

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing



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ADMINISTRATION

◆ Veterans Day Observance Ceremony

The 26th Annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Placentia Civic Center Plaza. The event featured student speaker Mitchell Johnson of Valencia High School, guest speaker Veteran Fred Visconti, and keynote speaker Veteran Antonio "Tony" Rangel. The event also unveiled four names added to the Veterans Monument: Jason C. Ciaccio, Paul M. Shelton, Monika McKemie, and Fritz C. Shumann. Thank you to all the residents, veterans, and their families that celebrated and helped make this Veterans Day a very memorable day.



To view the complete photo slideshow of the event, [please click on this link.](#)

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/25 Historical Committee
- 11/27 Thanksgiving - City Facilities Closed
- 12/2 City Council Meeting
- 12/9 Planning Commission
- 12/10 Oversight Board of the Successor Agency

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



ADMINISTRATION

◆ City Accepting Applications for City Treasurer in Anticipation of Vacancy

With the recently held election on November 4th, it is anticipated that the current City Treasurer will be seated on the City Council effective December 2nd. The incumbent City Treasurer has two years remaining on his term. The City invites interested residents to submit an application to fill the balance of the term of City Treasurer. The term ends in November, 2016.

The City Treasurer is an elected position and, by City Charter, is custodian of all public funds belonging to, or under the control of, the City or any office, department, or agency, with the cooperation and assistance of the Finance Department.

To qualify for the City Treasurer position, you must be a City of Placentia resident and have active voter registration status at the time of application submittal. Applications are available in person at the Office of the City Clerk, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia and by clicking on the link below. An application is required and letters of interest and/or resume may be attached. The deadline to submit an application is 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. It is anticipated that interviews will be conducted at the December 16, 2014 City Council Meeting. Please direct any inquiries to (714) 993-8231.

[City Treasurer Application](#)

◆ Turkey Basket Drive on Tuesday, November 25th

The City's Neighborhood Services Division, in collaboration with the Friendly Center, will be assisting needy families in Placentia with a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Donations are welcome and can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose Street on Tuesday, November 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Suggested donations can be a basket/box with food such as stuffing, dry potatoes, canned vegetables, dinner rolls, pumpkin pies, beans, rice and pasta. Each basket should contain a frozen turkey or a gift card to purchase one. For additional information, please call the Friendly Center at (714) 769-8869 or [click on this link to view the flyer.](#)



COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ Tamale Festival, Las Posadas and the Winter Holiday Celebration

The Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association and the City are proud to bring you the annual Tamale Festival, Las Posadas and the Winter Holiday Celebration to be held in Old Town Placentia in the 100-200 blocks of Santa Fe Street on Wednesday, December 10th from 4:00 - 9:00 PM. The event will feature a procession re-enacting the travels of Mary and Joseph, live entertainment featuring the famous Mariachi Divas, caroling and fresh and delicious tamales for individual and quantity purchase. Children will have an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus, receive a gift and pose for individual pictures. The event will be conducted entirely through event sponsorships. For additional information, please contact the Placita Santa Fe Merchants via email at ocrosalina@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ Registration for Placentia Youth Basketball has been Extended

Placentia Youth Basketball (PYB) registration has been extended for all boys and girls in 1st through 8th grade. PYB is a league that emphasizes the fundamentals of the game, teamwork, and FUN! It is a co-ed league designed for students who enjoy basketball and friendly competition. No formal basketball experience is necessary to participate. Games are played on Saturdays at Oberle Gym or Tynes Gym. Coaching is provided by fully background checked volunteers and City Staff. Registration deadline is Thursday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m. For additional information, please visit www.placentia.org/pyb.

◆ Personal Santa Visits to Your Home!

Placentia residents can make this holiday season a memorable one for family and friends by scheduling a special visit from Santa Claus in the comfort and convenience of their own home! Santa visits are available from Saturday, December 6th through Sunday, December 21st from 3:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. The cost of each 15-minute visit is \$45 for up to five kids. Groups of six or more will require a thirty minute visit for \$90. Please register in person at the Community Services Office, 401 E. Chapman Ave. Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. For additional information, please call (714) 993-8232.

◆ Special Excursion: A Christmas Carol at Riley's Farm 1877

The City will be hosting a special excursion to enjoy "A Christmas Carol" at Riley's Farm 1877 on Saturday, December 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For a cost of \$55.00, participants can enjoy transportation to Riley's Farm for live music, community caroling, a hayride around the country side, a feast that would make the Cratchets' eyes wide with wonder, festive dances worthy of Old Fezziwig and of course, Charles Dickens' Classic tale in vignettes through the night. You will truly feel the Christmas spirit at this year's Riley's Farm rendition of the timeless story of a Christmas Carol. For more information or to register, please call (714) 993-8232.

ENGINEERING AND CIP PROJECTS

◆ Sidewalk, Driveway, Curb and Gutter Repairs at Kraemer Boulevard and Yorba Linda Boulevard

The shopping centers located along Kraemer Boulevard, south of Yorba Linda Boulevard on both the West and East sides, are currently repairing and retrofitting driveways, sidewalks, and curb and gutter. The efforts will bring the properties up to current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The construction activity will be completed during the week of November 28th.

◆ Downtown Placentia Parking Lot

The parking lot, located at 235 Bradford Street, is progressing at a rapid pace. The concrete block wall separating it from the neighbors to the north is in place, the curbs outlining the parking stalls are installed, and the construction of the asphalt surfacing has begun. Construction is expected to be complete in mid-December.





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◆ Placentia Packing House Demolition

The City's contract demolition company, UEI, has completed all of the hazardous materials abatement, and is completing the removal of materials that can be recycled at the former Placentia Orange Growers Association Building. The demolition is needed for the construction of the South Metrolink Station platform and a potential Transit Oriented Development.



◆ OC Bridges Grade Separation Project Update

Orangethorpe Avenue – Bridge construction continues west of Chapman Avenue, with pile driving of the bridge foundations at several locations. Closure of Chapman Avenue at Orangethorpe Avenue is expected to begin in January 2015 and continue no more than 12 months.

Tustin Avenue/Rose Drive – Continuing to widen the north side of Orangethorpe Avenue. Major grading will begin on Rose Drive and Tustin Avenue.

For additional information on the OC Bridges Project, [please click on this link.](#)

◆ Richfield Road and Orchard Drive Traffic Signal

The construction work for a traffic signal at Richfield Road and Orchard Drive is nearly complete. All sidewalk and median work was completed while traffic signal equipment was ordered for the project. The traffic signal poles are now installed and will be energized on November 20th with assistance from Southern California Edison. Once activated, the traffic signal will flash red for motorists to become accustomed to a new traffic signal at the intersection. The final step is the development of a timing chart that determines the cycle length for each traffic signal phase. The timing chart is currently being developed and is anticipated to be completed on November 20th. After a few days of the traffic signal on flash and the timing chart implemented, the traffic signal will be activated for normal operation.

◆ Orange County Transportation Authority M2 Tier 1 Grant

For the first time, the City was recently awarded an \$80,000 grant from OCTA Measure M Tier 1 Grant Program. This grant is designed to fund projects preventing litter and debris that collects on roadways and in storm drains from being deposited in waterways and the ocean. This specific project is for the installation of 50 catch basin debris screens throughout the City. Areas with the highest concentrations of transportation-related pollutants will be the primary target for these screens. A picture of what the screens will resemble once installed is provided.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

◆ Significant Events

November 15, 2014

Anaheim Police Department's helicopter assisted the Placentia Police Department with a 911 call in the Atwood area. The air unit officers located an occupied vehicle at Maria and Vincente. Placentia Officers approached the vehicle and it was determined to be a couple in a verbal dispute. The male had a felony warrant and methamphetamines in his possession.

Special Enforcement Detail gang detectives arrested three people for gang related vandalism charges. Police Officers made warrant arrest. In addition, Police Officers arrested a male juvenile for possession of graffiti tools. A K9 Police Officer arrested a male for possession of methamphetamines and being under the influence.

November 16, 2014

The Santa Ana winds picked up early this morning and created an uptick of calls for service. Numerous burglary alarm calls occurred.

A DUI / traffic accident occurred in the mid-afternoon at Alta Vista and Jasmine.

November 18, 2014

Funeral services were held for Lt. Ken Alexander. The Placentia Police Department was assisted by Anaheim Police Department to patrol the City allowing Placentia Police Department personnel to pay their respects to Lt. Ken Alexander.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Development Services Project List
- ◆ Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary