

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## Free Shred & E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

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 21<sup>st</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 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 of two banker box size containers will be accepted from each household or business location in Placentia. Residents will be required to provide proof of residency in order to participate. For further information, please call (714) 993-8189.



Making sure it's secure.™

## Love Placentia Service Day to Be Held on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

What would happen if the entire community came together to help one another- City government, businesses, residents, the faith community, service groups, schools and sports organizations?

Love Placentia is a Service Day opportunity for anyone willing to serve in various service projects. Volunteers launch a simultaneous, one-day service party!

Volunteers beautify our city, install drought resistant landscape, spruce up neighborhoods, paint public facilities, and many more volunteer service projects!

This is a great event where churches, residents, businesses, non-profits, and local government partner together for the betterment of the community. Love Placentia is scheduled for **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. To sign up to volunteer and find out more, visit [www.loveplacentia.org](http://www.loveplacentia.org).



### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 4/21 Free Shred and E-Waste Event
- 4/24 Historical Committee
- 4/28 Love Placentia Service Day
- 5/1 City Council Meeting
- 5/8 Cultural Arts Committee
- 5/8 Planning Commission

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## ADMINISTRATION

### California Mosquito Awareness Week, April 15<sup>th</sup>—April 21<sup>st</sup>

Vector Control Officials would like to remind everyone to prevent and protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are not only nuisances; they can cause sickness and death through the diseases they can carry. This week (**April 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**) the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) joins public health agencies throughout the state to raise awareness and educate Californians about the threat mosquitoes can pose to local residents and families.

"Orange County residents need to continue to be aware of mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile virus. Eliminating mosquito breeding in and around your home is the best way for residents to protect themselves and their families." said Rick Howard, District Manager.

West Nile virus is transmitted to humans via the bite of infected mosquitoes, which become infected when feeding on birds carrying the virus. West Nile virus infections are often mild or asymptomatic, but the virus can cause significant cognitive and neurological symptoms in some patients, and possibly death. Since its arrival in Orange County in 2004, there have been 704 reported cases. Of those, 31 were fatal.



### PREVENTION



Use mosquito nets



Cover skin with long-sleeved clothing



Use screens or mosquito nets on windows and doors



Use insect repellent



Prevent mosquito breeding sites. Empty, clean, or dispose of containers that can hold water

The invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes are mosquito species detected in 46 neighborhoods across 19 Orange County cities. They are capable of transmitting deadly viruses such as Zika, chikungunya, and dengue fever. While these viruses are not currently being transmitted by mosquitoes locally in Orange County, local transmission could begin if someone infected abroad traveled to Orange County and is bit by a local invasive *Aedes* mosquito.

Whether it's Zika or West Nile virus, preventing mosquito breeding and bites are the keys to preventing a mosquito-borne illness.

Residents can reduce the risk of mosquito bites by wearing repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon

Eucalyptus, or IR 3535 when outside during periods of mosquito activity, and ensuring window screens are in good condition. Residents should also regularly inspect the yard for standing water.

Orange County residents are urged to report unusual numbers of mosquitoes, or any standing water in gutters and pools that can not be eliminated, to OCMVCD at (714) 971-2421 or by visiting the website at [www.OCVector.org](http://www.OCVector.org).

For more information, please contact the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District at (714) 971-2421 or (949) 654-2421.



## ADMINISTRATION

### City Seeks Input for District Plan

The City of Placentia is asking for your help planning our City's change to by-district Council elections. There will be a public hearing held during the regular City Council Meeting on **Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, where the City Council will solicit public input on the selection of a preferred map and election sequence. Finally, the Council will adopt an ordinance establishing a district plan.

Please take the time to look at the draft maps and share your thoughts by email at [placentia@NDCresearch.com](mailto:placentia@NDCresearch.com), by letter mailed to Placentia City Hall, or attend a City Council meeting. You can review the draft maps for consideration at [www.drawplacentia.org](http://www.drawplacentia.org).



### Stamp Out Hunger With Letter Carrier's Food Drive

On **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), including letter carriers in Placentia, will conduct their 26<sup>th</sup> Annual "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive.

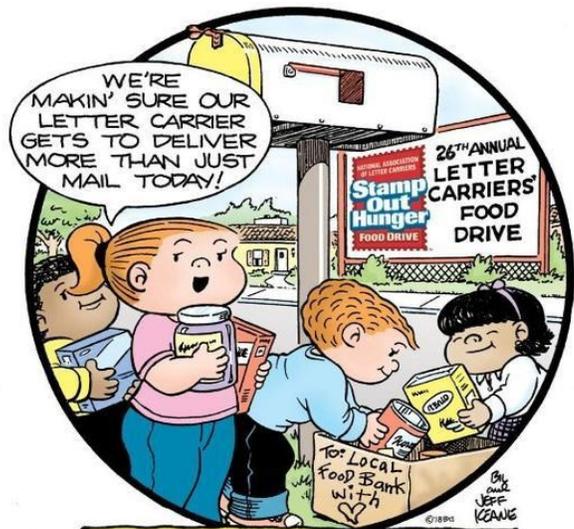
Every year on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers, who participate in the NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive — the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

Led by letter carriers represented by the National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO), with help from rural letter carriers, other postal employees and other volunteers, the drive has delivered more than one billion pounds of food over the past 24 years.

Carriers collect non-perishable food donations left by mailboxes and in post offices and deliver them to local community food banks, pantries and shelters. Nearly 1,500 NALC branches in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands are involved.

To donate, just place a box or can of non-perishable food next to your mailbox before your letter carrier delivers mail on the second Saturday in May. The food is sorted, and delivered to an area food bank or pantry, where it is available for needy families.

For more information, please call the Placentia Post Office at (714) 993-1163.



**SAT., MAY 12, 2018**

PUT YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATION IN A BAG BY YOUR MAILBOX.  
WE'LL DELIVER IT TO A LOCAL FOOD BANK.

NATIONAL PARTNERS





## ADMINISTRATION

### City Seeks Committee Members for Various Commissions and Committees

The City Council is accepting applications for several Commissions and Committees with vacancies.

The Cultural Arts Commission, Economic Development Committee, Financial Audit Oversight Committee, Heritage Committee, Senior Advisory Committee, Traffic Safety Commission and Veteran's Advisory Committee all have vacancies and are in need of members.

The Commissions and Committees serve as advisory groups to the City Council on matters within their area of interest. Placentia uses the recommendations from its various advisory groups to improve the functionality and well-being of the City.

Commission and Committee appointments are made by the City Council as positions become vacant and/or on an annual basis. Applications are accepted all year-round and are kept on file for future vacancies. [Please Click Here For the Application.](#) You may also contact the City Clerk's office at (714) 993-8231 or email Karen O'Leary at [koleary@placentia.org](mailto:koleary@placentia.org).



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Annual Photography Contest

The City is hosting its Annual Photography Contest sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission. The contest is open to Placentia residents only. Photographs may be taken with any type of camera and submissions may not exceed 8" x 10". The contest is open to all ages with separate judging categories based on age and skill level.

All entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Winners will be recognized at a future City Council Meeting. Entry forms and further information may be obtained by contacting the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### P.A.R.K.'s Program

The City of Placentia Community Services Department offers FREE recreation programs for youth at four locations. There is no charge for the basic program; however, a fee may be charged for excursions and special events. Children attending the program are supervised by Community Services Leaders that are trained in first aid and CPR. P.A.R.K.'s activities include sports, games, arts and crafts and special events.

The City of Placentia partner with the Friendly Center to provide additional academic resources and support for P.A.R.K.'s programs that may include tutoring and help with homework. For more information please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

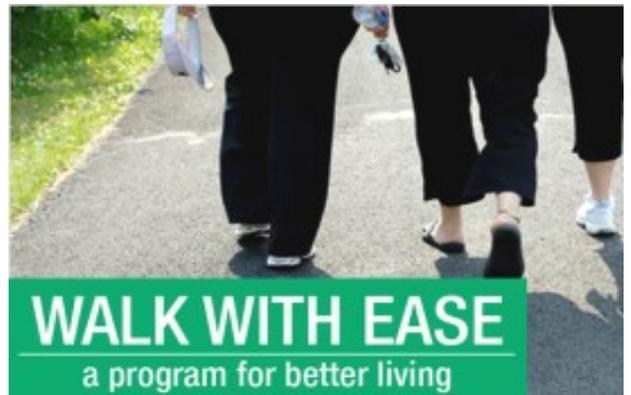
### Senior Center, Active Living Every Day

The Placentia Senior Center hosted its second Active Living Every Day class on **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**. A total of 10 seniors participated and enjoyed learning and discussing ways to become healthier. The class focuses on how to make positive changes to improve health and become more active. The class is held every Monday, through June 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m., and is free to attend. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Placentia Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.



### Senior Center, Walk With Ease

Join the Placentia Senior Center as we begin our new Walk With Ease program on **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 a.m. This program, which is offered through a National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Grant and partners with the Arthritis Foundation, will have participants meet twice a week to walk around Old Town Placentia, and take a weekly walking excursion. On **Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**, those participating in the Walk With Ease program will be taking an excursion to Kraemer Park for a walk. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.



### Placentia Summer Youth Sports Classes

There are a variety of sports activities to choose from to keep children active during the summer. Kidz Love Soccer offers Mommy/Daddy and Me, a way to introduce you and your toddler to Soccer. Tot/Pre Soccer is designed for little tykes that enjoy running and kicking just like the big kids! Soccer 1 and Soccer 2 teaches players dribbling, passing, shooting and age specific defense techniques. Also, a Biddy Soccer League for 2-5 year olds introduces the benefits of sportsmanship, sharing and teamwork. Basketball Skillz, Tennis for Tiny Tykes, Junior and Intermediate Tennis, and Ice Skating for all ages are just a few of the many choices to keep your family active. Visit [www.placentia.org/classes](http://www.placentia.org/classes) to register online or call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 for more information.





## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Summer Job Opportunities

The Community Services Department is looking for energetic people to fill part-time positions leading recreational activities for youth and adults. We offer competitive salaries and the flexibility to accommodate school schedules. Seasonal and year-round part-time positions include: Lifeguard, Water Safety Instructor Guard, Senior Instructor Guard, Pool Manager, Community Services Leader, and Community Services Specialist. Please [click here](#) for an employment application or call Human Resources at (714) 993-8141 for more information.



### Let's Dance

On **April 13<sup>th</sup>** the Community Services Department held a monthly Let's Dance Event at the Backs Community Building. These dances are designed to offer persons with disabilities the opportunity to dance and socialize. There was a total of 42 participants that attended the dance. Thank you to Iris Castillo, Program Director at Catarina's Club, for providing a delicious dinner for the participants and for dancing the night away with us. A special thanks to DJ XELA and MC Nadia who volunteered to DJ. Our next Let's Dance event will be on **Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m. at the Backs Community Building. For any additional information regarding Let's Dance, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### Development Services Projects

For a list of all Development Services projects, please [click here](#).



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Ten Years of Hands-Free Law: Challenges Remain

#### *Put Your Phone Down. Just Drive!*

Drivers are using their cell phones less often while driving, 10 years after “hands-free” became the law. However, distracted driving remains a serious safety challenge in California. Observing April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month, law enforcement agencies will focus on education and enforcement efforts statewide. Preliminary 2017 data shows nearly 22,000 drivers were involved in distracted driving collisions in California, a decline from the more than 33,000 drivers involved in distracted driving collisions in 2007, the last full year before the hands-free law went into effect. Despite these efforts, the numbers are still very high.



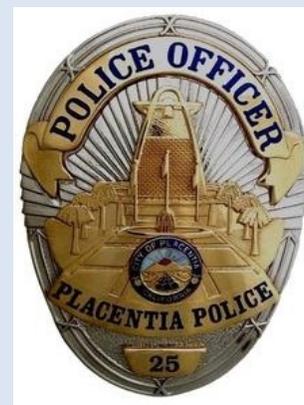
Placentia Police Department has joined law enforcement throughout the State to step up enforcement along with awareness efforts by the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to discourage distracted driving. Officers will have a special emphasis this month on enforcing all cell phone and distracted driving laws. The goal is to increase voluntary compliance by drivers, but sometimes citations are necessary for motorists to better understand the importance of driving distraction.

Placentia Police Department has the following Safety Tips:

- If you receive a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location, but ‘never’ on a freeway. Once you are safely off the road, it is safe to text.
- Designate your passenger as your “designated texter.” Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not engage in social media scrolling or messaging while driving.
- Cell phone use can be habit-forming. Struggling to not text and drive? Put the cell phone in the trunk or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your final destination.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary





# PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

WEEKLY SUMMARY - April 20 - 26, 2018

## ADULT SERVICES

### CONVERSATION CLUB

Friday, April 20, 9:30 - 1:00 a.m.

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

### DISCOVER CALLIGRAPHY: ORNAMENTAL LETTERING (SESSION 2 OF 2)

Saturday, April 21, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

At this fun and informative class you will learn how to draw unique letters as well as foliate extensions, leaf script and scroll work. Calligrapher, Beverly Womack will help you start with a simple sketch and develop it into an ornate decorative letter. Supplies will be provided. This class is for all skill levels. Space is limited. Register ahead. Walk-ins are welcome based on space availability.



### VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Sunday, April 22, 1:30 - 3:15 p.m.

*PLD Community Meeting Room*

Become a Placentia Library volunteer today! Ages 12 and up only. Please complete a Volunteer Application before attending the orientation; late arrivals will not be admitted.

### COMPUTER WORKSHOP: MICROSOFT OFFICE PRACTICE\* (SESSION 3 OF 3)

Monday, April 23, 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.

*PLFF Computer Lab*

Get inspired with Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Learn the basics of these top three MS Office applications. Each session will be devoted to one application.



### TAI CHI ESSENTIALS (SESSION 6 OF 6)

Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

*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. Space is limited. Register ahead. Walk-ins are welcome based on space availability.

## TEEN SERVICES

### PLACENTIA TEEN GAMERS!

Monday - Friday, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

*Placentia Teen Center*

### PLACENTIA TEEN CENTER

116 N. Walnut Placentia, CA 92870 – (714) 577-9459  
School Year Hours: Monday-Friday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY FLICKS

Placentia Teen Center

Not your ordinary movie experience! All Fridays @ 4:00 p.m. Free Popcorn!

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

### SENSATIONAL SATURDAYS: FIRE AND ICE SHOW PRESENTED BY MAD SCIENCE OF NORTH ORANGE COUNTY

Saturday, April 21, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Quiet Study Area

Children will explore chemical reactions and other scientific principles as science comes alive in this exciting show by our Mad Scientist!



### RISE & SHINE! STORYTIME CLASSES

Saturday, April 21, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

PLD Community Meeting Room

Stories, rhymes, puppets, music & movement, and crafts for children ages 3-6 years. Fun for the whole family. Activities address early literacy skills necessary for success in reading.



### SHAKE, RATTLE & BOP! MUSIC CLASS

Wednesday, April 25, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Children's Department

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 CLASS

Thursday, April 26, 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. or 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

PLD Community Meeting Room

Children from K-12th grades are welcome to attend and receive help with their homework.

All children need to have a consent form filled out by their parent or guardian. Homework Club is open throughout the school year.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### SAVE THE DATE: EL DIA DE LOS NINOS / CHILDREN'S DAY

Monday, April 30, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

PLD Community Meeting Room

Join us for an El Día/Children's Day celebration! There will be a bilingual story time, crafts and a book prize for each child who attends!

