

City Administrator's
Weekly Briefing



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November 24, 2020

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Happy Thanksgiving from City Administrator Damien Arrula

On behalf of the City of Placentia, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is a time of year for us to pause and reflect upon all that we have to be thankful for. I know 2020 has taken a toll on all of us, so I want to remind everyone to be mindful of your mental health and the mental health of those around you. Don't be afraid to reach out to someone if you need help or connect with your family, friends, and co-workers if they need help. A simple phone call, FaceTime, or Zoom can go a long way in order to stay connected this holiday season. 2020 also reminds us more than ever that we need each other to get through difficult times. It reminds us that we are stronger when we work together, even under the most difficult circumstances. This Thanksgiving, I am thankful for you, our residents of Placentia, the City Council, and City Staff. I am thankful for the resilience you have shown as a community and as a City team during these trying times. I know Thanksgiving might look a little differently this year, but I hope you can still find a way to celebrate the loved ones in your lives and be reminded of what to be thankful for.

City Facilities Thanksgiving Closure

All City facilities will be closed from November 25th—November 29th. The Police Department will remain open. For non-life threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or Public Works issues, please call (714) 993-8111.

Placentia Navigation Center Holiday Volunteer Opportunities

The Placentia Navigation Center is eager to mobilize our supporters in a safe and virtual way, as PATH Orange County continues to work on the frontlines of this pandemic to support the most vulnerable in our community. Now, more than ever, individuals and families across California are faced with economic hardship, and in turn, difficulties providing food for themselves and their families.

You can make a difference this holiday season by assembling Jingle Bags to enable us to meet our goal to help everyone in our community – housed and unhoused – enjoy a special festive gift for the upcoming Holidays. For more information on the Holiday Opportunities, [click here](#) or email PathOC@epath.org.

<p>Get the iPlacentia App:</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div> <p>Follow us on Facebook:</p> 	<p>Upcoming Meetings and Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/1/20 City Council Meeting 12/8/20 Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission 12/8/20 Planning Commission Meeting 12/15/20 City Council Meeting 1/6/20 Placentia EIFD Public Financing Authority 	<p>For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please email:</p> <p>CAWeekly@placentia.org</p>
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FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Preventing Fires in the Home

**Prevent a fire from starting.
Don't Let Your World
Go Up in Smoke.**



Many things in your home can catch on fire if they touch a flame or something hot.

Smokers

If you smoke in your home, you're at higher risk to have a fire. You can prevent a fire by asking all smokers to:

- Always smoke outside.
- Use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Put cigarettes all the way out. Do this every time.
- Put water on cigarette butts before throwing them in the trash.
- Smoke only when alert. Never smoke in bed or if drowsy.

Candles

Any open flame is dangerous. If possible, use battery-operated candles. If you use candles in your home, prevent a fire by following these tips:

- Put candles in sturdy holders.
- Place candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Make sure candles cannot be reached by children or pets.
- Blow out all candles if you leave the room, get sleepy, or go to bed.



Warning: Medical oxygen can explode if a flame or spark is nearby.

Even if the oxygen is turned off, it can still catch on fire. Never smoke around medical oxygen.



Children under four years old are at higher risk of home fire injury and death than older children.

Lock up any items that can start a fire (matches, lighters, cigarettes, etc.) and make sure children cannot reach candles.

Home Protection

Fire prevention is important, but also make sure you and your home are protected.

- Put working smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside sleeping areas.
- Test your alarms each month.
- Create and practice your home fire escape plan at least twice a year.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

“The Herald” Luxury Apartments

The Herald” luxury apartments by Lyon Living are under construction and progressing nicely. The parking structure is close to completion, and the residential building along Crowther Avenue is undergoing framing of the 5th and final floor. The project site will be home to 215-unit, multi-family residential development and parking structure located at 150 E. Crowther Avenue within the City’s TOD (Transit Oriented Development) District. The Herald will be a high-end rental community focusing on high-quality, luxury living with resort-style amenities such as a rooftop pool and lounge area, workout facilities, gourmet demonstration kitchen, high-quality courtyards with fire pits, barbecues, pet walking areas and more.

This development type will help achieve the City’s goals for the TOD District by fostering sustainable living and mobility by increasing pedestrian and bike-friendly options to access mass transit. Lyon Living plans to finish the project by the last quarter of 2021. Contact the Planning Division at (714) 993-8124 if you have any questions.



Extension of Outdoor Dining

On May 19, 2020, the City Council adopted a proclamation which authorized the creation of an administrative program in response to COVID-19 to temporarily relax outdoor dining regulations and onsite parking requirements, and to waive related fees.

At the November 3rd City Council meeting, the City Council voted unanimously to extend the temporary street closure on Santa Fe Avenue for outdoor dining in Placentia through June 30, 2021. They also voted to extend the relaxation of outdoor regulations and on-site parking requirements for restaurants and other businesses through June 30, 2021.





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru Experience

The first Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru event will be held on Thursday, December 3rd, from 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. in the City Hall parking lot. Although not required to enter the event, participants are encouraged to donate a new unwrapped toy for youth ages 6-14. All are invited to drive through a festive Winter Wonderland experience complete with holiday music, Christmas trees, Santa's Elves, Holiday Characters, a light show, a Hanukkah display from the Chabad Center, and Santa Claus himself. Families will collect Holiday treats and goodies from their vehicle as they enjoy the Holiday scenery. The event is free, and participants will be asked to remain in their cars, wear a mask, and roll down their windows to collect their treats. For more information, [click here](#) or call (714) 993-8232.



Santa Zoom Calls

Santa will be making Zoom calls this year! Santa will be available to visit over Zoom with the Placentia community on December 7th, and December 8th between 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on December 11th between 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required and will begin on November 30th. Each 15-minute phone call is \$10.00. Register in person at City Hall. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Holiday Toy Drive

The City of Placentia will host its annual Community Christmas Basket event on Wednesday, December 16th, at the Whitten Community Center. The event will feature a visit from Santa Claus, and families will receive a food bag and toys for the children. The event is free, and pre-registration is required. Donations of 300-400 new unwrapped toys are needed to fulfill this year's need. Donated toys should be for boys and girls and should be for youth ages 6-14. Toy donations will be accepted until Tuesday, December 15th. For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333. Toys can be dropped off at the following locations:

City Hall/Police Department, 401 E. Chapman Ave.

Fire Station 1, 110 S. Bradford Ave.

Fire Station 2, 1530 Valencia Ave.

Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose St.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – November 27 – December 3, 2020

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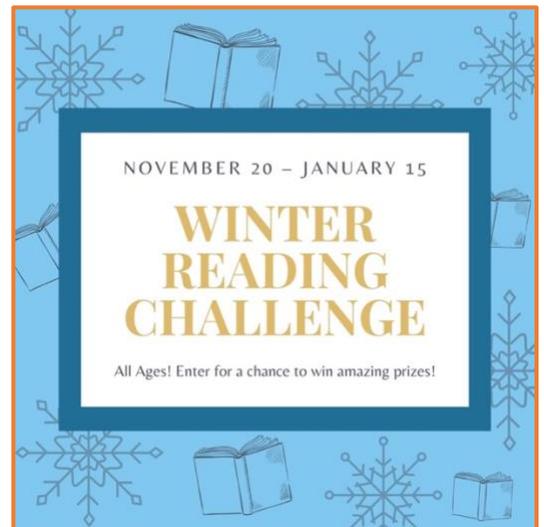
WINTER READING CHALLENGE

November 20 - January 15

Who doesn't enjoy snuggling up with a good book when it's cold outside? The more you read, the more chances you have to win. Take a little bit of time out of your busy holiday schedule to relax, have fun, learn, and READ! All Ages!

Don't forget eBooks and eAudiobooks count too! Check out our wide selection of e-content at [Overdrive](#) and [Hoopla](#).

Register at www.placentialibrary.org/winter-reading
For all ages!



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Adult & Teen Take and Make | The Hangar

DECEMBER TAKE AND MAKE: MASON JAR SNOW GLOBE

Pickup begins December 1

Let it Snow! Check out this video to learn to make a DIY mason jar snow globe. Ask for your Take and Make Kit while you're at the library's curbside delivery!

Watch the video and learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-diy-kits



Virtual Teen & Adult Programs

LITERACY SERVICES

Adult Literacy programs are 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. – This week: December 3
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/ptac.

Virtual Children's Programs

VIRTUAL STORYTIMES FALL 2020 SCHEDULE

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

- Luna, Luna Bilingual Storytime is every other Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 - This week: December 2
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: December 3: Waddle like a penguin; growl like a polar bear! Let's explore living in the snow like Penguins and Polar Bear! Join us for fun songs, fingerplays and rhymes that celebrate the winter with these polar opposites.
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - On break this week, next storytime: December 5



SAVE THE DATE: SEASONAL CRAFTERNOONS DECEMBER CRAFT PICKUP

Craft pickup begins Tuesday, December 8, 10 a.m., while supplies last!

Program: Tuesday, December 15, 4:00 p.m., on Facebook Live

Celebrate the holiday season with stories, songs and a holiday craft. Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/events/seasonal-crafternoons-december

Library Info

FEATURED BOOKS: CHILDREN'S BEGINNER FICTION

Our Children's Beginner Fiction is carefully curated with a wonderful selection of books for children reading at different levels. Many of the books feature popular characters from movies and TV shows!

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