

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

February 20, 2020



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

City is Hiring Full-time Fire Personnel

The City is hiring full-time fire personnel for its new Fire and Life Safety Department, including Fire Captains, Fire Engineers, Firefighters, and Reserve Firefighters. Please visit www.placentia.org/jobs for additional information.

Fire and Life Safety Department-Quarterly Update

At the February 18th City Council meeting, staff provided a comprehensive quarterly update on the progress being made on the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department. Please click on the following link to view the [PowerPoint presentation](#) with facts on fire recruitment, apparatus, operations, training and much more.

City of Placentia Sales Tax Update

The City of Placentia receives quarterly sales tax updates from HdL Companies, a well-known company that tracks sales tax receipts. While information on specific businesses is confidential and proprietary, HdL provides an update with information that is available to the public. To view the most recent City of Placentia Sales Tax Update, please click here.

<https://www.placentia.org/DocumentCenter/View/8607/HdL-Q3-Sales-Tax-Update-2202020>

New Fiber Optic Network Coming to Placentia

Ready for faster internet? The City has partnered with SiFi Networks to create a superfast fiber optic network for service providers to then provide to Placentia customers. The network, which would be funded, built and operated by SiFi Networks, would enable Internet Service Providers to deliver gigabit internet, TV and phone to residents and businesses throughout the City. Interested in super-fast internet? Fill out SiFi Networks' survey to let them know what's important to you <https://sifinetworks.com/cities/placentia-ca/>.

Come Join Us!

**PLACENTIA
FIRE & LIFE SAFETY
DEPARTMENT**

The City of Placentia is hiring various levels of personnel for its new Fire and Life Safety Department including:

- Fire Captains
- Fire Engineers
- Firefighters
- Reserve Firefighters

Applications, job descriptions and benefit information will be available at www.placentia.org/jobs

Apply Today!

www.placentia.org/jobs

Questions:
hr@placentia.org
 (714) 993-8141

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 02/29/20 Placentia California Tree Team Workshop
- 03/03/20 City Council Meeting
- 03/10/20 Parks Arts and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 03/11/20 Heritage Committee Meeting
- 03/16/20 Streetscape & Transportation Advisory Committee

**For additional
information or**

questions about this

Weekly Briefing please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION

A Message from City Administrator Damien R. Arrula

Dear Neighbor,

It is unfortunate that our residents have received false, misleading information about their 911 Fire Safety services. This was distributed by a large outside fire union. In keeping with the tradition of prioritizing our fire safety needs and responsibly managing your taxpayer dollars, the City made a prudent decision to establish its own local Fire Department several months ago, after over a year of study and community input. The new local Fire and Life Safety Department will begin its first shift on July 1, 2020.

Doing so provides our residents with superior service, faster response times and at a lower cost to taxpayers. Residents and businesses will see no change in cost for these services.

Please visit the following link to our website that describes key questions and answers regarding Placentia's new Fire and Life Safety Department at www.placentia.org/fireems.

The City is pleased to continue putting Measure U taxpayer dollars to work in the manner promised to taxpayers. There have been multiple Measure U Oversight Committee meetings comprised of independent Placentia residents. At each meeting, the Committee has determined that your Measure U taxpayer dollars are being used in the manner approved by voters. For more information about all of the completed and upcoming Measure U projects, please visit www.placentia.org/measureu.

We encourage our residents to stay informed on this important and exciting service by signing up to receive updates at www.placentia.org/list.aspx or visit our social media page at www.facebook.com/PlacentiaCA.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Easter Basket Donations

The Friendly Center and Neighborhood Services office is collecting Easter baskets for the annual Spring Fun Day event. Donations will be accepted through Thursday, April 2nd from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. at the Whitten Community Center located at 900 S. Melrose Street. For more information regarding basket items, please [click here](#).

Teen Center Anaheim Ducks Excursion

On Wednesday, February 19th, the Placentia Teen Center in collaboration with local non-profit, LOT318 attended the Anaheim Ducks Hockey game at the Honda Center. Twenty participants enjoyed a great game. For most of the teens, it was their first time attending a live hockey game.

The Placentia Teen Center and LOT318 welcome all interested teens to attend the next excursion to watch the USC Basketball team play at the USC Galen Center in Los Angeles on February 29th. Availability is limited. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.





PUBLIC WORKS

Placentia Residents, Receive a Free Tree Sapling this Spring!

The City has received the Circle 3.0 Grant to provide 100 FREE trees to Placentia Residents to plant on their private properties at no cost! Part of the California Urban Forestry Council's Invest from the Ground Up tree planting program, Circle 3.0 is California's Initiative to Reduce Carbon and Limit Emissions. The City is excited to partner with West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) and the California Urban Forests Council (CaUFC) to bring this wonderful opportunity to our community. Circle 3.0 is a grant project funded through CalFire with the goal to reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by planting urban trees.

These young trees are to be planted on private property, front or back yard, NOT on the parkway and will be owned and maintained by the resident. Trees are 1 to 5 gallon and will be planted by West Coast Arborists, Inc. starting in March of 2020.

To reserve a tree, simply visit www.arborday.org/circle3.0, enter resident information and select a tree species. Tree species available on a first come, first serve basis include: Australian willows, Tipu trees, Fern pines, Turkish pines, and pink trumpet trees. Deadline to reserve a tree is February 20, 2020.



The selected tree will be planted on your property (not in City easement). After you have confirmed your species, please attend the upcoming CA Tree Team Workshop scheduled for Saturday, February 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., at the Whitten Community Center to pick up your tree marking flag. Flags will be used to mark the area in your yard where you would like the tree planted.

Upcoming California Tree Team Workshop

The City, in partnership with the California Urban Forest Council (CaUFC) and West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) have set aside grant funding to plant new trees for Placentia through the Cool Parks grant program funded by CalFire. The goal of this grant program is to reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions by planting urban trees in local parks and streetscapes. Funding for Placentia will provide up to 150 new trees to be planted in City parks and public spaces.

As part of this program, the City, in collaboration with local and state partners, is offering a free tree education workshop on Saturday, February 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., at the Whitten Community Center in Placentia. Come learn how to plant a tree, tree benefits, urban forestry and become a leader for our spring tree planting event!



City staff is working separately with WCA to develop an Arbor Day planting event in April 2020 as part of this grant and details regarding this event will be released in the near future.

For RSVPs or questions regarding this free workshop, please email: grantinfo@wcainc.com. To learn more about this program, please visit www.investfromthegroundup.org.





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Placentia Veterans Village

The City of Placentia, in partnership with the County of Orange, Mercy Housing California, and New Directions for Veterans celebrated the groundbreaking of the Placentia Veterans Village on November 1, 2018. Since the groundbreaking, Mercy Housing California and their contractors have been hard at work, building this wrap-around service enriched, affordable apartment development for United States Military Veterans who are homeless and/or at risk of homelessness. This high-quality development is located on a newly constructed street (1945 E. Veteran's Way) adjacent to Lakeview Loop near the intersection of Orangethorpe Avenue and Lakeview Avenue; just north of the Atwood Flood Control Channel. The new Development is significantly improving the property and surrounding right of way, while addressing a need in Orange County and throughout the State and nation for veterans housing.



In December 2018, building and construction permits were issued, and the construction of the building as seen from the exterior is nearly complete. Recently, the building exterior has been painted. Extensive grading, flood control improvements and a decorative perimeter block wall has also been completed. Construction is anticipated to be completed this Spring with a grand opening and resident move-in planned for June 2020. The Placentia Veterans village is a testament to the City's commitment to ending homelessness and providing support to our nation's veterans.



The Placentia Veterans Village will include 50 furnished apartment homes, 49 for veterans and one which will be utilized as an on-site management unit. Amenities include a landscaped courtyard area, community garden, recreation room, and resident services offices. The state-of-the-art development will be LEED Gold certified, utilizing energy efficient design principles, building materials and energy efficient appliances. The "360-degree" design will be high-quality architecture reminiscent of the "Craftsman" style.

Once constructed, veterans will have access to comprehensive on-site supportive services including case management, physical and mental health services, employment services, life skills training, and counseling. For additional information on this unique partnership, please visit www.placentia.org/veteransvillage or call the City of Placentia at (714) 993-8234.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Administration of Narcan Spray

As the nation's opioid epidemic persists, it's become common to hear of police officers carrying and administering naloxone, the overdose antidote often referred to by the brand name of its original nasal-spray, Narcan. Police Officers with the Placentia Police Department carry this nasal-spray too. However, on February 10th, at 5:15 p.m., Placentia Police Department Officers were sent to the parking lot of Mr. K's Liquor at 615 W. Orangethorpe Ave. in Placentia reference to a triple overdose. Three unconscious men were discovered inside a vehicle by a passerby. The number of simultaneous overdose subjects made this incident unique and much riskier for all those involved. When officers arrived, they found the men seated in the vehicle and unresponsive. Officers began rendering medical aid that included administering Narcan via a nasal spray. OCFA paramedics arrived and administered doses of Narcan via an intravenous injection, before the men began to regain consciousness. They were transported to a nearby hospital for additional treatment. The three men were coworkers at an Anaheim based landscaping company. Drug paraphernalia and a white powder, believed to be fentanyl, was found at the scene.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

[Placentia Library District Weekly Summary](#)

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Placentia Library District

WEEKLY SUMMARY – February 21-27, 2020

Follow us on Instagram!
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Introducing The Hangar

THE HANGAR

Make your creative dreams come true, or learn something new, with fun projects, new technologies, and expert advice from our resident Tinkerer. The Hangar will feature a Monthly Maker Challenge!

FEBRUARY TINKER TUESDAYS PROGRAMS

February Project: Create a delicious 3D Laser Engraved Chocolate.

The Hangar 101 – First Tuesday of the Month (*Adults and teens ages 14+*)

Tinker Time – Second Tuesday of the Month (*Children and families*)

Tinker Tweens – Third Tuesday of the Month (*Tweens ages 9-13*)

Thinker Tinker – Fourth Tuesday of the Month (*Adults and teens ages 14+*)

Registration is recommended; register at placentialibrary.eventbrite.com



Made at The Hangar by one of our patrons!

Adult & Teen Services

READ, WRITE, SPEAK CLUB

Friday, February 21, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Placentia Library Meeting Room

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

Next orientation: Sunday, March 15, 2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Placentia Library Meeting Room

Sign up to volunteer online at placentialibrary.org/support-the-library/volunteering

LITERACY PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

Did you know the library has an adult literacy program? The library provides one-one-one tutoring for English literacy as well as a weekly drop-in Read, Write, Speak Club, a great opportunity to chat with other English language learners in a relaxed and comfortable environment.

For more information, visit placentialibrary.org/services/literacy or call or stop by the library.



Children's Services

SUNSHINE BABIES STORYTIME

Tuesday or Thursday, February 25 or 27, 9:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Virginia and Norman Haussmann Storytime Alcove
Class is open to all caregivers and their babies ages 0-18 months.

TODDLER TALES STORYTIME

Tuesday or Thursday, February 25 or 27, 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Virginia and Norman Haussmann Storytime Alcove
Class is open to all caregivers and their toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years.

RISE AND SHINE STORYTIME

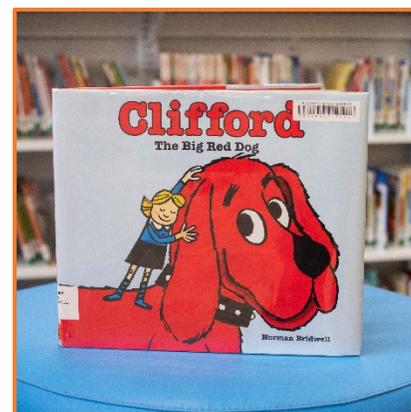
Saturday, February 22, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Virginia and Norman Haussmann Storytime Alcove
Join us for a fun-filled storytime on Saturday mornings for children of all ages!

HOMEWORK HELP

Monday - Thursday, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Placentia Library Meeting Room
For students in grades K-12.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Monday, February 24, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Whitten Center, 900 S. Melrose Ave., Placentia
Join us for bilingual storytime Mondays at the Whitten Center, with rhymes, songs and stories in English and Spanish!
Children will learn new vocabulary in both languages and be introduced to the wonderful world of dual language learning.



Tickets now available!

AUTHOR'S LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER: JUDY A. BERNSTEIN

Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.
Alta Vista Country Club, 777 Alta Vista St., Placentia
Presented by Placentia Library Friends Foundation. Tickets on sale now at placentialibraryfriends.com

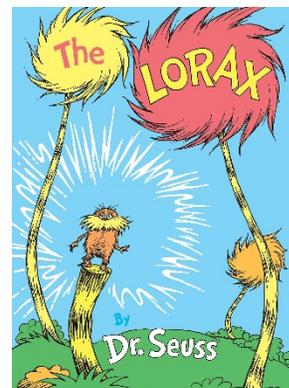
CONTACT THE LIBRARY

(714) 528-1906
information@placentialibrary.org – placentialibrary.org
411 E. Chapman Ave., Placentia, CA 92870

Save the Date

LORAX STORYTIME

Sunday, March 1, 2:00 p.m.
Placentia Library Lawn
Come celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a special Lorax storytime that will include fun activities that focus on conversation and the environment. Everyone will also have an opportunity to plant their own tree to take home.





Hugh Nguyen
OC Clerk-Recorder

PASSPORT DAY



Saturday, March 7, 2020 (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

SPECIAL SATURDAY OPENING

- Passport Books/Cards & Photos
- Convenient, Quick & Easy
- Walk-Ins Are Welcomed
- Birth Certificates Available

Old County Courthouse
211 Santa Ana Blvd, Room 201
Santa Ana, CA 92701

Only new passport applications will be processed
We recommend making an appointment. Please Call:
(714) 834 - 3136

YOUR VOICE YOUR VOTE YOUR CHOICE



A NEW WAY TO VOTE IS ON THE WAY!

One of the most exciting parts of serving as Orange County's Registrar of Voters is seeing voter's reactions when they have a positive experience.

Our voters tell us that the two most important factors they consider when casting their ballot are simplicity and security. As we move to Vote Centers in 2020 it means that we are bringing more choices to voters on where, when and how they would like to cast their ballot. It means opportunities for not just smoother operations, but to enhance the voter experience, take the hassles out of voting and providing a more secure environment.

My team and I look forward to helping you cast your ballot with ease - we appreciate you and thank you for continuing you to trust us with your ballot.

Happy voting!



Neal Kelley
Registrar of Voters
Orange County, CA

WHAT IS A VOTE CENTER?

In-person voting and much more.

- You'll have the opportunity to vote at one of nearly 200 customer service centers located throughout Orange County
- Vote for 10 days prior to any election day, including Saturdays and Sundays.
- You'll be greeted and checked in electronically
- Drop off completed vote-by-mail ballot at any location
- Receive the best customer service, a smooth process and a secure environment we will meet voter's needs throughout Orange County.

VOTING OPTIONS

Options match your schedule, not ours.

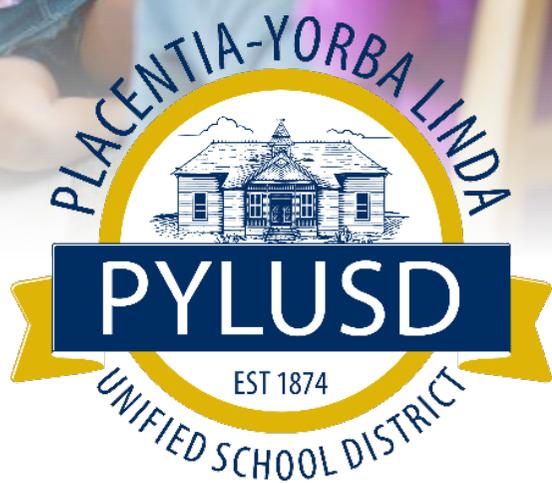
- Elections are no longer a one-day event
- Voting begins the month before any election day when every registered voter receives a Voter Information Guide as well as a vote-by-mail ballot
- Take advantage of the alternatives available
 - voting-at-home
 - drive-thru ballot drop-off
 - in-person options
 - returning your ballot via United States Postal Service or deliver your ballot to us



Orange County Registrar of Voters
1300 South Grand Avenue, Building C
Santa Ana, CA 92705
ocvote.com/votecenter
714-567-7600

For a full menu of voting information including information on the election, candidates, where to vote, how to vote, and more, visit ocvote.com/votecenter

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Full-Day Kindergarten Coming to PYLUSD in Fall!

The Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District will launch Full-Day Kindergarten at all elementary schools with the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Benefits of Full-Day Kindergarten



Additional time for students in a developmentally appropriate, academic environment



Students receive extended lessons including hands-on science, art, music & movement



Students interact more frequently with other students & their teacher to enhance social skills



“Play to Learn” teaches students collaboration & problem solving skills



Students leave kindergarten ready for first grade & beyond

Visit www.pylusd.org/kindergarten for more info.