

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

August 27, 2020



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department

Since its July 1st launch, the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department has settled in at the city's two fire stations and so far has been hitting all its marks, responding to hundreds of calls while reducing response times, according to Fire Chief Pono Van Gieson. With the first month and a half of operations behind him, Fire Chief Pono Van Gieson said, things are "going exceptionally well. Every data point that we said we'd be able to do, we've met those marks and, quite honestly, have exceeded them."

"It's been a seamless transition and working closely with Lynch it really feels like one big team." Placentia's data from the first month of operations shows the new department responded to 400 calls, compared with the 280 calls handled by the city's two fire stations in the same month last year. The average response time decreased from 9 1/2 minutes in July 2019 to less than 5 1/2 minutes in July 2020, thanks in part to changes in dispatching and a newly installed system that preempts traffic signals for emergency vehicles, according to the city. "That's essentially a 40% increase in our fire department's ability to handle more calls," Placentia City Administrator Damien Arrula said of the call data. He also noted that as city officials had forecast, the department made fewer requests for aid from neighboring departments than were made in July 2019.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 09/01/20 City Council Meeting
- 09/08/20 Park Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) Meeting
- 09/08/20 Planning Commission Meeting
- 09/09/20 Heritage Committee Meeting CANCELLED

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing please email:

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Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department Cont'd

So far, Placentia residents seem to appreciate the service their new department is providing. Gary Gresch wanted to show it, so he helped organize his neighbors in the Lake Park senior mobile home community to buy meals at a local restaurant for each of the three shifts at the downtown fire station. Early on as the city was deciding to form its own department, Gresch said, some residents were concerned about whether the new agency would be up to the job, but after the city put out information explaining its firefighters qualifications, many have concluded “these men and women are just as qualified as the people that are no longer there, and we feel safe because of that.”

<https://www.ocregister.com/2020/08/19/placentias-new-fire-department-hits-goals-in-smooth-running-first-month/>

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Backpack Distribution Donations

The City of Placentia’s Neighborhood Services Office is seeking donations for the Backpack distribution for low-income families that live or attend the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District. Items needed include school supplies to fill backpacks and Elementary age backpacks for girls/gender neutral. Donations will be accepted until September 9th, during the hours of 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. (closed for lunch 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.) Monday-Thursday, at the Neighborhood Services Office located at the Whitten Community Center at 900 S. Melrose St. Placentia CA, 92870. For more information, please call the Neighborhood Services office at (714) 986-2333.



Placentia Pet Photo Contest

The Placentia Community Services Department and the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission invite Placentia residents to participate in the City of Placentia’s pet photo contest. Please submit your photos by Friday, September 4th to communityservices@placentia.org. Winners will receive a goodie bag and photos will be featured on our social media platforms! For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



Placentia Senior Center Volunteer Appreciation Highlight

This month’s Senior Volunteer Highlight goes to George Arroyo. George served in the United States Armed Forces for 2 years in the 1940’s He is an avid boxing fan who became an amateur fighter and trained young boxers in Orange and Los Angeles Counties. George has attended our Senior Center for over 10 years. He loves to volunteer during grocery days at the Placentia Senior Center. Thank you George for all your hard work and dedication.



Thank You!



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Placentia's "Expand the Forest" Program

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce it is now accepting applications for its new Expand the Forest Program! This program adopted as part of the City's Urban Forest Management Program, provides residents with an opportunity to purchase and dedicate a tree to commemorate a loved one or special event. Planting a tree in a City Park is a special way to honor a loved one and also provides a gift to the whole community by contributing to the expansion of the City's Urban Forest. A dedication tree can be planted in a City Park and potential tree sponsors will be able to use a Park map to identify their preferred park and planting location(s). The cost to purchase and plant a tree will be funded by the tree sponsor and is based on the current contract price paid by the City for 24-inch box trees. The current cost is \$280.00 for an Expand the Forest tree. Once a location is selected and payment for the tree has been received, the City will arrange to have the tree planted by the City's landscape maintenance contractor, with or without the sponsor(s) in attendance, depending on their preference. Once planted, the City will assume maintenance responsibilities to care for the tree. The tree sponsor(s) will receive a certificate signed by the Mayor in appreciation for their tree sponsorship and be acknowledged in the City's quarterly Palm Newsletter.

Residents can participate by completing an Expand the Forest Program application and submitting it to the Public Works Department via email at urbanforest@placentia.org or via address at 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870. The application is available online at www.placentia.org/urbanforest and at City Hall through the Public Works Department.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Attempt to Identify

On Tuesday, August 11th at approximately 5:41 a.m., a trailer theft occurred at Esther's Taco House located on the 2000 block of E. Orangethorpe Ave. Surveillance video obtained from near the incident site showed what appeared to be a 1/2 ton type truck exiting the parking lot of the location towing the trailer and being closely followed by another vehicle. New surveillance video from approximately 10 minutes before the incident from an intersection located approximately 2 miles away showed a white truck and an unknown vehicle turning east from E. Chapman Ave. onto E. Orangethorpe Ave. towards the incident site. The white truck may be a 1999-2006 Toyota Tundra extended cab. It is unknown if either of these vehicles were involved in the incident.

POSSIBLE SUSPECT VEHICLE(S): White, 1999-2006 Toyota Tundra and blue or green unknown make/model crossover type vehicle.

If you have any information that might assist this investigation, please contact the Placentia Police Department at (714) 993-8164, reference DR 20-02822.

[Click here](#) to view the descriptions of the vehicles.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Springhill Suites by Marriott-Exterior Facade

Placentia Hospitality, LLC, a subsidiary to Fine Hospitality Group, is currently constructing an approximately 69,663-square foot, five-story, 116-room hotel building on an approximately 2.1-gross acre, unimproved site located at 380 S. Placentia Avenue. The development will feature a 116-space parking lot, decorative hardscape and landscape improvements.

The hotel will operate 24 hours per day, seven days a week. It will have 60 King Rooms plus 10 King accessible rooms, 38 Double-Queen Rooms plus 8 double queen accessible rooms. Amenities will include an outdoor pool area, breakfast lounge, convenience market, fitness center and meeting/conference room.

The framing phase has been completed, with the building exterior façade improvements in progress. The façade will feature horizontal and vertical reveals emphasizing an overall geometric design theme. The primary volume of the building will be stuccoed with a sand/float or smooth finish texture treatment. A metal porte-cochere will visually accentuate the main entry to the hotel with a strong emphasis on architectural details such as enhanced paving, lighting, window treatments, and stone wall cladding. Construction is anticipated to be completed first quarter 2021. You may contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124 to receive updates or answer questions about the development project. For questions via e-mail, send to agonzales@placentia.org or jlambert@placentia.org



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**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES****Pending Projects**

Project Address	Project Description	Applicant	Project Status
1945 E. Veterans Way	50-unit multi-family apartment structure for homeless and/or disabled Veterans.	Mercy Housing	Open; Applicants should call 1-844-838-8300
110-132 E. Crowther Ave.	215 unit 5-story apartment complex with roof top amenities and 6-story parking garage on a 2.95-acre lot.	The Placentia TOD Project Owner LLC	Under Construction
SEC of Rose Drive and Alta Vista St.	10,500-square foot commercial retail building and 54, single family detached residential homes located on an 8.45-acre lot.	SC Development, LLC, c/o M. Paul Conzelman and Shea Homes	Approved by City Council on 7/24/18; Grading Underway
455 S. Van Buren St.	Development of 127, three-story townhome units on an approximately 5.7-acre site. Zoning of parcel to change from Manufacturing (M(O)) to High-Density Residential (R-3).	Toffoli Investments	Under Entitlement Review; Public comment period for MND open.
SWC of Orchard Drive and Highland Avenue	Development of an of four, three-story, multi-family buildings consisting of 16 residential townhomes located on a 1.24-acre unimproved vacant lot	HQT Homes	In Building Plan Check
505 W. Crowther Ave.	A 5-story, 418 Unit apartment building surrounding a 7-story parking structure on a 4.4-acre site.	JPI	In Building Plan Check
1808-1882 N. Placentia Ave.	Architectural Façade rehabilitation for entire Sierra Vista Plaza	Easton Pacific	Installing signs
380 S. Placentia Ave.	5-story, 116 room hotel	Placentia Hospitality, LLC	Under Construction
718 & 719 S. Lakeview Ave.	Development of two industrial buildings measuring 54,921 square feet and 39,456 square feet located within the C-M Zoning District.	Ajax Lakeview Development, LLC	In Building Plan Check; Grading Underway
719 ½ Monroe Way (APN: 339-102-21)	Development of a new 7,600 square foot 2-story industrial building located within the M Zoning District.	Randy Orozco	Approved by the Planning Commission on 7/9/19
1049 Golden Avenue	Proposing a single lot condominium map for 26 unit town homes with buildings on a 1.3 acre site.	Brandywine Homes – Angela Meyer	In Building Plan Check
1474 N. Kraemer Blvd. (Phase II improvement)	Development and operation of a drive-thru in conjunction with a comprehensive façade remodel for the Village Plaza shopping center.	Maikel Faragalla	In Building Plan Check



Pending Projects Cont'd

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319 E. Palm Dr.	Establishment and operation of a dance and music studio at an existing office building	Kris Huston, representing Huston School of Music and Theatre	Approved by the Planning Commission on 4/14/20
1851 E. Orange-thorpe Ave.	Remodel of the existing Del Taco building	Del Taco, LLC	Building Permit Issued
1314 N. Angelina Ave.	Construct two buildings, one with 47 units and one with 18 units and a new parish hall for an existing church.	National Community Renaissance of California, c/o Alexa Washburn	Under Entitlement Review
207-209 Crowther Ave.	The development of a mixed-use community including 189 mixed-income apartment units and 1050 S.F. of retail on a 2.13 acre site of City owned property	USA Properties Fund Inc.	Review of proposed development completed by staff
140 E Crowther Ave.	Establishment and operation of a 4-tap self-serve beer garden on a 5,056 square foot roof deck of The Herald multi-family community project	Lyon Living	Under Entitlement Review
111 E. Chapman Ave.	A request to permit the on-site sale, dispensing, and consumption of beer and wine within a 2,190 square-foot, 60 seat, bona fide restaurant (ABC type 41 license)	Nancy Orozco, DBA Cocina Azteca Grill	Under Entitlement Review
2234, 2236, 2238 California St	A site plan review for the subdivision development of two new 3,600 square foot single family residence and two 1,200 square foot detached ADU, and one new 3,000 square foot single family residence with one 799 square foot detached ADU	Tony Nguyen	Under Entitlement Review
1963 McCormack Ln	A site plan review for one new 1,976 square foot single family residence with a 950 square foot detached ADU	Tony Nguyen	Under Entitlement Review

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

St. Jude Move More Virtual Classes

Cal Trans Connector Closure For Construction



Placentia Library District

WEEKLY SUMMARY – August 28- September 3, 2020

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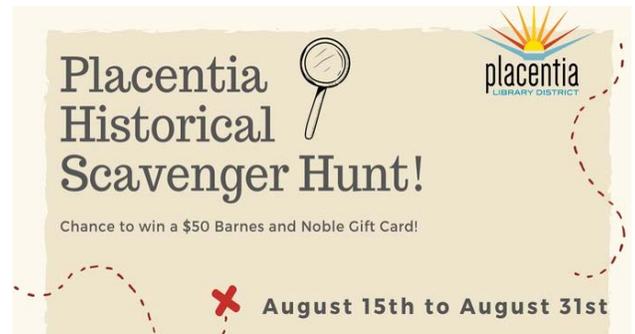
August Community Events

PLACENTIA HISTORICAL SCAVENGER HUNT

August 15-31

Looking for something fun to do in our city? Check out the Placentia Library's local history scavenger hunt! This fun hunt will help you discover the history of our city by visiting our oldest and most historic sites. This is family friendly or perfect for one. Take your time and enjoy visiting around town, snap some pics and imagine the stories each spot could tell. Complete all questions correctly and you'll be entered in to a drawing for a \$50 gift card to Barnes & Noble!

Please visit our website at placentialibrary.org for more info.



Hangar Take and Make: Back to School Bookbinding

Curbside pickup beginning Tuesday, September 1

Who says bookbinding is a dying art in a digital age?! Learn a simple bookbinding technique to create your own book or journal! Every month, we'll have a different kit available with all the supplies you'll need for that month's project. Pick up your kit from the library, watch the tutorial on the Hangar's YouTube playlist at home, and make your creation! Kits will be available the first (open) day of each month, one kit per library card and while supplies last.

Learn more about the DIY kits on our website: placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-diy-kits



We're Open for Curbside and Home Delivery Services, and Virtual Programs

Visit the Curbside page on our website to request books and get info about our Curbside and Home Delivery services.

We continue to offer Curbside and Home Delivery services, as well as virtual programs and our e-content, such as e-books. Curbside is available for all patrons and home delivery is available only to Placentia residents. Access to the library building is closed.

Curbside Hours:

Monday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, visit our website at placentialibrary.org/curbside or call us at (714) 528-1906 for info

Virtual Children's Programs

VIRTUAL STORYTIMES AUGUST & SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE!

- Luna, Luna Bilingual Storytime is Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

Our storytimes are weekly on Facebook Live ([facebook.com/PlacentalLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/PlacentalLibrary)) and are saved so you can watch them later!

Virtual Teen & Adult Programs

LITERACY SERVICES

Literacy is still offering all of its programs virtually during the closure, including Read, Write, Speak Club; Literacy Reads book club; and 1-to-1 tutoring.

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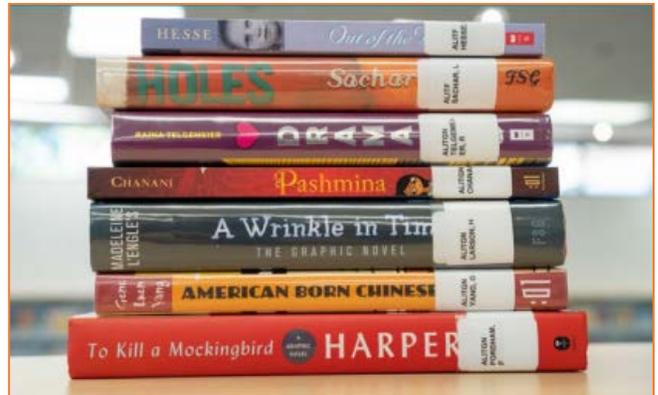
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Move More, Eat Healthy



Live virtual classes

Click on any of the class titles with the instructor's name to access the class.

*See instructions on bottom of page for more information

Zumba w/ Patty

Monday - Saturday
9 - 10 am

Join her Facebook Group
"**Bailando con Patty**" to get
access to her classes

Zumba w/ Veronica

Monday & Wednesday
5 pm - 6 pm

Saturdays
10 am - 11 am

**Via Zoom app
Zoom ID: 974-4717-7069

Zumba w/ Emeli

Tuesdays
6 pm - 7 pm

**Via Zoom app
Zoom ID:
475-352-8537

Dance Fitness w/ Gissell

Thursdays
5 pm - 6 pm

LIVE on **Move More Eat
Healthy** Facebook page

Stretching w/ Emeli

Tuesday & Thursday
12 pm - 1 pm

**Via Zoom app
Zoom ID:
475-352-8537

Pound Fitness w/ Melissa

Sundays
9 am - 10 am

**Via Zoom app
Zoom ID:
723-4781-1332
Password: Pound

Zoom App:

1. Download the free "Zoom" app from your apple store or play store. (you do not need to create an account to join)
2. Open the Zoom app and click the Join button
3. Enter the Zoom ID listed under the class you want to participate in and wait for it to load

Facebook live classes

1. Go to the Facebook page/ group that you want to take on the app or via website
2. Click on the live video to expand and enter the class

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Clases virtuales en vivo

Haga clic en el título de la clase que quiere participar para entrar.

*Consulte las instrucciones en la parte inferior de la página para obtener más información.

Zumba w/ Patty

Lunes-Sabado
9 - 10 am

-Sigue el grupo de Facebook Group "**Bailando con Patty**" para entrar a las clases

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2. Haga clic en 'Join' despues de abrir la aplicacion de Zoom. Ingrese la identificacion del Zoom y espera que empieza el clase

Facebook live classes

1. Entra en la pagina or app de Facebook y escoge la pagina o grupo
2. Haga clic en el video LIVE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Weekend Closures Set for Both State Route-55 (SR-55) Connectors to Interstate-405 (I-405) Southbound

SANTA ANA - Caltrans is planning four consecutive weekend (55-hour) closures of both SR-55 connectors to I-405 southbound for construction.

The weekend closures will impact traffic into and out of John Wayne Airport (SNA), causing significant delays. A contractor is scheduled to complete continuous reinforce concrete pavement (CRCP) of the connector.

SCHEDULE:

- Friday, August 7 from 10:00 p.m. until Monday, August 10 at 5:00 a.m.
- Friday, August 14 from 10:00 p.m. until Monday, August 17 at 5:00 a.m.
- Friday, August 21 from 10:00 p.m. until Monday, August 24 at 5:00 a.m.
- Friday, August 28 from 10:00 p.m. until Monday, August 31 at 5:00 a.m.

Caltrans appreciates the public's patience while we perform this work. Electronic Changeable Message Signs will notify drivers of the closure. Work updates will be available via Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using our handle, @CaltransOC.

This work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/or materials, and/or construction-related issues.

For more information, you may contact the District 12 Public Information Office at (657) 328-6000.

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