

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing

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February 2, 2017



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

Parks Assessment Community Meeting

On **Thursday, February 2, 2017**, at the Aguirre Building at Placentia Champions Sports Complex (505 Jefferson Street), the City of Placentia in collaboration with the Public Health Advocates will host a Community Meeting focusing on the improvement of Placentia parks from **6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** The City of Placentia is committed to improving parks around the City and your feedback is important to us. Join us to discuss improvement topics. The meeting will feature raffle prizes, free child care, free dinner and translation services. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or by viewing the flyer by [clicking here](#).



Local History Lecture Series: *Rebuilding the Past: Local Historic Renovations*

The next lecture in the Local History Lecture Series entitled, "*Rebuilding the Past: Local Historic Renovations*" will be held on **Monday, February 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Avenue. The Placentia Library Friends Foundation and the Placentia Historical Committee continues to host these very informational and engaging topics. For additional information about the Local History Lecture Series, please call (714) 528-1906. [Click here](#) to catch up on previous lectures or for more information visit the Placentia Library [website](#).

Follow Us At:



Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 2/2 Parks Assessment Community Meeting
- 2/6 Local History Lecture Series
- 2/7 City Council Meeting
- 2/13 Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting
- 2/14 Planning Commission Meeting

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



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Cultural Arts Projects for Every Student (CAPES) Funded Storybook Project



Thanks to the CAPES Grant awarded by the City of Placentia Cultural Arts Commission awarded, students from Brookhaven Elementary School met with their El Dorado High School “Big Buddies” from a Digital Media Arts Academy (DMAA) photography class to begin their Story Book Project. El Dorado High School students photograph and illustrate stories written by Brookhaven kindergarten students. The kindergarten “Little Buddies” write using story components, such as setting, character, problem and solution. El Dorado photography

students practice leadership skills and earn work-based learning hours for their Academy. For more information on the Cultural Arts Commission grants program, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

St. Jude Mobile Health Clinic

The St. Jude Mobile Health Clinic is held at the Whitten Community Center every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and at Kraemer Park every Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Patients can receive free immunizations, child/adult primary care, and prenatal care through the mobile clinic. For information or appointments, please call (714) 446-5100.

Futsal Weekly

There are just two weeks left of Placentia’s Winter Futsal season. The playoffs are shaping up to be great matchups. The Placentia Community Services Department is proud to offer Futsal to our community. If you are interested in Placentia Futsal and would like to take a look at the program feel free to visit the gym on game days. On February 2nd and 9th games will be played at 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Oberle Gym, 974 S Melrose St. Placentia 92870. The next season is scheduled to start on February 23rd. For additional information about the program, please visit www.placentia.org/sports or call the Placentia Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Senior Center Grocery Program

The Placentia Senior Center and Second Harvest Food Bank offer a bi-monthly Senior Grocery Program. Seniors are welcome to stop by and “shop” for a variety of foods. The free food distribution takes place the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 11:45 a.m. at the Placentia Senior Center located at 143 S. Bradford Ave. For additional information, please call (714) 986-2332.

Placentia Teen Center Update

The Placentia Library, City of Placentia, and the Boys and Girls Club are partnering to bring teen activities to Kraemer Memorial Park and the Placentia Teen Center. Currently, our teens are working on creating a public service announcement to participate in the Teendrive365 Video Challenge



Competition sponsored by Toyota Corporation. Their video will feature ideas on how to promote safe teen driving. There is a wide variety of prizes. Submissions are due by February 23, 2017. The grand prize includes \$15,000 and the chance to work with a Discovery film crew to reshoot your video into a TV-ready PSA. Good luck Teen Center! For more information on teen activities and programs, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Placentia Veterans Village

The City is taking the lead on a state-of-the-art development that will bring permanent supportive housing to military veterans who are homeless or disabled. This high-quality Craftsman style development will be the first of its kind in Orange County. The City is partnering with the County of Orange, Mercy Housing California, and New Directions to plan, design, construct and administer the Placentia Veterans Village, a high quality, service-enriched, affordable housing development in the City of Placentia. The development site is a 3.65-acre unimproved site comprised of two parcels, one is owned by the Orange County Flood Control District and the adjacent parcel is owned by a private party. The Development is located adjacent to a newly constructed street located near the intersection of Orangethorpe Avenue and Lakeview Avenue; north of the Atwood Flood Control Channel. The current property is vacant and has frequently been used for illegal dumping. The new Development will improve the property significantly while addressing a need in Orange County and throughout the nation.

The proposed Development will include fifty (50) fully furnished apartment homes, (forty-nine (49) for veterans and one (1) for one on-site management unit), a courtyard, community garden, recreation room, energy efficient appliances, computer lab room, and resident services offices. The state-of-the-art development will be LEED Gold, utilizing energy efficient design principles and building materials.

“The City is proud to be in the forefront of this much needed development,” said Mayor Craig Green. “Any solution to the increasing plight of the homeless in our community must include a focus on veterans who have risked their lives to protect our freedoms. Even one veteran sleeping on our streets is too many,” said Mayor Green.

On Tuesday, January 10, 2017 the City Council approved a development agreement and entitlements for the proposed Development and on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 the Orange County Board of Supervisors approved a long term lease agreement for Mercy Housing to begin the next phase of the Development, which will include preparing building plans and applying for State grants.

“I was extremely pleased to see that the County Board of Supervisors and our City Council have unanimously approved the necessary documents to make the Placentia Veterans Village a reality,” said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. “Once developed, the Placentia Veterans Village will create a high-quality community that offers a unique model of excellent development combined with coordinated services to support our homeless and disabled veterans on set them back on a path



toward stability. Placentia has taken the lead in this area and we hope that many other Orange County cities follow,” said City Administrator Arrula. For additional information about this project, please visit www.placentia.org/veteransvillage.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Free Compost Giveaway

The City of Placentia and Placentia Disposal will hold a FREE Compost Giveaway for residents of Placentia at Tri City Park. The special one-day event will be held on **Saturday, February 11th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.** (or until the compost runs out). Residents must bring in their own containers (no bags please) to receive the loose compost. For more information, please contact Placentia Disposal’s Customer Service Department at (714) 238-3300 or the City of Placentia at (714) 993-8189.



Free Shred & E-Waste Recycling Event

The City of Placentia and the Placentia Police department invite you to participate in a free shredding and e-waste disposal event on **Saturday, April 22, 2017 • 8:00am-11:00am** at the Placentia Civic Center, 401 E. Chapman Ave. Placentia residents are invited to have their confidential documents destroyed on-site for free by Shred-It. A maximum on two banker box size containers will be accepted from each household or business location in Placentia. E-waste from residents will also be collected by Republic Services. Items such as televisions, computer monitors, game consoles, stereos, cell phones, microwaves, and items containing circuit boards will be collected. Hazardous materials or business e-waste will not be accepted. Residents will be required to provide proof of residency in order to participate. Join the community in helping prevent fraud and identity theft. For further information, call (714) 993-8189 or visit www.Placentia.org.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Placentia Police Department is Hiring

A blue rectangular advertisement for the Placentia Police Department. It features the text: "Join the Placentia Police", "Now Hiring, Various Positions Available", "Expedited Hiring Process and 3% at 50 for Classic Members", and the website "www.placentia.org/jobs". There are two police department seals on the right side of the ad.

The Placentia Police Department (PPD) is currently hiring for several open positions. Openings include Police Officers and Police Dispatchers. Please visit www.placentia.org/jobs for more information.

Placentia Police Department Citizen Academy

The Placentia Police Department (PPD) is pleased to announce our upcoming *Citizen Police Academy* for interested members of the community. The academy is a ten-week non-stress course designed to provide community members with a better understanding of their Placentia Police



Department and to help foster better communications between police personnel and citizens. The Academy will include instruction in the following areas: structure of the Placentia Police Department, investigations, traffic enforcement, accident investigation, driving under the influence investigation, gangs, narcotics, crime prevention, crime scene investigation, police K-9 program and volunteer programs. There will also be a tour of the police facility, patrol vehicles and equipment used by the Department. Academy graduates will receive a Placentia Police Department certificate of completion upon completing the program. [Click here](#) for more information and the application form.

Coyote Awareness

The Police Department continues to receive calls about Coyotes being seen in several Placentia neighborhoods. Sightings of coyotes are reported regularly; however, these animals usually flee from humans. The Orange County Animal Care will not respond for coyote sightings unless there is an immediate danger to the public or other animals such as dogs or cats.

Numerous small wild animals in the area provide a plentiful natural food supply for coyotes and other predators; however, coyotes are very resourceful predators and have learned to follow man for a much easier and more palatable diet. If coyotes are given access to human food and garbage, their behavior changes. They lose caution and fear and may threaten human safety. Coyotes primarily hunt rodents and rabbits for food but will take advantage of whatever is available including garbage, pet food, and domestic animals.

Usually the only threat coyotes pose is to pets that are allowed to run loose. Coyotes will eat dogs as well as cats, rabbits, and other small, accessible pets. Most attacks occur during the evening hours, but daytime incidents have been reported. We recommend that pets not be left outside during evening hours. Cats are at risk at all times and should be kept indoors completely. This is most crucial in areas that border undeveloped open space (such as golf courses or parks). Bring pets in at night, and do not leave pet food outside. [Click here](#) for more information on Coyote Awareness.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

WEEKLY SUMMARY February 3 - 9, 2017

ADULT SERVICES

Tai Chi Essentials Classes

Tuesday, February 7, 6:30-7:45 PM

PLD Community Meeting Room

In this class you will learn the essentials of Tai Chi. You will be directed into physical postures and movements, practice breathing techniques, and bring focus to your intentions throughout the class. The first part of class will include Qi Gong exercises to warm up the body and calm the mind. The second part of class will include a short meditation and establish the fundamentals to the Tai Chi 24 form, the most widely practiced Tai Chi form in the world.

Registration required: participants may attend one session per calendar year.



TEEN SERVICES

Placentia Teen Center

Monday-Thursday 2:00-7:30 PM, Friday 2:00-6:00 PM

116 N. Walnut Placentia, CA 92870

(714) 577-9459

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Read to the Dogs

Monday, February 6, 6:00-7:00 PM

Children's Department

Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. Children will also be able to make an animal craft each month to take home!

Fun-tastic! Storytime Classes

Tuesday, February 7, 10:00-10:45 AM

PLD Community Meeting Room

Stories, rhymes, puppets, music & movement, and crafts for preschool children ages three to six years old. Activities address early literacy skills necessary for success in reading.

Shake, Rattle & Read! Music Classes

Wednesday, February 8, 9:30-10:00 or 10:30-11:00 AM

PLD Community Meeting Room

This is an energetic class involving rhythm activities with music and movement for the whole family. Everyone winds down with a couple of goodnight stories.

Bouncing Babies! Storytime Classes

Thursday, February 9, 9:30-10:00 or 10:30-11:00 AM

PLD Community Meeting Room

Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and fingerplays for children ages two years and under, with a parent or caregiver. Activities address early literacy skills necessary for success in reading.

Homework Club

Monday-Thursday, February 6-9, 3:00-5:30 PM

PLD Community Meeting Room

K-12th grade students attend and receive homework assistance. All children need to have a consent from filled out by their parent or guardian. Homework Club is open throughout the entire school year!

Wiggles & Giggles Baskets

Placentia Library would like to help welcome your new baby and begin to foster a love of reading from an early age for your child! Sign-up your child, ages 12 months and younger, for a free library card, and receive a welcome basket. Baskets are available while supply lasts.

DID YOU KNOW?

The smallest book in the Library of Congress is "Old King Cole." It is 1/25" x 1/25", or about the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

New DVDs:

Spa Night



Get your **PASSPORT** at Placentia Library District

