

City Administrator's
Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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

Support Local Placentia Businesses

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. Click www.placentia.org/stillopen to view the interactive map. This interactive map will be updated regularly.

If your business is not included on this map and you would like to be, please fill out the following form: <https://arcq.is/b8rCa>.

At-Home COVID-19 Testing Available to all Orange County Residents

The OC Health Care Agency has launched phase 2 of its at-home, saliva-based COVID-19 testing program with Ambry Genetics for all Orange County residents. Those who live in Orange County may visit ohealthinfo.com/covidtest and register to receive a test kit shipped directly to their home at no cost. Ambry Genetics is able to process 4,000 tests each day with a 48 hour turnaround time for notification of results. For more information, please visit ohealthinfo.com/covidtest.



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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

State Announces 'CA Notify' a Smart Phone Tool to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

The State of California announced the launch of CA Notify, a new digital tool that will help reduce the transmission of COVID-19. Beginning today, Californians can opt in to receive COVID-19 notifications informing them if they have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus. CA Notify is a digital tool that protects privacy and security. The tool was developed in partnership with Google and Apple. You can now enable CA Notify on your iPhone by opening your settings, scrolling down to Exposure Notifications and tapping "turn on exposure notifications" and following the next steps. For Androids, you can now download the CA Notify app from the Google Play store.



CA Notify is completely voluntary and free, and is designed to protect your privacy. It does not use device location to detect exposures and does not share your identity to other users. Individuals can securely report if they test positive so that others can be notified of exposure without indicating their identity. For more information, visit CaNotify.ca.gov and Covid19.ca.gov.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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. Donated toys should be for boys and girls and should be for youth ages 0-14. Toy donations will be accepted until Tuesday, December 15th. For more information, [click here](#) to view the flyer or 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. and the Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose St.

Holiday Drive-In Movie

The Community Services Department will host another Holiday Drive-In Movie on Saturday, December 12th in the Civic Center parking lot at 401 E. Chapman Ave. "ELF" will be the featured movie for the Holiday season. The parking lot opens at 7:00 p.m., and the movie begins at 7:30 p.m. A \$5.00 pre-registration fee is required per vehicle. Sign up by visiting www.placentia.org/classes and using course code #6619. For more information, [click here](#) to view the flyer or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Office of Traffic Safety Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education Grant

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce that it has received \$25,000 in grant funding from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to administer the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Education Program in the Placentia community. OTS funds programs that promote safe behaviors and the use of roadways when walking or biking. Programs target all age groups to raise awareness about traffic rules, rights, and responsibilities, whether driving, on foot, or on a bike. Specifically, programs are designed for high-risk populations, including youth and older community members, to teach safer driving, bicycling, and walking behaviors and to encourage active, healthy lifestyles. Grant funds will be used for a variety of activities promoting bicyclist and pedestrian safety. The City is excited for the opportunity to provide awareness and education throughout the community, ultimately making our roads safer places to travel. For more information about the grant program, please [click here](#) to view the press release.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru Experience

The City of Placentia hosted the first-ever Winter Wonderland Drive Thru event on Thursday, December 3rd, from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Placentia Civic Center. The event featured, holiday music, a holiday Christmas tree light show, holiday characters and displays, a Hanukkah display, and Santa Claus and his elves were also in attendance. Over 600 vehicles and over 1,200 guests participated in the event. Families had the opportunity to take photos of the holiday scenery from the safety of their cars and collected a variety of treats and goodies as they drove through the event. Thank you to all those who joined us for this wonderful Holiday event. It was a great success and the City looks forward to providing similar events in the future. For more information on upcoming events and programs, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department Update

On December 7th shortly before 5:00 am, Placentia Police Officers responded to a solo vehicle traffic collision in the area of Rose Drive and Yorba Linda Blvd. During the investigation, officers located a loaded firearm on the front floorboard of the driver's seat as well as additional ammunition on the back seat. As the investigation continued, officers learned that the driver was on parole for robbery. The driver was ultimately arrested for felon in possession of a loaded firearm, DUI, identity theft, possession of burglary tools and narcotics related charges.



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Weekly Fire and Life Safety Update

As you are gearing up for the holiday season, it's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart and follow some of these recommendations.

Talking about the holiday spirit, this week, after hearing the story of a family that has been through some hard times this year, Firefighter Justin Medina went out of his way to buy some Christmas presents for these little girls. After being inspired by firefighter Medina, our Community Risk Reduction specialist Erica Vega, took the family to Walmart to buy the girls some clothes with her own money. Job well done, Justin Medina and Erica Vega.



Put a FREEZE on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

 <small>Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.</small>	 <small>More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.</small>	 <small>Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.</small>
 <small>Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.</small>	 <small>A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.</small>	 <small>More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.</small>
 <small>Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.</small>	 <small>Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.</small>	 <small>Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.</small>

For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit [usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html](https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html) and [nfpa.org/winter](https://www.nfpa.org/winter).





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Alta Vista and Rose Development: Shea Homes Sales Office and Residential Home Model Construction

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 of Placentia City Council in July 2018, with the project applicant, SC Placentia Development, LP, slated 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, and 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, interior project streets, and 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 has completed grading activities for the residential part of the site and has commenced with constructing the sales office and home models. Completing the sales office and home models will take approximately two months, and it is anticipated that construction of the remainder of the homes will start as early as March 2021. For information related to the construction schedule, please contact the Development Services Department directly at (714) 993-8124, or contact AGonzales@placentia.org.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2021 Compost Giveaway Event

Due to COVID-19, the 2021 Compost Giveaway event is being postponed and will be scheduled at a later date. This event is held annually on the second Saturday in February at Tri-City Park. Currently, OC Parks is not accepting any park reservations for events at their parks until further notice. We will provide future updates once the event has been rescheduled.

The City of Placentia is still providing free compost and wood chips to Placentia residents. Residents can pick up this free organic material at the City Corporation Yard at 2999 E La Jolla St., Anaheim, CA 92806, while supplies last. This is only available via self-service, so bring a shovel and container to the City Corporation Yard located at 2999 E La Jolla Street, Anaheim, CA 92806. Quantities are limited. The compost will be located at the entrance, to the right of the driveway. For more information, please call (714) 993-8189.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Holiday Tree Recycling Program

Free holiday tree collection is provided for single-family households with automated collection beginning Monday, December 28, 2020 through Friday, January 8, 2021. Holiday trees are picked up in a special collection truck. Residents are reminded to remove all decorations and have your holiday trees out by your curb by 7:00 a.m. If your tree is more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half for safe and easy collection.



If you don't take your tree down until after January 10, 2020, please cut it into pieces that will fit in your yard-waste container with the lid closed. You can also recycle holiday wreaths and greenery in your yard waste cart. The wreaths and greenery must also be bare, so please remove all wire, hooks, bows and other decorations. Collected trees and greenery are turned into mulch, compost, and ground cover. Artificial trees and wreaths are not recyclable. If you are discarding an artificial tree or wreath, please place the pieces into the trash cart. For additional information, please call Republic Services at (714) 238- 2444 or visit <https://www.republicservices.com/municipality/placentia-ca>.

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

There will be no trash and recycling collection services on the following holidays:

- Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 2020
- New Year's Day - Friday, January 1, 2021
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 31, 2021
- Independence Day - Monday, July 5, 2021
- Labor Day - Monday, September 6, 2021
- Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 25, 2021
- Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25, 2021

If your weekly pickup is on or after the holiday, your pickup that week will be delayed by one day. For instance, when the holiday is on a Monday, Monday's collection will take place on Tuesday, Tuesday's on Wednesday, and so on, with Friday's collection on Saturday. For additional information, contact Republic Services at (714) 238-2444 or <https://www.republicservices.com/>.

Upcoming Community Drive-Thru Shred Event

The City of Placentia invites you to participate in a free community Drive-Thru Shred Event on Saturday, January 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Placentia Civic Center, 401 East Chapman Avenue. Shredding documents can help prevent fraud and identity theft. Placentia residents and businesses are invited to have their confidential documents destroyed on-site for free by South Bay Document Destruction. A maximum of four (4) banker box size containers will be accepted from each household or business location in Placentia. No electronic items, hazardous materials, or business e-waste will be accepted at this event. At this contactless drive-thru event, we ask that all participants stay in their vehicles and have their shred items packaged in a bag(s) or the box(es) in their backseat or trunk, For more information, [click here](#) or call the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8148.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Improved Bike Lanes on Golden Avenue

As part of the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Arterial Roadway Rehabilitation Project, the City recently improved the existing bike lanes on Golden Avenue to enhance the bicyclist experience and improve traffic safety. The project involved the complete rehabilitation of Golden Avenue utilizing new rubberized asphalt and enhanced crosswalks to improve pedestrian safety at intersections. It also converted the existing Class II bike lanes into a Class IV separated bikeway between Valencia Avenue and the Golden Avenue Bridge. This was accomplished by shifting on-street parking and moving the bike lanes to the inside of the travel way. This allows parked vehicles along Golden Avenue to act as a physical barrier between bicyclists and motorists. The striping configuration still provides for on-street parking and a 3' wide buffer in between a 5' wide bike lane and the designated parking spaces. The segment of Golden Avenue between Kraemer and Valencia does not permit on-street parking, but the roadway received a similar treatment in the form of a 7' wide buffer with a 7' wide bike lane.



In 2018, the City petitioned the Orange County Transportation Agency to amend the Master Plan of Arterial Roadways to downgrade Golden Avenue from a 4-lane road to a 2-lane divided collector road. Given the low average traffic counts for Golden Avenue and its configuration as a two-lane road, the Class IV separated bike lanes lend themselves well to this particular area. The reconfigured bike lanes are part of a larger effort by the City to promote and provide improved active transportation options for the community for both routine commuting and recreation. The existing Golden Avenue Bridge is scheduled to be replaced. The City was awarded a Federal transportation grant to replace the existing bridge with a wider bridge that will include 6' wide sidewalks and bike lanes that will connect to the new facilities on Golden Avenue. Also, the City has been working closely with the County of Orange on the planned Segment D gap closure to the OC Loop Trail Project. The OC Loop is a 66-mile bike/recreation trail located in northern and central Orange County. Segment D of the trail will run along the existing Carbon Creek Channel connecting to Imperial Highway and La Floresta Avenue to the north and the existing terminus of the El Cajon Trail portion of the OC Loop at Bastanchury Road to the south. The City lobbied the County to construct on and off-ramps to the trail from the new Golden Avenue Bridge. This addition will further expand and enhance recreational opportunities by providing a new connection and gap closure to



the OC Loop and the improved bike lanes on Golden Avenue that connect to the off-street recreational trails at Tri-City Park. The City is excited about these planned improvements and the expansion of recreational opportunities for the community. To that end, the City has a separate agreement with the County of Orange to utilize flood control properties as off-street recreational trails, and the City continues to work on developing new trail projects for the community's benefit. The City received a separate Federal grant last year to master plan and eventually build an off-street recreational trail along the Atwood Flood Control Channel.



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – December 11 - 17, 2020

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Facebook: @PlacentiaLibrary

Holiday Craft Kids Program!

SEASONAL CRAFTERNOONS DECEMBER CRAFT PICKUP

Tuesday, December 15, 4:00 p.m., on Facebook Live
All craft kits are sold out.

Celebrate the holiday season with stories, songs and a holiday craft. In case you were not able to pick up a craft kit, here are the materials needed to follow along with the program:

- Craft for children ages 8 and under: For the Hot Cocoa ornament, you will need card stock cut in the shape of a cocoa mug, 5 white pom poms, a small candy cane shape using card stock, a ribbon to tie on the top, brown oval shape foam or card stock shape to look like hot cocoa, plus stickers and marking pens to decorate the mug with the child's name. (For a child's thumbprint, use an ink pad or washable markers.)
- Craft for children age 9 - 13 years: For the Christmas cross stitch wooden type ornaments: cut out a candy cane and Christmas tree shape on cardboard. Punch holes for the cross stitches. (The candy cane has 24 holes, plus one on top for the ribbon for hanging. The Christmas tree has 45 holes.) Use red and green embroidery floss, a plastic needle, plus one ribbon to tie on top.



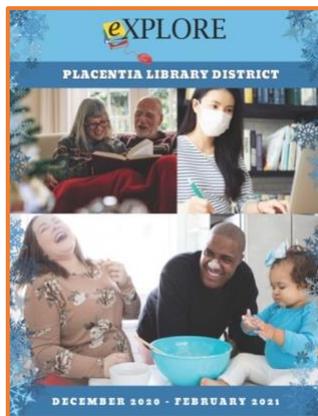
Library News

WINTER LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

View our December 2020 – February 2021 library newsletter:
<https://bit.ly/PLDwinternewsletter>

LAPTOP AND HOTSPOT KITS NOW AVAILABLE

Laptop and hotspot kits available for checkout! Visit www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things to learn more about our Library of Things collection, or visit www.bit.ly/PLDLaptops to request a free kit for a 2-week checkout.



WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Continues until January 15. Register at www.placentialibrary.org/winter-reading - **For all ages!** 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](#).

Family Cooking Time

FAMILY COOKING TIME: GINGERBREAD OH MY!

We've reached capacity. Please visit our website at www.placentialibrary.org/family-cooking-time for more info and to join the waitlist.

Create fun memories (and sticky fingers) baking and building your own gingerbread house with help from the Placentia Library! Order the free kit, watch the step-by-step video and bake your cookies. Join our Zoom building class on Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 P.M. and we'll answer questions and build together.

Limit 1 per household. Must have an Adult Placentia Library Card. Orders available beginning Saturday, November 14. Kit pick up December 10-12, details will be emailed to confirmed participants. Can't make the class? No worries, we will have step-by-step videos available Monday, December 14 on our social media accounts.

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: Thursday, December 17
Zoom Virtual Meeting*

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/ptac.

Virtual Children's Programs

NEXT WEEK: STEAM CLUB

Wednesday, December 23, 3:30 p.m. on Facebook Live

Join us for a special STEAM Club to celebrate the Holiday season and learn all about simple electrical circuits! Students will learn how to create their own circuits at home using Christmas lights!

Materials:

Aluminum Foil or Conductive Tape, Scissors, Tape, Paper Clip, Coin Battery, Paper, Christmas Lights or LED Diode Bulbs

VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

Our storytimes are held on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/placentialibrary and are saved online.

- Luna, Luna Bilingual Storytime is every other Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 - This week: December 16
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: December 17
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: December 12

Library Info

WE'RE OPEN!

We're open for in-person browsing and checkout, passports, computer access, curbside pickup, virtual programs & more!

Request books online at www.bit.ly/placentialib and learn about our curbside pickup at www.placentialibrary.org/curbside.

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

Passport Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Passport info: www.placentialibrary.org/services/passports

Letters from Santa, presented by the Placentia Library Friends Foundation

The Placentia Library Friends Foundation is hosting a Letters from Santa fundraiser. Orders must be received by December 11. Learn more at <https://placentialibraryfriends.com/>