

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

The County will close its Super POD sites at the Anaheim Convention Center, OC Fair & Event Center, and Soka University, as well as the Santa Ana College POD, on June 6th and shift operations to an expanding network of robust mobile PODs.

To make COVID-19 vaccinations as convenient as possible, vaccinations are now available for both walk-in individuals (without appointments) and for those with confirmed appointments. A list of sites, hours of operation, and vaccine information can be found at www.COVIDVaccineFacts.com or by calling the County’s COVID-19 hotline at (714) 834-2000.

Community members who need a ride to a County of Orange Super POD site to be vaccinated against COVID-19 can receive assistance through the OC COVID-19 Hotline at (714) 834-2000.

The Orange County Health Care Agency can provide at-home COVID-19 vaccinations for Orange County community members who are:

- Only able to be transported by ambulance or stretcher
- On a ventilator
- Have severe behavioral challenges and cannot leave their home

Call the Orange County COVID-19 Hotline at (714) 834-2000 for more information.

City of Placentia Mobile Vaccination Clinic

In partnership with the County of Orange and the Placentia Yorba Linda School District (PYLSD), the City of Placentia will be hosting a COVID-19 Vaccination Mobile POD on May 22nd. Vaccinations will be offered from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the PYLSD Headquarters located at 1301 East Orangethorpe Avenue.

Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson will all be offered. Interested parties may go to www.othena.com to register for the event. The City of Placentia is also taking names of residents who do not have access to a computer and will enter them into the reservation system.

Please call (714) 986-2333 should you need assistance registering. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

5/18/21	City Council Meeting
6/1/21	City Council Meeting
6/7/21	Veterans Advisory Committee
6/8/21	Planning Commission Meeting
6/9/21	Heritage Committee Meeting

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Street Sweeping Notification

Street sweeping enforcement will resume June 1st. Enforcement had been previously suspended due to COVID-19. Please remember to move your vehicle on your neighborhood's assigned date and time.

Older Americans Month Virtual Town Hall: Fighting Back Fraud and Scams

California Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara, Director of California Health Advocates Micki Nozaki, and the Senior Medicare Patrol Project will host a virtual town hall in honor of Older Americans Month called "Fighting Back Fraud and Scams." They will give you the tools to fight back and protect yourself against fraud and scams directed toward seniors.

The event will take place on Thursday, May 20th from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Please [click here](#) to register.

First Responders Recognition Breakfast

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce is honored to host its annual First Responders Recognition Breakfast on Thursday, May 20th, from 7:30 am - 9:00 am in Old Town Placentia.

Due to lingering COVID-19 restrictions, we are changing our usual venue to outdoors to stay as safe as possible. Please join us in honoring the local heroes representing our Police Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, and Emergency Services. They protect and serve us every day and especially this last year during COVID-19.

[Click here](#) for the invitation. [Click here](#) for sponsorship opportunities.

Southern California Edison Free Battery Program

All Californians need to be prepared for potential power outages, especially those who rely on electricity for medical devices and equipment and live in a high fire risk area.

Southern California Edison's (SCE) Medical Baseline customers can now have greater peace of mind with a clean, portable backup battery, with renewable charging from an accompanying solar panel, through the utility's [Critical Care Backup Battery Program](#).



Customers who may be eligible for the Critical Care Backup Battery Program must:

- Live in high fire risk areas
- Be enrolled in the Medical Baseline Program
- Be enrolled in an income-qualified program, such as California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) or Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA)

To learn more about rebates and incentives for portable power solutions, including the Critical Care Backup Battery Program, visit [sce.com/customerresources](https://www.sce.com/customerresources).

Customers who are not enrolled in an income-qualified program can learn more about applying by visiting [sce.com/careandfera](https://www.sce.com/careandfera).



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 **May 24th**. 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.

Water Safety Drive-Thru Event

In partnership with Stop Drowning Now, the City of Placentia will host a Water Safety Drive Through Event at the Placentia Civic Center parking lot on Saturday, May 22nd, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. The event will feature water safety information booths focusing on identifying dangers in and around the pool, a Reach, Throw, Don't Go demonstration, distribution of "Water Watcher" tags, and a hands-on CPR demonstration. All CDC COVID-19 safety protocols will be enforced. Participants will be asked to remain in their vehicles and wear a face covering while collecting water safety information. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Community Drive-Thru Shred Event

The City of Placentia invites you to participate in a free community Drive-Thru Shred Event on Saturday, June 12th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Placentia Civic Center, 401 East Chapman Avenue.

Shredding documents can help prevent fraud and identity theft. Placentia residents and businesses are invited to have their confidential documents destroyed on-site for free by Shred-It. A maximum of four (4) banker box-sized containers will be accepted from each household or business location in Placentia.

No electronic items, hazardous materials, or business e-waste will be accepted at this event. At this contactless drive-thru event, we ask that all participants stay in their vehicles and have their shred items packaged in a bag(s) or box(es) in their back seat or trunk.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8148.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Public Hearing on Sewer Rate Adjustment

On Tuesday, July 6, 2021, the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider increases to the City's sewer service rates. The City Council held study sessions on March 16 and April 20, 2021, to review the study and proposed rates. On May 4, 2021, the City Council adopted Resolution No. R-2021-20 and directed Staff to initiate the Proposition 218 proceedings and set the public hearing date to consider the proposed rates.

Background on Proposed Sewer Rates

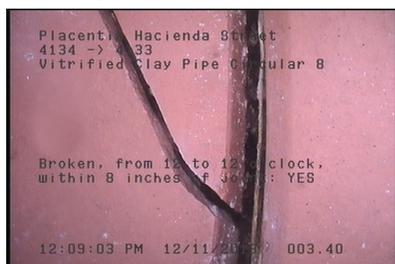
The City operates and maintains 84 miles of gravity sanitary sewer pipelines that serve most parcels within the 6.6 square mile City limits. Operations, maintenance, and repair activities include sewer line cleaning, root removal, manhole maintenance and repair, sewer line video inspection, and sewer lateral maintenance, repair, and replacement. The City's wastewater collection system conveys untreated wastewater to Orange County Sanitation District's (OCSD) trunk sewer system via 35 separate connections. OCSD conveys, treats, and disposes of the City's wastewater flows via OCSD treatment plants. The City is responsible for maintaining the gravity sanitary sewer pipelines within its limits.

In 2005, the City Council adopted a sanitary sewer fee via Ordinance No. 2005-04 and established the Sewer Enterprise Fund to meet the increased costs and comply with State regulations. Currently, Placentia residents and businesses connected to the City's sewer system pay a monthly sewer fee via their monthly water bill. Yorba Linda Water District and Golden State Water Company collect this monthly sewer fee on behalf of the City. The revenue collected for these helps fund the operation and maintenance of the City's sewer system. All revenue and expenditures related to the sewer services provided by the City are contained in the Sewer Enterprise Fund, which is separate from the City's General Fund.

The City has not adjusted the sewer rates in 16 years since the rates were adopted in March 2005, even though the costs associated with maintaining the City's sewer system continue to rise. Financially, the City's sewer system is operated as a self-supporting enterprise that relies on revenues from sewer rates to fund the cost of providing service. The sewer rates collected from property owners generate the revenue to operate and maintain the system and invest in necessary replacements and upgrades.

During the last two (2) fiscal year reviews of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, the City's Financial Audit Oversight Committee has noted that the Fund has a structural deficit. The Committee also stated that the City should take actions to ensure there are sufficient funds to administer the City's sewer system properly.

The City recently completed the 2020 Sewer Cost Recovery Rate Study (Study) and develop a financial plan that guides investment in the sewer sanitary system over the next five years. The Study recommends implementing an updated sewer service fee structure that includes two (2) separate fees: maintenance fee and capital fee. The maintenance fee will fund the operating and maintenance costs of the sewer system. The capital fee will fund sewer replacement, rehabilitation, and capacity enhancement improvements through a series of capital projects necessary to replace and upgrade the sewer system.





PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Public Hearing on Sewer Rate Adjustment (continued)

In 2018, the City completed a Sewer Master Plan and identified \$15.9 million in needed rehabilitation and capacity improvement projects. The City's sewer system is aging, and the majority of it is constructed of vitrified clay pipe (VCP) material. VCP is a fairly brittle pipe that is more prone to deterioration and leads to joint separation and cracks in the pipe.

With the proposed rates, the City seeks to raise sufficient revenues to perform these needed capital improvements that will include relining of sewer pipes, replacing broken VCP pipes, and increasing capacity to meet the City's future needs.

Additional information regarding the basis for the public hearing, a proposed rate increase is outlined in the Study, staff reports, and supporting documents provided to the City Council for its meetings on March 16, April 20, and May 4, 2021, is available for public review at the City Website at: www.placentia.org/sewerrates. This webpage will be continually updated. For further information about the proposed rate increase, please contact the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8189.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Metro at Melrose Development

On May 11, 2021, the City of Placentia Planning Commission recommended approval to the City Council of a proposed transit-oriented multiple-family development at 207-209 W. Crowther Ave. The future apartments will be a mixed-use development consisting of 189 workforce housing units, 1,500 square feet (sf) of ground-floor retail space, a 1,500-square foot leasing office, and a parking structure, to be developed on a vacant city-owned site that once served as the site for the historic Placentia Orange Growers Association packing house. The site is approximately 2.13 acres and has the BNSF railway tracks to the north, West Crowther Avenue to the south, a city parking lot and pedestrian bridge to the east, and South Melrose Street to the west.



The development amenities include two landscaped courtyards containing barbeques, picnic tables, benches, a children's play structure, a fitness room, and a community room.

As currently proposed, the 189 workforce housing units will be comprised of a mixture of one-bedroom (135 quantity) and two-bedroom (54 quantity) units that are designed into 13 different plan types. The unit sizes will measure between 572 sf and 840 sf. The "A" plan types will contain one bedroom and one bathroom, and the "B" plan types will have two bedrooms and one bath. The proposed residential units will be offered as workforce housing rental units. See the following table for the breakdown of workforce housing units proposed for the development.

Workforce Housing Units		
189 Total Apartments (includes 2 Manager Units)		
Area Median Income (AMI):	# of Units	Rent Range
80%	101	\$ 1765 - \$ 2422
60%	24	\$ 1513 - \$ 1816
50%	24	\$ 1261 - \$ 1513
30%	34	\$ 756 - \$ 908

The Placentia City Council will consider this project at the May 18, 2021 meeting. The City Council meeting will begin at 7:00 pm in the Placentia City Council Chambers. More information about the project can be found at the development website: <https://metroatmelrose.com/>.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Police Week

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15th as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that day falls as National Police Week. National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. During the week of May 9th through May 15th, please join the men and women of the Placentia Police Department in honoring those law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.



At the May 4, 2021, City Council meeting, Mayor Craig Green signed a proclamation that stated that the City Council of the City of Placentia recognizes May 9-15 as National Police Week. During National Police Week, the Placentia Police Department also remembers Detective Joey Little, Detective Phil Bush, and Lieutenant Ken Alexander. Detective Little, Detective Bush, and Lieutenant Alexander all made the ultimate sacrifice.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Weekly Update

Placentia Fire and Life Safety accomplished a lot this past week. Your firefighters have been training the probationary firefighters by practicing hose operations, forcible entry, and ventilation. Firefighters and paramedics, on average, spend a minimum of 4-6 hours on training per shift. This is in addition to responding to emergencies, providing public education, and fire prevention.



On behalf of the Placentia Fire and Life Safety, we would like to thank the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Support team. They recently donated cases of fitness drinks to the Bradford and Valencia stations. Our crews are very grateful for all of the support!

Finally, we are gearing up for an upcoming training in what is called "Firefighter Stand-Down." Fire departments across the nation are advised to pause and suspend all non-emergency activities during the week of June 20th - 26th. During this week, firefighters focus on training in the areas of mental health, rehab, cancer awareness, and suicide prevention.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

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Library News

HIGHLIGHTED SECTION: TEEN FICTION AND MANGA

Hey, Teens! Check out our fiction and manga section for these and more books, or visit our online catalog at www.bit.ly/placentialib.

Looking to get started reading manga? Start with *The Way of the Househusband*, it follows an ex-yakuza boss who retires from crime to become a househusband. This action/comedy Manga has been adapted to an Anime series available on Netflix!



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

PASSPORTS

Passports are processed Tuesday - Saturday 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.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. Info: www.placentialibrary.org

Adult, Teen and Literacy Programs

ADULT & TEEN HANGAR TAKE AND MAKE: MAKE YOUR OWN GREETING CARD (MAY KIT)

Pickup began May 1, while supplies last – supplies may be limited

Make your own paper, and plant it too! These greeting cards will really grow on you.

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



Take & Make May 1: Plant Your Own Greeting Card

Pick up your kit, watch the tutorial at home, and make your creation!

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.

LITERACY RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

Thursday, May 20, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Come celebrate with us! It will be an unforgettable evening to celebrate our adult literacy students' accomplishments, as well as a chance to recognize our dedicated literacy tutors who support their adult learner's reading and writing skills. All are welcome to attend this very special event. Registration is required to receive the Zoom Meeting link. To register, email literacy@placentialibrary.org or call (714) 528-1906 ext. 214.



PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

First and Third Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This week: May 20

Zoom Virtual Meeting - www.placentialibrary.org/ptac

Virtual Children's Programs

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.
 - Next storytime: May 26
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - On break until June 3
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - On break until June 5

Library Services

E-BOOKS AND ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

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 or visit www.placentialibrary.org/databases/

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