

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Update

Placentia Fire and Life Safety went LIVE with First Due Mobile on October 22nd. First Due is a GPS based software that assists firefighters out in the field during emergency response. Its features allow fire and police to create pre-plans for emergencies on any address in the city. It also has a community connect feature, which we expect to roll out soon, allowing members of the community to help in the pre-plan process.



Our firefighters were out in the community this week and met children from the Blessed Sacrament Learning Center. The firefighters had a question and answer period with the kids, showed off their state-of-the-art fire apparatus, and the children received helmets and stickers.

This week, crews got to practice auto extrication with their eHurst hydraulic equipment. The eHurst is also known as the “Jaws of Life.” Placentia Fire and Life Safety are equipped with this type of equipment on all engines and trucks.

On a final note, you may already be aware that firefighters and paramedics love to cook. We had a cooking challenge at Fire Station 2. The secret ingredient was announced in the morning, which was grape jelly. It was the truckers against the medics, and they had a small window to plan their meals. The medics made Concord Grape Gourmet Hamburgers, and the truckers made Crockpot Meatballs with a grape marinade! Both meals were amazing; however, by popular vote, the medics won the challenge.



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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:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Orange County Sanitation District Offers Halloween Inspired Virtual Tour

The Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) is offering virtual plant tours on Saturday, October 31st, at 11:00 am. Join their “Ghost Host” for a very special opportunity to virtually tour one of the largest wastewater treatment plants. The event will showcase how the OCSD treats the water from the homes and businesses of 2.6 million people in central and northern Orange County.

The tour will include all of the greatness of their regular tours plus some spooky twists and turns, including a Halloween inspired tour guide, visuals complete with spiders and other creepy crawlies, costumes, and ghosts and goblins. There will also be a sneak peek into the belly of the Fountain Valley Wastewater Treatment Plant. To sign up, visit <https://www.ocsd.com/education/tours>.



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>.

Citrus Pest and Disease Prevention

It's important to check your citrus tree for the Asian citrus psyllid, which can carry a deadly and incurable citrus tree disease called Huanglongbing (HLB). HLB has already been found in urban areas of Los Angeles, Orange, and Riverside counties, and it is a threat to California's iconic citrus. Be sure to follow these steps while tending to your citrus tree:

- Inspect your tree for the Asian citrus psyllid. The pest is most noticeable when new leaves are growing on the tips of the branches.
- Adult Asian citrus psyllids are small, brown pests that feed on citrus leaves with their body at a 45-degree angle.
- Young Asian citrus psyllids, called nymphs, produce a white, waxy substance to direct honeydew away from their bodies.
- If you think you have found the Asian citrus psyllid, report your findings to the California Department of Food and Agriculture at (800) 491-1899.
- Don't move citrus fruit or plant materials off of your property, as this may help the Asian citrus psyllid spread.
- Ask your local nursery about treatment options to help protect your trees from the Asian citrus psyllid.
- For photos of the Asian citrus psyllid and HLB symptoms, visit <https://californiacitrusthreat.org/pest-disease/>



Citrus Pest & Disease Prevention Program



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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.

Senior Center Update

In this Safer-at-Home environment, the City of Placentia's Community Services Department works diligently alongside our community partners, like the Community Action Partnership (C.A.P), to ensure seniors have access to essential foods. The photo displays a sample of the C.A.P food boxes delivered to over fifty (50) seniors this week, along with six (6) frozen meals provided by Meals On Wheels. Please call (714) 986-2332 for information about the Senior meal program between 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Meal pick up is also available Wednesday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and delivery continues to be available to seniors.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department Update

On October 26th, Placentia Police Department Night Watch officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle leaving one of the city's hotels. During their investigation and subsequent search of the vehicle, a rifle and a stolen handgun were located. Illegal drugs and additional contraband were also discovered during their search. The occupants were arrested on various charges, including weapons violations and possession of narcotics for sale.



2020 Pink Patch

The 2020 Pink Patch is still available for purchase at the Police Department's front counter 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.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SC Development at Alta Vista and Rose

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 partnered with Shea Homes to construct the residential portion of the project. Shea Homes 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 more information, contact (714) 993-8124 or AGonzales@placentia.org.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Placentia's "Expand the Forest" Program

The City of Placentia is accepting applications for its Expand the Forest Program. This program provides residents with an opportunity to purchase and dedicate a tree to commemorate a loved one or special event. A dedication tree can also be planted in a City Park. Potential tree sponsors will 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 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.



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 mail 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. For more information, contact (714) 993-8148.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

WEEKLY SUMMARY – October 30 – November 5, 2020

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Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

(714) 528-1906

FEATURED PROGRAM: PLACENTIA HORROR STORY DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM

Created by the Placentia Teen Advisory Council

Ends 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

TAKE AND MAKE KITS: DECEMBER PREORDER

December kit: Mason Jar Snow Globe

Let it Snow! Make a glittery Mason Jar Snow Globe to decorate for the holiday and winter season.

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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.
 - Next storytime: November 18
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: November 5
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: November 7

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

TINY TERRARIUM-2-GO (TEENS)

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Pickup begins Saturday, November 7. While supplies last

Create a tiny terrarium to decorate your workspace or room. Relish in the opportunity to take a break from the stresses of the day to dig around in the dirt and create something. Pick up your kit from the library starting on Saturday, November 7 and join the Zoom meeting where you can share tips and tricks with your peers. Ages 14-18 only, one kit per library card and while supplies last.



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

This week: 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 HOURS UPDATE

The library is now open Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please visit or check out www.placentialibrary.org/open for more info.