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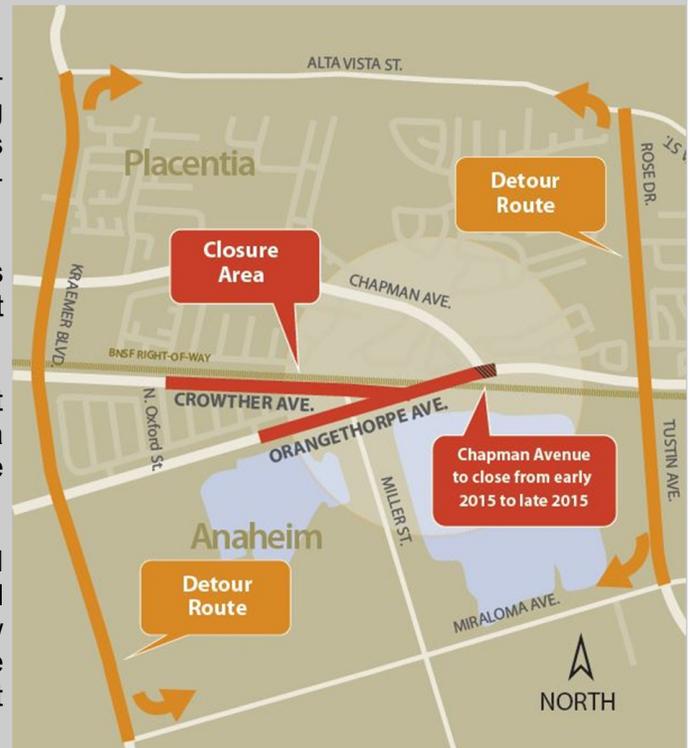
◆ Orangethorpe Avenue Road Closure Update

Construction of the Orangethorpe Avenue Overcrossing (Project) is underway. OCTA is rebuilding Orangethorpe as a bridge to allow vehicles to pass over the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway tracks to separate rail and roadway traffic.

As part of this Project, Orangethorpe Avenue has been closed to through traffic between Thames Street and Chapman Avenue.

Drivers can use either Kraemer Boulevard to the west or Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive to the east, with Alta Vista Street to the north and Miraloma Avenue to the south.

The Project includes relocation of underground and overhead utilities; construction of temporary sound blanket walls and retaining walls; building of a new Orangethorpe overpass bridge; improvements to the Atwood Channel; and building a new Miller Street roadway bridge.



Construction is expected to be completed by Spring, 2016. [Please click here for more information.](#)

◆ Backpacks for Success

The City, in collaboration with the Community Action Partnership, will be distributing free backpacks with school supplies. To apply, please visit the Whitten Community Center. The new backpacks are available to low-income elementary students attending school in Placentia. For additional information, please call (714) 986-2333 . Funding for this program was made available by the Placentia Community Foundation.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 8/14 Concerts in the Park and Taste of the Town
- 8/15 Movies in the Park
- 8/19 City Council Meeting
- 8/22 Movies in the Park

For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please contact us at administration@placentia.org.



ADMINISTRATION

◆ New Chamber of Commerce Monthly Electronic Newsletter

The Chamber of Commerce has recently introduced their new monthly electronic newsletter publication. The newsletter will have highlights of upcoming and past Chamber activities, upcoming City activities, community events, legislation, and economic development activities. To view the August edition of the Chamber newsletter, please click on the link below.

[August Newsletter](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ Final Concert in the Park and Taste of the Town Event

Join us for the last Concert in the Park this Thursday, August 14th. featuring music by **The Pleasure Tones** (Jazz, Blues and Rock) at Tri-City Park. In addition to the Concert in the Park, the Placentia Chamber of Commerce and the Placentia Community Foundation will host a "Taste of the Town" event. Wristbands are \$15 per person and children 5 and under are free. The event will showcase many local restaurants that will provide samples or a "taste" of a featured menu item along with many other local business displays. The goal of the event is to raise funds for both organizations to support community activities and programs in Placentia. So come out and enjoy our last Concert in the Park for the summer and bring your appetite! Activities begin at 5:00 p.m. and will continue until 9:00 p.m.

◆ Movies in the Park

Movies in the Park continues this Friday, August 15th and will feature **Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2**. Outdoor movies are shown at the Placentia Champions Sports Complex, 505 N. Jefferson, Placentia. Movies begin at dusk and admission is FREE. Spectators are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket for comfortable viewing. [Please click here for the list of movies.](#)

◆ TGIF Fundraiser for the PARKs Program

Join the City of Placentia's Community Services Department and T.G.I. Friday's on August 14th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. When you present the flyer below, 20% of the sales will be given to the Community Service's Positive Activities and Recreation for Kids (P.A.R.K.'s) afterschool program. The program offers free recreational activities for children ages 6-14 years. For more information, please contact (714) 993-8232 or visit us at www.placentia.org/parks.

[T.G.I. Friday Flyer](#)

◆ Placentia Library Newsletter is Now Available

The Placentia Library Newsletter (September – February) is now available on the Library's website at www.placentialibrary.org (it may take a few seconds to load due to the size of the document). The newsletter provides information on adult, children, and teen classes, including computer workshops, book discussions, and storytime. The newsletter highlights several upcoming special events such as the Spooky Fun!, Halloween Crafts and Treats, Camp Library, Winter Wonderland, and more! For more information about the Placentia Library District, please call (714) 528-1906.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ Placentia Library Summer Reading Celebration

On Saturday, August 16th, the Placentia Library will host a Summer Reading Celebration at the Placentia Civic Center from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This free fun-filled event will include activities for the entire family including train rides, food, puppet show, games, story time, face painting, crafts, bounce house and a photo booth. For more information, please call the Placentia Library at (714) 528-1906.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

◆ Better Floors and Restorations 40th Anniversary in Placentia

Better Floors and Restorations, located at 201 W. Santa Fe Ave., opened its doors for business on June 1, 1974. The company is a full service contracting firm specializing in high quality residential and commercial construction. The City recognizes and congratulates Better Floors and Restorations on their 40th anniversary and looks forward to 40 more years in Placentia.



ENGINEERING AND CIP PROJECTS

◆ Lakeview Grade Crossing Open House

On Monday, August 4th, City Staff attended an open house conducted by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) related to the Lakeview Grade Separation Project. The open house was well attended by both residents and businesses. The project will provide an overpass over the railroad tracks on Lakeview Avenue. For more information on this project, [please click here](#).

◆ Richfield Road and Orchard Drive Traffic Signal

The construction work for a traffic signal at Richfield Road and Orchard Drive is currently underway. The foundation for the traffic signal poles has been poured and coordination with Southern California Edison has occurred. Traffic signal equipment has been ordered and final installation will occur at the beginning of September.

◆ Landscape Maintenance District

At the City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 5th, ballots were counted for the new overlay Landscape Maintenance District (OLMD). The OLMD consisted of landscaping for medians, parkways, and the Champions Sports Complex. Over two thousand ballots were mailed to affected property owners. The City received nearly 800 ballots. The new OLMD did not receive sufficient votes to pass. As a result, City Staff will reduce the current operating budget to the exact amount received through the tax role. This will result in cuts in City Staff time, maintenance contracts and utilities to the Landscape Maintenance District.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

◆ DUI Enforcement Operations Planned for Friday, August 15th

Police Officers from the Placentia Police Department's DUI Enforcement Team will be deployed this weekend to stop and arrest alcohol and drug impaired drivers in the Department's ongoing traffic safety campaign. Special roving DUI saturation patrols will take place this Friday, August 15th between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. in areas with high frequencies of DUI collisions and/or arrests.

Placentia Police reminds everyone that they can assist in preventing DUIs from every occurring. If you are planning a gathering or celebration with alcohol included, or if you are out on the town, plan ahead and designate a non-drinking sober driver. A DUI and drug-impaired arrest can cost up to \$10,000 or more, and may include jail time, loss of driver's license, and high insurance rates.

These enforcement efforts are funded by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National High Traffic Safety Administration. Please keep our roads safe, call 9-1-1.

◆ National Night Out - A Big Success!

National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 5th at the Placentia Town Center in conjunction with the Placentia Farmers Market. The night highlighted many of the Police Department's specialty units including SWAT, Detectives, K9, and Bike Team. Also there was a tremendous participation from many of the local business, service organizations, and local service providers. Over 2,000 people attended and enjoyed the night's activities. National Night Out is designed to enhance prevention awareness, generate support for prevention programs, highlight neighborhood collaboration and spirit, and strengthen community partnerships. The Placentia Farmers Market is now a weekly event where citizens can come out and enjoy the open air environment and walk away with locally grown produce and/or homemade products.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

◆ Code Enforcement

August 5, 2014

A Police Services Officer (PSO) and his trainee responded to and assisted with traffic control at a traffic collision. One code enforcement courtesy notice was issued. Another PSO assisted with transportation of an arrestee from the field to Placentia Police Department jail; arrestee was later transported to Orange County Jail.

August 7, 2014

A Police Services Officer assisted Placentia Police Detectives with an illegal medical marijuana dispensary search warrant on day shift.

August 8, 2014

A Police Services Officer booked and transported 2 prisoners to Orange County Jail and assisted Police Officer's in a traffic accident.

◆ Significant Events

August 5, 2014

Early morning, Police Officers were flagged down in the downtown area in reference to a theft that had just occurred. The reporting party spoke to the Police Officers about the incident involving 3 male subjects taking property without his permission. During a search of the area, one of the subjects was found and subsequently arrested for attempted petty theft and possession of burglary tools. The young man is a known and documented gang member. He was consequently booked into Orange County Juvenile Hall.

August 7, 2014

Placentia Police Detectives and Patrol Officers served a search warrant at a marijuana dispensary. Placentia Municipal Code citations were issued and evidence was seized.

A Police Officer pursued a bicyclist near Center and Placentia Ave. The man, later identified as an armed and dangerous Parolee at Large, discarded his bike and ran away on foot. A perimeter and K9 search of the local apartments on the 500 and 600 blocks of Center Street failed to locate the suspect.

August 8, 2014

A 65 year old male gardener working at someone's residence fell into an in ground swimming pool. He did not know how to swim. He was discovered by and pulled from the pool by his co-worker, who had been working in the front yard. He was transported to Placentia Linda Hospital via ground ambulance and was pronounced dead at the hospital.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

◆ Development Services Project List

Building Activity

The rough grading permit has been issued to Beazer homes for 78 new single-family homes at Kraemer Blvd and Newcastle Drive.

A precise grading permit was issued for 738 La Jolla for 10 unit apartment buildings.

The following is a list of the number of recent building permits issued within the City.

PERMIT TYPE	# PERMITS
Residential Alteration	4
Solar	3
Block Wall	
Storage Racks	
Patio	
Commercial Tenant Improvement	
Sign	
Roof	1
Demo	1
Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical	12
Total	21

Plan Check Activity

The following is a list of the number of recent plan checks issued within the City.

PLAN CHECK TYPE	# SUBMITTED
Commercial Tenant Improvement	1
Residential Alterations	
Solar	4
Signs	
B & Z (Building & Zoning Application)	3
Home Occupation Permits	2
Total	10