

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

American Legion Honors Long-Time Member

Placentia resident Antonio Rangel was recently honored for his years of service as an active member of American Legion Post 277 in Placentia. The American Legion Post 277 building on Bradford Avenue is now named the Antonio “Tony” Rangel Hall. Mayor Craig Green and Councilmember Rhonda Shader were in attendance and presented Mr. Rangel with a Certificate of Recognition for his long time community service to the American Legion Post 277.

Tony served in the United States Army, I Company, 505th Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean War.



Council Member Rhonda Shader Honored by Lincoln Club

The Lincoln Club of Orange County recently honored Council Member Rhonda Shader with their first-ever Lincoln Club Impact Award.

The Lincoln Club stated that Council Member Shader leads as a distinguished example of an exemplary public servant with devotion to community efforts benefitting Orange County families and beyond.

Congratulations, Council Member Rhonda Shader!



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 7/20/21 City Council Meeting
- 8/2/21 Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8/10/21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 8/11/21 Heritage Committee Meeting
- 9/6/21 Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

COVID-19 Vaccines

Vaccines are one of our most powerful tools against COVID-19. Getting vaccinated is safe, free and saves lives. Visit www.COVIDVaccineFacts.com for the most up-to-date information in Orange County.

If you are interested in getting a COVID-19 vaccine, please visit www.othena.com or www.MyTurn.ca.gov to schedule an appointment.

Placentia's Journey to a Sustainable Digital Future

SiFi Networks is funding, building, and operating this citywide, open access, 10 gig enabled fiber network under its FiberCity® brand. Placentia FiberCity® will not only deliver superfast fiber internet speeds to all homes and businesses in the city, but it will be the backbone for economic development. It will also digitally sustain the city, enabling smart city application and a citywide infrastructure footprint that closes the digital divide.



SiFi Networks has contracted Lat Long Infrastructure (LLI) LLC, to deploy the network. LLI are specialists in microtrench technology, the method used to deploy all of SiFi Networks' FiberCities®. Utilized for its minimally invasive, precise, fast, and efficient attributes, it only requires one lane closure on a street, reducing the impact on the city and its community.

Renowned internet service provider GigabitNow will deliver all home and business internet services to the city and prides itself on the ultimate internet experience with 24-hour customer service focused on providing the best internet possible. You can pre-register now for service at www.gigabitnowplacentia.com.

To ensure the community is well informed on the citywide project, SiFi is deploying their Taco Truck for a weekly Eat and Greet event! While enjoying a free Taco courtesy of Placentia FiberCity®, powered by SiFi Networks, residents and businesses can meet their internet service provider GigabitNow as well as the SiFi team, allowing them to ask any questions they have on construction, the project, and the services they can expect to receive on the network, all while enjoying a free taco.

The truck will be out every Wednesday from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm and will follow the construction route. Keep a close eye on the Placentia FiberCity® social media pages to see when the truck is in your neighborhood. For more information, visit www.PlacentiaFiberCity.com.

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 is **Tuesday, July 27th**. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting the "Clinic Services" section at www.heart4pets.org.



Pets will be treated in the 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.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Movies and Concerts in the Park are Back this Summer!

The Summer Movies and Concerts series are back! Movies will be held at the Champions Sports Complex, 505 Jefferson St. The next movie will be on Friday, July 23rd, and will feature Disney's Raya and the Last Dragon. Movies begin at dusk, and participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for comfortable viewing.

A local nonprofit, LOT318, will be onsite selling drinks and snacks. Also, free glow necklaces will be distributed to all children in the audience. The Movies in the Park are free and will be held on July 23rd, August 6th, August 20th, and September 3rd. The Summer Movies series is hosted in partnership with Republic Services. The City of Placentia thanks our sponsor Republic Services for making this event possible. For more information, please visit www.placentia.org/movies.

In addition to the Summer Movies series, Concerts in the Park is back at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd. The second Concert will be held on July 29th and will feature Upstream, specializing in the sounds of steel drum, reggae, and calypso. The Concerts series is hosted in partnership with the Placentia Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission. The Concert will begin at 6:30 pm, and admission is free. In addition, light snacks and dinner options will be available for purchase. The Concerts will be held on July 29th and August 26th. For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Fourth District Kids Fishing Derby

Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee's Office will be hosting a Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, August 7th at Carbon Canyon Regional Park from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

Heritage Festival Vendor Applications Now Available!

The 56th Annual Placentia Heritage Festival and Parade will return this fall! The event will be held on Saturday, October 9th. The event begins at 7:00 am with a pancake breakfast. The festivities at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd., will start at 10:00 am and include family games, inflatables, food booths, crafters, home-based businesses, a business expo, and a variety of nonprofit displays. The event will also feature the 34th Annual Heritage Festival Car Show.



Vendor applications are now available on the City's website; please [click here](#) to view the 2021 Heritage Festival applications. For more information, please call the Placentia Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

July is National Vehicle Theft Prevention Month

Protect your vehicle from theft! In the United States, a car is stolen every 43.8 seconds, and nationally, nearly 44% of stolen vehicles are not recovered.

Prevent vehicle theft by parking in well-lit areas, put away valuables, lock your car and close all windows, do not leave your keys in your car, and never leave your vehicle unattended while it is running.

For more information on vehicle theft prevention, please visit www.NHTSA.gov/theft.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event

The public is invited to attend a FREE Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention Event. All participants will have their catalytic converter etched with a unique identifying number. This etching will act as a theft deterrent and will provide law enforcement with valuable information should it be stolen and later located during subsequent investigations. Registration is required; please register [here](#). This program will go through July 17th. You will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions upon registering.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Placentia Fire and Life Safety Update

Over the last week, Placentia Fire and Life Safety completed the second Captain's promotional exam. Successful candidates are gearing up for the two-week officer's academy, where they will review employee relations, firefighter safety, emergency simulations, and much more.

We also had a chance to visit the Blessed Sacrament school and show off our tools and equipment to the students and teach them about fire safety. The students tried on the firefighters' gear, used the fire hose, and practiced "Stop, Drop, and Roll."

Recently, we've had a surge in vegetation fires around the City. Your Placentia Firefighters have responded quickly and extinguished the fires, and fortunately, no civilians or firefighters have been injured. Additionally, the Placentia Police Department apprehended a suspect in relation to these events, and the investigation is ongoing.

This year during the 4th of July, there were no significant incidents involving fireworks. On behalf of the Placentia Fire & Life Safety, we want to thank the citizens of Placentia for refraining from lighting fireworks.



Lynch EMS Community Outreach

This past week Lynch EMS joined the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department at Blessed Sacrament Children's Learning Center. Lynch personnel showed the children inside their vehicles, taught them how to use some of their equipment, and talked about safety and first aid. Everyone enjoyed the experience! Special thank you to Blessed Sacrament for welcoming us.





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Village Plaza Center Phase II

In December 2019, the City of Placentia Planning Commission approved a façade rehabilitation project for the "Village Plaza" retail shopping center that will remodel all the aging buildings with new architecture, including various hardscape and landscape improvements. The revitalization project includes newly upgraded building façades, outdoor dining areas, and a new drive-through associated with a new casual dining restaurant. Spanish Contemporary architectural design elements will also be added to beautify and add interest to the buildings. In addition, project features will include new light fixtures for brighter lighting throughout the plaza, large concrete planters with seating along pedestrian walkways, and additional shade structures and awnings to make the public spaces more inviting and provide comfortable access to retail spaces. This is the second phase of improvements to the shopping center, Phase I (Starbucks, Chipotle, Pizza Rev) was completed in 2019.



Construction is underway with exterior framing erected on the two eastern-most buildings to create the enhanced façade and tower features for the shopping center's Spanish Contemporary architectural design theme. Construction will occur in phases for each of the four remaining buildings to prevent disruption to the operations of the existing businesses. The shopping center remodel is anticipated to be completed in the first quarter of 2022. Contact the Development Services Department to receive any updates on the project's status at (714) 993-8124.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – July 16-22, 2021

Follow us on social media!

Instagram: @placentialib

Facebook: Placentia Library

WE'RE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Passport Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Summer Fun at Your Library!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM!

Summer Reading is Magical!

June 26 – August 5

For all ages!

Info: www.placentialibrary.org/summer

Grand prizes include a Nintendo Switch Lite, Razor Electric Scooter, Harry Potter gift basket, Cricut Explore Air 2, GoPro Hero 7 and more!



ADULT DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOM

June 26 - August 5

www.placentialibrary.org/harry-potter-escape-room

The magic begins on June 26. Get yourself to Hogwarts, discover secrets, learn how to cast spells and much, much more! Pass your OWLs and you will be entered to win Harry Potter Cookie Cutters, Harry Potter Trivial Pursuit, or a Marauder's Map Blanket!



WACKY WEDNESDAYS!

- This week: *Out of the Hat Storytime: Wednesday, July 21, 2 p.m. on Facebook Live – Craft kits may have all been picked up for this week's program*
- *Kit pickup for The Magic of Science Storytime begins Wednesday, July 21*

Join us for these special Wacky Wednesday programs on Facebook Live for stories and crafts!

Craft pickups begin the week before each program. There is a limit of up to 3 kits per family; a Placentia Library card is required. Kits available while supplies last.

www.placentialibrary.org/wacky-wednesdays



Adult, Teen and Literacy Programs

HOW TO BE SAFE AND SECURE ONLINE

Saturday, July 17, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Did you know that the FBI.gov website reports that in 2019 individuals and businesses lost \$3.5 billion due to internet crimes? Just in California alone, cybercriminals stole more than half a billion dollars from over 50,000 victims. Do you want to be safe and secure while using the internet? Join this live webinar to learn from Andrew M., a local IT professional about social networking safety, device safety, signs of online scams, protecting your personal information, and navigating safely in the cyber world.

ZOOM MEETING

How to be Safe and Secure Online

Saturday, July 17, 2-3 pm
Zoom Info: placentia.library.org/safe-online



ADULT & TEEN HANGAR TAKE AND MAKE JULY PICKUP: COFFEE WATERCOLOR

Pickup began July 12, while supplies last

Before you pour out your morning joe, give this watercolor painting a go! Ages 14+, more info at <https://www.placentia.library.org/take-and-make-diy-kits>



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.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: August 5 in the Community Meeting Room

www.placentia.library.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. *This week: July 21*
- Sunshine Babies & Toddler Tales Storytime is Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. *This week: July 22*
- Rise and Shine Storytime is Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. *This week: July 17*

Ebooks, Digital Resources & More

DIGITAL RESOURCES & DATABASES

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 at

<https://placentia.library.org/library-card>

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Check out items such as bounce houses, sewing machines, laptops, hotspots, and much more! Free two-week checkout. Learn more at www.placentia.library.org/library-of-things

