

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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February 18, 2021



“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

The Disneyland Resort Super POD site will close temporarily due to a lack of vaccine supply. Severe weather across the country has delayed delivery of COVID-19 vaccine supplies across the State of California, including to Orange County.

The expected Moderna vaccine delivery on Tuesday, February 16th, did not arrive, and as a result, Moderna inventory in the county is very low. State guidance encourages dispensing all vaccine supplies as quickly as possible and does not allow for maintaining large inventory in reserve.

The Disney Super POD site, which primarily dispenses the Moderna vaccine, will close today, through Monday, February 22th, pending receipt of additional supply on Monday. The opening of the Anaheim Convention Center site, scheduled for Wednesday, February 24th, is potentially delayed, dependent on Moderna vaccine supply.

The Soka University and Santa Ana College sites primarily dispense the Pfizer vaccine. Soka will remain open to provide a second-dose Pfizer vaccine, dependent on vaccine supply. Santa Ana College will temporarily close on Saturday, February 20th; the reopening date is to be determined depending on receipt of additional Pfizer vaccine supply.

Everyone who has an appointment at the affected sites will receive a notification through Othena with information regarding rescheduled appointments.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) COVID-19 Vaccine Second Dose Guidelines advise the second dose should be administered as close to the recommended interval as possible (3 weeks for Pfizer-BioNTech, and one month for Moderna). However, the CDC’s guidance allows for second dose administration up to 6 weeks (42 days) after the first if it is not feasible to adhere to the recommended interval. The CDC is not advocating for people to delay getting their second dose, but the data from clinical trials support that it is still effective in the delayed range.

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. To find vaccine sites near you, please visit <https://www.vaccinateca.com/>.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 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
- 3/16/21 City Council Meeting

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. This Small Business Grant Relief Program will support small businesses and nonprofit organizations, within the 4th Supervisorial District, impacted by COVID-19 by providing \$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](#).

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 hosting 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.

Apply for a City Committee

Get involved in your community! The City of Placentia is accepting applications for vacancies on two City Committees. All interested residents are encouraged to submit an application and be a part of making a change in your community.

We currently have two (2) vacancies on the Heritage Committee and two (2) vacancies on the Senior Advisory Committee. The deadline to apply for either committee is Wednesday, March 31st, at 6:00 pm. Applications can be found by [clicking here](#).

To learn more about these committees, please [click here](#).



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention Bulletin



PLACENTIA

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DARIN LENYI, Chief of Police

401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870

CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN

BEWARE OF MALICIOUS DOMAINS TARGETING VACCINATION EFFORTS

Law enforcement has identified an increase in malicious persons attempting to register websites similar to those used by public healthcare organizations and vendors supporting vaccination distribution efforts, a tactic called "typosquatting." Over 30 events associated with these tactics targeting Orange County have been identified to date.

Othena (othena.com), which was designed to manage the vaccination process, and authorized by the Orange County Healthcare Agency, has most of their web traffic coming from direct typing, and a very small percentage coming from search engines. With typing errors possible, it is highly recommended that the general public use links found on approved websites, such as within a city or county government page.

For those that access Othena through a mobile app, there are currently only two apps for Othena, and law enforcement continues to look for malicious copies. Depending on the type of phone you have, please be sure you are downloading the correct app.

iPhone users should use the app shown below:



Android users should use the app shown below:





POLICE DEPARTMENT

New Employee Introduction

Effective February 7, 2021, Champ, a one and a half year-old German Shepherd began his patrol duties with his partner Officer King.

Please welcome Champ to the Placentia Police Department!



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Placentia Named a 2020 Tree City USA

Placentia has been named a 2020 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. It is the 1st year the City of Placentia has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The Tree City USA program began nationally in 1976 and now over 137 million Americans live in or near a Tree City USA community. More than 3,400 cities and towns take great pride in practicing sound urban forestry and being recognized as Tree City USA communities.

Placentia achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

In 2019, City Council adopted the City's first Urban Forest Management Program. This plan identifies long-term preservation and enhancement objectives and key management considerations including pruning standards, forest expansion, infrastructure maintenance, environmental resources, land use, aesthetics, and community objectives. On June 2, 2020, the City Council adopted the Urban Forest Protection Ordinance a new modernized tree ordinance that includes provisions and regulations that protect, preserve, and expand the City's Urban Forest. Recognizing the value and benefits provided to the community by Placentia's Urban Forest, the City codified its adopted Urban Forest Management Program into an ordinance to ensure that this important community resource would be prudently protected and managed for generations to come.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Placentia make smart investments in urban forests," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants, and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the Tree City USA program is available at arborday.org/TreeCityUSA and more about Placentia's commitment to the community's urban forest can be found at www.placentia.org/urbanforest.





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.

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.



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Update

The Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department (PFLS) is proud to announce the promotion of Fire Apparatus Engineer Mathew Wedin to Fire Captain. Mathew is an inaugural member of PFLS and came to Placentia from the Pauma Fire Department as an engineer. Mathew will be starting his 2-week Captain's Academy and will commence his new role shortly after.



Placentia firefighters were called this week to a water emergency near the 1400 block of Holcomb place. When crews arrived, they found a residence where a fire sprinkler pipe had ruptured and caused a significant flooding situation. Firefighters are seen here removing the water for the residents. Fortunately, there were no injuries to residents or firefighters.

Finally, your Placentia firefighters also made it into a news magazine for assisting the Fullerton Fire Department with a structure fire. Below are the pictures that were printed.

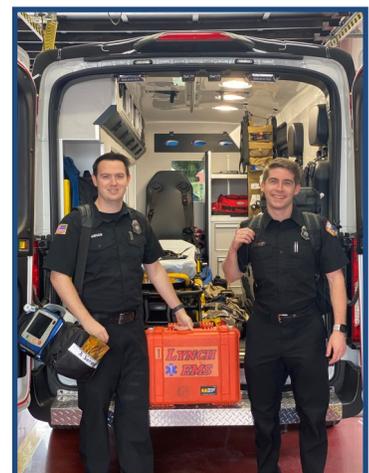


Placentia Paramedic Crew of the Month—Placentia Medic 1C

Placentia Medic 1C consists of Paramedic Grimm and Paramedic Gibson, who are based out of Station 1 on Bradford Ave. The first thing they do each day when they arrive at their shift is to check their ambulance to ensure they have plenty of medical supplies and that their unit is operating efficiently. The crew also prioritizes daily training to keep their skills top-notch while often incorporating the other first responder agencies that serve Placentia.

As health and physical fitness are essential in their position, the crew works out together daily between emergency calls and strives to support small businesses in Placentia to purchase healthy food to cook during their 48-hour shifts.

If you see Placentia Medic Crew 1C in the community, be sure to wave hello!





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 19-25, 2021

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FAMILY COOKING TIME

Preorder a kit at www.placentialibrary.org/family-cooking-time

Do you love soft pretzels but don't know how to make them? With help from the Placentia Library you will learn how to make, roll, fold and top the perfect soft pretzel!

Limit 1 per household. Must have an Adult Placentia Library Card. Orders available beginning Monday, February 22. Kit pick up March 18 -20, details will be emailed to confirmed participants. We will have a step-by-step video available March 21 on our social media accounts and Family Cooking Time Playlist. Limited to 50 participants.

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@placentia.library.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-on-1 tutoring is virtual and in-person instruction. Read, Write, Speak Club and Literacy Reads book club are virtual. Please visit www.placentia.library.org/services/literacy for more info.

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

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

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Learn more at www.placentia.library.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/placentialibrary and are saved online.

- Luna, Luna Bilingual Storytime is every other Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 - Next storytime: March 17
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: February 25
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: February 20



Save the Date: Spring into STEAM

Pickups begin Friday, February 26

Program: Friday, March 5, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. on

Facebook Live

Intended for ages 8-12

Jump into the Spring season with our new STEAM program! This program will highlight an engaging educational activity every month from March-June. Pick up a kit at the library the week before each live program. *One kit per student, with own or parent library card, and up to 2 kits per family. Kits available while supplies last.*



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