

City Administrator's
Weekly Briefing



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March 25, 2021

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

The State announced that beginning April 1st, they will be expanding COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to people ages 50 and over. Then, beginning April 15th, they will expand vaccine eligibility to ages 16 and over.

Even if you do not yet meet the State’s eligibility for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine, you are encouraged to register now at www.Othena.com to be placed in the virtual waiting room to be notified when it is your turn. As of now, people ages 16 – 64 who have underlying medical conditions are eligible for vaccinations as announced by the State. Those individuals will need to attest that they have one of the identified conditions when scheduling an appointment through Othena. People registering for appointments can now identify applicable underlying medical conditions on the Othena smartphone app by viewing "Phase Screening" and selecting the medical condition during the registration assessment.

The County continues to use the Othena user platform for registration and scheduling of vaccine appointments and will upload information from Othena to the State's MyTurn platform.

Reminder: the Orange County POD sites are not the only way to receive a COVID-19 vaccine in the County. Please [click here](#) for more information. You can also sign up with the State’s vaccination website at <https://myturn.ca.gov/> to find additional vaccine sites near you.

Please note, immigration status is not checked at any time during the COVID-19 appointment and vaccination process. The health of the community is the only concern.

| POD SITE SCHEDULE | Vaccine Type* | Hours | Fri 3/26 | Sat 3/27 | Sun 3/28 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Anaheim Convention Center | Moderna | 8 am – 5 pm | Open | Open | Open |
| Disneyland (ADA lanes only) | Moderna | 8 am – 5 pm | Open | Open | Open |
| Soka University | Pfizer | 8 am – 5 pm | Open | Open | Open |
| Santa Ana College | Pfizer | 8 am – 5 pm | Open | Open | Open |

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 4/6/21 City Council Meeting
- 4/13/21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 4/14/21 Heritage Committee Meeting
- 4/20/21 City Council Meeting
- 5/3/21 Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Department Update

Since July 1, 2020, the City has successfully established the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department. We have staffed, equipped, and trained a high-quality fire department, public safety communications center, and state-of-the-art emergency medical services (EMS) program. The Department has also worked collaboratively with the County of Orange to provide fire protection and EMS services to the unincorporated County island located within Placentia known as "Hamer Island."



One of the City's goals in establishing its own fire department was to reduce critical emergency response times to our community. We are pleased to announce that the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department has reduced response times by several minutes on medical calls and fire calls. In one month alone, the new Department reduced medical response times by nearly 50% when compared to the City's prior service provider. These improved response times can be attributed to faster dispatching and using an ambulance instead of a fire engine for medical-related calls. The City has also invested in technology that communicates with traffic signals as emergency vehicles go through major intersections, further reducing response times. Collectively, these changes and improvements are saving lives in Placentia.



The Fire and Life Safety Department's creation has also resulted in handling a significant amount of more calls than our previous service provider. As a result, the Department has substantially reduced auto/mutual aid need from neighboring cities to serve Placentia residents. On average, the City has reduced the need for auto/mutual aid by 80% or more than our prior service provider, which results in faster response times to our residents. Below is a table which outlines the reductions in mutual aid requests from the cities of Fullerton, Brea, Anaheim and Yorba Linda.

Mutual Aid Requests

| Month | 2019 | 2020 | Percent Reduction |
|-----------|------|------|-------------------|
| July | 67 | 9 | 86% |
| August | 61 | 12 | 80% |
| September | 64 | 10 | 84% |
| October | 77 | 12 | 84% |
| November | 81 | 16 | 80% |
| December | 39 | 10 | 74% |



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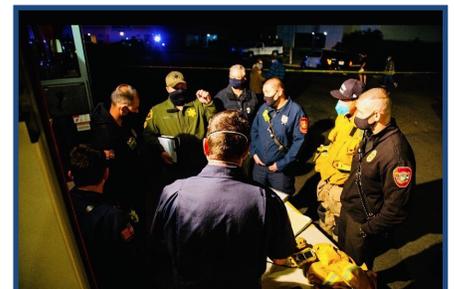
Fire and Life Safety Department Update (continued)

When responding to a medical emergency, every second counts. Our EMS partners at Lynch have played a significant role in our Fire and Life Safety Department's success. Lynch paramedics continue to provide high-quality service and expertise as the City's 911-paramedics. They are providing quick response times to residents while already being credited with saving several lives within our community and we value the partnership we have with Lynch Ambulance.



Collectively, this data demonstrates that the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department has proven to be resilient and self-sufficient in its first six months as a department. As demonstrated above, our fire department model is very efficient at delivering services and shows that the City of Placentia can provide rapid response services to our community without regularly relying upon auto/mutual aid from surrounding jurisdictions.

Another component of our Fire and Life Safety Department is community outreach. Fire and Lynch personnel enjoy getting out in the community to get to know our residents while also educating them about fire and medical safety in their homes and businesses. The Department is active on social media, frequently posting various community engagements and providing life-saving tips and information. Stay tuned for more information on updates related to the Fire and Life Safety Department and how it is serving our community's needs.





ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Apply for a City Committee

Get involved in your community! The City of Placentia is accepting applications for vacancies on two City Committees. 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](#).

Salerno Accepting Applications for Homeless Veterans

Salerno at Cypress Village is currently accepting housing applications from eligible homeless veterans and their families earning at or below 30% of Area Median Income. The available three-bedroom units in Irvine will have Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. Veterans will need to meet the HUD-VASH criteria to qualify for the property. Applicants must go through the VA Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) to determine eligibility for this project. Interested and eligible veterans should contact the VA CRRC at (714) 568-9803 to schedule an appointment. Please [click here](#) for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Easter 'Egg'citement Drive-Thru Event

Join us for a Drive-Thru Easter Eggcitement event for the whole family. The event will be held on Saturday, March 27th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Placentia Civic Center parking lot at 401 E. Chapman Avenue. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket to collect fun spring treats from the safety of your vehicle. The Easter Bunny will also make a special appearance and be available for photos from a safe distance. Participants will be asked to remain in their cars for the entirety of the event. This event is made possible through the partnership between the Placentia Library Friends Foundation, the City of Placentia, the Kiwanis Club of Placentia, and the Placentia Rotary Club. Please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or the Placentia Library at (714) 528-1906 for more information. To view the event flyer, please [click here](#).

Senior Center Update

The Community Services Department is excited to announce that the Placentia Senior Center is welcoming seniors back for limited programming. The Senior Center is offering Coffee Social Mondays from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and Ice Cream Social Fridays from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The next event will be held on Friday, March 26th. Free ice cream and coffee will be available. These events will be held outside in the rear parking lot at 143 S. Bradford Ave.

Attendance will be limited to fifteen participants. Registration is required and can be completed by calling the Placentia Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.

Participants must remain socially distant and wear a face mask unless eating or drinking. For more information, contact the Senior Center or [click here](#) for the event flyers.

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.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Healthcare and Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) Pet Clinics

The City has partnered with the Healthcare and Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) to host monthly low-cost pet vaccination clinics for the community. The pet clinics will take place in the Civic Center parking lot at 401 E. Chapman Ave., every fourth Tuesday of the month. The next clinic date will be April 26th. Reservations are required before arriving at the clinic and can be made by visiting the "Clinic Services" section at www.heart4pets.org. Pets will be treated in order of their arrival time. For the public and staff's safety, pet owners must remain in their vehicles and wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose while visiting the clinic. For more information, please contact HEART at (714) 993-9193 or visit www.heart4pets.org.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Industrial Development on Lakeview Loop Nears Completion

The development of two previously vacant lots is currently in progress along Lakeview Loop, south of Orangethorpe Avenue and west of Lakeview Avenue. The site once functioned as a construction material and nursery supply business known as "Atwood Sales." The subject lots, which were divided as a result of a 2014 Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) grade separation bridge project, are being developed with two industrial buildings totaling 54,921 square feet (Building 1) and 38,681 square feet (Building 2). There will be associated landscape and hardscape improvements on each respective lot. The rendering below indicates what the finished products will look like, and the other photographs were taken recently during construction.



The interior of each building will be comprised of a small office area and warehouse/storage area. The office area will occupy less than 25 percent of the interior floor area of each building. Occupants for each building have not been determined, but following the City's zoning code, uses such as auto-related sales and service, light manufacturing, and distribution/wholesale would be permitted to operate and occupy the buildings.

Construction is anticipated to be completed within the second quarter of 2021. Please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124 for more information on this development project.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Prevention Bulletin



PLACENTIA POLICE DEPARTMENT



DARIN LENYI, Chief of Police

401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870

CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN – CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT

A catalytic converter is a device that looks like a small muffler along with the exhaust system, and has been in fuel-powered vehicles since 1974. Catalytic converters contain very valuable precious metals that cost thousands of dollars per ounce, and help to convert the hazardous exhaust emitted by an engine into less harmful gasses.

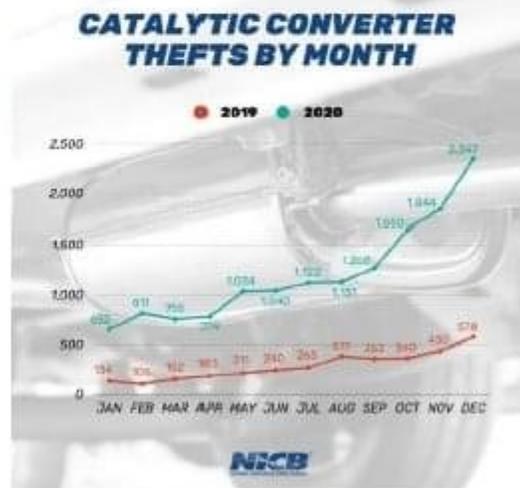
According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), catalytic converter thefts have seen a significant increase across the country since March 2020, the start of the global pandemic. After a theft, they are taken to scrap metal recyclers where they typically receive anywhere from \$50 to \$250 per catalytic converter. The City of Placentia Police Department saw 68 incidents in the year 2020. As of March 24, 2021, there have already been 31 incidents, which is a 182% increase from the same date last year.

While any catalytic converter-equipped vehicle can be targeted, taller vehicles such as pickup trucks or SUVs are often targeted. Hybrid vehicles are also frequently targeted because the catalytic converter is used less frequently due to the presence of an electric motor. While this type of theft can occur at any time of the day, it typically occurs during the very early morning hours. A skilled thief can remove a catalytic converter from a vehicle in less than a minute using some basic, readily-available, battery-operated tools (please note the use of such a tool would usually produce a loud, sawing sound), and can cost a victim \$3,000 or more to have their vehicle repaired.



AVOID BECOMING A VICTIM:

- Park in a garage or in a secured parking area.
- If you park on a driveway, install a bright, motion sensor light to dissuade thieves.
- Park fleet vehicles in secured, alarmed, and well-lit yards.
- Always lock your vehicle and if your vehicle is equipped with an alarm, set it to detect vibration, if possible.
- Install a catalytic converter anti-theft device (Cat Clamp, Cat Lock, and Cat Shield are examples), engrave your vehicle identification number (VIN) on the catalytic converter, or paint the catalytic converter using a bright-colored, high-temperature spray paint.



Understanding when your car might be a target for catalytic converter theft is the first key to preventing it. By following these protective measures, you may help deter thieves from targeting your car.

If you notice suspicious activity, people, or vehicles in your neighborhood, follow your intuition and let us know by calling the non-emergency dispatch phone number at (714) 993-8164. As always, report life-threatening emergencies by calling 911.



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Weekly Update

A lot of great things happened this past week with your Placentia Fire and Life Safety. One of the highlights was being a part of the Broadmoor Community's emergency safety meeting. Paramedics and Firefighters reviewed sidewalk CPR with them, along with first-aid techniques, and how to sign up for Community Connect. Community Connect lets you help Fire personnel as they respond to emergencies at your home.



Crews were also out training with their new wood ladders. Both fire engines are outfitted with wood ladders. There is also a plan to outfit the fire truck with wood ladders. Wood ladders do not conduct electricity and are much safer for firefighters as they respond to emergencies.



Lynch EMS Crew of the Month

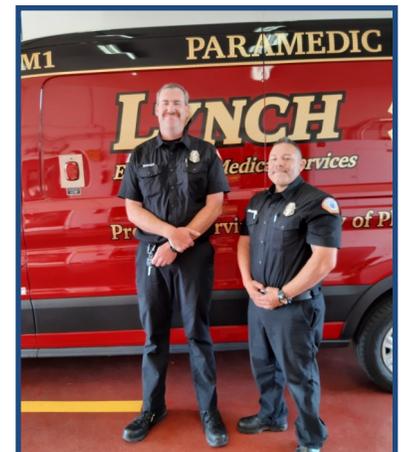
Louie Grijalva and Bostick Michael of Station #2 A Shift are this month's Crew of the Month!

Louie and Bostick have been partnered together since Lynch EMS began 911 Paramedic services for the city. They both live locally and are busy dad's on their off time.

When they arrive at their 48-hour shift, their priority is to ensure their supplies are in working order and prepare for the station huddle before the day begins. They prioritize training during every shift and also work to keep up to date on the current paramedic protocols.

This crew was also involved with helping spotlight Placentia resident Mason Ochoa, who saved his little brother from drowning in October.

If you see this crew or another Lynch EMS crew, be sure to wave hello!





PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Organics Recycling, Are You in Compliance?

Under the State's Mandatory Organic Waste Recycling law (AB 1826), California businesses are required to reduce the amount of organics sent to landfills. Organics include both food scraps and yard debris. The State implemented this law to help achieve further reductions in statewide greenhouse gas emissions. The State's mandatory organics recycling program is phased in the following tiers:



| Tier | Effective Date | Requirements |
|------|----------------|---|
| 1 | April 2016 | Businesses & multi-family premises generating 8 cubic yards of organic waste per week |
| 2 | January 2017 | Businesses & multi-family premises generating 4 cubic yards of organic waste per week |
| 3 | January 2019 | Businesses & multi-family premises generating 4 cubic yards of solid waste (all garbage) per week |
| 4 | January 2021 | Businesses & multi-family premises generating 3 cubic yards of solid waste (all garbage) per week |

You can comply by taking the following actions:

- Separate your organic waste from your trash and subscribe to an organics recycling service with Republic Services
- Recycle food scraps on-site, or self-haul your food scraps to a recycling or composting facility
- Recycle your green waste, landscape, and pruning waste with a landscaping company (applies to multi-family complexes only).
- Donate edible food to a food bank or other food rescue organization:
 - Waste Not OC Coalition
 - Second Harvest of Orange County

You may be in compliance if:

- Contract landscaper removes landscape organics as part of their service and takes it to a composting facility for recycling.
- Food waste organics are back-hauled to a distribution center for recycling.
- Food waste is donated to a non-profit for distribution to those in need.

To ensure that your business is in compliance or implement a new recycling program, please contact Republic Services' Recycling Coordinator Julia Estrada at (714) 238-3355 or jestrada@republicservices.com.

For additional information, please visit placentia.org/ab1826 or visit [CalRecycle's website](http://CalRecycle.com).

For outreach and education materials, including signage for waste and recycling bins, see CalRecycle's [Education/Outreach Toolkit](#).



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upcoming New State Requirements for Organic Waste

Senate Bill (SB) 1383 was signed into California law in 2016 as part of the State's broader effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. SB 1383 requires the State to reduce organic waste disposal by 75% by 2025. Currently, organics comprise two-thirds of the waste disposed of in California landfills. Organic waste includes lawn and landscaping debris, wood and lumber, food, and fibers, such as paper and cardboard. The law also requires the state to increase edible food recovery by 20% by 2025. The goal of SB 1383 is to reduce methane emissions at landfills. Methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, is produced when organics break down in landfills. Landfills are the third-largest emitter of methane in the State of California. The SB 1383 regulations go into effect on January 1, 2022.



Meeting the requirements of SB 1383 will require the coordinated efforts of state and local governments, businesses, and residents. Planning is now underway across California to ensure that the needed programs and services are in place within the next year. These new requirements are going to change the way residents dispose of their solid waste and recyclables. Stay tuned for more information and upcoming changes to your trash and recycling services.

To learn more about SB 1383, please visit CalRecycle at <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp> or placentia.org/sb1383.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – March 26 – April 1, 2021

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Library News

EASTER EGGCITEMENT

Saturday, March 27, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Placentia Civic Center

Drive-thru line begins at All America Way entrance

www.placentialibrary.org/eggcitement

Join us for this “drive-thru” event for the whole family, with fun Spring treats and a picture with the Easter Bunny! Don’t forget your Easter basket! A special Thank You to our partners for making this possible for our community, the Placentia Library Friends Foundation, the City of Placentia, the Kiwanis Club of Placentia and the Placentia Rotary Club.

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Info: www.placentialibrary.org/services/passports

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Eggcitement
DRIVE-THRU!
 Free Admission!
 Saturday, March 27
 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 Placentia Civic Center
 411 E. Chapman Ave.
 Drive-thru line begins at All America Way entrance
 More Info: placentialibrary.org/eggcitement
 Generously sponsored by:
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Adult, Teen and Literacy Programs

ADULT & TEEN HANGAR TAKE AND MAKE: MACRAME WALL HANGING (APRIL KIT)

Pickup starting April 1, while supplies last

www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-diy-kits

Don't get it twisted... Macrame is much easier than it looks!



ADULT & TEEN HANGAR TAKE AND MAKE: PLANT-YOUR-OWN GREETING CARDS (APRIL PRE-ORDER)

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www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-kit-preorder

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LITERACY

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

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

First and Third Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This week: April 1

Zoom Virtual Meeting - www.placentialibrary.org/ptac

Virtual Children's Programs

SPRING INTO STEAM: HYDRAULIC ELEVATOR

Pickups began Friday, March 26 - limited supplies may be remaining

Program: Friday, April 2, 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.



VIRTUAL STORYTIMES

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

- Luna, Luna Bilingual Storytime is every other Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 - This week: March 31
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: April 1
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: March 27

SAVE THE DATE: SEASONAL CRAFTERNOONS

Craft Pickup Begins: Tuesday, April 13

Spring Storytime and Crafts – Join us for stories of the season and a special Spring craft, butterfly mobiles!

About Seasonal Crafternoons: We will celebrate the seasons with hands-on family-friendly stories, songs, and craft activities! Before each program, pick up free craft kits at library pickup. Craft kit pickup times are the week before each Crafternoon program. There is a limit of up to 3 Craft kits per family, and a Placentia Library card is required. Craft kits available while supplies last.