

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## Plasma Donations Needed

Torrance Fire Engineer Rickey Cradle is in need of a plasma donation to help him fight COVID-19. He needs plasma donated from a fully recovered COVID patient so that the antibodies can boost his ability to fight back.

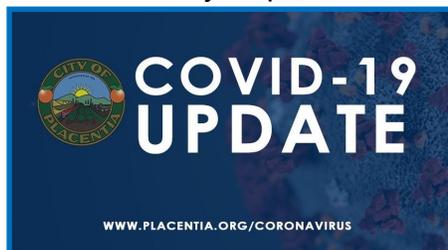
To qualify as a plasma donor, you must:

- 1) Have had COVID as confirmed by a positive test
- 2) Already be recovered and have one of the following:
  - a.) Your symptoms resolved at least 28 days prior to donation; OR
  - b.) Your symptoms resolved 14 days prior to donation and a repeat COVID test is negative.
- 3) Be one of the following:
  - a.) Male donor
  - b.) Female donor who has never been pregnant
  - c.) Female donor who has been tested since their most recent pregnancy and had results interpreted as negative for HLA antibodies.

If you or someone you know fits this criteria, please contact Dr. Marc Cohen at [emsdoc911@hotmail.com](mailto:emsdoc911@hotmail.com).

## COVID-19 Update

The City of Placentia is actively monitoring the situation involving the infectious disease outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). We are working closely with the federal, state and county agencies to receive the latest information on the Coronavirus. The City has created a dedicated webpage at [www.placentia.org/coronavirus](http://www.placentia.org/coronavirus) to provide the community with the most recent information about the coronavirus pandemic. We urge our community to practice social distancing and please wash your hands regularly.



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| 04/21/20 | City Council Meeting                                |
| 05/05/20 | City Council Meeting                                |
| 05/12/20 | Parks Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) Meeting |
| 05/12/20 | Planning Commission Meeting                         |
| 05/13/20 | Heritage Committee Meeting                          |

\*Meetings are subject to cancellation\*

For additional information or

questions about this Weekly Briefing please email:

[CAWeekly@placentia.org](mailto:CAWeekly@placentia.org)



## A Video Message From Mayor Ward Smith

Please visit the following link to view a video message from Mayor Ward Smith to the Placentia community on the coronavirus.

[Mayor's Video Message](#)

## Business Resource Webpage

As the situation with coronavirus (COVID-19) evolves, the City of Placentia stands ready to help local businesses navigate the significant challenges you may be facing in this time of great uncertainty. During these difficult times, the City of Placentia remains committed to providing helpful resources and information to assist our business community.

The City has created a dedicated webpage for businesses to receive resources to various federal, state and county websites on available funding for businesses impacted by coronavirus, employer assistance, workplace safety and more. Our City team is working on continually updating this page as resources/information becomes available.

[www.placentia.org/businessresources](http://www.placentia.org/businessresources)

In addition, the City has launched a Support Local Placentia Businesses campaign. The City encourages our community to support local businesses and restaurants and has created an interactive map of local businesses that remain open and restaurants that are offering one or more of the following: Grub Hub, Door Dash, Postmates, Uber Eats, store delivery, to-go orders, curbside pick-up, and/or drive-thru service. Below is a link to the interactive map. This interactive map will be updated regularly.

[www.placentia.org/stillopen](http://www.placentia.org/stillopen)

## Medication Disposal Box

The Placentia Police Department has partnered with the Rite Aid Foundation to provide the community with a FREE safe Medication Disposal Box! The Medication Box has been installed at Placentia City Hall in the parking lot for easy, drive-up disposal of prescription medication.

The following are accepted in the drop-off box:

- Legally-prescribed medication
- Over-the-counter medications

The following may not be disposed of in the Safe Medication Drop:

- Illegal drugs
- Needles (any type)
- Lotions and liquids
- Inhalers and/or aerosols

For more information, please contact the Placentia Police Department at (714) 993-8164.





## Rain Surge Helps Mosquitoes Emerge

With recent rain showers falling around Orange County, vector control experts stress the need for residents to take an active role in mosquito control by checking their property for any standing water. Even a bottle cap full of water can breed mosquitoes.

“Heavy rainfall is good for California’s dry landscape but increases breeding sources and potential disease threats. The rain can collect in small, cryptic areas that might be overlooked. It is best to do your due diligence and inspect your property thoroughly,” said Heather Hyland, OCMVCD Public Information Officer.

Any standing water should be emptied, containers should be sealed tightly to prevent mosquito entry, unnecessary containers should be removed from yards, and green, unmaintained pools should be cleaned or treated.

Remember, it only takes 5-7 days for mosquitoes to go from egg to biting adult. Residents should take the following precautions to help reduce the chances of breeding mosquitoes:

- Dump and drain any containers filled with water at least once a week
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls weekly
- Dump water from potted plant saucers
- Do not transport or share plant clippings rooted in water
- Drill a hole or puncture containers to eliminate standing water

For more information, please visit Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control at [www.ocvector.org](http://www.ocvector.org)

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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

Due to the recent concerns surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus) and in line with County, State, and Federal guidelines and recommendations, the City of Placentia has announced the temporary closure of all four P.A.R.K. sites in addition to the Teen Center. During normal hours of operation, meals are served to all youth 18 and under at the Cathy Torrez Learning Center and at the Whitten Community Center. Aware of the continued need for food, the City has continued its partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank. On Wednesdays between 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m., the Community Services Department is offering Supplemental Food Boxes to P.A.R.K.'s program participants and families or to any youth 18 and under who are residents of Placentia. If you have any questions regarding the Supplemental Food Boxes, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.





## Love Placentia-POSTPONED

In light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Love Placentia, scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> has been postponed to Fall 2020.

We encourage you to continue to look for ways to love and care for your neighbors during this time of crisis.

Find out how you can make a difference in your community by visiting [www.LovePlacentia.com](http://www.LovePlacentia.com).

## Neighborhood Services

The Neighborhood Services office will continue to operate during its regular hours of operation. The Neighborhood Services office in Placentia offers emergency food and hygiene to low income families in Placentia. For more information on food programs and emergency assistance, please call (714) 986-2333.

## Cultural Arts Projects for Every Student Grants Awarded

The C.A.P.E.S grant recipients have been selected for 2020. At this time due to the COVID-19 situation, the awardees have not been recognized at a City Council meeting. However, the City plans to recognize them in the future. Sponsored by the Parks Arts & Recreation Commission, the C.A.P.E.S.( **C**ultural **A**rt **P**rojects for **E**very **S**tudent) program provides grants to bring curriculum related art projects to life for students in grades K through 12. C.A.P.E.S. funding is provided through opportunity drawings held during the City of Placentia Concerts in the Park events and through sponsorship's. All teachers in Placentia schools were invited to apply for a C.A.P.E.S grant. To be considered, projects must have been curriculum based and related to music, visual arts, dance, drama, poetry, photography, or graphic arts. Five C.A.P.E.S. grants have been awarded to Placentia schools this year totaling \$2,483.19. The awarded projects are listed below. As we all know School have now been closed for the remainder of the year but the projects will be moved to the Fall semester of the 20-21 school year. For more information on the C.A.P.E.S program, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

2020 CAPES Applicants			
Project	Teacher	School	Award
Watercolor Experimentation	Sherrie Olive	Valencia High School	\$500.00
3D Printed Stamps	Dennis Taberski	Tuffree Middle School	\$490.00
Kazegama Wood Firing	Jeff Picou, Michelle Erickson	El Dorado High School	\$500.00
"Pour Out Your Heart" - Acrylic Pour Painting	Janmarie Halliday	El Dorado High School	\$500.00
"Drawing on Genius" - Visual Arts and Math	Janmarie Halliday	El Dorado High School	\$493.19

## Keeping Placentia Healthy Takes All of Us!

The City of Placentia is doing its part to prevent the spread of coronavirus by encouraging social distancing. The following park features are closed until further notice: **Playgrounds, fitness equipment, and sports courts.**

Parks are still great places for residents to take walks or play games such as Frisbee or catch. Restrooms and open green spaces remain open. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



## Placentia Senior Center

Due to the recent concerns surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus) and in line with County, State and Federal guidelines and recommendations, the City of Placentia has announced the temporary closure of the Placentia Senior Center. Although the Placentia Senior Center will be temporarily closed, participants of the Senior Center Lunch Program may choose to pick-up a box lunch Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or new participants living in the City of Placentia may enroll in the Meals on Wheels Program. Additionally, Placentia seniors who do not have transportation to the senior center, may sign up with Senior Center staff to receive home delivered meals. Seniors without internet access are encouraged to call (714) 993-8232 for updates between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at (714) 986-2333 on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Please be advised this program is only intended for senior residents of Placentia age 60 and over.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Shred Day Event-POSTPONED

As we continue to adjust to current events, a decision has been made to postpone the Shred Day event originally scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is for the health and safety of our customers, employees and community, and in compliance with recommendations from our state and local officials. We hope to reschedule Shred Day for a later date in 2020. For additional questions regarding Shred Day, please contact us at (714) 993-8117.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### National Telecommunicators Week

April 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> is National Telecommunicators Week. Please join the Men and Women of the Placentia Police Department in honoring our Public Safety Dispatchers! We would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication to our profession 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!

Between the thin red line and the thin blue line, lies the thinnest gold line. The gold line represents those that are rarely seen but mostly heard. The calm voice in the dark. While they may not be the first on scene, they are the first to respond to your calls for help. Public Safety Dispatchers, the golden glue that holds it all together!





## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 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 May 2020. The Placentia Veterans village is a testament to the City's commitment to ending homelessness (along with the recent opening of the Navigation Center) 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 <http://www.placentia.org/724/Placentia-Veterans-Village>

The Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) is the entity that will screen potential residents for eligibility. To contact them, please call (844) 838-8300, see the image below for more information for potential residents of this exciting new development:





Development Services Cont.

## BRAND NEW APARTMENTS FOR VETERANS!

**COMING SOON**



### 49 OCHA HUD-VASH UNITS AVAILABLE

- (45) 1-Bedroom Apartments
- (4) 2-Bedroom Apartments

#### FEATURES

- Community Space with Recreation Room
- Leasing Office
- Offices for Services Staff
- Centrally-located Laundry and Trash Room on Each Floor
- Small Informal Gathering Spaces on Each Floor
- Quiet Outdoor Courtyard with BBQ
- Picnic Tables
- Community Garden

## PLACENTIA VETERANS VILLAGE

1945 East Veterans Way  
Placentia, CA 92870  
213.516.8453

### 49 Apartments for Homeless Veterans

*Interested persons must meet the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (OCHA HUD-VASH) eligibility criteria including VA health care eligibility and experiencing homelessness as defined in the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.*

Please contact  
**VA Community Resource & Referral Center (CRRC)**  
888 West Santa Ana Blvd. Suite 150, Santa Ana, CA 92701  
**844-838-8300**  
to determine eligibility.

#### ON-SITE SERVICES

New Directions for Veterans will offer high-quality on-site services and case management that reflect best-practices in the field and are highly individualized, while remaining responsive to changes in the individual or family needs over time.

Community events, leisure skills programs, vocational support, socialization programs, gardening workshops, and other activities will be coordinated on-site.

INCOME LIMIT CATEGORY	PERSONS IN FAMILY			
	1	2	3	4
EXTREMELY LOW INCOME LIMITS	\$24,920	\$28,480	\$32,040	\$35,600

*\*Income and verified qualification restrictions apply. Inquire for details. Reasonable accommodations will be made available for persons who make a request.*



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



# Placentia Library District

WEEKLY SUMMARY – April 17-23, 2020

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## Virtual Storytime Programs

### LUNA, LUNA! VIRTUAL BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/placentialibrary](http://www.facebook.com/placentialibrary)

### SUNSHINE BABIES & TODDLER TALES VIRTUAL STORYTIME

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/placentialibrary](http://www.facebook.com/placentialibrary)

### RISE AND SHINE! VIRTUAL STORYTIME

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

Facebook Live: [www.facebook.com/placentialibrary](http://www.facebook.com/placentialibrary)

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**RISE AND SHINE!**   
**VIRTUAL STORYTIME!** 

Saturdays @ 10:00 a.m.  
Facebook Live  
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**VIRTUAL STORYTIME**

**Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales**

Thursdays @ 10:00 a.m. 

Facebook Live:  
Placentia Library 

## Virtual Programs

### **BOOK BRUNCH**

Saturday, April 18, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

[Click here for link](#)

Meeting ID: 967 1047 8813

Password: 497306

Do you love talking about books and are craving interaction with others? Well so do librarians Megan and Michelle so join them for a chat about what you are currently reading, your favorite book, or your to be read pile. This will be a fun filled hour of book talk where you can pick up ideas for your next great read and be social during stay at home!



### **LATE NIGHT BOOK CHAT**

Wednesday, April 22, 8:00pm -9:00p.m.

[Virtual Zoom Meeting – Click here for link](#)

Meeting ID: 977 4884 3908

Password: 159831

Do you love talking about books and are craving interaction with other readers? Join Placentia library for a late night book chat where we will discuss what everyone is reading and what our favorite books are. This will be a fun filled hour of book talk where you can pick up ideas for your next great read and enjoy interacting remotely with other readers. So put the kids to bed and join us for a Late Night Book Chat!

## Placentia Library Digital Services and Resources *Free with Your Library Card!*

### **OVERDRIVE/LIBBY**

Download free eBooks and eAudiobooks to your phone, eReader, tablet, computer, or mp3 device!

<https://scdl.overdrive.com/>

### **HOOPLA**

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<https://www.hoopladigital.com/>

### **TUTOR.COM**

The library offers access to [Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com), an online one-on-one tutoring service for a variety of subjects including math, science, SAT and GED tests, and more!

<https://bit.ly/2Jt96CA>

*Visit our website at [placentialibrary.org](http://placentialibrary.org) for even more digital resources available!*

### **APPLY FOR A VIRTUAL LIBRARY CARD ONLINE!**

Don't have a Placentia Library card already? Click below to apply for a Virtual Library Card.

(Note: Current library card holders can already access all Placentia Library resources with their existing library card numbers and PIN – usually the last four digits of your phone number – and should not apply for a VLC.)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfhk5-g9EuHPox3-gF1aPby3dV5DEPk2Zal8bNmHhcNIOiRPA/viewform>

