

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Military Banner Recognition Program

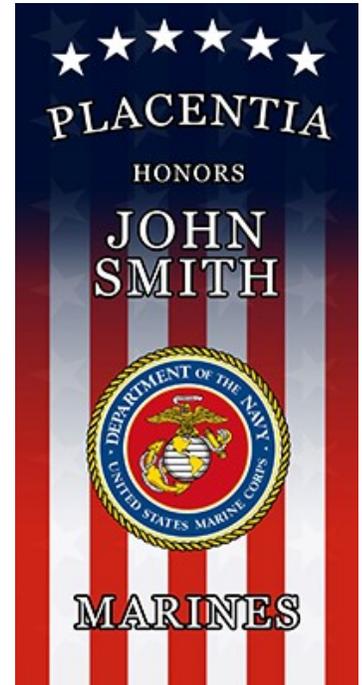
The Placentia Military Banner Recognition Program is now accepting applications for the 2021 installation. The program, known as Placentia "Hometown Heroes," honors and recognizes Placentia residents currently serving as an active-duty member in a full-time capacity in the United States Armed Forces. Branches of service include Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, and Navy. Honorees must have a current place of residence in Placentia, or have an immediate family member (parent, spouse, son, daughter, grandparents) residing in Placentia.

The banner will be installed along Kraemer Boulevard and Yorba Linda Boulevard based on the City's discretion and will remain on display for two years. The City will not be responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged, destroyed due to sun, weather, vandalism or any act of nature beyond our control such as high winds.

Upon the end of the display period, the banner will be given to the person named on the banner application.

Applications are currently being accepted through October 18, 2021, allowing time for the banners to be ordered and installed during the month of November. The cost to display each customized banner is \$260 and each service person is allowed one banner. Applications can be submitted to the Placentia Police Department.

If you have questions, please contact Denise Krizo, Senior Administrative Assistant at (714) 993-8211 or dkrizo@placentia.org. Please [click here](#) to view the application.



OCTA Youth Ride Free Program

Beginning in September, children ages 6 to 18 will be able to ride all OC Bus every day for free during a six-month promotion from the Orange County Transportation Authority. This is a great way for all kids to ride to school, work and play and is particularly valuable for high-school teens to help them access education and jobs as they enter the workforce.

The Youth Ride Free pass will be available in September and will work until February 28, 2022 on all of the clean, cool reliable fixed-route buses. For more information on this program, please [click here](#).

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 8/26/21 Concerts in the Park
- 9/3/21 Movies in the Park
- 9/6/21 Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting
- 9/7/21 City Council Meeting
- 9/8/21 Heritage Committee Meeting

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

County of Orange Redistricting Efforts

The County of Orange is in process of redistricting the County Supervisorial districts this summer. Redistricting is the regular process of adjusting the lines of voting districts in accordance with population shifts. The redistricting process is done every 10 years for local, state and federal governmental bodies by using updated Census data. The California Citizens Redistricting Commission is holding Community of Interest (COI) input meetings. At these meetings people can share their input on how they want lines drawn for Congressional Districts, Senate Districts, State Assembly Districts, and Board of Equalization Districts. The meetings are currently being held virtually and the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1st at 4:00 pm. For more information on how to participate, please [click here](#). Please note that Orange County is referred to as Zone J. You can also submit input via the online tool by visiting <https://drawmycacommunity.org/>.

Veterans Village One Year Anniversary and Plaque Dedication Ceremony

The City of Placentia, in partnership with the County of Orange, Mercy Housing California, and New Directions for Veterans, celebrated the one-year anniversary of the Placentia Veterans Village today. The celebration included the unveiling of a new plaque at the entrance of the facility, as well as a new “Welcome Home” sign at the entrance to the facility.

Another part of the one-year celebration included renaming the Community Room the “Craig S. Green Community Room.” Upon visiting the El Monte Veterans Village, Mayor Green was inspired to work with the Placentia City Council and City Staff to bring this Veterans Village to Orange County. He continues to champion and raise donations from various organizations to help support the residents of the Placentia Veterans Village. This community room is dedicated in his honor for his unwavering contributions and dedication toward this development.



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, call Community Services at 714) 993-8232.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Applications for New Blue-Ribbon Committee Extended

The City has extended the deadline for applications for the 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, 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. Yorba Linda has a 28,000 sq. ft. Senior/Community Center and Brea has a 51,000 sq. ft. Community Center compared to 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 July 20, 2021 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the potential of constructing a proposed multi-use Senior/Community Center and the formation of a Blue-Ribbon Committee. 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 Committee is selected, committee members will decide the meeting dates and frequency of meetings. Meetings will be opened to the public. If you are interested in the Blue-Ribbon Committee, complete and submit the application by Tuesday, August 31st. [Click here](#) for the application.

Fall 2021 Recreation Class Registration

Fall programs registration will begin online at 12:01 am on Monday, August 30th and will be available in person from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm at City Hall, 401 E. Chapman Ave. Sports programs, virtual classes, science camps, Tiny Tot Kindergarten Readiness, and music and art classes will all be offered this fall. All classes are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. To browse the Placentia Palm Quarterly for available classes and programs, [click here](#). Complete your registration online by visiting www.placentia.org/classes. For more information, contact (714) 993-8232.

Gazebo Replaced at Parque de Los Vaqueros

In May 2021, the City Council approved the Placentia Parks Initiative. This initiative establishes a significant capital investment into the City's parks and open spaces by improving and renovating aging park infrastructure and amenities over the next two fiscal years. The gazebo at Parque de Los Vaqueros needed to be removed and was identified as an amenity to be replaced as part of the Parks Initiative. This week, the new gazebo was delivered and installed at the park. The new gazebo is the same size and located in the same area as the pre-existing structure. It is vinyl coated, making it much more durable and less susceptible to inclement weather than the previous structure. The City is excited to bring this amenity back to the park and looks forward to improving other Placentia parks. For more information on the Placentia Parks Initiative, contact (714) 993-8232.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Back to School Safety Month

August is Back to School Safety Month, and as Placentia children head back to school next week, here are a few tips for parents and caregivers to keep in mind for the upcoming school year:

- Plan your route ahead of time.
- Always keep an eye out for children, especially around drop-off and pick-up areas.
- Plan out the safest route for your children if they walk or ride their bicycle to school. Teach them about traffic signs and signals.
- Always buckle up.



No matter how your children get to school, it is vital that everyone avoids distractions, follows the posted speed limit around schools, and takes other safety precautions to ensure that the upcoming school year is a safe one for all.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Community Workshop for City's Housing Element Update

Please join us in person or virtually to learn about what happens when the City updates its Housing Element, why the City is required to do so, and what opportunities community members have to give feedback. The Housing Element identifies the City's housing needs and conditions and establishes goals, objectives, and policies that form the basis of the City's vision and strategy for enhancing and preserving the community's character and expanding housing opportunities for all Placentia's community members. Your participation is important to help plan for Placentia's housing future. The community workshop will be held on **Thursday, September 16th** at 6:00 pm at the Senior Center/Powell Building, 143 S. Bradford Avenue. The community workshop will also be held virtually, please [click here](#) for more information. For any questions, contact City Staff at DSD@placentia.org or (714) 993-8124. Please visit the City's website for updates on the City's progress on the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update at www.placentia.org/housingelement.



CITY OF PLACENTIA
2021-2029 Housing Element Update
Community Workshop



The City of Placentia is beginning the process of updating the 2021-2029 Housing Element!

Please join us in-person or virtually to learn about what happens when the City updates its Housing Element, why the City is required to do so, and what opportunities community members have to give feedback. Your participation is important to help plan for Placentia's housing future.

The community meeting will focus on:

- Housing needs and services within Placentia
- Opportunities to provide housing at all income levels in the community
- Identifying constraints to building and accessing housing

WHEN: Thursday, September 16th at 6:00 pm
IN-PERSON: Senior Center/Powell Building
143 S. Bradford Avenue
Placentia, CA 92870
VIRTUAL: Zoom Link: tinyurl.com/placentiahousing



For questions, please contact City Staff at DSD@placentia.org or (714) 993-8124
www.placentia.org/housingelement



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Placentia Fire and Life Safety Update

Over the past week, firefighters and paramedics had the opportunity to thank Market Fresh, a local business in Placentia that goes out of its way to make Placentia Fire and Life Safety feel like family. Since the inception of the Department on July 1, 2020, local businesses and community members have shown a tremendous amount of support for the city and its new Fire and Life Safety Department. Market Fresh, the "Placentia Buzz," and the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Support Team have been there for our men and women since day one. So we just wanted to extend a huge thank you for your generous support!



Three of our rookie Firefighters are currently gearing up for their six-month probationary Firefighter test. This test includes a written examination, a city maps test, and an extensive physical test to demonstrate knowledge, skills, and abilities as a Firefighter. When Firefighters get hired, they serve a probationary period, and upon successful completion, they are identified as "Permanent Status" with the City of Placentia.

The construction of new monuments for both fire stations is ongoing. They will be completed soon, and we can't wait to share the pictures with you.



Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to recommend all residents develop a home safety escape plan. Here are a few points to consider:

- Make a fire escape plan. Draw a map of each level of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the map with everyone who lives with you.
- Plan two ways out of every room and choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
- Make a fire escape plan around your abilities. For example, if you need to use a wheelchair or a cane, make sure you can get to it easily and get out quickly. If you wear hearing aids or eyeglasses, put them next to your bed while you are sleeping.
- Make sure all doors and windows open quickly.
- Practice your fire escape plan by having a home fire drill at least twice a year with everyone in the home.
- If there is a fire in your home, get out and stay out. Never go back inside for people, pets, or things.





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. Please [click here](#) to view a map of the project area. 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 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. 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.

Expand the Forest Program

The Expand the Forest program provides residents an opportunity to purchase and dedicate a tree to commemorate a loved one or special event. The cost to purchase and plant a tree will be funded by the tree sponsor and is based on the current contract price paid by the City for 24-inch box trees. Once planted, the City will assume maintenance responsibilities to care for the tree. Participate by completing an Expand the Forest Program application and submitting it via email to 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. For more information, contact (714) 993-8148.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – August 27 – September 2, 2021

Follow us on social media!

Instagram: @placentialib

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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.

STORYTIMES ARE BACK!

Children's Programs

Your favorite storytimes are back at Placentia Library District!

- Luna Luna:
Wednesday, September 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
- One Upon A Storytime:
Thursday, September 2 @ 10 a.m.
- Family Storytime:
Saturday, September 4 @ 10 a.m.

Check our website or Explore newsletter to see more dates for these reoccurring programs.

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NEW COLLECTION: WONDERBOKS

We have a new collection of picture books with an audio component built in so your little listener can hear the story read aloud to them! Come check out some of your favorite stories and discover new titles too! Click here to browse:

www.bit.ly/PlacentiaLibraryWonderbooks

Books that read out loud!
Come into the library and borrow one today.

Wonderbook
THE READ & HEAR E-BOOK

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 is held every Friday at 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. in the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room. Literacy Reads Book Club offers options for beginner readers and intermediate readers – contact us for details.

Please visit www.placentialibrary.org/services/literacy for more info.

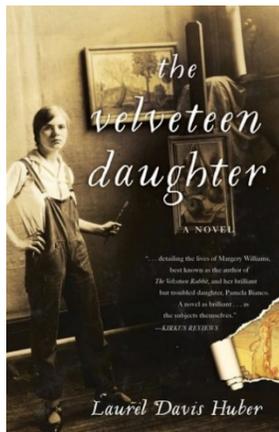
BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesday of Each Month, 1:00 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

This month: *Velveteen Daughter* by Laurel Davis Huber, on September 14

You're invited to our monthly book club! Our group is always open to new members, so stop by to share or listen! Selections include a robust mix of fiction genres and selected titles are available for checkout.



Book Club

Second Tuesday of Each Month
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Placentia Library
Community Meeting Room



September 14:

The Velveteen Daughter
by Laurel Davis Huber

THE HANGAR DIY LAB

Monday: 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

Thursday: 12:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.*

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*Closed 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Check www.placentialibrary.org/hangar-diy-lab for upcoming Hangar closure dates

Placentia Library welcomes you to The Hangar, a place to design, build, tinker, explore, and create! Use our maker equipment to develop your projects, pick up a new hobby, or get expert advice from our resident Tinkerer. The Hangar is open to adults and teens ages 14+ with a valid library card, ID, and signed waiver. Makers ages 9-13 are welcome with supervision from a parent or guardian.

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

Pickup begins Wednesday, September 1, while supplies last

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:

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



ADULT & TEEN HANGAR TAKE AND MAKE OCTOBER PREORDER: CANDY CORN BUNTING

Preorder September 1-7

Decorate for the season with this sweet candy corn bunting! Ages 14+. More info: <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: September 2 in the Community Meeting Room

www.placentialibrary.org/ptac

Featured Library Services

PLACENTIA LIBRARY HISTORY ROOM

The History Room is now open any time the library is open! Interested in local history? Next time you are in the library, swing into the history room and browse our local history collection. Discover Placentia through books, photographs, oral histories, maps and other materials that document our city's rich and interesting history.



PLACENTIA LIBRARY CATALOG

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