

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Electronic Waste Recycling Event

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce will host an Electronic Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, November 6th and Sunday, November 7th from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at the Placentia Town Center. E-Waste is any consumer electronic equipment that has reached its 'end-of-life' or 'end-of-usage,' whether in full or non-working condition. It includes most electronics or electric appliances with a cord or circuit board such as: Computer Monitors, Television Sets, PC Systems, Printers, Laptops, Copiers, Scanners, Fax Machines, Toner Cartridges, UPS & PDAs, Power Supplies, Main Frame Units, Networking Equipment, Mother Board Systems, VCR/VCD/DVD Players, Home Entertainment Systems, Landline and Cellular Phones, & Small Portable Devices. They also accept Car and Forklift Batteries. There is a service charge for Major Appliances, including Cooling Units & Microwaves. Fluorescent Light Bulbs and Household Batteries will not be accepted. For more information, please call (714) 528-1873.

### Coyote Awareness and Reporting

Many Placentia residents experience occasional encounters with wildlife, including coyotes. Coyotes generally hunt between sunset and sunrise, but may be seen at any hour of the day. Coyotes are most frequently seen and heard during mating season (January-March) and when juveniles start leaving the family pack (September-November). While rarely a danger to humans, coyotes will display defensive behaviors if threatened or cornered. If you do encounter a coyote that behaves aggressively, you have probably gotten too close to its prey or its family, so increase the distance between you and the coyote. For the most part, coyotes coexist well within the urban environment and will not affect our daily lives. The best way to minimize the nuisance and losses caused by urban coyotes is by being proactive in keeping coyotes at bay by eliminating sources of food and water. Anyone reporting coyote sightings or aggressive coyotes should report these incidents to animal control by visiting [www.ocpetinfo.com/education-resources/coyote-encounters](http://www.ocpetinfo.com/education-resources/coyote-encounters) or calling (714) 935-6848. Report to the Orange County Animal Control (OCAC) when coyotes are habituated (have lost their fear of humans), when a domestic pet has been attacked or bitten, when a human has been attacked or bitten, and when a coyote appears sick or injured or is exhibiting abnormal behavior. In these cases, OCAC responds and works in coordination with Fish & Wildlife for the protection of the community. If a coyote becomes aggressive or threatening, residents should dial 911 immediately.



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/1/21 Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting
- 11/2/21 City Council Meeting
- 11/9/21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 11/10/21 Heritage Committee Meeting
- 11/15/20 Streetscape & Transportation Commission

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

[CAWeekly@placentia.org](mailto:CAWeekly@placentia.org)



## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Mosquito Control

Did you know? Many mosquitoes breed in small water sources in residential backyards, and they do not fly far from the source. Eliminating these small water sources can reduce the number of mosquitoes on your property. Search around your property for any standing water (indoors and out) and discard unused containers. Be sure to scrub unused containers thoroughly to remove mosquito eggs. Watch the [videos here](#) to learn about mosquitoes and how to eliminate them from your property. For more information on mosquito prevention, please visit <https://www.ocvector.org/>.

### Draw a Placentia City Council District Map

The City Council is seeking input in selecting the next district map for the Placentia City Council. You have an opportunity to share with the City Council how you think district boundaries should be drawn to best represent your community. Redistricting determines which neighborhoods and communities are grouped together into a district for purposes of electing a Council Member. As part of the redistricting process, the California Fair Maps Act includes neighborhoods and "Communities of Interest" as important considerations. California law defines Communities of Interest as "a population that shares common social or economic interests that should be included within a single district for purposes of its effective and fair representation." To let the City know about your community and what brings it together, share your map and your story. There are different tools for different purposes and different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest. A variety of map-drawing tools will be available on the City's website [here](#).

**Available now:** [DistrictR – A Simple Online Map Drawing Tool to Easily Draw Neighborhoods or Communities of Interest.](#) [Paper Maps to Print in English and Spanish](#) (Paper maps can be submitted in person at City Hall or emailed to [cityclerk@placentia.org](mailto:cityclerk@placentia.org).)

**Coming Soon:** Caliper's Maptitude Online Redistricting (Coming Soon) – A Mapping Tool to Draw Maps Census Block by Census Block and Submit Maps Electronically

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Chief Darin Lenyi Retirement

The Placentia Police Department held a going-away lunch for Chief Darin Lenyi. City Administrator Damien R. Arrula along with Mayor Green, Mayor Pro Tem Chad Wanke, and Council Members Jeremy Yamaguchi, Rhonda Shader, and Ward Smith, all spoke and presented Chief Lenyi with special keepsakes to commemorate his time with Placentia. The Police Department Command Staff, including Captains Brad Butts and Jim McElhinney, Lieutenants Brian Perry, Adam Gloe, and Chris Anderson, and Senior Analyst Julie Kennicutt also made presentations for Chief Lenyi.

The City of Placentia will miss Chief Lenyi, but wishes him well as he prepares to take on a new opportunity as Chief of Police with the City of Westminster.

### A Message from the Placentia Police Department

The Placentia Police Department would like to remind everyone that with Halloween coming up this weekend, you can expect more ghouls and goblins to be out enjoying the holiday! Please ensure you are being safe and allowing extra time for pedestrians, especially during the evening hours. Share the candy, share the road, share the responsibility. And be sure to look out for trick-or-treaters! Have a safe, fun, and healthy Halloween!!





## 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 Avenue every fourth Tuesday of the month. The next clinic date is **Tuesday, November 16th**. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting the "Clinic Services" section at [www.heart4pets.org](http://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](http://www.heart4pets.org).

### Tiny Tots Kindergarten Readiness Program

Tiny Tots is a developmental program in a recreational setting hosted at the Koch Park Recreation Center. The program will prepare children ages 3-5 years old for a successful transition into Kindergarten.

Tiny Tots introduces children to colors, shapes, numbers, the alphabet, how to share, take turns, and follow directions. Social and emotional development is enhanced through directed activities, play and instructional materials, music, and so much more. Parents should plan to send a healthy snack and lunch to class with their child, and all children must be potty trained to attend the program. Registration is currently open and available online at [www.placentia.org/classes](http://www.placentia.org/classes) or in person at City Hall, 401 E. Chapman Avenue. For more information, contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.



### Holiday Toy Drive

The Community Services Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, and Police Department are hosting a Holiday Toy Drive. The Toy Drive will be held from November 8th through December 9th. Gifts will be distributed to families in need in Placentia. For those interested in donating, please drop off a new unwrapped toy for children ages 0-18 at one of the locations listed on the flyer. For more information, [click here](#) or contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

### Goldenrod Park Improvements

The City Council approved the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan on June 1, 2021, a comprehensive master list of park and building projects. Projects were prioritized by safety, age of equipment, and funding sources. City park renovation projects are either funded through State Grants, Development Impact Fees, or Measure U funding. City staff is in the process of obtaining concept designs to renovate seven (7) City Park Playgrounds within the next year, along with re-surfacing three (3) playgrounds. The City's goal is to have every City park playground renovated within 2 to 5 years. City parks will also have new amenities such as picnic tables, barbecues, benches, water fountains, and trash/recycling receptacles for residents to enjoy!

The City is excited to announce that the playground renovation at Goldenrod Park began on October 27th. The completion of the playground is expected to be on December 15th. Below is the concept plan of the renovated playground. The existing rocket ship has been a highlight by children and adults for more than 30 years and will be replaced with a new one. There will also be a new swing set, climbing apparatus, slides, benches, and an exercise area for parents to enjoy while their children play. Fun for all ages!





## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Remedial Grading for Placentia Heights Development

On April 20, 2021, the Placentia City Council approved the development of a partially improved 5.6-gross acre lot for the construction of 22 three-story, multi-family buildings consisting of 139 for-sale residential townhome units and associated hardscape and landscaping improvements. The development will also feature a private internal street system, parking areas, and pedestrian walkways, including landscaping throughout the property and perimeter, with passive and non-passive open space areas. The project is located at 443 and 455 S. Van Buren Street, south of E. Orangethorpe Avenue, west of S. Van Buren Street.



The 139-unit residential development, known as Placentia Heights, will consist of 22 separate three-story buildings featuring several units. Six floor plans are proposed consisting of 25 one-bedroom units, 52 two-bedroom units, and 62 three-bedroom units. The unit types will measure between 762 square feet and 1,349 square feet in overall floor area and contain an attached one or two-car garage per unit.

The project developer, Toffoli Investments, is in the process of remedial grading activities to remove contaminated soil from the site, which is a byproduct of the operations that formally occupied the property. The remedial grading activities are anticipated to take two weeks to complete. Subsequent grading and construction of the site is anticipated to take approximately 18 months. For information related to the construction schedule, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124, or contact [AGonzales@placentia.org](mailto:AGonzales@placentia.org).





## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Original Clyde's Hot Chicken Coming Soon!

Original Clyde's Hot Chicken is coming to Placentia! The new 2,464-square-foot restaurant will be located in the Village Plaza Shopping Center at 1486 N. Kraemer Boulevard. Village Plaza is currently undergoing the second phase of façade improvements, and Clyde's tenant improvement plans are now in plan check, with construction to begin shortly. Original Clyde's Hot Chicken will feature both indoor and outdoor seating and will be a welcomed new flair to the restaurant choices located in Village Plaza. Clyde's menu offers an array of fresh and simple ingredients and hand-breaded all-natural chicken. Be sure to check back here to the City Administrator's Weekly for updates on this new addition to our great City or call the Development Services Department for more information at (714) 993-8124.



## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Fire and Life Safety Update

Training is one of the most important aspects of our day. All firefighters spend a minimum of 4-6 hours per shift training to be the best at their craft. An important skill to train on is, using the incident command system. Technology has improved tremendously over the years to effectively and safely mitigate emergencies out in the field. Our firefighters are seen at the back of the command post using Placentia's "First Due" software to handle an incident. First Due is software that brings the first responders and the community together to help better prepare for emergencies at your home or business.

For more information about Community Connect, please visit [www.communityconnect.io/info/ca-placentia](http://www.communityconnect.io/info/ca-placentia).

This week, rookie Firefighter Justin Medina gave an extensive class to the entire station regarding positive pressure ventilation. Firefighter Medina showcased the state-of-the-art battery-powered smoke ejector. Smoke ejectors play an important role during fires, as they assist with removing the toxic gases and by-products of fire. On average, probationary Firefighters give 2-3 classes per shift to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities as firefighters.





## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Upcoming Community Shred & E-Waste Recycling Event

The City of Placentia invites you to participate in a free community Shred & E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, December 4th, 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. They will accept a maximum of four (4) banker box size containers from each household or business location in Placentia. Attan Recycling will also collect e-Waste from residents and businesses. For more information, please call the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8148.

### Caltrans Emergency Pilot Project

The State recently launched the Clean California Initiative, a \$1.1 billion program, in partnership with Caltrans and local governments, to revitalize California's streets and public spaces through litter abatement and local beautification projects. As part of this initiative, Caltrans District 12 staff submitted a pilot project proposal to Caltrans Headquarters to obtain funding for a series of landscape improvements and hardened fencing along the 57 Freeway/Crowther Intersection Corridor in Placentia. This week, Caltrans started construction of the improvements, including new trees, new plant material for ground covering, and new rock cobble blankets at the base of the freeway slope. The project is expected to be completed by January 2022.

The 57 Freeway/Crowther Avenue Corridor has been the site of numerous homeless encampments and associated maintenance problems for the past several years. Through the City's leadership in advancing the North Orange County Service Planning Area's efforts to build two (2) new emergency homeless shelters, these encampments have been closed with most of the unhoused provided shelter and services. The freeway slopes and right-of-way found along the freeway corridor are fenced mainly with chain link, which is easily bypassed. Trespassing on State right-of-way has been a continual problem since the closure of the encampments, and the Placentia Police Department works closely with the California Highway Patrol to keep State property free from trespassers and new encampments from forming. However, due to a lack of effective barriers and available resources to Caltrans, the existing barrier fencing has largely been ineffective. This pilot project will help reduce or eliminate trespassing and the accompanying litter and debris problems and brush fires that have become commonplace in this corridor.



## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – October 29 – November 4, 2021

Follow us on social media!

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Facebook: Placentia Library

## Welcome to Placentia Library!

We're open 7 days a week! Masks are required for unvaccinated patrons above the age of 2. More info at [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org).

## Children's Programs

### IN-N-OUT COVER TO COVER READING PROGRAM

(Ages 4-12)

Until November 13

Read 5 books and earn a free burger! A delicious win-win! Visit the Information Desk to sign up!



### 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.

### 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.

### READ TO THE DOGS

Monthly on Mondays, 6:00 p.m. This month: Monday, November 1

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Our furry friends will be back and can't wait for you to read them a story! Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. because even dogs like to hear a good tail chasing tale now and then!



### STORYTIMES ARE BACK!

Your favorite storytimes are back at Placentia Library District! Our storytimes are held in the Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove. Info and schedules: [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

[Luna Luna Bilingual Storytime](#) – This week:

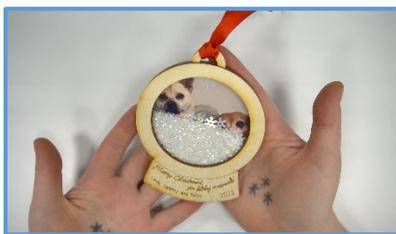
Wednesday, November 3 @ 6:30 p.m.

[Once Upon A Storytime](#) – This week: Thursday, November 4 @ 10 a.m.

[Family Storytime](#) – This week: Saturday, October 30 @ 10 a.m.



## The Hangar DIY Lab



### ADULT & TEEN HANGAR TAKE AND MAKE NOVEMBER PICKUP: PERSONAL BLIZZARD ORNAMENT

Pickup begins November 1, while supplies last

Don't get too caught up in the flurry of the holidays - make your house sparkle with this laser cut snow globe ornament! Pick up your kit to make this snow globe ornament, then swing by the Hangar to customize it with our Glowforge laser. Ages 14+. More info: <https://www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-diy-kits>.

### ADULT & TEEN HANGAR TAKE AND MAKE DECEMBER PREORDER: PINECONE GNOME

Preorder November 1-7 at [www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-kit-preorder](http://www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-kit-preorder).

There's GNOME place like home for the holidays! Get this kit and you'll use a pinecone to make an adorable holiday decoration.



Learn more about the Hangar DIY lab during open hours inside the library, or at [www.placentialibrary.org/hangar-diy-lab](http://www.placentialibrary.org/hangar-diy-lab).

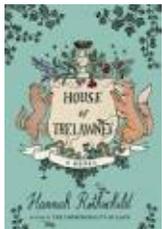
## Adult, Teen and Literacy Programs

### **MEDITATION BY GOOD MOODRA YOGA**

1st Tuesday of Each Month. This month: November 2  
1:30 - 2:20 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Join us for a 50 minute meditation class that is designed to focus on clearing the mind and controlling your breathing to calm anxiety and stress. Meditation can be done in a chair or on floor, mats will be provided. Limited space available.



### **BOOK CLUB**

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

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

This month: *House of Trelawney* by Hannah Rothschild on November 9

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.

[www.placentialibrary.org/book-club](http://www.placentialibrary.org/book-club)

### **YOGA AT THE LIBRARY WITH GOOD MOODRA YOGA**

Select Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. Next program: November 6

Placentia Library Lawn

Discover yoga for your body and mind with Good Moodra Yoga. Relax and flow into each pose as you enjoy the sunshine from our library lawn. Students of all levels welcome, bring your own mat. Program will not be held in the event of inclement weather including rain and/or extreme temperatures.

### **PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)**

First and third Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. This week: November 4

Placentia Library Community Room

### **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/literacy](http://www.placentialibrary.org/literacy) for more info.



## Featured Library Resources

### **HOOPLA (E-BOOKS AND E-AUDIOBOOKS)**

[www.hoopladigital.com](http://www.hoopladigital.com)

Instantly borrow free digital movies, music, ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, TV shows and more, 24/7 with your library card. No waiting, ever! Stream immediately or download to phones, tablets, for offline viewing anytime, anywhere.

### **E-MAGAZINES ON LIBBY AND OVERDRIVE**

[www.libbyapp.com](http://www.libbyapp.com)

Looking for magazines? We've got you covered with digital magazines, free with your Placentia Library Card and the Libby app.

The image is an advertisement for Hoopla. It features a blue background with the Hoopla logo in white. Below the logo, the text reads 'Tap into Discovery. Instantly Read, Listen, and Watch with Your Library Card.' To the right, there is a photograph of a hand holding a tablet displaying the Hoopla interface. At the bottom of the advertisement, there are logos for various platforms: 'Available on the App Store', 'GET IT ON Google Play', 'Available on Amazon', 'Roku', 'Chromecast', and 'amazon alexa'. The website address 'hoopladigital.com' is in the top right corner.

### **Placentia Library Catalog**

Request books, e-books and more on our online catalog! Please visit [www.bit.ly/placentialib](http://www.bit.ly/placentialib) or [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org).