learn more call (714) 627-2671.

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A SCORE mentor has been specifically assigned to Bellflower specializing in marketing and business plans. Scheduled one-on-one appointments to be held on the fourth Thursday of every month from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

For more info, contact Karla Pineda at (562) 804-1424 ext. 2013.
**City of Bellflower**
16600 Civic Center Dr. Bellflower
www.bellflower.org

**Maintenance Worker I**
Part Time - $24.05 - $29.23 Hourly
Deadline: 6/12/2023 11:59 PM

This is a part-time position with a maximum of 29 hours per week. Must be available Monday-Friday from 6AM - 4PM. Performs a variety of work in the construction, modification, maintenance, and repair of City infrastructure, including streets, parks, landscaped areas, and facilities; uses and operates a variety of manual and power tools and light to heavy power driven equipment; and performs related work as required.

**Education & Experience:**
Equivalent to the completion of the twelfth (12th) grade and one (1) year of construction, maintenance, and repair and equipment operation experience is desirable. Possession of a valid driver's license and insurability at regular rates.

**Management Intern**
Part-Time - $22.16 Hourly
Deadline: Open until filled

The City Manager’s Office is seeking a part-time Management Intern to work between 20-25 hours per week (but can vary from 0-29 hours). The days and hours worked are flexible so this is a perfect internship opportunity for graduate school students.

**Education and Experience:**
Possession of a Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited university with major coursework in a field related to the position and current enrollment in a related, accredited Master’s degree program is required. Preferred majors include Public Administration or Business Administration or a related field.

(Visit website for full job description)
Heard About the New Citywide Wifi?

Bellflower Connect is the City’s community broadband network launching this Summer. The new network will help bridge the digital divide by providing free, outdoor wireless broadband access all over Bellflower. The City is rolling out this service in phases over the next 24 months, beginning with Phase 1 around Downtown Bellflower (currently underway). A map of the planned phase areas is viewable on the City’s webpage. We are currently working on Phase 1 only at this time.

To learn more about the project, visit www.bellflower.org/connect.

Chamber of Commerce Events

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<td>Tuesday, June 27th</td>
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<td>Chamber Office, 16730 Bellflower Blvd.</td>
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<td>Thursday, June 29th</td>
<td>4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Bellflower Moose Lodge, 9320 Alondra Blvd.</td>
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WoodSpring Suites Now Open

Bellflower’s 1st hotel, Woodspring Suites Hotel, is located off the Artesia 91-FWY and Lakewood Blvd., and is now open for reservations. The four story, 122-room, non-smoking, pet-friendly hotel offers single and double queen suite accommodations. They offer lots of amenities including free wi-fi, laundry facilities, fully equipped kitchens, and more. Book your stay at www.woodspring.com.

What to Do if Your Card Is Skimmed

If you notice suspicious transactions on your EBT account:
- Report the incident by calling DPSS at (866) 613-3777 Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- For service 24/7, call the number on the back of your EBT card to cancel your card and request a new one. Be sure to contact DPSS during normal business hours to report the incident.

dpss.lacounty.gov

Rabies $10

AFFORDABLE PET VACCINE CLINIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH

Simms Park
16614 Clark Ave.
Bellflower, CA

8:00 - 10:30 AM

1 (800) 988-8387 vetcarepetclinic.com

1234 5678 9012 3456

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Congratulations to Student Art Festival Winners

ABOVE: Juliet Sandoval, 5th grade, Outer Space

MIDDLE LEFT: Chidera Ogueli, 6th grade, Bellflower Community

ABOVE: Jade Sandoval, 3rd grade, Animals

LEFT: Arispe Pilar, 4th grade, Garden

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR TRASH AND SEWAGE?

Join our free tour and find out!

Saturday, June 10
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tour begins at our main office:
1955 Workman Mill Rd.
Whittier, CA, 90601

Use the QR code to register, or visit
https://forms.gle/1JXEsV2m7JrGChwew

To RSVP or for more info, call Julie Patino at (562) 905-4265 ext. 2300 or email juliapatino@lacsd.org

SAVE THE DATE - CITY OF BELLFLOWER BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, July 20, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
16600 Civic Center Dr., Bellflower, Green Room 2nd Floor
Visit www.redcross.org sponsor code: COB or call (562) 804-1424 ext. 2266
June Events at SteelCraft BLF

Friday, June 9th
Shop Fest Co. pop up market
5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Mondays, June 12th, 19th, 26th
Donation based yoga class
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
La Comunidad Yoga

Wednesdays, June 14th & 28th
Pop Art Studio paint + sip night

Sunday, June 18th
Cruise Control band
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
for Father’s Day

Tuesday, June 20th
Mariachi Tuesday
4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

It’s “Baby Week” at Stitches in Time Yarn

Celebrate babies and little kids from June 12th through June 18th with cute projects to knit or crochet. Stitches in Time Yarn shop located in Downtown Bellflower will be offering special beginner’s classes to learn how to make your first baby hat. To sign up for classes, call (562) 773-3241.

In addition to classes and quick knit projects, there will be a wide selection of blankets, sweaters, booties, and dresses for sale.

For more info visit Stitches in Time Yarn at 16525 Bellflower Blvd. Store hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from Noon-5:00 p.m.
REGIONAL JOB FAIR
SIMMS PARK
16614 Clark Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706
Saturday, June 3rd 2023
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Dress for Success
Bring Resumés
On-the-Spot Job Interviews
Resumé and Interview Tables

SCAN > to Pre-Register

Healthcare
Information Technology
Manufacturing
Hospitality
Aerospace
Trade & Logistics
Business & Professional Services
and Many More!

Hotline: (562) 273-9919 Ext. 1402

The SELAC WDB’s Adult and Dislocated program is fully funded by a grant award totaling $2,780,913 (100%) from the US Department of Labor with $0.00 (0%) financed from non-federal sources. The partnership is an equal opportunity employer/program operator. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Request for services, aids, and/or alternate formats need to be made prior to the event by calling 1-562-403-2125. TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.
City of Bellflower
Summer Special Events 2023
Parks & Recreation Department

Summer Streetfests

Located in Downtown Bellflower, on Bellflower Blvd.
between Flower & Mayne.

The Bellflower Summer Streetfests are expanding to SIX NIGHTS! Come join us in Downtown Bellflower for six nights of great music, dancing, and exciting family fun. This event will feature live music, food, craft, and business vendors, inflatable slides and obstacle courses, and games with Bellflower Recreation in Motion (B.R.I.M.). The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude at 9:30 p.m. You are invited to visit one of our new food vendors or visit our local restaurants on the boulevard for dinner. Entrance is FREE and vendor pricing will vary. Parking is available in the nearby parking structures at City Hall or at Bellflower/Mayne Street. No alcohol, please. Remember to bring your lawn chair!

Thursday Event Dates and Bands:

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This summer, enjoy ten weeks of City special events, alternating between Summer Streetfests and Summer Movie Nights! For information, please call: (562) 804-1424, ext. 2261, or visit www.bellflower.org.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS

Located in Town Center Plaza 16521 Adenmoor Avenue
Bring your blankets and chairs for an outdoor movie at Town Center Plaza. Arrival time begins at 7:00 p.m. and movies will begin around 8:30 p.m. (after the sun goes down). You are welcome to bring your own picnic or visit one of our local restaurants near the plaza for dinner. Entrance is FREE! Parking is available in the nearby parking structures at City Hall or at Bellflower/Mayne Street. No alcohol or dogs, please.

Tuesday Event Dates and Movies:

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