

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Shop Locally for the Holidays

Tis season! The holidays are well under way and as you shop for that perfect gift or for a place for family gatherings, remember to shop and/or dine locally here in Placentia. There are many advantages to supporting local retailers and businesses. When shopping locally, you support local jobs, assist in funding City services through sales tax, invest in our neighborhood retail centers and promote economic development. Please don't forget the Farmers Market is also open every Tuesday evening starting at 3:00 pm at the Placentia Town Center, with special holiday crafts and accessories for the entire family. Enjoy the season and don't forget to shop locally at your favorite Placentia retailers!



City Facilities Holiday Closure

All City facilities will be closed from December 20th through December 31st. City Hall and other City facilities will reopen on Monday, January 3rd. The Police and Fire Departments will remain open during the holidays. For non-life-threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or other public works issues, please call (714) 993-8111.

Council Reorganization

The Placentia City Council held its annual reorganization meeting on Tuesday, December 7th. The new City Council for 2021-22 is as follows:

- Mayor Rhonda Shader
- Mayor Pro Tem Chad P. Wanke
- Councilmember Craig S. Green
- Councilmember Ward L. Smith
- Councilmember Jeremy B. Yamaguchi

The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers at 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia. The City Council meetings are broadcasted live on AT&T U-Verse (channel 99) and Spectrum (channel 3). Viewers can also [view the City Council meeting live on the internet](#) or access past archived meetings.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

12/15/21	Tamale Festival
12/20-12/30	City Facilities Holiday Closure
1/11/22	Planning Commission Meeting
1/17/22	Martin Luther King Jr Day - City Facilities Closure
1/18/22	City Council Meeting

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Legacy Brick Project Community Survey

The Placentia City Council has allocated park development impact fees in this year's budget to restore to working order the Kraemer Memorial Park dolphin fountain and surrounding plaza. The City of Placentia is seeking to partner with the Placentia Community Foundation to create an opportunity for the community to invest in this one of a kind historic project by incorporating a legacy brick dedication program into this restoration effort. This project will completely renovate and return to working order the fountain at Kraemer Park. The old bronze dolphins will be refinished and reinstalled on the fountain and the entire plaza space surrounding the fountain will be completely renovated. Half of the funds received from this project will be used to help offset project construction costs and the other half will be reinvested in the community via new grants awarded by the Placentia Community Foundation. Your brick purchase is also tax deductible! The City and the Placentia Community Foundation are seeking feedback from the community on this proposed legacy brick project and would appreciate you answering a few short questions! Please [click here](#) to take the survey.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Five Ways to Protect Mail and Packages

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-  Don't leave packages unattended for any length of time.
-  Won't be home?
Use the Hold for Pickup[®] option at USPS.com
-  Leaving town?
Use the request Hold Mail services at USPS.com
-  Customize delivery by using USPS.com and your tracking number.
-  Use USPS special services like Signature Confirmation[™] or Registered Mail.[™]





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Update

Earlier this week, the Placentia Public Safety Communications Center (PPSC) received reports that a construction crew had hit a natural gas line while digging in the street in front of 404 Evelyn Place. A second caller reported being able to hear the gas leak from the south side of W. Crowther Avenue. While responding Code 3 (Lights and Siren) west on Crowther Avenue, Battalion vehicle 1 stopped just short of Kraemer Blvd to allow traffic to clear before continuing his response. The vehicle traffic northbound on Kraemer Blvd. stopped, and most of the traffic southbound Kraemer Blvd. had stopped. However, a box truck driving south did not stop and drove



into the back of one of the stopped vehicles throwing it through the intersection. While the box truck suffered minor damage, the small subcompact sedan suffered major damage collapsing the entire rear section of the vehicle up to the back of the front seats. Battalion 1 reported the accident and requested resources. Shortly after assessing the scene and checking in with each driver, Engine 1 approached the intersection enroute to the gas leak and was assigned to the traffic accident. Battalion 1 then continued his response to the gas leak and requested mutual aid to replace Engine 1 on the gas leak response. Neither driver reported any injuries and refused any treatment or transport.



When Battalion 1 arrived at the scene of the gas leak and confirmed the initial reports of a construction crew having struck a natural gas line which was now leaking natural gas. Truck 2 was assigned to evacuate all units of 404 Evelyn Place, and the homes across Evelyn Place adjacent to the gas leak. Fullerton Engine 3 arrived and was assigned to establish a water source and be ready to initiate fire attack if the gas ignited. Placentia Police were requested to close W. Crowther from Melrose to HWY 57. A firefighter from Truck 2 was assigned to use their gas meter to check for explosive or flammable hazards from the gas leak. Even though no flammable/explosive readings were obtained, the evacuation was maintained to insure public safety and to keep the work zone clear for the gas company. This resulted in the extended evacuation of approximately 30 workers and residents.

Southern California Gas (SoCal Gas) was requested to respond, and SoCal Gas had a representative on scene 30 minutes later. Once on scene it took SoCal Gas crews another 55 minutes to stop the gas leak. Once SoCal Gas confirmed the gas leak was secured and it was safe, all residents and workers were allowed to return. The street closure was lifted soon after, and all PFLSD resources were released from the incident.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

27th Annual Tamale Festival Rescheduled to December 15th

Due to inclement weather, the annual Tamale Festival event has been rescheduled to Wednesday, December 15th in Historic Old Town Placentia on the 100- 200 blocks of West Santa Fe Avenue and the 200 block of South Bradford Avenue. Hours will be from 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm. The event will include live entertainment by the Grammy Award Winning Mariachi Divas de Cindy Shea, the Darden Band, Grupo Bella, Folklorico dancers from Valadez Academy, the Chinelos Dancers, a visit from Santa, and delicious tamales for individual sale. For information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/PlacentiaTamaleFest/> or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Community Christmas Basket Event

The City will host the annual Community Christmas Basket event at the Whitten Community Center on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Families who pre-registered for the event will be able to visit with Santa, decorate a Holiday cookie, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Placentia, and pick up a bag of food for the Holidays. For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

City receives \$610,000 in grant funding from the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) for the renovation of Jaycee Parkette

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce that the California State Parks Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) has selected the City's Jaycee Parkette renovation project as a grant awardee for the fourth round of funding, through the Statewide Park and Community Revitalization Program (SPP). The City will receive the total requested grant amount of \$610,000 for the project. The City Council approved the submission of the project application for Jaycee Parkette at the November 17, 2020 meeting. The project scope at Jaycee Parkette includes removal and replacement of the existing playground and rubberized surfacing, addition of water efficient irrigation, addition of new landscaping, renovation of park lighting, and the replacement of the existing park amenities. No match funding will be required for the Jaycee Parkette project.



This competitive grant program creates new parks, renovates existing parks, and creates new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities across California. Funds for this program are provided through Proposition 68 (Prop 68). California voters passed Prop 68 in June 2018 to safeguard natural resources, such as parks and safe drinking water. Approximately \$134,000,000 of Prop 68 funds have been allocated to the State of California and Recreation to renovate existing parks throughout California for Round Four (4). In Round Four (4) of funding, California State Parks will be providing \$548.3 million in grant funding to more than 100 communities to deliver new parks and advance the Newsom Administration's "California Outdoors for All" initiative to enable all Californians to access parks and open space. 468 project application were submitted for a total request amount of \$2.42 billion statewide. 112 project applications were awarded for the creation of 50 new parks and 62 expansions/renovations of existing parks.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Update on FY 2021-22 Slurry Seal Project

In October 2021, the City Council awarded a construction contract for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Slurry Seal Project 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. 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 pavements striping and legends. The entire project is estimated to be completed by February 2022. The City's contractor has begun mobilizing and performing the concrete improvements. The application of the slurry seal is scheduled to start after the new year. This project is funded by Measure U and SB 1 Gas Tax funds.

The City appreciates the patience of residents while working on all paving projects. Please note that 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. 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.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Republic Services 2021-22 Holiday Schedule

Republic Services® 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule

HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION

Monday, December 27, 2021 through Friday, January 7, 2022



Remove all ornaments, decorations, stands, tinsel, nails, plastic and lights. Flocked trees cannot be recycled but will be collected for disposal.

Place holiday trees out on the curb the night before trash collection day. Holiday trees cut in pieces of 3 feet or less may be placed in green waste carts.

Holiday	Date	Residential Status
Christmas Day	Saturday, December 25, 2021	Not affected
New Year's Day	Saturday, January 1, 2022	Not affected
Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2022	One day delay
4th of July	Monday, July 4, 2022	One day delay
Labor Day	Monday, September 5, 2022	One day delay
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 24, 2022	One day delay
Christmas Day	Monday, December 26, 2022	One day delay
New Year's Day	Monday, January 2, 2023	One day delay

If you have any questions about your pickup schedule or other services, want to add new services, or need to change your service, please contact 800.700.8610.





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Construction Underway at Future Luxury Apartment Site

The City's second development within the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Zone is undergoing construction. JPI Development obtained building permits in March 2021 and is currently working on building the seventh of seven parking levels in the parking structure. The project site is located at 501 W. Crowther Avenue, directly east of Tyler Lighting on the north side of the street. The development will feature 418 high-quality, luxury residential units, featuring a pool, high-end workout facilities, gourmet kitchens, finely appointed courtyards with fire pits, barbeques, and pet walking areas. The mixed-use development will also feature approximately 10,500 square feet of retail-commercial space on the ground floor, accessible from Crowther Avenue. This exciting new rental community is projected to take approximately another 18 months to finish construction. Please contact the City's Planning Division if you have any questions at (714) 993-8124.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – December 10-16, 2021

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Winter Reading – All Ages!

HOLIDAY E-BOOKS & E-AUDIOBOOKS ON HOOPLA

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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!



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 15 @ 6:30 p.m.

Once Upon A Storytime – This week: Thursday, December 16 @ 10 a.m.

Family Storytime – This week: Saturday, December 11 @ 10 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE: HOLIDAY PUPPET SHOW AND CARD-MAKING

Saturday, December 18. Puppet Show: 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Open House for Holiday Card-making: 10:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Make this holiday special with a delightful puppet presentation of "Sitting in my Box" with a festive twist! No matter your age, you'll get in the spirit of the holidays with our stories, songs and holiday card-making. Supplies provided to create a beautiful card to enjoy and share. You might just want to brighten someone's holiday by donating your card for us to send to a local non-profit organization. This program is held in memory of Mr. "Santa" Fred Minter.



Adult, Teen and Literacy Programs

BOOK CLUB

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

This month: *First Impressions* by Charlie Lovett on December 14

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

www.placentialibrary.org/book-club

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.

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

This week: Thursday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m.

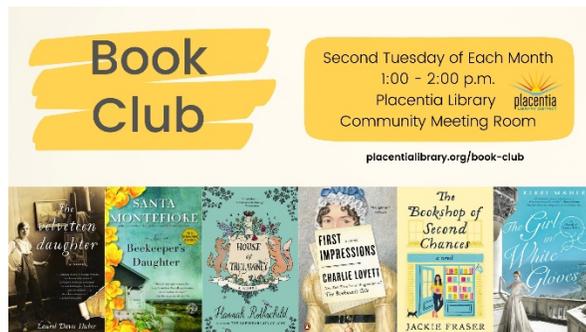
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

YOGA AT THE LIBRARY WITH GOOD MOODRA YOGA

Select Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. Next week: December 18

Placentia Library Lawn

www.placentialibrary.org/yoga



Book Club

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

placentialibrary.org/book-club



The Hangar Adult & Teen Take and Make



DECEMBER KIT PICKUP: PINECONE GNOME

Pickup began 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+.

Featured Digital Resources:
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SKILLSHARE

www.placentialibrary.org/databases

Skillshare is an online learning community with thousands of inspiring classes for creative and curious people. Topics include illustration, design, photography, and more.

GETSETUP

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