

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing

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March 5, 2020



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

Prop 68 Funding Awarded to the City of Placentia

In January 2019, the California State Parks, Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) announced the 2019 Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP). Funds for this program are provided through Proposition 68 (Prop 68). California voters passed Prop 68 in June 2018 to safeguard natural resources, such as parks, and safe drinking water. Approximately \$254,000,000 was available for distribution in the third round of Prop 68 funding and has been allocated to the State of California and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) to renovate existing parks throughout California

This competitive grant program provides funds to create new parks, expand existing parks, and or renovate existing parks in critically underserved communities. The maximum grant request per site is \$8,500,000 and no match funding is required.

Staff recommended to the City Council that the proposed grant applications be submitted for renovations of six (6) existing parks. The Council approved the submission of the grant applications at the April 11, 2019 City Council meeting.

Approximately \$2.3 billion dollars was requested statewide in this third round of funding through 478 project applications. The amount greatly exceeded the \$254,000,000 available in this round of funding. After undergoing a project visit in November 2019, the City was informed that OGLAS planned to make final project selections in late February 2020.

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce that the renovation project for La Placita Parkette has been chosen by OGLAS to receive a grant award of \$640,000. Located in the La Jolla neighborhood, La Placita Parkette serves the hundreds of students that attend Melrose Elementary School and Valadez Academy. During the community meetings, residents requested the City consider adding lighting and removable bollards to the park site as added safety measures. Renovations will include the removal and replacement of the existing playground and rubberized surfacing, addition of water efficient irrigation, landscape, addition of bollards at the park entry, decorative fencing, and new park lighting.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 03/10/20 Parks Arts and Recreation Commission Meeting
- 03/11/20 Heritage Committee Meeting
- 03/16/20 Streetscape & Transportation Advisory Committee
- 03/17/20 City Council Meeting
- 04/07/20 Streetscape & Transportation Advisory Committee

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing please email:

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ADMINISTRATION

“Pump Up” Placentia!

The City of Placentia has partnered 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 this 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 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, call (714) 993-8264.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

Spring Activities in Placentia

Spring Activities are now available online. The Spring Edition of the Placentia Palm Quarterly offers a full range of programs for all ages including dance, fitness, and sports. Registration for Placentia residents began on Thursday, February 27th. Non-resident registration began on Monday, March 2nd. Register Online at www.placentia.org/classes or during regular Office hours from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. Highlighted activities for this Spring include:

- Youth Sport classes
- Adult Dance classes
- Hypnosis classes
- Tai Chi classes

For more information, regarding events, programs, and classes, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

**Register
NOW**

City of Placentia Senior Center

The Placentia Senior Center offers many activities and programs for older adults. The Center is a great way for seniors to socialize and feel a part of the community. Seniors have access to many resources at the Center. We offer free transportation from your home to the Center and back. Please call (714) 986-2332 for additional information.



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

On Saturday, February 29th, the Placentia Teen Center in collaboration with local non-profit, LOT318 attended the USC Men's Basketball game at the USC Galen Center in Los Angeles. Participants enjoyed a great game and everyone received a free T-shirt. For most of the teens, it was their first time attending a College Level Basketball game. The Placentia Teen Center welcomes all interested teens to join us at the Teen Center located at 116 N. Walnut Ave. in Placentia or for more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

PUBLIC WORKS

Upcoming Southern California Gas Company Pipeline Inspection Project

Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) will be performing an In-Line Inspection (ILI) on a segment of one of our natural transmission pipelines, beginning on March 9, 2020 and is expected to be completed in approximately three (3) months (weather and other factors permitting). The work will take place Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. along Placentia Avenue, between Orangethorpe Avenue and E. Via Burton/La Jolla Street. This work is part of their Pipeline Integrity program to further enhance the safety of the pipelines. This test involves performing an inline assessment of a high-pressure line, using an inspection tool. This survey is federally mandated per the Pipeline Safety Act of 2002. Below is important information regarding the ILI work that will take place:

What to expect:

- North and southbound lanes along Placentia Avenue will be reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction.
- SoCalGas construction vehicles and its contractors' trucks along with heavy equipment will be in the area.
- During this time you may smell natural gas and hear construction noise.
- Consider using alternate routes during the inspection work.

No interruption to natural gas is anticipated. Residents may smell the odor of natural gas. Although this is normal when crews are working. We encourage anyone who has concerns about the smell of gas to call SoCalGas from a safe location at 1-800-427-2200. This line is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To learn more about Pipeline Safety, visit [socalgas.com](https://www.socalgas.com) (search "Pipeline Integrity").

Map of Construction Area:





California Tree Team Workshop

On Saturday, February 29th, the City hosted a successful tree education workshop in partnership with the California Urban Forest Council, (CalUFC), West Coast Arborists, Inc. (WCA) and LOT318. The workshop featured an education presentation by David Pineda, Grants Supervisor for WCA, on the proper planting and care for trees, urban forestry principles and socioeconomic benefits of trees. In addition, attendees participated in a tree planting demonstration led by Raquel Zepeda, a volunteer Certified Arborist from the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

Funding for this educational workshop was provided from the Cool Parks grant program funded by the California Department of Forest and Fire Protection (CalFire) Urban Forestry Program. City staff is working separately with WCA to develop an Arbor Day planting event in April 2020 as part of this grant program and details regarding this event will be released in the near future.



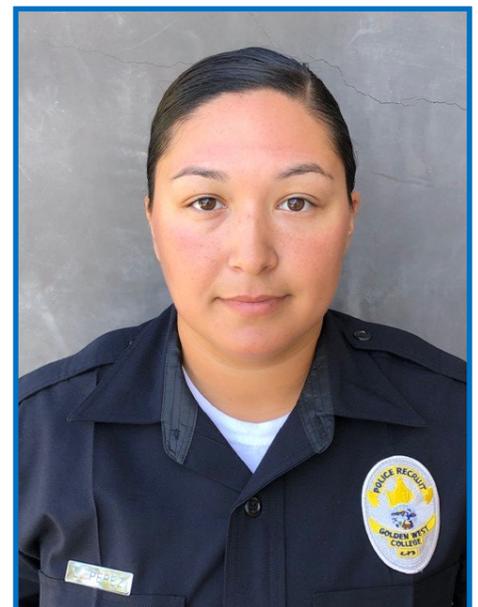
Thank you to all those who participated in this workshop. For those who cannot attend the workshop, the educational materials presented are available on our website at placentia.org/urbanforest.

A special thanks to CalUFC, WCA, and Lot 318 for helping us put together this workshop.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Academy Trainee Larissa Perez

Larissa Perez is the Placentia Police Department's newest Police Academy Trainee. Larissa grew up in Norwalk and attended Norwalk High School where she played basketball. After high school she attended Rio Hondo College and earned an associate's degree in Social Sciences. Larissa then attended Aspen University where she graduated with a bachelor degree in Early Childhood Education. She taught preschool for a few years before deciding she wanted to go into law enforcement. Larissa enrolled into the Golden West Police Academy in Huntington Beach as a self-sponsored recruit. Larissa was hired as a Police Academy Trainee on February 24, 2020 and will be promoted to Police Officer next week when she graduates from the academy. Welcome to the City of Placentia family, Larissa!

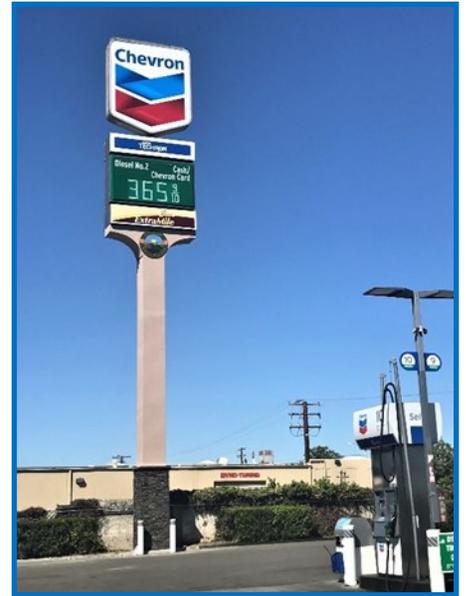




DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Chevron Sign

The “Chevron” fueling station at 313 W. Orangethorpe Avenue, located adjacent to the State Route 57 (SR 57) freeway at the northwest corner of W. Orangethorpe Avenue and Monroe Way, has a new and improved pole sign that has just recently finished construction! It is located across the street from the Market Fresh Grill Café. The new signage includes an LED diesel price sign, two smaller signs, and the addition of the unique City of Placentia logo. This project was initially approved by the City Council in 2018, and this upgraded signage can now be seen by Northbound 57 freeway traffic.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

OC Passport Day

PYLUUSD Full-Day Kindergarten



Placentia Library District

WEEKLY SUMMARY – March 6-12, 2020

Follow us on Instagram!
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Special Events

AUTHOR'S LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER: JUDY A. BERNSTEIN

Saturday, March 7, 10:00 a.m.

Alta Vista Country Club, 777 Alta Vista St., Placentia

Join us for a fascinating afternoon with Judy A. Bernstein, author of "They Poured Fire on us From the Sky" and "Disturbed in Their Nests," presented by the Placentia Library Friends Foundation. Doors open at 10 a.m. Presented by Placentia Library Friends Foundation. Tickets on sale now at placentialibraryfriends.com and at the door.

PAWFEST MICROCHIP EVENT

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Placentia Civic Center Plaza

Get your pets microchipped and check existing microchips for free!

RSVP: www.senate.ca.gov/chang



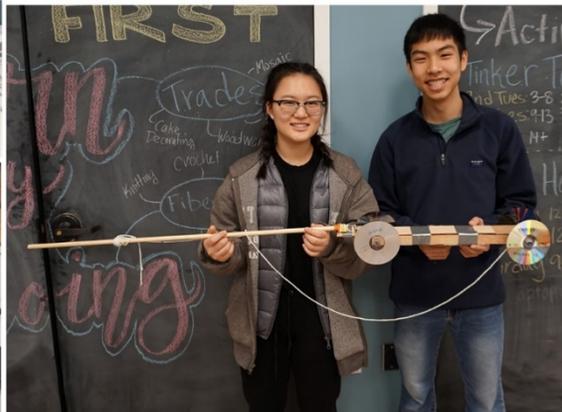
Introducing The Hangar

THE HANGAR

Placentia Library welcomes you to The Hangar, a place to design, build, tinker, explore, and create! Use our maker equipment to develop your projects, pick up a new hobby, or get expert advice from our resident Tinkerer. The Hangar is open to adults and teens ages 14+ with a valid library card, ID and signed waiver. Makers ages 9-13 are welcome with supervision from a parent or guardian. Children under 9 are welcome during family programs.



The Hangar



NEW HANGAR OPEN HOURS

Tuesday: 12:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: 12:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Adult & Teen Services

READ, WRITE, SPEAK CLUB

Friday, March 6, 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



Children's Services

RISE AND SHINE STORYTIME

Saturday, March 7, 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!

SUNSHINE BABIES STORYTIME

Tuesday or Thursday, 10 or 12, 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, March 10 or 12, 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.

LUNA, LUNA! A BILINGUAL PAJAMA STORYTIME!

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussmann Storytime Alcove

Luna, Luna! is an evening storytime 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. Children of all ages are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal!

Luna, Luna! es una hora de cuentos bilingüe con rimas, canciones, y cuentos en Español e Inglés! Participantes aprenderán nuevo vocabulario en los dos idiomas y serán introducidos a las maravillas de un mundo bilingüe. Niños y niñas de todas edades son invitados a traer puestas sus pijamas y traer su peluche favorito!

AFTERSCHOOL S.T.E.A.M. CLUB

Monday, March 9, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Interactive stories and hands-on activities that are based on science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) for children in grades 3rd- 8th.

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, please visit the Info Desk or our website.





Hugh Nguyen
OC Clerk-Recorder

PASSPORT DAY



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

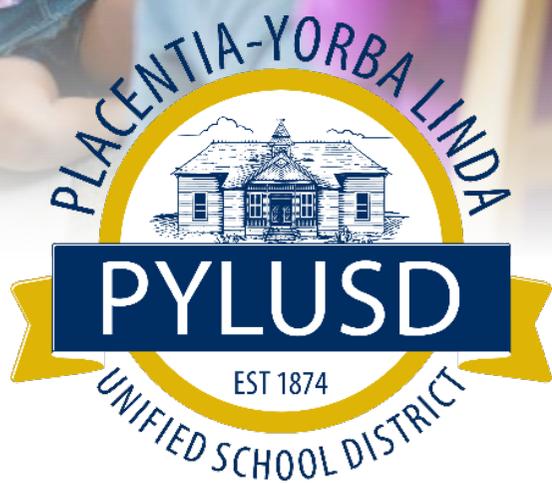
SPECIAL SATURDAY OPENING

- 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



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.