

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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November 4, 2021



"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. For more information, please call (714) 528-1873 or visit [www.placentiachamber.com/e-waste/](http://www.placentiachamber.com/e-waste/).

### 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. 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 available on the City's website [here](#).

### Placentia Receives Award for Public-Private Partnership with Lynch EMS

The City received a Public-Private Partnership Award from the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) at their 11th Annual Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Awards Ceremony for the City's partnership with Lynch EMS for 911/Advanced Life Support services. The OCBC's awards program honors outstanding public agencies for implementing policies and programs that cut through red tape, eliminate barriers to economic growth, and open the door to private-sector jobs creation.



Most fire-related 911 calls for service today are medical-based. As the need for medical calls continues to increase and fire calls continue to trend downward, the City sought to evaluate various Fire & EMS service models that would enhance the medical services provided to our community. Significant emphasis was on reducing response times, reducing mutual aid assistance into the City, and ensuring the services could be delivered in a financially sustainable manner. A key component to the City's approach was to separate EMS from fire protection services and, in doing so, reduce costs for both services while improving the quality of service.

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/9/21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 11/10/21 Heritage Committee Meeting
- 11/11/21 Veterans Day Observance Ceremony
- 11/15/21 Streetscape & Transportation Commission
- 11/16/21 City Council Meeting

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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



## 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 and the next clinic date is **Tuesday, November 23rd**. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting the "Clinic Services" section at [www.heart4pets.org](http://www.heart4pets.org). For more information, call (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 available online at [www.placentia.org/classes](http://www.placentia.org/classes) or in person at City Hall. For more information, call (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 is expected to be completed on December 15th. 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!

### Georgia Key Ranch Reopening Ceremony

OC Parks invites everyone to celebrate the reopening of George Key Ranch on Saturday, November 6th. A ribbon cutting ceremony with special presentations discussing the renovations and restorations will take place at 10:00 am. The event will include self-led tours of the grounds and live music. Guided tours of the historic Key home will be available hourly starting at 11:00 am. Registration is required. Please RSVP to (949) 585-6433 or email [rsvp@ocparks.com](mailto:rsvp@ocparks.com). Event parking is located at Sierra Vista Elementary School, 1811 N. Placentia Ave. Beginning November 6th, George Key Ranch Historical Park will be open on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with guided tours offered at 1:00 pm. Please contact the park for more information.



## 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).





## 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.

### Measure U Funded Roadway Improvements

The Public Works Department is hard at work completing this year's street resurfacing project! The 2020-21 Street Resurfacing Project focuses primarily on residential and arterial roadways in the City's southeastern corner. We also rehabilitated two of the worst streets in the City: Madison and Melrose Avenues. Other arterial roads rehabilitated as part of this project include Richfield, Chapman, and Crowther. This project will rehabilitate nearly 2 million square feet of pavement once completed by the end of this month. Next year's project will rehabilitate another 2.3 million square feet of pavement, including Kraemer Boulevard, Orangethorpe Avenue, and Rose Drive, along with numerous residential and industrial/commercial streets in the City's south end. Separately, the City Council approved a slurry seal construction contract that will reseal the pavement surface on residential streets for the neighborhood surrounding Goldenrod Park and several other streets on the City's east end. Work on that project has already begun and will be completed after the new year.



The City uses multiple funding sources to fund the cost of its annual pavement maintenance program, which includes SB 1 Gas Tax, Measure M – which is the Countywide half-cent sales tax that funds transportation and road projects throughout the County, and Placentia's own Measure U. Measure U has made these improvements possible. We are grateful Placentia residents approved that measure. The City's goal has been to rehabilitate or maintain every street in the City over ten years. Once the City completes next Summer's pavement rehabilitation project, it will have rehabilitated or maintained a full 50% of the City's entire roadway network over four years!

Our motto when it comes to fixing and maintaining your streets is "no street left behind." We appreciate the community's patience as we work as fast as possible to improve as many streets as we can. We know that many of you have waited a long time to have your streets fixed. Please know that the City understands how important street maintenance is for the community and we are working hard to meet that challenge! Please visit [www.placentia.org/measureu](http://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](http://www.placentia.org/cip).





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Attempt to Identify/Locate



# PLACENTIA

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BRAD BUTTS, Interim Chief of Police

401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870

## Residential Burglary – Attempt to Identify/Locate

BULLETIN DATE: 11/1/2021

DR 21-04198



On Friday, October 29, 2021, at approximately 10:11am, the victim was upstairs in his residence located on the 800 block of Powell Dr when he heard his doorbell ring, followed by several knocks on the door. After walking downstairs, the victim observed SUSPECT 1 grab onto the rear patio door handle and force the door open with his shoulder. The victim yelled at SUSPECT 1 and noticed SUSPECT 2 now accompanied him. Both suspects then began speaking Spanish with each other, and then ran out of the victim's backyard. The victim was able to photograph the suspects as they ran down his street, at which time the SUSPECT VEHICLE pulled up to them so that they could enter the vehicle. The SUSPECT VEHICLE then drove off at a very high rate of speed.

SUSPECT 1: Male, Hispanic, 30-40 years old, 6'0", wearing a light gray hat, dark gray jacket, dark gray pants, black shoes, and carrying a black backpack in his right hand.

SUSPECT 2: Male, Hispanic, adult, 5'10", wearing a light gray hat, dark gray jacket over a light blue t-shirt, dark blue sweat pants, ankle socks, and black shoes.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: White, 2008-2020 Dodge Caravan, CA/6GKR493 (license plate later determined to be stolen from a 1993 Nissan 2-door in Los Angeles)

If you have any information that might assist this investigation, please contact the Placentia Police Department at (714) 993-8164.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Veterans Day Observance Ceremony

The City of Placentia will be hosting the 33rd Annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony on Thursday, November 11th at 10:00 am at the Placentia Civic Center. The City is grateful for the many sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our Country. In their honor, we invite all residents, veterans, and their families to celebrate this Veterans Day with us. Special guest speakers, patriotic music, and the new Military Banner Recognition Program recipients will be included in the event program. In addition, the added service members to the veterans monument will be honored, and their name inscriptions will be unveiled. For more information, please call (714) 993-8211.

## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Fire and Life Safety Update

A lot of great things have happened this last week. First, crews from both fire stations were honored to participate in a drive-by birthday celebration for Jackson, who turned 4. Jackson visited the fire station a few months ago and asked his parents if the firefighters would say hello on his birthday. We were more than happy to honor that wish and showed up in full force!

On Halloween, crews purchased candy and had a blast passing out candy to the trick or treaters. They also opened up their fire station doors to show the kids the equipment. In addition to the candy, Firefighters and Paramedics gave out helmets and stickers to the kids.



### Lynch EMS Paramedic of the Month—Charles Navarro

We'd like to congratulate 911 Paramedic Supervisor Charles Navarro on being November's Paramedic of the Month. Charles works A Shift at the Bradford Station and is an EMT, Paramedic, and Fire Academy graduate.

One fond memory he has while working for Placentia is working Christmas Day. He and his partner filled the ambulance with toys donated for Toys for Tots, drove into neighborhoods throughout the city, and distributed toys to kids they came into contact with. Seeing the smiles and initial reactions from the children was incredibly fulfilling and an experience he will never forget. He enjoys spending time with loved ones, exercising, and going on walks with his two French bulldogs on his days off.

Working in Placentia has been an extremely gratifying experience that has helped him develop personally and professionally. If you see Charles or any other Lynch EMS first responder, be sure to say hello!



## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



# Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – November 12-18, 2021

Follow us on social media!

Instagram: @placentialib

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).

### Placentia Library Friends Foundation Second Sunday Book Sale:

Sunday, November 14, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Placentia Library Board Meeting:** Monday, November 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room. Agenda and info at [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

### 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.

## Children's Programs

### IN-N-OUT COVER TO COVER READING PROGRAM (Ages 4-12)

Ends November 13

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



### STORYTIMES ARE BACK!

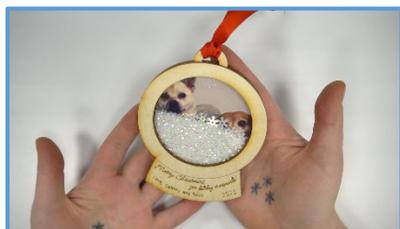
Your favorite storytimes are back at Placentia Library District! Our storytimes are held in the Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove. Info and schedules: [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

**Luna Luna Bilingual Storytime** – This week: Wednesday, November 17 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Once Upon A Storytime** – This week: Thursday, November 18 @ 10 a.m.

**Family Storytime** – This week: Saturday, November 13 @ 10 a.m.

## The Hangar DIY Lab



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

*Pickup began 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 and Literacy Programs

### FAMILY COOKING TIME: CINNAMON ROLLS OH MY

Make your holidays extra special with the Stretch family's homemade cinnamon rolls. These delectable treats are best enjoyed with family and friends.

Preorders began Monday, November 8, while supplies last. Kit pick up December 9-11, details will be emailed to confirmed participants.



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[placentialibrary.org/family-cooking-time](http://placentialibrary.org/family-cooking-time)



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### BOOK CLUB

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month, 1:00 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Next month: *First Impressions* by Charlie Lovett

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 week: November 20

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. Next week: November 18

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 Digital Resources

### CREATIVEBUG

[www.creativebug.com/lib/placentialibrary](http://www.creativebug.com/lib/placentialibrary)

Creativebug.com has thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Access with your library card.



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