

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Soka University and Disneyland are still the only two Super POD sites in Orange County at this time. The County plans to add more as the supply of COVID-19 vaccines from the State increases. Soka University is now offering in-car vaccine services for individuals with appointments who are persons with disabilities displaying vehicle placards or license plates.

Vaccine availability remains the determining factor in the amount of appointments that can be scheduled through Othena. To continue reducing ICU levels, the County maintains vaccine eligibility to Orange County residents age 65 and over and individuals eligible under Phase 1A. The County will reevaluate expanding eligibility to others as ICU levels stabilize and more vaccines become available. The County Super PODS and mobile clinics are not the only options to receive a vaccination. Other healthcare providers approved to dispense the vaccine, including hospitals, pharmacies, and health clinics all play an essential role in vaccinating Orange County’s population.

All residents are encouraged to register using Othena to be notified when appointments are available by visiting <http://othena.com/individuals.php>. For assistance with Othena, please call the COVID-19 Hotline at (714) 834-2000 or email support@compositeapps.net. The Othena system has been refined to prevent offering appointments to people who are currently not eligible in Phase 1A. You must meet current eligibility criteria under Phase 1A as a frontline healthcare worker, first responder in a high-risk position, or be 65 years of age or older to receive the vaccine. If you received an appointment notification, you must demonstrate eligibility at the POD site before you can receive the vaccine. If you do not meet current eligibility criteria, please do not schedule an appointment. Some second dose appointments scheduled through Othena for February 13th—14th were rescheduled to better manage vaccine supply. If the new assigned date isn’t convenient, adjustments can be made in Othena within 5 days of the rescheduled appointment. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidance allows for second dose administration up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first dose to maintain vaccine efficacy.

Answers to frequently asked questions regarding Othena are now available at occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/othena-faqs. This webpage will be continually updated as new information becomes available. For all other information, please visit <https://occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/> or call the COVID-19 County Hotline at (714) 834-2000. You can also call the City hotline at (714) 993-8150, or email covid19@placentia.org.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 2/16/21 City Council Meeting
- 3/2/21 City Council Meeting
- 3/9/21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 3/10/21 Heritage Committee Meeting
- 3/15/21 Streetscape and Transportation Advisory

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Placentia Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant financial impact on Placentia's local economy, with many local businesses temporarily closing, customer rates declining, and changes being made to business operations. The City of Placentia is continuing the Placentia Small Business Emergency Relief Grant Program to small businesses in Placentia needing financial assistance in overcoming the temporary loss of revenue due to COVID-19. The program is based upon the availability of the County of Orange District 4 funds, program guidelines, and submission of all required information and supporting documentation. The Small Business Grant Relief Program will provide \$5,000 (flat rate, single payment) awards to qualifying applicants. Awardees will be reimbursed for eligible expenses incurred from November 1, 2020-June 30, 2021. Business owners with multiple businesses are only eligible for one award. In order to qualify, businesses or non-profit organizations must be eligible to receive federal funding. Applications are due by Monday, March 1st at 5:00 pm. To view the application and apply, [click here](#).

Groundbreaking Held for New Audi Dealership

The City of Placentia recently held a virtual groundbreaking to celebrate the start of construction on the new Audi Development located at 1275 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard. The new dealership will include a single-story showroom, enclosed service drive, and up to 27 service bays. The total building area will be nearly 36,000 square feet. The showroom building will contain an interior vehicle display, sales area, offices, and guest amenities. The rear buildings will house the parts department, employee support areas, service bays, detail/wash bays, and a photo booth.



Audi hopes to complete construction and be open for business by November 2021. Please [click here](#) to watch the Audi groundbreaking event on the City's YouTube page.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The County of Orange was allocated \$65,576,556 from the U.S. Department of the Treasury for the implementation of the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program. The ERA Program provides funding to assist households that have been unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The ERA Program must be used for unpaid rent and utility bills for rental households only. Eligible utilities are: electricity, gas, water and home energy costs only. Maximum financial assistance is up to \$10,000 per household to pay for rental arrears and past due utilities.

The application period is now through February 28th and the application is available online or by phone. For questions, contact 2-1-1 Orange County by dialing 2-1-1 or toll free at (888) 600-4357.

Electronic Waste Recycling Event to be Held March 6th and 7th

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce will be holding an electronic waste and recycling event on Saturday, March 6th, and Sunday, March 7th, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Placentia Town Center, 160 Yorba Linda Boulevard. All proceeds from this event will benefit the PYLUSD.

E-Waste is any consumer electronic equipment that has reached its "end-of-life" or "end-of-usage," whether in full or non-working condition. It includes most electronics or electric appliances with a cord or circuit board. **There is a service charge for major appliances, including cooling units and microwaves.** Fluorescent light bulbs and household batteries will not be accepted. For more information, please call (714) 528-1873.



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Winter Gas Bills

During the winter months, natural gas usage can increase three to seven times compared to the summer, leading to higher bills. To help customers manage their natural gas bills this season, SoCalGas recommends visiting their [Manage Higher Bills](#) webpage to learn more about factors that may affect usage.



Caltrans Closures for Maintenance Repairs

Caltrans is scheduled to have a number of freeway closures impacting the northbound SR-73, westbound SR-74, and the northbound SR-133 beginning Wednesday, February 17th through Friday, February 19th. For more information on where and when these closures will occur, please [click here](#). This work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and materials, and construction-related issues.

Improvements Made to Dog Run Area at the Navigation Center

Guests who stay at the Navigation Center are welcomed to bring their furry friends with them. The Navigation Center has a fenced dog run area complete with pet-friendly astroturf and a shaded structure. As part of the Center's construction, a dog run area was built. However, many pet owners did not use the dog run due to heat and sun exposure. As a result, it was determined that a shade structure and astroturf was needed for our furry friends and their owners. The pet owners and their dogs have well received the new shade structure and installation of the astroturf. The pictures below show the completed dog run area at the Navigation Center.



Interfaith Council of North Orange County “Surviving COVID-19 Advice from Experts”

The Interfaith Council of North Orange County is hosting a webinar live on Zoom and Facebook called “Surviving COVID-19 Advice from Experts” on Wednesday, February 17th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. For information on how to access this event, please [click here](#).

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Did You Know?

Did you know that if your vehicle is equipped with a shoulder and lap belt combined seat belt, California Vehicle Code 27315 states that they both must be worn properly? This means that if you drive around with the shoulder belt tucked under your arm and not across your chest, you can be stopped and issued a citation for improperly wearing a seat belt! Not only could you receive a citation, but if you're involved in a traffic collision while wearing your seat belt improperly, you could be seriously injured or worse. Please ensure that you and all of your passengers are always buckled in properly any time you are driving.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

St. Jude Medical Center's Move More, Eat Healthy Campaign

St. Jude Medical Center's (SJMC) Move More, Eat Healthy Campaign is hosting a "New Year, New Healthy You" campaign for January 2021 - February 2021. To celebrate the New Year, St. Jude Medical Center's Move More Eat Healthy is initiating the "New Year, New Healthy You." The challenge's goal is to encourage households and participants to make Health and Wellness their new year's resolution by committing to a healthier lifestyle and completing small daily challenges to promote nutrition, physical activity, and mental health. Participants can take the "New Year, New Healthy You" pledge at www.movemoreeathealthy.org. Additionally, videos are available to help participants complete the challenges by visiting <https://www.movemoreeathealthy.org/new-year-new-healthy-you.html>. Follow the campaign on its social media platforms on Instagram @movemoreeathealthy or Facebook page 'Move More Eat Healthy'. For more information on the campaign, please [click here](#) to view the flyer and calendar of challenges.

More "Move Placentia" Virtual Classes Coming Soon

The City of Placentia will be streaming new "Move Placentia" virtual classes on the [City of Placentia's YouTube page](#). These virtual classes give participants the opportunity to stay active in a fun and safe way. The videos vary from children's swim lessons to cooking classes. Stay tuned for new videos every Wednesday! For more information on the City's "Move Placentia" classes, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Neighborhood Services Food Programs

The Neighborhood Services Office will host a food program every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. during the month of February. It will be a drive-thru program located in front of the Whitten Community Center at 900 S. Melrose Street. For more information, please call the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

Senior Center Grocery Program

During these challenging times, many senior citizens are finding it difficult to obtain fresh groceries. The Community Services Department is here to help seniors in need. Thanks to our partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, the Placentia Senior Center offers free contactless grocery deliveries on the first and third Thursdays of every month. Groceries are delivered between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Seniors in need of food assistance are asked to call (714) 986-2332 for program information. The next grocery distribution will take place on February 18th.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Expand the Forest Program

The Expand the Forest program provides residents 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. 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 planted, the City will assume maintenance responsibilities to care for the tree.

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.



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Update

The firefighters and paramedics at Fire Station #2 got a special treat from Placentia resident, Margaret who made dinner for the whole station. We wanted to say a huge 'thank you' for your generosity, Margaret, the dinner was enjoyed by all!

The bathroom remodel at Fire Station #2 is near complete. The City of Placentia put in new showers, new tile, and fixtures, and the crews could not be happier. The men and women who work for Placentia Fire and Life Safety have a tremendous amount of pride in their fire stations.

Finally, if you haven't already done so, we encourage all community members to check out "Community Connect!"



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Together, Building a Safer Community Through Prevention, Preparedness & Response
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Sign in for free and get started doing your part. It just takes your email, phone number and address.

2 Enter the info that matters most
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WHAT KINDS OF INFORMATION CAN I PROVIDE?
For Households
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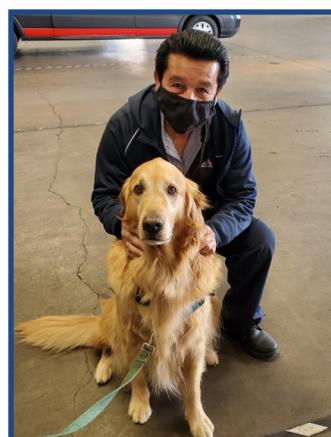
For Businesses
Enable your business, school, day-care facility or other public location. Fire Responders with critical information, valuable emergency plans and more, available at a moment's notice in the event of an incident. Stay aware with notifications from Fire Responders through text messages in the event they are over dispatched to your property.

HOW SECURE IS MY DATA AND HOW IS IT USED?
Data that you provide Community Connect is secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving you during emergency situations. Your information is never used for any other purpose. All logins are password protected with bank level encryption and security. If you're comfortable logging in to your online bank you'll be comfortable logging in to Community Connect.

Community Connect is **Safe & Secure**

Lynch EMS Receives Visit from Henry the Therapy Dog

On Monday, February 8th, Henry the therapy dog, paid a visit to Lynch EMS headquarters to visit our crews. Henry is a trained therapy dog that visits hospitals, nursing homes, and many other first responder organizations to lift spirits and bring joy. Thank you to Henry and his handler Steve, for stopping by! Below are photos of Lynch EMS paramedics Grimm (Left) and Gibson (Right) from Placentia Fire Station 1 where Medic 1 is stationed, and our Mechanic Rosalio.





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Santa Angelina Senior Housing Development

On December 1, 2020, the City of Placentia City Council voted to approve a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change, including associated development permits, that approved the construction of 64 affordable senior housing units and one manager unit on property owned and operated by the Church of the Blessed Sacrament located at 1314 N. Angelina Avenue. In partnership with the church, the National Community Renaissance of California (National CORE) will develop and operate the senior housing development. National CORE will also spearhead the transformation of the existing church campus with two two-story residential buildings that will provide age-restricted rental housing for individuals 62 years of age or older.



The buildings will measure approximately 24,631 square feet and approximately 30,316 square feet, respectively. The 64 units will be restricted to households earning less than 60% of the area median income for Orange County based upon the latest State income limits established by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development.

The proposed buildings will employ the traditional architectural style of "Craftsman" architecture, which is compatible with the surrounding style of homes in the neighborhood and emblematic of Placentia's historical architectural home styles. Additionally, this style will be consistent with the church's existing architecture, which features a gable style roof design, stone veneer, masonry columns, and earth-tone hues.

Additional onsite improvements include the demolition of the existing church's Parish Hall with a new Parish Hall measuring approximately 3,974 square feet, a 544-square-foot covered porch, a new children's picnic/lunch area, a courtyard gathering space west of the Parish Hall, a gathering lawn with benches fronting North Angelina Drive, an outdoor terrace fronting North Angelina Drive, and a memorial garden with accent trees between the existing church building and the proposed new Parish Hall. New seating is proposed for north of the Church, adjacent to the proposed memorial garden. A new courtyard area is proposed west of the existing Church.

All existing church and childcare operations will remain unaffected by the proposed construction/operation of the affordable senior housing development and associated improvements.

National CORE is not expected to start construction until the last quarter of 2022. To receive updates on the project's status, contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – February 12-18, 2021

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Adult, Teen and Literacy Programs

TEEN DATING & HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Wednesday, February 24, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Zoom Presentation

Navigating relationships can be difficult at any age. Join us for an informative presentation on healthy relationships, healthy boundaries and effective communication for teens. To register and receive the Zoom link, email Victor Meza at vmeza@placentiaibrary.org or call 714-528-1906 x234. The last day to register to attend is Monday, February 22, the Zoom link will be emailed to you on Tuesday, February 23.

Presentation provided by the Women's Transitional Living Center located in Fullerton, CA.

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.placentiaibrary.org/services/literacy for more info.

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

First and Third Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This week: February 18

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Learn more at www.placentiaibrary.org/ptac.



Teen Dating & Healthy Relationships
Wednesday, February 24,
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Zoom Presentation:
Contact us to register

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Virtual Children's Programs

VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

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

- Luna, Luna Bilingual Storytime is every other Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 - This week: February 17
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: February 18
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: February 13

Celebrate Black History Month With Us

Join us in celebrating Black voices and achievements this month with book recommendations, stories and more on social media, as well as a poster and book display in our Children's Department inside the library.



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