

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

December 20, 2018



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## Placentia Seeking Volunteers to Serve on the Measure U Citizen's Oversight Committee

In November 2018 residents of Placentia approved a 1% Transactions and Use Tax (Measure U). All Measure U funds will remain local and require an independent Citizens' Oversight Committee to provide review of the expenditure of funds generated by the tax and to provide an annual report to the City Council on those expenditures. Members will be appointed for a term of four (4) years and the Committee will meet at least once annually.

Residents interested in serving on the Citizens' Oversight Committee may obtain an application form from the City Clerk's Office at Placentia City Hall, 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, or click the link below to download an application. For additional inquiries, please call (714) 993-8231. The application deadline is Thursday, January 17, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. City Council will conduct brief interviews from the applications received and appointments will be made at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Interested residents should be aware that in accordance with the Political Reform Act of 1974, the City has adopted a Conflict of Interest Code requiring the disclosure of certain personal financial interests by Commission and Committee members upon assumption of office and annually thereafter. These statements are public records.

The City has vacancies on various committees that need devoted, passionate people to represent the different areas of our community and help us as we continue our mission of superior public services and policies that promote the highest standards of community life in the City of Placentia.

[Application for Citizens' Oversight Committee](#)

[Application for Boards, Commissions and Committees](#)

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

12/21-1/06	Holiday Closure - All facilities closed
01/08/19	Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
01/09/19	Heritage Festival Committee Meeting
01/09/18	Senior Advisory Committee Meeting

For additional  
information or

questions about this

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## ADMINISTRATION

### Placentia's Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Update

Public Safety is our top priority. For the past 23 years, the City of Placentia has contracted with Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) to provide local fire and emergency medical services to our residents.

As our local population continues to age and the calls for corresponding medical services have increased -- now constituting nearly 80% of calls for service -- and as wildfire hazards have become deadlier, cities have substantially modified the way they prepare for fire hazards, the service model used to deliver Placentia's life-saving fire and emergency medical services must evolve as well. The City seeks to maintain and enhance rapid medical emergency response times and ensure a high level of these life-saving services over the long-term, for our residents.

Since 2009, the City's costs with OCFA has grown by 47%, with no change in service levels being provided to our residents. At the same time, the City's operating budget has only grown by 12%. Also important to note that during this same time period, the Placentia Police Department has experienced a 9% decrease in its operating budget. Placentia has a responsibility to its residents to ensure local fire and paramedic models are continually improving, high quality, fiscally sustainable, and ensure proper spending priorities on services to our residents.

Towards this end, the City will be undertaking a competitive process to solicit proposals from qualified service providers for fire protection services and emergency medical services to ensure the City can maintain AND enhance rapid emergency response programs well into the future, when considering our population and community's needs.

Potential service or cost efficiencies will also enable the City to invest more robustly in proactive law enforcement safety approaches, which our public has said is a priority. The City views public safety in a holistic approach that includes not only fire protection services but also our local Police Department which includes proactive community policing, investigation, gang reduction and intervention efforts and other ways of preventing crime before it happens.

As we continue to evaluate modern and efficient fire protection and paramedic models, we encourage you to visit [www.placentia.org/fireems](http://www.placentia.org/fireems) for updates and more information.



## ADMINISTRATION

### City Facilities Holiday Closure

All City facilities will be closed from December 21, 2018 through January 6, 2019. City Hall and other City facilities will reopen on Monday, January 7, 2019. The Police Department will remain open during the holidays. For non-life threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or other public works issues, please call (714) 993-8100.



### Shop Locally for the Holidays

Tis 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. Please don't forget the Farmers Market is also open every Tuesday evenings starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Placentia Town Center, with special holiday crafts and accessories for the entire family. Enjoy the season and don't forget to shop locally at your favorite Placentia retailers!



### "Pump Up" Placentia!

"Pump Up" Placentia! The City of Placentia is working in partnership with Galaxy Oil Company to operate the Placentia Gas Station, also known as "Best 4 Less 76" gasoline station at 480 S. Placentia Avenue (northeast corner of Placentia and Crowther Avenue). Through a partnership with Galaxy Oil, a portion of the revenue generated by the gas station will go directly back to the City for critical services including Police, Fire and Public Works projects. This will greatly assist the City with infrastructure maintenance such as roads and facility improvements. The City encourages all of its residents and visitors to fuel their vehicles at the 76 Gasoline Station and "Pump Up Placentia" by putting money directly back into your local services. For additional information about this partnership or questions regarding the 76 Gasoline Station, please call (714) 993-8264.





## ADMINISTRATION

### Everyone Counts, 2019 Point in Time

Orange County Community Resources in partnership with the Continuum of Care conducts a Point in Time count every two years in Orange County. The Point in Time count is a national mandate from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Point in Time count is intended to obtain an unduplicated number of homeless people in Orange County at a given point in time. The count provides vital information that helps the County better understand homelessness in the community and guides the way the County and its partners respond to homelessness in Orange County.

Orange County will be conducting the 2019 Point In Time count on Wednesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 24, 2019. In preparation for the 2019 Point In Time, volunteers are needed in the following roles for a successful effort: Team Captains, Field Surveyors, Deployment Center Support, Videographers and Photographers. Volunteer opportunities are available in the early morning and late evening. Sign up to volunteer and help shape homelessness services in Orange County for the next couple of years! You must be 18 years of age and older to volunteer in the field.



You can also help ensure that everyone in Orange County is counted during the 2019 Point In Time count by spreading the word about the effort through your social media networks. Join the #EveryoneCountsOC2019 conversation on social media. Additionally, City Net is asking for donations of hygiene kits, which will be distributed during the 2019 Point In Time to survey participants.

For additional information or to sign up to volunteer, please click on the following link: <https://www.everyonecountsoc.org/>

### Addressing Homelessness in Placentia and North Orange County

On Tuesday, December 18, 2018 City Administrator Damien Arrula conducted a presentation to the City Council and the public on homelessness in Placentia and North Orange County. After Council discussion, the Council agreed to have Staff further analyze homelessness in the City and provide effective methods to maintain control over the homeless crisis. Additional information and a Staff recommendation on homelessness will be provided to the City Council at the January 15, 2018 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Placentia Council Chambers.

Based upon recent court rulings, the City of Placentia is now being affected by homelessness - both locally and regionally. In an effort to maintain control over the homeless crisis, while at the same time providing compassion to the homeless population, the North Orange County cities (NOC cities) comprised of Placentia, Anaheim, Brea, Buena Park, Cypress, Fullerton, La Habra, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Orange, Villa Park, Stanton, and Yorba Linda are collaborating on a regional approach to address homelessness in North Orange County.



## Cont'd Addressing Homelessness in Placentia and North Orange County

As a result of the local mandate by U.S. District Federal Judge David Carter, NOC cities are required to work on a homeless housing plan for the region, which shall include creating Navigation Centers designed to house and service NOC cities' homeless population. The requirement for NOC cities is to create Navigation Centers that would provide comprehensive supportive services including vocational services, recreational services, mental health, transportation services and 200 beds to the homeless residents of the North Orange County region. If cities do not comply with the mandate to add emergency housing, they will not legally be able to keep the homeless from creating an encampment in public areas, such as city halls, senior centers, parks and neighborhood sidewalks, including sidewalks in front of residents' very own homes.

The City has thus far utilized a variety of tools to enforce the City's anti-camping laws for the above mentioned public spaces. The City's ability to address homelessness has been significantly diminished based upon the *Martin v. Boise* (2018) ruling by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on September 2, 2018. The ruling asserted that the City of Boise's camping and disorderly conduct ordinance was unconstitutional, relying upon the U.S. Supreme Court precedent that it is cruel and unusual to criminalize a person's status, as opposed to his or her conduct. Ultimately, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that these types of Ordinances violated the Eighth Amendment when enforced against those who have been forced to sleep outdoors because they cannot obtain shelter.

This decision along with the recent Orange County Federal Court case presiding under Judge Carter significantly limits the City's ability to manage and control homeless proliferation and public camping in our community. In order to comply with these Federal requirements and court decisions, and to ensure that the City maintains local control over enforcement of its own anti-camping ordinance in public areas, including public sidewalks, the City of Placentia along with the NOC cities have identified two potential locations for Navigation Centers – one in Placentia and one in Buena Park. The final location of the Navigation Centers will be determined by identifying a location that is suitable for safely housing homeless as well as addressing the following factors:

proximity to residential areas, cost of construction, suitable security and operational plan, and well managed wraparound services. In addition, these Navigation Centers will be contingent upon receiving grant funding for the acquisition, construction improvements and ongoing operations and maintenance of the Navigation Centers.

The management and operational plan for the Navigation Centers will specify certain requirements to ensure local control for providing safe and secure housing as well as providing comprehensive programs and services. The Navigation Centers will be referral-only based facilities with managed and controlled access in and out. The proposed Navigation Centers will work not only to house the homeless, but to provide health resources, job and social skills, and opportunities to reunite with family and friends, with the goal of integrating North Orange County's homeless to become productive members of society while decreasing the number of homeless in public areas.

According to the most recent 2017 Point-in-Time count conducted by the County of Orange, there were approximately 4,792 people in Orange County whom have experienced homelessness (2,584 of whom were unsheltered) on any given night. This represents a 7% increase from 2015. The majority of Orange County's homeless, whether male or female, are U.S. citizens and long-term Orange County residents of over 10 years vs. people who are brought to Orange County from other counties.



## Cont'd Addressing Homelessness in Placentia and North Orange County

“The City of Placentia, in working with the NOC cities in an unprecedented effort, have collaborated to solve homelessness on a regional level,” said Mayor Pro Tem Ward Smith. “We know that homelessness is not a single city issue and will not solve itself alone. Therefore, these Navigation Centers have the ability to provide a comprehensive, well managed approach to getting men and women off the street and into a safe and productive environment with wraparound services, such as health and wellness resources, employment training and assistance, substance abuse services and coordinated counseling.”

“While we are concerned about the Federal Mandate and recent appellate court decision, the City believes that through local control and a well-managed approach to solving homelessness, we can ensure that the City has the ability to continue enforcing its anti-camping laws to ensure that our public parks, public spaces and the sidewalks in front of our residents very own homes will be protected,” said City Administrator Damien R. Arrula. “This approach will enable the City to prevent the homeless situation from proliferating significantly and affecting our residents’ everyday quality of life. This also allows our Police Officers to uphold and enforce local and state laws as we work together with other NOC Cities to develop a coordinated approach to solving homelessness in our region.”

For additional information on this regional effort, please visit [www.placentia.org/homelessness](http://www.placentia.org/homelessness).

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Placentia Open Spaces and Urban Greening Master Plan

The Placentia Open Spaces and Urban Greening Master Plan (POSUG) is a planning effort that aims to connect parks and open spaces throughout the City. The POSUG needs your feedback to make walking and biking to parks more enjoyable, determine how to improve existing park facilities, and expand the City’s urban forest. Please visit the website below or scan the QR code to take our project survey and share your feedback. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

[Click here for survey](#)

Or

Scan this QR Code!



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**Additional Information:**  
For additional information, please contact  
Veronica Ortiz, Community Services Supervisor,  
vortiz@placentia.org

City of Placentia  
**OPEN SPACE & URBAN GREENING**  
Master Plan



## Community Christmas Basket Event

Neighborhood Services and Friendly Center Placentia hosted the Community Christmas Basket event on **Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Families were able to eat a hot meal, participate in fun holiday activities, and have their photo taken with Santa. A total of 118 families received food and toys at the event. Thank you to all the contributors and our fantastic team who helped make this event possible! For more information on Neighborhood Services Programs, please contact the Friendly Center and Neighborhood Services office at (714) 986-2333.



## Tamale Festival

The Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association and the City hosted the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Tamale Festival in Old Town Santa Fe on **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** from 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. After having to reschedule the event due to inclement weather, the event was still a complete success. Attendance is estimated to be approximately 15,000 people. The event featured live entertainment including the Darden Sisters, Grupo Bella, and the Grammy Award Winning Mariachi Divas. Fresh and delicious tamales were sold by local restaurants. Santa was there distributing gifts to all the children and taking photos with them all evening. Mayor Pro Tem Ward Smith, and Councilmember Craig Green assisted with the lighting of the Christmas Palm Tree. Special thanks to the Placita Santa Fe Merchants, and the Community Services, Public Works, and the Police Departments for all of their efforts in the making this event a huge success.





## PUBLIC WORKS

### Residential Street Sweeping Cancelled During the Holidays

As in previous years, the City will be cancelling residential street sweeping operations during the winter holiday season, starting **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** through **Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**. Street sweeping operations for arterial and commercial streets will remain uninterrupted. Parking Enforcement will also suspend issuing street sweeping citations on residential streets. During this time period, street sweeping operations and parking enforcement will resume on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. During this time, however, residents are reminded that all vehicles determined to be in violation of a parking ordinance other than the street sweeping violation ordinance, will remain subject to a parking citation. For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8212.

### Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

There will be no trash and recycling collection services on the following holidays:

- Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25, 2018
- New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1, 2019
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2019
- Independence Day – Thursday, July 4, 2019
- Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 2019
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28, 2019
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2019

If your weekly pickup is on or after the holiday, your pickup that week will be delayed by one day. For instance, when the holiday is on a Monday, Monday's collection will take place on Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wednesday, and so on, with Friday's collection on Saturday. For additional information, please call Republic Services at (714) 238-2444 or visit <https://www.republicservices.com/>.

### Holiday Tree Recycling Program

Free holiday tree collection is provided for single family households with automated collection beginning **Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** through **Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**. Holiday trees are picked up in a special collection truck. Residents are reminded to remove all decorations and have your holiday trees out by your curb by 7:00 a.m. If you don't take your tree down until after January 7, 2019, please cut it into pieces that will fit in your yard-waste container with the lid closed. You can also recycle holiday wreaths and greenery in your yard-waste container. Please remove all decorations from your holiday wreaths before placing them in your yard-waste container. If you are discarding an artificial tree or wreath, please place it into the waste container. Artificial trees and wreaths are not recyclable. For additional information, please call Republic Services at (714) 238-2444 or visit <https://www.republicservices.com/>.





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

It's The  
**HOLIDAYS**  
Don't Drink & Drive



Driving after drinking is deadly. If you drive while impaired you could get arrested, or worse - be involved in a traffic crash that causes serious injury or death to you and/or someone else.



In every state, it's illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher. Charges range from misdemeanors to felony offenses, and penalties for impaired driving can include driver's license revocation, fines, and jail time.



### TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT DRUNK DRIVING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

- If you will be drinking, don't plan on driving. Instead, keep yourself and others safe by arranging a ride home or designate a sober driver ahead of time.
- If someone you know has been drinking, do not let that person get behind the wheel. Take their keys and arrange a sober ride home for them.

Your actions could save someone's life. If you see an impaired driver on the road, contact the Placentia Police Department. For emergencies please call 9-1-1, for non-emergencies please call (714) 993-8164



## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



# PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT

## WEEKLY SUMMARY - December 21-27, 2018

### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

*Upcoming Library Closures:*

*Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25;*

*Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1*



## ADULT SERVICES

### ADULTS AND TEENS WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Continues until January 11

Ages 14+

How many books do you think you can read this winter? For each eligible item you checkout or download from the Placentia or Anaheim libraries, we will give you a drawing ticket for a chance to win one of four fabulous prizes:

1. Tickets to Segerstorm Center for the Arts
2. Trip for two to Knott's Berry Farm
3. Dinner for two at Orange Hill Restaurant
4. Mission Escape Room game for four



Win dinner for two at Orange Hill Restaurant!



### CONVERSATION CLUB

Next meeting: Friday, December 28

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

*Placentia Library Local History Room*

Conversation Club is a great opportunity to chat with other English language learners in a relaxed and comfortable environment. No registration is required.

## TEEN SERVICES

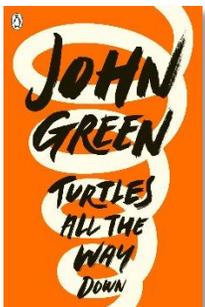
### PTAC – PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Next meeting: Thursday, January 3, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

*Placentia Teen Center*



Teens, enter to win escape room tickets for the Winter Reading Challenge!



### ADULTS AND TEENS WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Continues until January 11

More info in the adults section above!

*New young adult book from John Green: "Turtles All the Way Down." (Credit: Penguin)*

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

\*Designates programs are outdoor programs and will not be held in the event of inclement weather including rain and/or extreme temperatures.

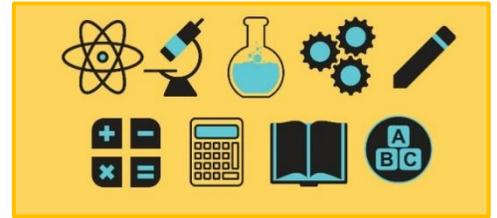
### HOMWORK CLUB\*

Monday – Thursday, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Civic Center Plaza*

Having troubles with homework? We're here to help! Students in Kindergarten-12th grade are invited to join us at Homework Club each week for homework help! New attendees must submit a parent/guardian consent form before attending.

Homework Club will not be in session December 24 – January 4.



### STORYTIMES ON BREAK

Our Sunshine Baby Storytime (Thursday morning) and Puppets on the Patio (Saturday morning) storytimes will be on break December 16, 2018 to January 16, 2019.

Catch the first meetings of the new year Thursday, January 17, at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. for Sunshine Baby Storytime or Saturday, January 19, at 10 a.m. for Puppets in the Patio.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### **We have several literacy students participating in the Writer to Writer Challenge...**

We are so proud of the TEN Placentia Library adult learners and their dedicated tutors for their submissions to the Southern California Library Literacy Network, Writer to Writer Challenge. Writer to Writer Challenge asks adult learners to select a book, audiobook or article to read. Once complete, learner write and send a letter to the author letting them know how their book made an impact on their life. Entries are judged on the understanding of the theme, creativity and fluency. The winning entries will be announced early next year. We wish everyone the best of luck!



### **SAVE THE DATE:** **PLD COLLABORATORY: TOUR OF LA** **MICHOACANA ICE CREAM DELIGHT!**

**Thursday, January 17, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

*Meet at Placentia Teen Center*

Come explore the history of Mexico's famed ice cream treats! Hear about the rich history of "paleta making" in Michoacan, Mexico, then learn the steps necessary to enjoy those oh so sweet and refreshing real fruit pop bars and creamy ice cream. Meet up at the Teen Center before 3:30 p.m. to walk over, or meet us at your favorite local La Michoacana Ice Cream Delight at 4 p.m. – 622 W. Chapman Avenue Placentia

