

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

2021 Taste of Placentia

Come out and enjoy the warm summer night with live music and samples from local restaurants and breweries while also meeting local businesses. Guests can expect great food, drinks, and fun for the entire family. The 2021 Taste of Placentia will be held on Thursday, August 19th from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Tri-City Park. The event will feature live music by The Hodads from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Please feel free to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets. DJ Slim Dee will also be playing music in the event area throughout the evening. Tickets are \$25 presale and \$30 at the door for adults; \$10 for kids 3-10 presale and \$15 at the door. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.TasteofPlacentia.com.

Placentia FiberCity Eat and Greet

To ensure the community is well informed on the Placentia FiberCity 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. 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

Heritage Festival Vendor Applications Are 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 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 Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 7/29/21 Concerts in the Park
- 8/2/21 Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting
- 8/6/21 Movies in the Park
- 8/10/21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 8/11/21 Heritage Committee Meeting

For additional
information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Movies and Concerts in the Park are Back this Summer!

The next movie will be on August 6th and will feature Disney's 'Coco.' Movies begin at dusk, and participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for comfortable viewing. Movies in the Park are held at the Champions Sports Complex, 505 Jefferson Street. 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 August 6th, August 20th, and September 3rd.

The Summer Movies series is hosted in partnership with Republic Services. The City 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 North Kramer Boulevard. The final Concert will be held on August 26th and will feature the Darden Sisters, specializing in the sounds of Modern Americana. 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. For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Placentia is Accepting Applications for the New Blue-Ribbon Committee

The City of Placentia is accepting applications for a newly formed Blue-Ribbon Committee which will provide input and guidance for a proposed Senior/Community Center. The current Senior Center is housed in the former City Library, which is the Powell building. The Powell building is a 100-year-old building which is 4,732 sq. ft. with limited ability to provide programs for our Senior population. According to the census data, the City of Placentia's population is increasing with the 65 and older age group representing the largest demographic shift. The Senior age group has grown from 9.1% to 13.8% of the City's total population.

The Backs building which was built in 1970 and is 4,600 sq. ft. in size is the City's largest facility for special events, classes, community meetings and large community gatherings. When the building was built in 1970, Placentia's population was approximately 25,000 compared to today at approximately 53,000. The majority of our Senior population and other residents of all ages utilize our adjacent cities facilities for recreation programs and services. The City of Yorba Linda has a 28,000 sq. ft. Senior/Community Center and the City of Brea has a 51,000 sq. ft. Community Center compared to the City of Placentia's 4,732 sq. ft. Senior Center and lack of a Community Center. Based upon current and forecasted demographics, there is a significant lack of existing facilities that are adequate enough to handle current and future needs of the Placentia community. A dual-purpose facility with a minimum of 30,000 sq. ft. is needed to properly serve our seniors and residents of all ages.

At the City Council meeting of July 20, 2021, the City Council approved the potential of constructing a proposed multi-use Senior/Community Center and the formation of a Blue-Ribbon Committee. The formation of the Blue-Ribbon Committee will be comprised of one (1) resident from each Council district, one (1) resident from the Senior Advisory Committee, one (1) resident from the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission and two (2) City Council Members that will work with the Blue-Ribbon Committee and City Staff. Once the Blue-Ribbon committee is selected, the committee members will decide the meeting dates and frequency of meetings. The meetings will be opened to the public.

If you are interested in being considered as a Blue-Ribbon Committee Member, please complete and submit the application by Thursday, August 12. Please [click here](#) for the application.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Attempt to Identify/Locate



PLACENTIA POLICE DEPARTMENT



DARIN LENYI, Chief of Police

401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870

Vehicle Burglary Series – Attempt to Identify/Locate (Officer Safety)

BULLETIN DATE: 07/28/2021

DRs [Multiple]



ACTIVITY: Vehicle Burglary Series (Officer Safety)

LOCATIONS: 1240 Athens Ave, 1208 Naples Ave, 1536 Shenandoah St, 231 Gila Way, 1506 Potomac St, 219 Gila Way, 1225 Naples Ave

SUSPECT: Male, light skinned, beard, wearing a dark colored Los Angeles Dodgers baseball hat, glasses, a black hoodie, black pants, and blue and black Nike shoes.

DETAILS: On Tuesday, July 27, 2021, between approximately 0230 and 0330 hours, surveillance video showed the suspect pictured above either attempt to enter, or enter multiple vehicles parked on driveways at the locations listed above. No forced entry was evident. In one incident, a Glock 19 handgun was taken. In another incident, handgun magazines, handcuffs, a police baton, and other LAPD related items were taken. Due to the timeframe and locations of the incidents, the suspect may be using a vehicle that has not been seen on surveillance video. Please refer to the following DRs: 21-02907, 21-02909, 21-02912, 21-02913, 21-02917, 21-02918, and 21-02919.

If you have any information that might assist this investigation, please contact Placentia Police Department Detective J. Martinez at (714) 993-8270, or jomartinez@placentia.org.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Measure U Funded Street Resurfacing Project

On July 20, 2021, the City Council awarded a construction contract for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21 Roadway Rehabilitation Project. This Measure U funded project will repave more than 1.5 million square feet of pavement on Madison Avenue, Melrose Street, and Chapman Avenue as well as a number of collector and residential streets. In addition, damaged sidewalk panels within the project area will be removed and replaced, along with damaged concrete curb and gutter and replacement of all pavement striping and legends.

The entire project is estimated to be completed by November 2021. The City's contractor will begin mobilizing and performing the concrete improvements in late August. Actual construction of the road improvements is scheduled to start in mid-September and be completed by the beginning of November. The City made a significant effort to start and complete this project in the summer to minimize impacts to school traffic. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City was faced with delays during the engineering design and procurement phases. This combined with a shortage of construction materials and schedule conflicts for the contractor delayed the start date for the project.

The City understands that there will be inconveniences due to the construction of this project and will try to maintain access and minimize any expected lane closures and delays. Changeable message signs will be placed in the project vicinity before construction begins to notify residents of the dates and time of construction. During construction, "No Parking" signs will be posted in advance of work. Unexpected schedule changes may occur. The City will continue to provide future updates on this project to the community including upcoming traffic impacts and schedule changes.

The City appreciates the patience of residents while working on paving projects. Please visit www.placentia.org/measureu to review all of this year's Measure U funded projects. For more information about the City's current capital improvement projects, visit www.placentia.org/cip.

Citywide Traffic Safety Improvement Project

On July 20, 2021, the City Council awarded a construction contract for the Citywide Traffic Safety Improvement Project. The City received a grant in the amount of \$1,285,200 from the Cycle 9 Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to improve traffic safety at five (5) intersections throughout the City in 2018. The planned traffic safety improvements include signal hardware updates, the addition of protected left-turn signals, LED intersection safety lighting improvements, larger and more visible signal lenses, and other physical improvements to the roadway. This HSIP funded project will construct traffic improvements at the following City intersections, Chapman Avenue/Bradford Avenue, Bastanchury Road/Valencia Avenue, Kraemer Boulevard/Madison Avenue, Yorba Linda Boulevard/Palm Drive, and Yorba Linda Boulevard/Kraemer Boulevard

Due to long lead times for materials used on this particular project, the construction on the traffic safety improvements is slated to begin in October 2021.

Public Health Advisory from Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) has informed the City that flea-borne typhus has been reported in the City of Anaheim and/or Placentia. The exact location is not known due to patient confidentiality per Orange County Health Department. District staff will conduct inspections in the known surrounding areas. District literature will be distributed in the neighborhoods to notify residents.

More information about flea-borne typhus can be found online at www.ocvector.org/flea-borne-typhus. For further information, please visit www.ocvector.org or contact the District by phone at (714) 971-2421.



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Placentia Fire and Life Safety Meet the Chief

Fire Chief John Pono Van Gieson (Pono) came to Placentia with an impressive background in fire and military service.

Bringing over 33 years of experience in public safety to the City of Placentia, Chief Van Gieson has dedicated his career to the Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service in suburban Washington, D.C., rising through the ranks from Firefighter Paramedic, EMT Instructor, Hazardous Materials Technician, Station Commander, 911 Center Shift Supervisor, EMS Quality Assurance Officer, EMS Battalion Chief, Battalion Commander, Assistant State Fire Marshal, and Operations Shift Commander. His most recent assignment held was Executive Officer to the Operations Chief. In his previous position, he led a shift with over 350 personnel at 37 fire stations protecting a population of 1.2 million residents.



Summertime Water Safety

The Fire and Life Safety Department wants to remind you to always watch the water when children and adults are swimming. In these situations, every second counts. If your kids will be swimming this summer, be sure to designate a water watcher to help prevent drownings.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Business Spotlight—CA Succulent Garden Now Open!

CA Succulent Garden, a new plant shop in Placentia, is now open. It is located at 310 E. Orangethorpe Ave., Suite B, in the Orangethorpe Commerce Centre. CA Succulent Garden is a woman, minority owned business that was started in 2018 by a stay-at-home mom as an online Etsy store. It expanded to its current location in Placentia in July 2020. It offers a variety of indoor and outdoor plants that are not readily available in big box stores. CA Succulent Garden also provides plant leasing services to small businesses. The hours of operation are Monday through Saturday 11:00 am – 5:30 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. For more information about CA Succulent Garden, please visit their website by [clicking here](#). You can also visit their Facebook page [here](#).



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – July 30 – August 5, 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.

*Curbside Service available up to one hour before closing.

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!

Ends 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

Ends 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!

Virtual Children's Programs

STORYTIMES

- Rise and Shine storytime is Saturday, July 31, at 10 a.m. on Facebook Live
- Storytimes will be on break in August. We will be sharing more info soon about our storytimes in September!

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 AUGUST PICKUP: CUTE AS A BUTTON HARRY POTTER ART

Pickup begins August 3, while supplies last

Raise your wands (and your sewing needles)! This canvas art will have you practicing your sewing skills until the very end.! Ages 14+. More info at

<https://www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-diy-kits>



ADULT & TEEN HANGAR TAKE AND MAKE SEPTEMBER PREORDER: LIBRARY CARD HOLDER

Preorder beginning August 1

Never lose your library card again with this DIY Library Card Holder! This project will require a sewing machine, but you can always drop by the Hangar to use ours. Ages 14+.

More info at <https://www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-kit-preorder>



PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

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

This week: August 5 in the Community Meeting Room

www.placentialibrary.org/ptac

DIY LIP BALM

Supply Kit & Virtual Tutorial

Pickup Begins: August 14, while supplies last

Video tutorial will be posted on our YouTube

Ages 14-18 only. For more info, please visit

www.placentialibrary.org/lip-balm



Featured Library Services

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.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things

BOOK A LIBRARIAN

Need a little extra help with research or one-on-one help with a computer? Are you having trouble downloading an eBook or want a personal tour of the Library's resources? Reserve a free half-hour session with one of our librarians as they personally assist you with your reference and technology needs. This service is designed to offer dedicated, one-on-one, uninterrupted personal assistance scheduled at your convenience. This service can be done through Zoom. Contact the Information Desk or complete an online form at www.placentialibrary.org/book-librarian to schedule an appointment.

Save the Date

LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesdays, August 10th & 17th

Thursdays, August 12th & 19th

9am - 11am

Drive-Thru Pickup at Placentia Library

Drive-thru begins at the parking lot entrance off All America Way

Placentia Library is again pleased to partner with the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District for meals this summer at the library for children and teens ages 18 years old and younger!

Join us for free breakfast and lunches, available for drive-thru pick-up at Placentia Library. On Tuesdays, children and teens will receive a two-day pack which includes Breakfast and Lunch for Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursdays, children and teens will receive a three-day pack which includes Breakfast and Lunch for Thursday, Friday, and Monday. Children and teens 18 years old and younger must be present to receive meals. Meals are provided while supplies last. Grab & Go meals will need to be heated at home.

In addition to meals, build your back-to-school kit by coming each day to receive a school supply item and book, while supplies last.

