

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Quarterly Update

At the October 20th City Council Meeting, City Administrator Damien Arrula and Fire Chief Pono Van Gieson presented the quarterly update for the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department. Some highlights include servicing 40% more daily calls than the prior year, reducing the need for mutual aid from neighboring cities by 85%, and significantly reducing local response times. To view the entire presentation, visit <https://www.placentia.org/DocumentCenter/View/8955/Fire-Department-Final-Report-Oct-20-Mtg-Final>.



Fire and Life Safety Weekly Update

It has been another exciting week for Placentia Fire and Life Safety! On two occasions, firefighters and paramedics received a special visit from Henery, the therapy dog for the Orange County Sheriff’s Department. Henery visits Public Safety Departments as well as hospitals to provide comfort and support during difficult calls. As you can see, by the look on everyone’s face, Henery was a hit!

Halloween Safety Tips

With Halloween coming soon, the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department would like to remind you of the top 6 Halloween safety tips:

- Use a battery-operated candle or glow stick in jack-o-lanterns
- When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric
- Teach children to stay away from open flames, including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them
- Dried flowers, cornstalks, and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters
- Provide children with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume
- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations so nothing blocks escape routes. Make sure all smoke alarms are working



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

11/03/20	City Council Meeting
11/10/20	Parks Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) Meeting
11/10/20	Planning Commission Meeting
11/16/20	Streetscape & Transportation Advisory Commission
11/17/20	City Council Meeting

For additional
information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

End of the 2020 Census Count

According to updated numbers released by the U.S. Census Bureau today, 99.98% of all housing units and addresses nationwide were accounted for in the 2020 Census. The 2020 Census will determine congressional representation, inform the allocation of hundreds of billions in federal funding, and provide data that affects communities for the next decade.



The Census results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

The Census is also valuable to business owners as they rely on census results to make decisions, such as where to open new stores, restaurants, factories, and offices; where to expand operations; where to recruit employees; and which products and services to offer.

Thank you to all of our residents who completed their 2020 Census and made sure Placentia counts!

Day-Time Biting Aedes Mosquitoes in Southern California

Two new invasive mosquitoes have been found in Southern California, *Aedes albopictus* and *Aedes aegypti*. These mosquitoes are day-time biting, adapt well to urban environments, and can thrive in our neighborhoods. How to stay mosquito-free:

- Remove or drill holes on the bottom of all plant pots, saucers, barrels, bins, and old tires
- Do not keep water in buckets or root plant cuttings in water. Sharing plant cuttings can spread mosquito eggs
- Cover trashcans, toys and recycle bins, and keep unneeded items out of the rain
- Ensure rain barrels are properly sealed since mosquitoes can lay eggs inside them
- Wear insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR 3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus

You can report these mosquitoes by calling (714) 971-2421 or at www.ocvector.org

Sign up for City Commissions and Committees

The City is currently accepting applications for our numerous committees and commissions. The City of Placentia welcomes all interested residents who want to get involved in the community to submit an application. You can find the list of committees and commissions, as well as the application by visiting <http://placentia.org/289/Committees-Commissions-and-Agencies>.

Art, Writing, and Video Contest: The Mask Message

The OC Health Care Agency is offering a fun, creative contest for Orange County students to enter for the chance to win needed technology supplies for their schools. The contest opens today and the deadline for submissions is 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, November 19. Students can enter in art, writing, and/or video categories. For more information and to participate, visit <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/mask-message-contest>





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FREE Halloween Hunt

Join the City of Placentia for a drive-thru Halloween Hunt. Come dressed in your Halloween costume as you Trick- or -Treat through the City. Visit all the stops on the map (on flyer linked below) to collect a variety of Halloween goodies and treats!

All families are welcomed! This event will be organized based on COVID-19 CDC recommended guidelines. Participants will be asked to stay in their cars, wear a mask, and roll down their windows to safely collect Halloween treats! For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



[Click here](#) to view the flyer

Turkey Trot Virtual 5K

Put on your running shoes and join the City of Placentia for the Turkey Trot Virtual 5k! Just run, jog, or walk anywhere at your own pace and time it yourself. The registration fee is \$25 and includes a commemorative medal and t-shirt. Online registration opens Friday, October 23rd, at 12:00 a.m. Register at www.placentia.org/classes using the Course Code 6617 by November 6th.

Complete your 5k anytime, anywhere, by November 22nd. Record your time using any fitness app and submit a screenshot via email to communityservices@placentia.org. Medals and t-shirts will be available for pick up at City Hall, 401 E. Chapman Ave., during the week of November 30th.



[Click here](#) to view the flyer. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Halloween Drive-In Movie Recap

On Friday, October 16th the City of Placentia hosted the Halloween Drive-in Movie featuring "Hocus Pocus." The Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department arrived before the show to interact with community members. They provided the families with a close-up view of the Fire Engine and the Paramedic Unit. The event was a great success, and tickets sold out! The City is looking forward to hosting additional Drive-in Movie events soon. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer Andy Dean's Retirement

Chief Darin Lenyi presented retired Placentia Police Department Officer Andy Dean with his retirement badge. Officer Andy Dean retired on October 12th after a 29 year career with the Placentia Police Department. During his career, Officer Dean worked as a Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Motor Officer and School Resource Officer. He was also the Department's Chaplain Program Coordinator for the last two years of his career. Andy will be missed and the Placentia Police Department wishes him all the best in retirement life!



2020 Pink Patch Now Available

The Placentia Police Department has partnered with the Placentia Rotary Club in supporting Breast Cancer Awareness by helping raise funds for breast cancer research. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to Susan G. Komen of Orange County in their efforts to prevent and cure breast cancer.

The 2020 Pink Patch is available for purchase at the front counter of the Police Department and at various City sponsored events for \$10.00. This year we have also added a smaller version of the patch attached to a keychain. The keychains are available for \$5.00. Previous patches from 2017, 2018, and 2019 are still available to purchase for \$5.00 each.

Please contact Julie Kennicutt with any questions, comments or concerns at jkennicutt@placentia.org or call (714) 993-8200.

Please [click here](#) to view the patches.



Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, October 24

On Saturday, October 24th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Placentia Police Department and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will provide the public the opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Bring your pills for disposal to the Civic Center parking lot at 401 East Chapman Avenue. Please note that we cannot accept liquids, needles, or sharps, only pills or patches. This service is free and anonymous; no questions asked.

In addition to DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, there are many other ways to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs every day, including the 11,000 authorized collectors available all year long. For more information, visit the DEA's year-round collection site locator.

With this new partnership, the Placentia Police Department will discontinue the use of the Safe Medication Disposal Box located in the Civic Center Parking lot.





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Residential Home Construction Near Commencement for Alta Vista and Rose Development

One of the last of the remaining undeveloped parcels within the City will be undergoing a significant site transformation.

This site, located at the southeast corner of Alta Vista Street and Rose Drive, is a vacant approximately 8.45-acre parcel within the East Placentia Specific Plan (SP7). The project was approved by the City Council in July 2018, with the developer, SC Placentia Development, LP, planning to develop a 1.99-acre area at the northwest corner of the property with two single-story, retail, commercial buildings, with a cumulative building size of approximately 10,420 feet. The remainder of the site would be developed for single-family residential uses. A total of 54 detached residences would be located on 6.46-acres. The proposed homes will have different floorplans and different architectural styles. The entire project site (both commercial and residential) will be landscaped with drought-tolerant trees, shrubs, and ground cover along the exterior boundary of the project site, the interior project streets, and in the open space and recreation areas throughout the project site.



SC Placentia Development has partnered with Shea Homes to construct the residential portion of the project. Shea Homes have completed grading activities for the residential part of the site and anticipates construction for the sales office and home models starting late December. Construction of the sales office and home models take approximately two to three months, and it is anticipated that the construction of the remainder of the homes will start as early as April 2021. For information related to the construction schedule, please contact the Development Services Department directly at (714) 993-8124 or contact AGonzales@placentia.org.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

WEEKLY SUMMARY – October 23-29, 2020

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Library News

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FEATURED PROGRAM: PLACENTIA HORROR STORY DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM

Created by the Placentia Teen Advisory Council
October 19 – October 31
Virtual

It's All Hallows Eve in the All American City and you and your friends have stumbled onto an old barrel key that leads to a citywide adventure. Follow the clues, solve the riddles and uncover the mystery of the key before the clock strikes 12. Click here to enter! www.placentialibrary.org/placentia-horror-story



Adult and Teen Hangar Take and Make: DIY Kits

LEARN ABOUT OUR DIY TAKE AND MAKE KITS

Kits for a new project available November 1. Free! Please visit our website at www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-diy-kits and www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-preorder

Virtual Children's Programs

VIRTUAL STORYTIMES FALL 2020 SCHEDULE!

- Luna, Luna Bilingual Storytime is every other Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 - This week: Wednesday, October 28
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: October 29
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: October 31

Our storytimes held on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/placentialibrary) and are saved so you can watch them later.



SEASONAL CRAFTERNOONS: **SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NOVEMBER PROGRAM!**

Tuesday, November 17, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. on Facebook Live

Join us for Thanksgiving stories, songs and a craft as we think about all we have to be thankful for. Craft pick-up begins Tuesday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. While supplies last.

Watch our October program on our Facebook or Instagram!

www.bit.ly/PLDcrafternoons



Virtual Teen & Adult Programs

FAMILY COOKING TIME: APPLE PIE OH MY!

Sunday, November 22, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Preorder your kit now! While supplies last

Pies the limit when families gather together. Cook up a new family tradition and make your own Thanksgiving Apple Pie with help from the Placentia Library! Order the free apple pie ingredients kit, then join our Zoom cooking class on Sunday, November 22 at 2:00 P.M. and we'll cook together.

Limit 1 per household. Must have an Adult Placentia Library Card. Orders available beginning Saturday, October 17. Kit pick up November 19-21, details will be emailed to confirmed participants. Can't make the class? No worries we will have a step-by-step video available Monday, November 23, on our social media accounts.

Please visit www.placentialibrary.org for more info.

LITERACY SERVICES

Adult Literacy programs still available. 1-to-1 tutoring is virtual and in-person instruction. Read, Write, Speak Club and Literacy Reads book club are virtual. Please visit www.placentialibrary.org/services/literacy for more info.

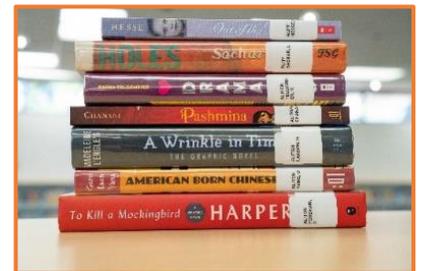
PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

First and Third Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Next meeting: November 5

The Placentia Teen Advisory Council is open to all high school students interested in gaining community service experience, volunteer hours, and leadership skills, through planning and supporting library events. For more information contact Victor Meza at (714) 528-1906 ext. 234 or vmeza@placentialibrary.org.



TEEN REVIEW CREW

Need community services hours?! The Teen Review Crew provides an opportunity for teens ages 14-18 to earn community service hours by submitting qualifying book reviews. Reviews will be posted on the library's website and social media. Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/teen-review-crew

Library Info

DATABASES, EBOOKS & MORE

Learn more about our electronic databases and resources at: <https://bit.ly/307pgdv>

KIDS TAKE 5: GRAB & GO BOOKS!

Parents! No time to browse for those board books or picture books? We've got you covered! Click on the link below to request a Take 5 bag of books! www.placentialibrary.org/kids-take-5

LIBRARY CLOSURE

The library will be closed for a Staff Development Day on Monday, November 2, and Tuesday, November 3.