

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

December 10, 2015

## Tamale Festival, Las Posadas, and Winter Holiday Celebration

The Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association, in conjunction with the City, held their Annual Tamale Festival, Las Posadas and Winter Holiday Celebration on Wednesday, December 9th. Old Town Placentia was filled with vendors selling delicious tamales and a variety of authentic Mexican food. The event was highlighted with live entertainment, including the award winning Mariachi Divas as well craft vendors. The evening featured a tree lighting ceremony assisted by Mayor Jeremy Yamaguchi and Santa Claus! Children also had the opportunity to meet Santa Claus, receive a special gift, and have individual pictures taken with Old Saint Nick.



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 12/10 Joint Meeting Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force
- 12/14 Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
- 12/14 Community Outreach Presentation
- 12/15 City Council Meeting
- 12/21-31 City Hall Holiday Closure

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



## ADMINISTRATION

### Local History Lecture Series: *Fighting Over the Streets: How Placentia Got its Shape*

The Placentia Library Friends Foundation and the Placentia Historical Committee hosted a *Fighting over the Streets: How Placentia Got its Shape* presentation on Monday, December 7, 2015. The presentation shared how the area of farmland historically labeled "Placentia," became a legal City and how it grew from a town less than one square mile to the City we see today.

The next lecture in the series entitled, "The House that Bradford Built" will be held on **Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Avenue. The series is free and is held on the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room. For additional information, please call (714) 528-1906. To catch up on previous lectures, [click here](#) for more information.

### Request for Qualifications for the Backs Community Building Renovation Project



The City of Placentia has released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural Service Design of ADA improvements to the Backs Community Building. The RFQ will must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office by 1:00 p.m. on December 17, 2015. The Architectural Service Design will allow the City to seek proposals for the construction portion of the renovation. The Backs Community Building is expected to be closed for approximately two months (March-April) during the renovation period. This project is funded by Community Development Block Grant funds. To view the RFQ for Architectural Service Design, please click [here](#).

### Community Outreach Presentation

As part of the City of Placentia's community outreach efforts, we would like to invite you to attend a presentation on Monday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Placentia City Council Chambers, 401 E. Chapman Avenue. Interim City Administrator, Damien Arrula will be presenting a brief 30-45 minute PowerPoint presentation that will discuss the City's current fiscal challenges, service priorities, and provide an update on the Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force. We look forward to your participation and feedback. If you have any questions, please call (714) 993-8264.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Placentia's Library Holiday Merriment

Join the Placentia Library's Holiday Merriment on Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. Barbershop quartet and Placentia Community Chorus will be performing sounds of the season. Bring the kids to continue the fun with Winter Wonderland at 2:00 p.m. There will be holiday crafts, treats, and a special visit from Santa!



## Outdoor Exercise Equipment Installed

Thanks to a new St. Jude Hospital Grant designed to promote and improve health and reduce obesity in low income neighborhoods, outdoor exercise equipment has been installed at Kraemer Memorial Park at 201 N. Bradford, and McFadden Park located at 900 S. Melrose St. This new equipment is designed to promote more opportunities for parents and families for outdoor physical activities and to maximize use of available open space. A Grand Opening Ceremony will be held at Kraemer Memorial Park on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 3:30 p.m.

## Community Christmas Basket Donations and Volunteer Support

The City of Placentia and the Friendly Center are once again partnering to host the Community Christmas Basket program for local families in need. Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa, do arts and crafts activities, and will receive gifts along with a food bag for the family. This event is made possible due to the generosity of many businesses and individuals who have made contributions. Donations of non-perishable food items are still needed. Donations can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center located at 900 South Melrose Street by Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Additionally, volunteers will also be needed to assist in preparations for this fun event. Volunteers are welcome to help until December 14, 2015 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Neighborhood Services office at (714) 986-2333.

## Santa Visits

The first day for Santa Visits is on Saturday, December 12, 2015. There are still a couple of openings available on Sunday, December 13, 2015. The weekend of December 18, 19, and 20 is completely sold out! The Santa Visits have become one of the most popular activities during the holiday season. Families like having Santa Claus and his Elf visit their home and have a personal conversation with their children. It is also a great opportunity to take pictures and avoid the long lines at the Mall.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Storm Season Preparation

The City and the Public Works Department are preparing for the upcoming storm season. Public Works crews cleaned a total of 536 storm drains to minimize potential flooding issues due to clogged storm drain lines. In the upcoming weeks, they will be performing tests and inspections of the City's storm water pump stations. Residents may pick-up sand bags at the City's Corporation Yard located at 2999 La Jolla St. from Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents will need to show identification to prove City residency and bring their own shovel to fill up the bags with sand. Each resident is allowed up to 10 sand bags. The Orange County Fire Authority also offers sandbags to residents at Fire Station 34 located at 1530 N. Valencia Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870.



## OC Bridges at Rose and Tustin Avenue is Now Open

On Sunday, December 6, 2015, the contractor constructing the grade separation bridge overpass on Rose/Tustin Avenue began the process to transfer traffic from the temporary bypass road on Rose/Tustin Avenue to the bridge. This transfer was completed by 6:00 a.m. on Monday, December 7th. Traffic signals and temporary lighting were energized and operational prior to opening the bridge to traffic. Although additional work around the project area is ongoing, the opening of the bridge to thru-traffic was an important milestone in this project. Many years of planning, design and construction aimed at easing traffic congestion, and improving traffic safety culminated with the opening of this bridge alongside other recently completed grade separation projects on Kraemer and Placentia Avenues.



The grade separation project at Orangethorpe and Chapman is also nearing completion. This intersection is scheduled to be opened to traffic by the end of the year with the overall project completed by May 2016. Work is ongoing at the Lakeview Avenue project site and the bridge is anticipated to be opened to traffic by November 2016, with a project target completion date of February 2017. For additional information regarding the City's grade separation projects, please visit [www.ocbridges.com](http://www.ocbridges.com).

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Shop Locally for the Holidays



Tis the season! The holidays are well under way and as you shop for that perfect gift or for a place for family gatherings, remember to shop and/or dine locally here in Placentia. There are many advantages to supporting local retailers and businesses. When shopping locally, you support local jobs, assist in funding city services through sales tax, invest in our neighborhood retail centers and promote economic development. Enjoy the season and don't forget to shop locally at your favorite Placentia retailers!



## Evan Brooks Associates and Lilley Planning Group Outreach at the Tamale Festival

On December 9th, during the annual Tamale Festival, Evan Brooks Associates handed out flyers that described the proposed Old Town Santa Fe District Plan. On the second side of the flyer, the Lilley Planning Group also described the upcoming Transit Oriented Development Packing House District Zone. The representatives used the festival as an opportunity to let residents, stakeholders, and local businesses know about these upcoming projects. We look forward to hosting several community meetings in the near future to further discuss in detail the proposed Old Town Santa Fe District Plan and the Transit Oriented Development Packing House District Zone.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Significant Events

#### December 3, 2015

A residential burglary occurred in the early morning hours on the 300 block of W. Santa Fe. The reported loss was a television. The circumstances are suspicious and a report was taken.

#### December 4, 2015

Traffic conducted a saturation patrol which resulted in one arrest for DUI.

#### December 5, 2015

Fullerton Police Department had a gang related stabbing at the Circle K at Nutwood and Placentia. Responding Police Officers from Fullerton Police Department located the fleeing suspect's vehicle which was reported stolen from the 200 block of S. Kraemer. Placentia Police Officers responded and assisted in the felony traffic stop in which 3 PLAS gang members and two PLAS gang associates were arrested.

#### December 7, 2015

A mentally challenged 17 year old male brandished a knife in the presence of a Police Officer in a building on the 100 block of W. Santa Fe. He refused to put down the knife while advancing towards the Police Officer. The boy's father was able to talk him into dropping the knife. The boy was taken to Kaiser Medical Center for a psychiatric evaluation. There have been several similar incidents with the same male in the past.

#### December 8, 2015

Numerous collisions occurred with the most significant incident occurring at the intersection of Kraemer and Alta Vista where a Placentia Police Officer was seriously injured and is subsequently in the Intensive Care Unit in an area hospital. Preliminary reports list the Police Officer was not at fault.

#### December 9, 2015

At approximately 9:50 a.m., an 87 year old male was discovered deceased in his residence in the 100 block of Orangethorpe. The cause of death was determined to be from natural causes.



## **EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION**

**Development Services Project List**

**Public Works Division Activity**

**Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary**



## **Development Services and Public Work items** **For the Week Ending December 09, 2015**

### **Building Division Activity**

1. Building plans for a residential remodeling project of a single family home located at Primrose Ave. were reviewed and approved by the Building Division on November 30. The scope of work includes removing bearing walls, closets, installing new beams, and new footings for existing raised floor. The cost of the construction is \$35,000.00
2. Tenant improvement plans for a medical office building located at 1041 E. Yorba Linda Blvd. were reviewed by the Planning and Building divisions on December 1. This project is for a new doctor's office that will consist of new treatment rooms, restroom renovations and new electrical and plumbing fixture units. The cost of the construction is \$65,000.00
3. Residential solar panel installation plans for sixteen (16) single family homes were submitted and approved by the Building Division on December 2. These are for residential detached homes only.
4. Architectural and structural plans for a residential remodeling project located at Main Street were reviewed and approved by the Building Division on December 1. This home renovation project involves the removal of bearing walls, ceiling joists; and installation of new support beams and columns in the kitchen. The cost of the construction is \$25,000.00
5. Tenant improvement plans for an industrial building located at 132 E. Crowther Ave. were reviewed and approved by the Planning and Building divisions on December 2. The new tenant is proposing to add more new interior offices, storage space and new restrooms inside of the existing building. The cost of the construction is \$150,000.00



## Number of Permit Checks

PERMIT TYPE	# PERMITS
Residential Alteration	8
Solar	11
Block Wall/Fence	7
Storage Racks	0
Patio	4
Commercial Tenant Improvement	3
Sign	0
Roof	7
Pool	1
Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>

## Number of Plan Checks

PLAN CHECK TYPE	# SUBMITTED
Commercial Tenant Improvement	3
Residential Alterations	10
New Residential	0
Solar	6
Signs	0
B & Z (Building & Zoning Application)	2
Home Occupation Permits	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>



## **Public Works Department Activity**

City Staff performed several maintenance activities throughout the City. The Graffiti Crew removed graffiti in the downtown Santa Fe District and citywide. The Sign Shop repaired and replaced signs in the Santa Fe District area and completed work orders related to the Las Posadas & Tamale Festival. The Patch Crew filled in potholes on the following arterial streets: Kraemer Blvd., Chapman Ave, and Bastanchury Rd. The Ball Field Maintenance Crew worked on infields at the Sports Complex, Tuffree Park and Tori Hunter field. The Facility Maintenance Crew replaced ceiling tiles in the City Administration Department. The Irrigation Crew repaired the main water line on Alta Vista St and backflows on Connecticut Way and Kraemer Blvd. The maintenance crews cleaned alley ways in downtown for the Las Posadas & Tamale Festival and replanted plant material in parking lots and median islands.

As a reminder to our residents, City staff is now assigned to remove graffiti, pick up dead animals, maintain the downtown landscaping and make sure the OCTA bus stops throughout the City of Placentia are clean. The phone number to report graffiti or dead animal pick up is (714) 993-8279.



# Orange County Fire Authority

## *Weekly Executive Summary*

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[www.ocfa.org](http://www.ocfa.org)

December 10, 2015

## News & Events

On Wednesday night, graduation ceremonies were held at the OCFA Regional Fire Operations and Training Center for 38 new firefighters. OCFA Board Chair Gene Hernandez spoke at the graduation, which was open to the public and well attended. The graduates demonstrated their skills by way of live structure fire demos, building repelling, and auto extrications. Please enjoy these [photos](#) and [video footage](#) from the graduation. The [highlight video](#) for OCFA Academy 41 is available as well.

OCFA, the American Red Cross, Irvine CERT, TIP, MERT (Meadows Emergency Response Team), and community volunteers partnered to install free smoke alarms at The Meadows, a manufactured home community for seniors in Irvine. The event took place on Saturday, December 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A total of 435 smoke alarms were installed and residents of the neighborhood received fire safety and emergency evacuation education. With late installations scheduled for today and tomorrow, the total number of alarms installed is expected to exceed 450.

The OCFA distributes a monthly video newsletter to all OCFA personnel to keep crews and staff up-to-date on recent incidents and current topics within OCFA. The [Video Newsletter for November 2015](#) is now available to view.

If you haven't done so already, please be sure to like/follow/visit the OCFA [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages and our [AlertOC Community Education](#) page. OCFA has partnered with other local safety agencies to offer holiday and winter safety tips. Campaign details can be found in the [news release](#). #OCHolidaySafety

## \*Weekly Media Clips

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## Board Action

For Board agendas, please visit <http://www.ocfa.org> and click on "Board Agendas/Minutes."

## Weekly Update on Response and Preparedness

**Weekly Fire Activity Report:** This is a regular status update of available OCFA resources and a list of OCFA out of County resources jurisdiction and a list of out of county resources.

**Weather Outlook:** *Below Normal Temperatures for December 11 – December 18.* For more information, please visit the [National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center](#).

**Fire Outlook –Dry:** Little or no risk of large fires in the absence of a "High Risk" event. You can obtain a 7-day forecast, monthly and/or seasonal by clicking [here](#).



## Community Events

- Crew from Truck 61 (B Shift) delivered Santa to the City of **Buena Park** Community Center for a holiday event. The event was on December 5 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 13 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Corey Elementary in **Buena Park**. The program was on December 9 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 30 (B Shift) delivered Santa to a community event for the City of **Dana Point**. The event was on December 4 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 28 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Horizons Preschool in **Irvine**. The program was on December 8 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 28 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and engine visit to students at Olam Montessori in **Irvine**. The program was on December 9 from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Engine 58 (C Shift) participated in the “Kohl’s Kids” event at the Kohl’s in **Ladera Ranch**. The event was on December 6 from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Crew from Station 58 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program to a group of Cub Scouts from **Ladera Ranch**. The program was on December 10 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 22 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour as a birthday celebration for a group of local **Laguna Hills** residents. The event was on December 5 from 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
- Crew from Station 39 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Girl Scouts from **Laguna Niguel**. The program was on December 10 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 22 (B Shift) provided a static display for a community event at the Home Depot in **Lake Forest**. The event was on December 5 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 2 (B Shift) delivered Santa to the city Winter Wonderland event in **Los Alamitos**. The event took place on December 5 from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 45 (B Shift) delivered Santa to a holiday event at Arroyo Vista School in **Ranch Santa Margarita**. The event was on December 5 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Crew from Station 45 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to the Saddleback Valley’s Moms Club in **Rancho Santa Margarita**. The program was on December 10 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Battalion Chief Sanchez and crew from Engine 60 (B Shift) attended a Hanukkah event in the City of **San Clemente**. The event took place on December 6 from 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Crews from Engine 21 and Medic 21 (B Shift) attended the Fire Academy graduation at Santa Ana College in **Santa Ana**. The graduation was on December 5 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Crew from Truck 75 (C Shift) participated in the Wilshire Square Parade in **Santa Ana**. The event was on December 6 from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Captain Horner participated in a career fair event at Santa Ana High School in **Santa Ana**. The event was on December 8 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.



- Crew from Station 75 (A Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of students from a local elementary school in **Santa Ana**. The program was on December 8 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Crew from Station 75 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of local residents from **Santa Ana**. The program was on December 10 from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- C Crew from Station 18 (B Shift) provided a life and fire safety program and station tour to a group of Cub Scouts from **Trabuco Canyon**. The program was on December 4 from 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 32 (B Shift) attend and provided a toy pick up for a local community group’s toy drive in **Yorba Linda**. The event was on December 5 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Crew from Engine 10 (B Shift) delivered Santa to the Main Street Merchants Parade in **Yorba Linda**. The event was on December 10 from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.



## Significant Emergency Incidents

### Lake Forest

**Structure Fire – December 8** - At 8:44 a.m. a structure fire assignment was dispatched to El Toro Road for a reported garage fire. While enroute Battalion 7 noted the multiple reports and requested the upgrade to a working structure fire assignment. Engine 131 arrived onscene and reported a working fire of an exterior garage at the Pheasant Creek Apartments and assumed Incident Command. Battalion 7 arrived onscene assumed El Toro Incident Command and handled the incident with the current assignment. The fire was quickly put out and under control and was contained to a vehicle in a single unit of a six vehicle enclosed carport.

**Incident Commander:**

**Chief Harrison, B4**

**Cause:**

**Accidental, unattended candle**

**Incidents By Major Category**  
**for Period: 11/23/2015 - 11/29/2015**

CITY/JURISDICTION	FIRE	OVER - PRESSURE RUPTURE	EMS/ RESCUE CALL	HAZMAT	SERVICE CALL	GOOD INTENT CALL	FALSE CALL	NATURAL	OTHER	TOTAL
ALISO VIEJO	1	0	31	0	0	6	4	0	5	47
BUENA PARK	2	0	93	3	8	10	1	0	10	127
CYPRESS	0	0	44	0	1	1	2	0	5	53
DANA POINT	0	0	43	1	3	2	1	0	2	52
IRVINE	9	0	161	4	13	20	13	0	20	240
IRVINE - UCI	1	1	3	1	0	2	3	0	4	15
LA PALMA	0	0	11	0	0	3	7	0	3	24
LAGUNA HILLS	1	0	34	0	6	2	0	0	5	48
LAGUNA NIGUEL	1	0	50	2	8	6	4	0	6	77
LAGUNA WOODS	0	0	52	0	6	8	6	0	11	83
LAKE FOREST CITY	4	1	58	1	7	9	4	0	1	85
LOS ALAMITOS	1	0	17	0	2	2	0	0	1	23
MISSION VIEJO	2	0	98	1	9	4	5	0	7	126
PLACENTIA	2	0	21	0	9	4	3	0	14	53
RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA	1	0	22	1	2	1	0	0	0	27
SAN CLEMENTE	1	0	62	0	6	6	5	0	11	91
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO	0	0	38	0	7	5	3	0	1	54
SANTA ANA	6	0	254	2	8	30	12	0	104	416
SEAL BEACH	2	0	61	0	4	2	2	0	5	76
STANTON	0	0	50	0	3	6	0	0	4	63
TUSTIN	0	0	60	0	5	7	3	0	13	88
VILLA PARK	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	2	9
WESTMINSTER	0	0	93	0	8	7	4	0	18	130
YORBA LINDA	2	0	53	1	1	8	1	0	10	76
<b>UNINCORPORATED</b>	4	0	70	3	11	10	6	0	19	123
<b>TOTAL</b>	40	2	1485	20	128	161	89	0	281	2206