

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## ◆ Veterans Day Observance Ceremony

The 27th Annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Placentia Civic Center Plaza. The City of Placentia is grateful for the many sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our country. In their honor, we invite all residents, veterans, and their families to Celebrate this Veterans Day with us. For additional information, please call (714) 993-8264.

### [Veterans Day Flyer](#)

In addition, the American Legion Post 277 is hosting a lunch for all Veterans and their families following the City's Ceremony. The American Legion Post 277 is located at 230 S. Bradford Avenue in Placentia.



## ◆ 3rd Annual Veteran's Day Event at El Dorado High School

This event started in 2013 when the Fallen Heroes Memorial was constructed and unveiled to the families of El Dorado High School's three fallen alumni as an Eagle Scout project by Andrew Binnings. This event was the first time all three families were together and marked their introduction to each other. The memorial was introduced to the community in a public Veteran's Day ceremony that created a strong connection between the families, the community, our veterans and the school. This event remembers and recognizes not only the 3 Fallen Heroes from El Dorado, but all veterans that have served in our armed forces.

All Veterans and their family are invited to attend on Veterans Day and participate in the Ceremony at El Dorado High School. The event begins at 1:30 p.m. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, please visit [www.eldoradoveterans.com](http://www.eldoradoveterans.com).

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/9 Recreation and Parks Commission
- 11/10 Cultural Arts Commission
- 11/10 Planning Commission
- 11/11 Veterans Day Observance Ceremony
- 11/16 Traffic Safety Commission
- 11/17 City Council Meeting

**For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please contact us at [administration@placentia.org](mailto:administration@placentia.org).**



## ADMINISTRATION

### ♦ Community Outreach - Request a Presentation!

The City has launched our community engagement program, and we appreciate the hundreds of participants who have provided input thus far. Thank you to everyone who has participated to date. As you may be aware, depleted local revenues and historical State takeaways have left Placentia with a \$6.1 million dollar structural deficit. Because of this, certain basic City services and maintenance continue to be deferred. Over \$3 million a year in street and road maintenance have been deferred annually over the last 7 years, with \$30-\$40 million worth of repairs needed over the next decade.

Additionally, Placentia currently maintains a proactive Police presence in our neighborhoods, parks, and schools, with anti-drug and anti-gang police officers, youth violence prevention and gang-related programs to help keep our kids off the streets and out of trouble. With our current structural deficit, these services may be reduced in the years to come, impacting our quality of life and our property values.

The City will continue engaging residents in a community conversation about Placentia's fiscal challenges, and soliciting input on your service priorities. Most recently, City Staff and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force attended the Placentia Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting to present our Community Outreach presentation. Please add your voice by requesting a presentation for your organization, viewing our community presentation online, or providing your personal feedback at [www.placentia.org/feedback](http://www.placentia.org/feedback), or by contacting us at (714) 993-8186 or [administration@placentia.org](mailto:administration@placentia.org). We look forward to your feedback in continuing to make Placentia a great place to live, work and play.



### ♦ Join Placentia's Teen Team

Looking for high school community service hours? Placentia high school students, ages 14 to 18, are invited to volunteer to help assist the citizens of Placentia reduce trash through recycling, and to raise the awareness of the citizens on environmental issues. You will participate in recycling education at community events as well as develop and implement a program of education and awareness. Don't miss this opportunity to educate yourself and help educate others! Applications available online at [www.placentia.org/teenteam](http://www.placentia.org/teenteam).





## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### ◆ Thanksgiving Food Drive

The City of Placentia's Neighborhood Services Division and the Friendly Center are partnering to provide Thanksgiving meals to low income families in Placentia. Donations of non-perishable food items are welcome and can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose Street, Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Suggested items include dry pasta, rice, beans, canned vegetables, mashed potatoes, stuffing, cake and bread mixes. For more information please see the flyer below or call (714) 986-2333.

[Food Drive Flyer](#)

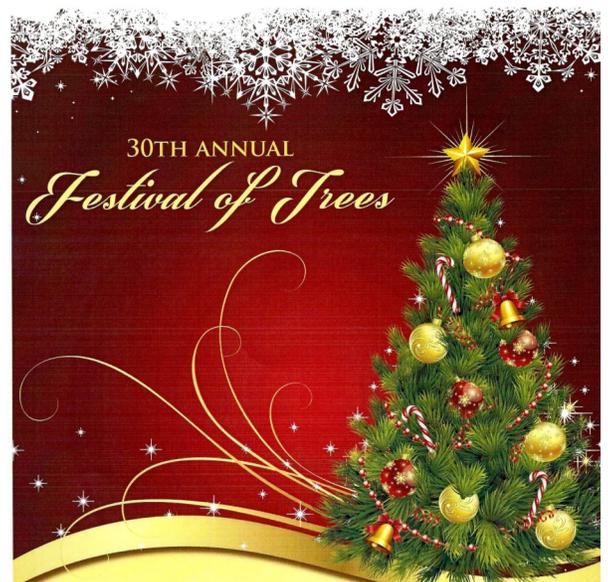


### ◆ Santa Visits

Special arrangements have been made this holiday season and Saint Nick has made time in his busy schedule to make personal visits to Placentia homes. The popular "Santa Visits" can be reserved from Saturday, December 12 through Sunday, December 20. The fee for each fifteen minute visit is \$45.00 for up to five children. Please contact the City of Placentia Community Services Department for further details at (714) 993-8232.

### ◆ 30th Annual Festival of Trees

Come celebrate the Placentia Round Table Women's Club 30th Anniversary of the Festival of Trees on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Grand Ballroom, 900 E. Birch Street in Brea. The silent auction will provide you with many gifts to bid on. The excitement begins with 35-40 beautifully decorated 3 foot or taller Christmas trees that are raffled off during the program. There will be several door prizes and lunch will be served at noon. Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased by calling Donna Garner at (714) 970-2334. No tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will benefit a number of Placentia Round Table Women's Club Local Community Philanthropies. Please visit their website at [www.placentiawomensclub.org](http://www.placentiawomensclub.org) for more information.





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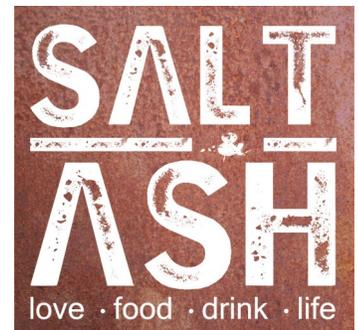
### ◆ Placentia Youth Basketball (PYB)

The Placentia Youth Basketball league emphasizes 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 will be played on Saturdays at Oberle Gym or Tynes Gym. The mandatory skills evaluations will be held on Saturday, November 14th at Oberle Gym at 10:00am. The \$80.00 fee includes indoor practices/games, team shirts and awards. The program is open to all students 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Proof of grade is required at time of registration (school ID, report card). Birth certificate is also required for new program participants. Any parents interested in coaching, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### ◆ Salt and Ash Opening Soon in Placentia

Stay informed about the opening of Salt and Ash, a new restaurant in Placentia located at 1390 N. Kraemer Blvd. in Placentia. The “New American” menu will feature a selection of items for brunch, lunch, and dinner. Additionally, the owners will maintain a revolving beverage program to pair well with the tastes of their featured menu plates. Be sure to stay up to date with their upcoming grand opening by visiting their Facebook page [here](#).



### ◆ Farmer's Market Every Tuesday

The Placentia's Farmers' Market takes place every Tuesday! Come out to the Placentia Farmers' Market on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Placentia Town Center on the corner of Yorba Linda and Kraemer. Support local businesses and local vendors who provide certified healthy food. Now accepting EBT.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### ◆ Coffee with a Cop at the Whitten Community Center

On Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the City of Placentia's Neighborhood Services Division and Placentia Police Department partnered to host a Coffee with a Cop event at the Whitten Community Center. Attendees were provided the opportunity to have questions answered by Police Officer Flores. Various topics were discussed including school safety, pedestrian traffic safety and when it's appropriate to call 9-1-1 vs. the non-emergency line. This event offered a great opportunity for members of the community to get to know their local Police Department. Stay tuned to the additional “Weekly Briefing” reports for future Coffee with a Cop events.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### ◆ K-9 Memorial Wall Project

The Placentia Boy Scout Eagle Project is currently in progress in front of the City Hall/Police Station. The K9 Memorial Wall will serve to honor police dogs that have served the Placentia Police Department. The masonry wall has “niches” (voids) where the ashes of the dogs will be placed with name and service dates plaques. The Placentia Boy Scouts are raising funds for the bronze plaques that would be similar to the adjacent Police Officers’ Memorial Wall. To donate, please make checks payable to PUMC and in the memo line include “Jay Jones’ Eagle Project”. Donations can be mailed to 2050 Valencia Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870 or click on the GoFundMe campaign below:

[www.gofundme.com website](http://www.gofundme.com)

### ◆ Significant Events

#### **October 29, 2015**

Police Officers responded to Placentia Linda Hospital regarding an assault victim in the Emergency Room. After speaking to the male victim, it was determined that his 13 year old son assaulted him with a bottle which resulted in a laceration on his face. The 13 year old was subsequently arrested and later booked at Orange County Juvenile Hall.

#### **October 30, 2015**

A major DUI traffic collision occurred in the construction area at the dead end of Chapman at Orangethorpe. The DUI driver was the only person injured after he crashed into construction equipment. Traffic Bureau and Crime Scene Investigations arrived on scene for investigation.

#### **November 1, 2015**

A Police Officer arrested a drunk driver after the man drove away from Rem’s Vegas Sports Lounge.

A gang member confronted two citizens on Center Street as they were exiting their vehicle. The gang member was brandishing a knife when he asked the men where they were from. The men explained to the suspect that they are family men. The suspect then retreated to an awaiting car that drove away.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### ◆ Development Services Project List

## **Building Division Activity**

1. Building plans and structural calculations for solar panel installations at a commercial building located at 545 – 565 Porter Way were reviewed and approved by the Building Division on October 26. The scope of work includes installing a total of 172 solar panels on top of the existing flat roof. Total estimate cost of the construction is \$185,000.
2. Tenant improvement plans for a small, new coffee shop located at 173 W Santa Fe Ave. were approved by the O.C. Health, Planning and Building departments on October 27. This new coffee shop will be next to an existing retail shop. The shop design features front windows and entry door facing Santa Fe Ave. The total cost of the interior remodeling is \$18,000.
3. Residential solar panel installation plans for twelve (12) residential homes were reviewed & approved by Building Division on October 28. These solar panel installation projects are for the single detached residences only.
4. Architectural & structural plans for a residential room addition located at Promenade Street were reviewed and approved by both Planning and Building Divisions on October 27. Scope of work includes a bedroom addition, new enclosed front entry porch, new plumbing, electrical, and mechanical fixtures.
5. Precise grading plans of Habitat for Humanity at 1617 and 1621 Oak St. were submitted to Building & Planning Division for review & approval on October 28. Street improvement, erosion control and utility plans were submitted to the Engineering Division for review and approval.

## **Number of Permits Issued**

<b>PERMIT TYPE</b>	<b># PERMITS</b>
Residential Alteration	4
Solar	5
Block Wall/Fence	1
Storage Racks	0
Patio	0
Commercial Tenant Improvement	0
Sign	0
Roof	5
Pool Demo	0
Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>

## Number of Plan Checks

<b>PLAN CHECK TYPE</b>	<b># SUBMITTED</b>
Commercial Tenant Improvement	5
Residential Alterations	2
Solar	6
Signs	1
B & Z (Building & Zoning Application)	2
Home Occupation Permits	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>