

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

Everyone age 16 and over in Orange County is now eligible for the vaccine. All COVID-19 vaccines currently available in the United States have been shown to be safe and effective at preventing COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines that are in development are being carefully evaluated in clinical trials and will be authorized or approved *only* if they make it substantially less likely you will get COVID-19. Based on what we know about vaccines for other diseases and early data from clinical trials, experts believe that getting a COVID-19 vaccine also helps keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Othena specialists with fluency in a variety of languages are taking calls on the COVID-19 Hotline daily from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to assist with questions related to the platform and app. For community members facing challenges accessing technology, our team can also assist with scheduling appointments at (714) 834-2000. 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 Placentia.

POD SITE SCHEDULE	Vaccine Type	Hours	Fri 4/23	Sat 4/24	Sun 4/25	Mon 4/26
Anaheim Convention Center Super POD*	Moderna	8 am – 5 pm	Open	Open	Open	Open
Disneyland Drive-Thru POD (ADA lanes only)	Moderna	8 am – 5 pm	Open	Open	Open	Open
Soka University Super POD	Pfizer	8 am – 5 pm	Open	Open	Open	Open
OC Fair & Event Center Super POD	Pfizer	8 am – 5 pm	Open	Open	Open	Open
Santa Ana College Community POD**	Pfizer	8 am – 5 pm (Mondays: 12 pm – 8 pm)	Open	Open	Open	Open

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 5/3/21 Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting
- 5/4/21 City Council Meeting
- 5/11/21 Planning Commission
- 5/12/21 Heritage Committee Meeting
- 5/20/21 Public Financing Authority: EIFD

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



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 navigate 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 additional 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, as compared to 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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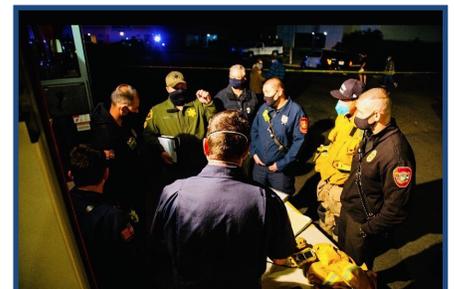
Fire and Life Safety Department Update (continued)

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 times 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.





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Mosquito Awareness Week

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District is participating in California Mosquito Awareness Week April 18-24th. As stay-at-home orders are loosened or lifted, mosquito experts encourage residents to protect themselves against mosquito bites and the spread of mosquito-transmitted viruses. To help prevent mosquito bites:

- Apply insect repellent containing EPA-registered active ingredients, including DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535, to clothes and exposed skin according to label instructions
- Dress in long sleeves and pants, especially if outside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes that can spread West Nile virus are most active
- Install screens on windows and doors and to keep mosquitoes out of your home
- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property, including flowerpots, old tires, buckets, pet dishes, and trash cans. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in very small amounts of standing water
- Repair leaking faucets and broken sprinklers that contribute to standing water around your home
- Clean rain gutters clogged with leaves

For more information, [click here](#).

Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The County of Orange has opened up the second application period for the Orange County Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program to provide funding assistance to households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications will be accepted until April 30, 2021, or until funding is exhausted. Eligible expenses are unpaid rent or utility bills due to COVID-19 impact only, not future rent or utility costs. You must meet income requirement. Households with one or more members currently experiencing unemployment for 90 days or more at the time of application and have an annual income at or below 80% Area Median Income (AMI) or household with an annual income at or below 50% AMI, regardless of employment status are eligible. To apply and find out more information, please visit <https://era.211oc.org/>.

Caltrans Seeking Input on an Active Transportation Plan

Caltrans District 12 is developing an active transportation plan for Orange County. The Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plan will identify opportunities to improve walking and biking on and across the State Highway System. The goal is to improve safety and access for people traveling throughout the County. Public input will play an important role in the outcome of the Plan.

Your feedback will help complete the picture and understand why certain connections, locations, and corridors are important to the community and the opportunities and challenges associated with them. Visit survey.catplan.org to take the online map survey. The survey will close on April 30th.

U.S. Small Business Administration Announces Restaurant Revitalization Fund

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is awarding funding through the Restaurant Revitalization Program to restaurants, bars, and other similar places of business that serve food or drink. The purpose of this funding is to provide support to eligible entities that suffered revenue losses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The SBA Orange County/Inland Empire District Office will host an informational webinar on Wednesday, April 28th, from 11:00 am to Noon. Register [here](#).



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Public Safety Telecommunications Week

The Placentia Public Safety Communications Center would like to thank everyone who helped them celebrate National Telecommunications Appreciation Week. Delicious meals and sweets were brought in from City Administration, the Placentia Police Department, Lynch Paramedics, the PPD Support Team, West Net, and the public.



The staff finished off the celebrations with a Flashback Friday and a Saturday Spectacular theme.



Some pictures of our Hawaiian Day and Superhero Day from Team 3:





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Caltrans Weekend Closures

The following closures will occur on Saturday, April 24:

- The State College Boulevard onramp to eastbound SR-91 will be closed from 3:30 am until 10 am for maintenance operation
- The eastbound SR-91 connector to southbound SR-57 will be closed from 4:30 am until 9:00 am for drainage cleaning
- The eastbound SR-91 connector to southbound SR-57 will be closed from 3:00 am until 8:00 am for guardrail repair

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 27th. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting the "Clinic Services" section at www.heart4pets.org. Pets will be treated in order of their arrival time. 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.

Whitten Community Center COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

In partnership with Providence St. Jude Medical Center, the City of Placentia will be hosting COVID-19 vaccine clinics every Tuesday through July 27th, from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm at the Whitten Community Center located at 900 S. Melrose Avenue. The clinics will operate by appointment only and will be for those 18 and over. Appointments can be scheduled through <https://myturn.ca.gov/>. Those who wish to be vaccinated at the Whitten Community Center location must choose "Providence-Whitten Community Center Clinic" when registering. Staff at the Whitten Community Center/Neighborhood Services Office is available to help make an appointment for anyone who does not have access to the internet. For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at the Whitten Community Center at (714) 986-2333 or [click here](#) to view the flyer.

Love Placentia Day of Service

The Love Placentia service day will take place this Saturday, April 24th, Love Placentia is a Service Day opportunity for anyone willing to serve in various service projects. This event encourages churches, local government, businesses, non-profits, and residents to partner together to better the community. The event will kick off with a virtual rally at 8:00 am. Projects will occur at various locations throughout the City from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. For more information, please visit www.loveplacentia.com.

Arbor Day Celebration

Please join us for a virtual Arbor Day Celebration on Wednesday, April 28th at 5:00 pm. The City will celebrate its recently awarded Tree City USA Designation by planting six trees in the surrounding grassy areas of the Placentia Civic Center.

The virtual event will be streamed on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/placentiaca. For more information, please [click here](#) to view the event flyer.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Introducing the Newest Placentia Police Department Police Officers and Promotions

Please join us in congratulating our department's newest promotions and newest police officers:

Detective Sergeant Chris Anderson was promoted to Lieutenant. Lieutenant Anderson has been a police officer for the City of Placentia since 1999. He has worked on numerous assignments such as patrol, detective, K9 handler, motor officer, and SWAT team member. He was also the traffic bureau supervisor, K9 unit supervisor, department peer support coordinator, and detective bureau supervisor. Chris is the recipient of the Placentia Police Medal for Heroism and Police Unit Citation. Lieutenant Anderson earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Management from Union Institute and University.

Officer Michael Maccubbin was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Maccubbin has been a police officer for Placentia since 2009. He worked as a patrol officer, field training officer, member of the range training staff, Honor Guard team member, and SWAT team member. Michael is a three-time Life-Saving Award recipient, and he received the Placentia Police Medal for Heroism in 2019.

Officer Frank Garza was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Garza has been a police officer for the City of Placentia since 2013. He worked as a patrol officer, bike team member, Honor Guard team member, and motor officer. Frank was Placentia Police Department's Officer of the Year in 2020.

Daniel Huhn was sworn in as a police officer. Officer Huhn was a police cadet for the Placentia Police Department and worked in the Records Bureau and Traffic Bureau. He was hired as a Police Academy Trainee in 2020 and attended Golden West Police Academy. Officer Huhn graduated from the police academy on April 15, 2021. Officer Huhn earned a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Cal State Fullerton.

Daniel Lee was sworn in as a police officer. Officer Lee was a police cadet for the Placentia Police Department and worked in the Records Bureau and Traffic Bureau. He was hired as a Police Academy Trainee in 2020 and attended Golden West Police Academy. Officer Lee graduated from the police academy on April 15, 2021.

Samantha Wade was sworn in as a police officer. Officer Wade was a police dispatcher for the Placentia Police Department for almost two years. She was hired as a Police Academy Trainee in 2020 and attended Golden West Police Academy. Officer Wade graduated from the police academy on April 15, 2021.

Fabian Valdez was sworn in as a police officer. Officer Valdez came to the Placentia Police Department after working for the Pomona Police Department for approximately one year. He is a graduate of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Academy. Officer Valdez earned an Associate's degree in Social Behavioral Science from Mount San Antonio College and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Cal Poly Pomona.





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Weekly Update

This week Placentia Fire and Life Safety have been integrating the new reserve firefighters into the Placentia family. They were issued their uniforms, personal protective gear, and more. We are still in the process of hiring more reserve firefighters, and we are proud to say that the program has turned out to be a huge success. We have promoted several reserves to full-time status, and many others have been hired with other agencies based on their experience in Placentia.



Additionally, we want to remind our community about electrical fire safety in the home. Follow [these](#) electrical safety tips to help keep your home fire safe.

Lynch EMS Update

Congratulations to Alyssa for completing her paramedic internship with Placentia Medic 2! Alyssa attended the Saddleback College Paramedic Program, which requires active field training with experienced paramedics. We're honored to be a trusted source of education and mentorship for up-and-coming paramedics.





PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Expand the Forest Tree Planting

On Saturday, April 17th, the Mojave Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) held a ceremonial tree planting to commemorate members who passed away in 2019 and 2020. This is a long-standing tradition of the chapter to have an annual tree-planting ceremony to honor the service of their members. In 2020, the Mojave Chapter postponed this event due to COVID-19. This year, the chapter held its Annual Tree Planting Ceremony at Bradford Park in partnership with the City of Placentia.

The Mojave Chapter sponsored the planting of two (2) Chinese Pistache trees at Bradford Park through the City's Expand the Forest Program. This year the chapter honored the following Daughters: Kay Scheppele (1935-2019); Joyce Blodget (1934- 2020); Edys McIntosh (1928-2020); Jean Sabo (1950-2020); Muriel Bragdon (1940-2020); and Virginia Stoops (1926-2021). The ceremony included remarks by Councilmember Ward Smith, representatives from the Mojave Chapter, and family members of the Daughters who passed away. The NSDAR is a service organization dedicated to patriotism, education, and historic preservation. Membership is open to women over the age of 18 who are lineal descendants of patriots of the American Revolutionary War.

The City's Expand the Forest Program provides residents and community groups with an opportunity to purchase and dedicate a tree to commemorate a loved one or special event. Planting a tree in a City Park is a special way to honor a loved one and provide a gift to the whole community by expanding the City's Urban Forest. The cost to purchase and plant a tree will be funded by the tree sponsor and is based on the City's current contract price for 24-inch box trees. The current cost is \$280 for an Expand the Forest tree. Residents can 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 on the Expand the Forest Program, contact the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8148 or urbanforest@placentia.org.





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

New Business 'Urban Location Boba Tea' is Now Open

Urban Location is now open at 606 W. Chapman Avenue, located in the same plaza as Northgate Market and Little Caesar's Pizza. Urban Location currently has two other locations in the cities of Garden Grove and South Gate. It offers a variety of milk tea flavors such as Brown Sugar Milk Tea, Jasmine Milk Tea, and Thai Tea, with the choice of additional toppings including boba, pudding, and lychee jelly. There are many fruit-flavored teas, including mango tea, passion fruit tea, and kiwi tea. It is also the perfect place for students to study and enjoy boba since free Wi-Fi and free printing are available. Be sure to stop in and try out one of their delicious boba teas. The store hours are from 11:00 am – 11:00 pm daily. A link to their website is here: <https://www.urban-location.com/hours-location>.

New Business 'Sham-Paws Self-Serve Dog Wash' is Now Open

Sham-Paws, a new self-serve dog wash business, is now open. It is located at 909 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard, Suite J, in the same plaza as Kelly's Korner Tavern. Sham-Paws offers do-it-yourself pet washtubs and they supply everything from shampoos, conditioners, towels, brushes, and state-of-the-art dryers to allow for a hassle-free dog washing experience. Their hours of operation are Mondays from 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Fridays from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. You can also purchase a variety of pet products on their website, including dog toys, dog treats, and cat toys. A link to their website is here: <https://sham-paws.com/> and a link to their Facebook page is [here](#).

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – April 23-29, 2021

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Library News



New Children's Fiction books!

WE'RE OPEN!

We're open for in-person browsing and checkout, passports, computer access, curbside pickup, virtual programs & more! **Face masks and social distancing are required.**

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.

Passports are processed from 10am-4pm or until we reach capacity, whichever comes first. In periods of high demand, it is possible we will reach capacity before the library opens. Standing in line does not guarantee or indicate we will be able to process your passport. Thank you for your understanding.

Adult, Teen and Literacy Programs

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.

ADULT & TEEN HANGAR TAKE AND MAKE KITS

Every month, we'll have a different kit available with all the supplies you'll need for that month's project. Pick up your kit from the library, watch the tutorial on the Hangar's YouTube playlist at home, and make your creation! Adult and Teen events in the Hangar are open to makers ages 14 and up. Kits will be available the first (open) day of each month, one kit per library card and while supplies last.



Want us to save you a kit? Preorder yours in advance at www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-kit-preorder

Missed the preorder dates? Not to worry we always make a few extra on a first come first serve basis

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

GREEN UP YOUR CLEAN UP

Supply Kit and Virtual Presentation

Kit pickup April 22-24, video available April 24

Supply kit preorder list is full. Pickup details will be emailed to confirmed participants.

This spring are you ready to try green cleaning products to naturally clean your home without unpleasant chemical residue left behind? Transitioning to green cleaning may sound challenging but it's not. Let the Placentia Library help you discover a new way to clean. www.placentialibrary.org/green

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

First and Third Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Next meeting: May 6
Zoom Virtual Meeting - www.placentialibrary.org/ptac

VOLUNTEER AT THE LIBRARY

Now accepting new volunteers!
Please visit www.placentialibrary.org for more info.

THE BUZZ ON BEES

Supply Kit and Virtual Presentation

Presentation: Saturday, May 22, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Kit preorders begin April 23

Join us for a presentation from the Orange County Beekeepers Association as they discuss the life and decline of honeybees, and how important bees are to our environment. They will also discuss creating a sustainable and welcoming bee environment. Participants will have the opportunity to sample honey and create a mini bee garden. Must have Adult or Teen library card. Orders available beginning Friday, April 23. Kit pick up May 20-22, details will be emailed to confirmed participants. Limit 1, while supplies last.

Virtual Children's Programs

SAVE THE DATE:

SPRING INTO STEAM: LOOM WEAVING

Supply Kit and Facebook Live

Pickups begin Friday, April 30

Program: Friday, May 7, 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. on Facebook Live

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. *Intended for ages 8-12.*

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: April 28
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: April 29
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: April 24



Library Services

E-BOOKS AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

SCAN ME



Did you know your Placentia library card provides you FREE access to some of the best digital resources, apps and websites available today? Check out our resources page to find your digital library card perks. Connecting is as easy as a few clicks of your mouse.

Many of our databases are available through web or mobile apps.

Don't have a library card?
Apply for a Placentia Library card in-person at the library during open hours, or apply for a virtual card online.

Scan the QR code to start using our databases!

HIGHLIGHTED DATABASE: OVERDRIVE/LIBBY (E-BOOKS, E-AUDIOBOOKS & MAGAZINES)

Download the app at www.libbyapp.com.

Your next book club pick, available now.

A collection of book covers and a smartphone. From left to right: 'Swimming Lessons' by Claire Fuller, 'The Burnt Girl' by Claire Fuller, a smartphone displaying 'Here Comes the Sun' by Nicole Dennis-Benn, 'Bitter Orange' by Claire Fuller, and 'Somadland' by Jessica Barker. The smartphone also shows a small circular icon with a book and a play button.

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