

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

November 23, 2021



“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Happy Thanksgiving from City Administrator Damien R. Arrula

On behalf of the City Council and Staff of the City of Placentia, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. During the Thanksgiving season, when we traditionally take time to give thanks, I write to express my personal gratitude to you all.

I am thankful for family, for you, our residents of Placentia, the City Council, and the City Staff. I am so appreciative to have the opportunity to serve as your City Administrator and thankful to be working alongside so many amazing Staff that wake up every day to serve this great City. I am thankful that we have active, dedicated, supportive, and caring citizens who are involved in our community. Your support of the City and our collective mission of service and collaboration is what helps make Placentia a wonderful place to live, work, and play. I am so thankful for being a part of the Placentia community, and look forward to continuing to work on your behalf to advance our City’s goals.



As you celebrate Thanksgiving, this is also a great time of year to give back. Remember to reach out to those in our community who are less fortunate by sharing the gifts of service, fellowship, kindness, and compassion. Buy a turkey for a family or give them a grocery store gift card as you never know what they may be dealing with in their lives. It’s that giving spirit that helps make our community special and a pleasant place to live. I wish you, your family and all of those that serve our community and country a safe and happy Thanksgiving. One that is filled with family, friends, love, and laughter during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Damien R. Arrula

City Facilities Thanksgiving Closure

All City facilities will be closed from November 24th - November 28th. The Police Department will remain open. For non-life threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or Public Works issues, please call (714) 993-8111.

Closed
for
Thanksgiving

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday Closure
- 11/29/21 Goldenrod Park Ribbon Cutting
- 12/2/21 Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 12/7/21 City Council Meeting
- 12/9/21 Tamale Festival

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Ribbon Cutting Held for The Herald Luxury Apartments

The City and Lyon Living recently held a grand opening event to celebrate the opening of The Herald Luxury Apartments, located at 150 East Crowther Avenue within the City's Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) District. The Herald is a state-of-the-art, 215-unit multi-family residential development with resort-style amenities such as a rooftop pool and lounge area, beer garden with local brews on tap, indoor/outdoor workout facilities, lush courtyards with fire pits, barbecues, pet walking areas, outdoor art, and more. The Herald is helping achieve the City's goals established for the newly created TOD District by fostering sustainable living and mobility by increasing pedestrian and bike-friendly options to access mass transit. If you are interested in leasing an apartment, please visit <https://livetheherald.com/>.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Community Shred & E-Waste Recycling Event

The City 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. 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.

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. A dedication tree can also be planted in a City Park. 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 [here](#) and at City Hall. For more information, contact (714) 993-8148.

Annual Turfgrass Renovation Program

The City performs annual turfgrass renovations in public parkways and parks every Fall. Currently, the City's landscape maintenance contractors are lowering the grass blade height in the parkways and parks to be followed up by dethatching, aerification, fresh grass seed, and fertilizer. The purpose of this annual process is to promote healthy turfgrass and improved sports field playing surfaces by reducing compaction/ stress conditions, which will offer greater water penetration and reduce runoff. As part of this process, the grass in the areas being treated will be dry and brown in the initial stages. This is only temporary, and the grass will naturally return to a healthy condition once the process is complete. You may also see irrigation sprinklers running during the day, this is by design in order to keep the grass seed wet until it germinates. This annual turf renovation is estimated to be completed in December.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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.

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

Join the City of Placentia for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, December 2nd at the Civic Center, 401 E. Chapman Ave. The event will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and will feature a musical production entitled "A Season to Celebrate" from David Green's Musical Theatre University, "Kids Next Door," the lighting of the Holiday tree, light refreshments, and photos with Santa. Please bring your own camera for photos. For more information, please [click here](#) or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Goldenrod Park Grand Re-Opening on November 29th

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 near completion and will reopen to the public on **November 29th**. Join the City for a grand re-opening ceremony at 3:30 pm at 925 Goldenrod Street. The event will unveil the new playground, and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, [click here](#) or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Thanksgiving Safety Tips



Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done outside the kitchen.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Vehicle Burglary—Attempt to Identify/Locate



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BRAD BUTTS, Interim Chief of Police

401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870

Vehicle Burglary – Attempt to Identify/Locate

BULLETIN DATE: 11/18/2021

DR 21-04430



Between Monday, November 15, 2021, at approximately 4:00pm, and Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at approximately 8:00am, on the 2000 block of Bay Meadows Dr, an unknown suspect(s) broke the rear passenger window to the victim's truck and stole a camera and a jar containing cash and coins. The possible suspect vehicle depicted activated surveillance cameras belonging to a neighbor of the victim on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, between 3:59-4:13am. The neighbor did not recognize the vehicle, nor was it known to the area.

SUSPECT VEHICLE: White, older model, 4-door sedan, with chrome-accented wheels, and tinted windows.

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



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Grading for Placentia Heights Development Underway

Site grading for a 139-unit residential townhome development is currently underway! On April 20, 2021, the Placentia City Council approved the development of a 5.6-gross acre lot for the 139 for-sale residential townhome units and associated hardscape and landscaping improvements. The project is located at 443 & 455 S. Van Buren Street, which is just south of Orangethorpe Avenue, on the westerly side of S. Van Buren Street.



The 139-unit residential development, known as Placentia Heights, will consist of 22 separate three-story buildings. 13 of the buildings will be designed as traditional townhomes where each unit has a side-by-side attachment. Nine buildings will be townhomes but will have both a side-by-side attachment and rear attachment to each unit. 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 feature an attached one or two-car garage per unit.

The project developer (Toffoli Investments), is in the process of grading to ready the site for construction of the residential townhomes. Grading and subsequent construction on this site is anticipated for approximately 18 months. For information related to the construction schedule, contact Development Services at (714) 993-8124, or email AGonzales@placentia.org.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – November 26 – December 2, 2021

Follow us on social media!
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Winter Reading – All Ages!

HOLIDAY E-BOOKS & E-AUDIOBOOKS ON HOOPLA

Visit www.hoopladigital.com to access eBooks and digital resources on Hoopla, free with your library card!

WINTER READING

November 20, 2021 – January 14, 2022

Beanstack App

Who doesn't enjoy snuggling up with a good book when it's cold outside? The more you read, the more chances you have to win. Take a little bit of time out of your busy holiday schedule to relax, have fun, learn, and READ! All Ages! Visit <https://placentialibrary.beanstack.org> to register and to see our fabulous prizes, including a Pete the Cat bundle.



Children's Programs

IN-PERSON STORYTIMES

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

Luna Luna Bilingual Storytime – This week: Wednesday, December 1 @ 6:30 p.m.

Once Upon A Storytime – This week: Thursday, December 2 @ 10 a.m.

Family Storytime – Next week: Saturday, December 4 @ 10 a.m.



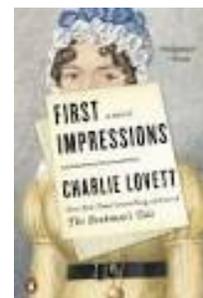
Adult, Teen and Literacy Programs

BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesday of Each Month, 1:00 p.m. December 14: *First Impressions* by Charlie Lovett

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

www.placentialibrary.org/book-club



YOGA AT THE LIBRARY WITH GOOD MOODRA YOGA

Select Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. Next week: December 4

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: December 2

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 for more info.

Featured Digital Resource

ABC MOUSE: BRING LEARNING HOME

www.abcmouse.com/bringlearninghome

Did you know you can access ABC Mouse for free from home? All you need is your Placentia Library Card!



The Hangar Adult & Teen Take and Make



DECEMBER KIT PICKUP: PINECONE GNOME

Pickup begins December 1, while supplies last

There's GNOME place like home for the holidays! Get this kit and you'll use a pinecone to make an adorable holiday decoration. Ages 14+.



JANUARY KIT PREORDER: OMBRE FRAME CALENDAR

Preorder December 1-7 at www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-kit-preorder

Get organized this year with our Ombre Frame Calendar. Drop by the Hangar to put on the finishing touches with a custom vinyl sticker from our Cricut. Ages 14+.

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.

Library Closure: Friday, December 3, for Staff Development Day.

FEATURED DIGITAL RESOURCE: JOBNOW BY BRAINFUSE

www.placentialibrary.org/databases

Receive live job coaching, real-time interview practice, full-service resume lab, 24/7 access to local job resources and more with Brainfuse's JobNow resource, free with your library card.

Live unemployment benefits assistance



Get free career assistance and so much more with your library card!

