

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## Overview of the State of the City Address

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Placentia, hosted Mayor Chad Wanke's State of the City Address on Thursday, July 24th. Mayor Chad Wanke's theme for the event was "Rich Heritage, Bright Future." Mayor Wanke highlighted the City's progress and accomplishments over the last year as well as discussed upcoming developments and projects throughout the City. To view the video of the State of the City Address, please click on the following YouTube Channel link:

<https://youtu.be/3cQGBjGx5Zk>



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 8/02 Concert in the Park—Upstream
- 8/03 Movie in the Park—Despicable Me 3
- 8/07 City Council Meeting—CANCELLED
- 8/08 Heritage Festival Committee
- 8/09 Concert in the Park—Kelly Rae Band
- 8/10 Movie in the Park—Coco

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## ADMINISTRATION

### Placentia Day at the OC Fair

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** is Placentia Day at the OC Fair. The day will commence with Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Shader being part of the Community Flag Raising Ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

Coupons for \$2 off General Admission tickets are available for pick-up at the Community Services Desk at Placentia City Hall, located at 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia 92870. Coupons are on a first come, first serve basis.

The OC Fair is currently open through August 12<sup>th</sup>. Active-duty military and veterans receive free OC Fair admission and are eligible to purchase half-price general admission tickets. Military ID is required.

For a full list of activities, please visit the OC Fair website at <https://ocfair.com/daily-events/>.



### City Council Meeting Schedule

It is anticipated that due to a lack of business and the summer recess, City Council Meetings will be dark in the month of August and will resume on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 993-8244.

### Military Banner Recognition Program

On **Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>** the Placentia City Council approved the Placentia Military Banner Recognition Program. The program, known as Placentia "Hometown Heroes," honors and recognizes Placentia residents currently serving as an active-duty member in a full-time capacity in the United States Armed Forces. Branches of service include Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, and Navy. Honorees must have a current place of residence in Placentia, or have an immediate family member (parent, spouse, son, daughter, grandparents) residing in Placentia.

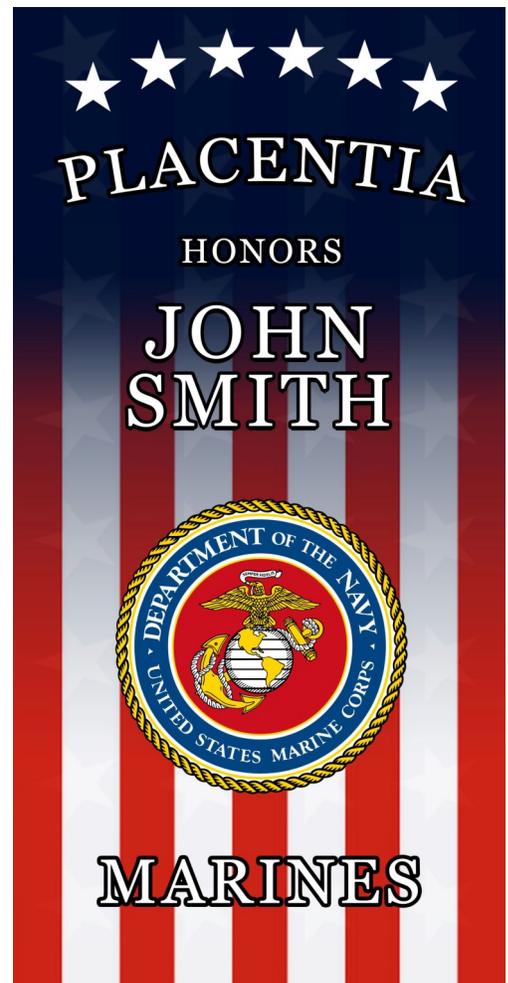
The banner will be installed along Kraemer Boulevard and Yorba Linda Boulevard based on the City's discretion and will remain on display for two years. The City will not be responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged, destroyed due to sun, weather, vandalism or any act of nature beyond our control such as high winds.

Upon the end of the display period, the banner will be given to the person named on the banner application.

Applications will be accepted from August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> each year, allowing time for the banners to be ordered and installed during the month of November in the same year. The cost to display each customized banner is \$260 and each service person is allowed one banner.

Please click on the following link to view the application.

[Military Banner Application](#)





## ADMINISTRATION

### Placentia Smoke Alarm Event

The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) partnered with the City of Placentia, the American Red Cross, and community volunteers to install free smoke alarms for residents of Del Cerro Mobile Estates on **Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>**. A total of 195 alarms were installed, and residents in all 149 homes received information on fire safety and home escape plans.

OCFA left door hangers at homes of residents who did not receive their smoke alarms and will schedule installations at a later date. For additional information about this program, please call OCFA at (714) 573-6200 or visit their website at [www.ocfa.org](http://www.ocfa.org).

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Walk With Ease

The Neighborhood Services Department began the new Walk With Ease program **Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. This program, which is offered through a National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Grant and partners with the Arthritis Foundation, has participants meet twice a week to walk around McFadden Park and the surrounding area.

St. Jude Medical Center has also partnered with the Neighborhood Services office to promote the Move More Eat Healthy campaign. For more information or to sign up, please contact the Senior Center at (714) 986-2333.



### Backpack Distribution

The Neighborhood Services Office is looking for backpack and school supply donations for low-income families with children in grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations are currently being accepted until **Monday August 20<sup>th</sup>**. See below for a list of school supplies. For more information on the Backpack distribution, please contact the Neighborhood Services office at (714) 986-2333.

#### Backpack Supplies:

1. Backpacks
2. Binders (all sizes)
3. Folders
4. Pencil pouches
5. Pencil boxes
6. Pencils (mechanical and wooden)
7. Lead refills for mechanical pencils
8. Pens
9. Markers
10. Color pencils
11. Crayons
12. Erasers
13. Hand held pencil sharpeners
14. Spiral notebooks
15. Packets of paper
16. Glue sticks
17. Highlighters
18. Calculators
19. Scissors
20. Dividers





## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### P.A.R.K.'s Summer Madness Event

On **Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**, all four of the Placentia P.A.R.K.'s program sites joined together at the Whitten Community Center for the Summer Madness event. Sixty-five children from the P.A.R.K.'s program participated in this year's event. All the participants enjoyed a fun day of sports activities planned by the Community Services P.A.R.K.'s program staff. The day featured futsal, kickball, water games, and swimming at the Whitten Pool. There was a special guest appearance from DJ XELA as he provided fun music during the event. The participants were provided a hot dog lunch, fresh fruit, and healthy snacks throughout the day. For any questions regarding the P.A.R.K.'s Program, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### OCFA Drowning Prevention Campaign

On **Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** Alexa Pratt and Milton Neira, from the Orange County Fire Authority, presented the Drowning Prevention Campaign to our City Aquatics staff members. OCFA informed staff that drowning consistently remains the leading cause of death for children under 4 years of age, and among the top five leading causes for those under the age of 18 years. OCFA reiterated the safety and vigilance around all pools. For more information on how to prevent drownings please [click here](#).



### Concerts in the Park

The Concerts in the Park series began on **Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**. On **Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, Upstream will be performing Steel Drum, Reggae, and Calypso.

Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. at Tri City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd. A variety of refreshments and light dinner options will be available for a nominal fee from local non-profit vendors. In addition, tickets will also be sold for opportunity drawings to benefit the C.A.P.E.S. Program (Cultural Arts Projects for Every Student). Inclement weather will cancel event. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232, or visit us at [www.placentia.org/concerts](http://www.placentia.org/concerts).

### Movies in the Park

The Movies in the Park series began on **Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**. Despicable Me 3 will be playing on **Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

Placentia Movies in the Park will be held every Friday this summer through August 24<sup>th</sup> at Placentia Champions Sports Complex, 505 N. Jefferson Avenue. Movies start at dusk. For more information, please call the Placentia Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232, or visit us at [www.placentia.org/movies](http://www.placentia.org/movies).



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### Planning Commission Approves Upgrades to Sierra Vista Plaza

The Sierra Vista Plaza Shopping Center is located at the southeast corner of N. Placentia Avenue and W. Bastanchury Road on an 8.17-acre lot with approximately 100,500 square feet of retail space. This shopping center has lacked tenants in certain key “anchor” spaces for several years. However, in June, the Planning Commission approved several key projects related to this shopping center. First, a new grocery store was approved, which will result in a 16,668 square foot Grocery Outlet coming to the center. An expansion to the existing Crunch Fitness was also approved. Lastly, the Planning Commission approved upgrades and a remodel of the entire center. All these projects will result in major upgrades to the center, revitalizing the shopping center, and providing additional sales tax revenue to the City.

The upgrades are not just to the building facades. Two outside dining areas are proposed as part of this remodel. One of the outside dining areas is adjacent to B&C Burgers and is proposed to have 8 tables and 32 chairs. The other outside dining area is adjacent to K&M donuts and is proposed to have 2 tables and 8 chairs.

Parking lot paving and landscape improvements will also be constructed as part of the shopping center remodel. Accessibility for all patrons will be improved by adding dedicated ADA accessible crossings leading to the main buildings and there will be a total of 10 ADA accessible spaces for the center. Four electric vehicle charging stations will be added to the center, modernizing the property significantly.

The freestanding and wall signs for this center will be upgraded as well. The new freestanding signs will include soft backlit lights on the top that will change colors intermittently. There will also be LED signs on the buildings, and soffit lighting included at the top of the building as part of the architectural improvements.

For more information please contact Development Services at (714) 993-8124.





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### CHIEF LENYI PROMOTES NEW SERGEANT

Chief Lenyi has promoted Officer John Gomez to fill a vacant Sergeant position. Sergeant Gomez was born in Fullerton, California and was raised in Placentia, and is a graduate of Valencia High School. After graduating from high school, John joined the US Navy. After his honorable discharge from the Navy, John began taking police science classes at Fullerton College and in 1990, John was hired as a Deputy Sheriff by the Orange County Sheriff's Department. John worked several assignments at the Sheriff's Department and rose to the rank of Sergeant, with his last assignment working as a Supervisor out of the Yorba Linda station.

As John was nearing retirement, he decided he still enjoyed police work and expressed an interest in working for Placentia's Police Department. John met some Placentia Police Officers (in a good way) as a kid and they were great role models to him. He also worked closely with the Placentia Police Department as a Sergeant in neighboring Yorba Linda and liked what he saw.

John retired from the Sheriff's Department in December 2017 and was hired by the Placentia Police Department the same month. After 6 months as an officer, John recently tested for Sergeant and was promoted on July 29<sup>th</sup>. John has been assigned to Day Watch Patrol as a Supervisor. John is married and has two sons (ages 13 & 11).

We congratulate Sergeant Gomez on his promotion and look forward to his contributions to our Department and the community in his new capacity.

