

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing



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March 17, 2022

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Mayor Rhonda Shader Presents First 'Clean and Kind' Award

Mayor Rhonda Shader presented her first "Placentia Clean and Kind" Award to Steve Booth at the March 15th City Council Meeting. The Award recognizes community members that care for our environment and are kind to others. Steve Booth retired from the OC Sheriff's Department in 2015. In 2013 he adopted Henry (a Golden Retriever). Henry was recognized by the dog trainer as a natural therapy dog. Henry was certified as a Pet Partners Therapy Dog in 2015. In 2016 they joined Hope Animal-Assisted Crisis Response. Since retiring, Steve devotes his time and energy training and caring for Henry for the sole purpose of being kind and caring for others during the deepest needs. Steve voluntarily extends the greatest kindness of traveling wherever frontline workers have been dealt the hardest circumstances and brings sweet Henry to comfort them in their greatest need. Steve runs towards difficulties when others move away. Steve and Henry bring great compassion and comfort to the most inconsolable circumstances. Steve has shown up in the direst of circumstances and losses for the Placentia Fire and Police workers bringing comfort and kindness to our frontline workers.



New City Council District Maps

On March 15, 2022 the City Council adopted a new City Council District map with adjusted boundaries and identification numbers of each electoral district. To see the new district map, please [click here](#). The City has also created a redistricting page on the City's website [here](#), which has been used as a central location for all information related to the redistricting process. You can now check your new City Council voting district by [clicking here](#) and entering your address.

Placentia Wedding & Event Expo

The Placentia Chamber is proud to host their second Placentia Wedding & Event Expo on Sunday, March 27th from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. This event is a great way for brides and grooms to-be to check out local products and services that can enhance their wedding experience! The vendors also do anniversaries, corporate events, family events, and pretty much any special occasion you can think of! Come and check out the 40+ vendors who are ready to take your event to the next level.

The event will be held at the Placentia Round Table Women's Club. To see the complete list of vendors and register for the event, please [click here](#). Admission is free!

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

3/21/22	Streetscape & Transportation Commission
3/22/22	Historical Committee
3/28/22	Placentia Community Foundation
4/4/22	Veterans Advisory Committee
4/5/22	City Council Meeting

For additional

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questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Public Survey of the Old Town Outdoor Dining

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the loss of indoor dining through much of 2020, the City created a temporary closure of Santa Fe Street between Bradford Avenue and Main Street to provide outdoor dining space for Old Town restaurants. The street closure has been in effect now for nearly 18 months and has generated interest in the community of potentially making the closure permanent.

The City has recently completed a parking and traffic circulation study to understand the street closure's impact on the surrounding community and has been analyzing various conceptual plans of what a permanent street closure would look like and offer in terms of public amenities. With most COVID-19 restrictions now lifted by the State of California, the City is now seeking the public's input to determine if the street closure should be made permanent, and if so, what outdoor dining activities and public amenities should be provided within the street closure?



Please take a few moments to complete this short survey. The information you provide will help us further analyze the overall costs and benefits of a potential permanent street closure. [Click here](#) to take the survey.

First West Nile Virus Positive Mosquitoes Confirmed in Orange County

The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) has confirmed that mosquitoes collected in the City of Fullerton have tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV). This is the first mosquito sample to test positive in Orange County this year. The positive mosquitoes were collected at the cross streets of Pine Drive and Valencia Drive.

West Nile virus is spread to people by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Currently, no human cases of West Nile virus have been reported in Orange County.

Mosquitoes testing positive for West Nile virus in March is an early indication that the virus is circulating in the community. Generally, there is not much WNV activity until temperatures begin to warm up in the late spring and early summer months. This is an early reminder that residents should take an active role protecting themselves from mosquito bites.

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District will post WNV advisory signs alerting residents of high WNV activity in the affected area. The OCMVCD staff will continue to conduct surveillance, inspections, and control measures for mosquitoes in the surrounding areas to prevent additional mosquito breeding.

Residents can do their part by eliminating standing water on their properties. The best ways to protect yourself are using EPA- registered repellent to prevent bites and reducing stagnant water sources to reduce mosquito breeding.

To learn more about West Nile virus, go to <https://www.ocvector.org/west-nile-virus>.





ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Fourth District Health Fair

Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee's Office is hosting the Active Lives, Healthy Minds Health Fair on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 am—12:00 pm at Melrose Elementary School, 974 S. Melrose Street. No registration is required for this event. Please [click here](#) for more information.

SUPERVISOR DOUG CHAFFEE
cordially invites you to



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Shredding and E-Waste Recycling Event

The City of Placentia invites Placentia residents and businesses to participate in a free community Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, April 9th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at Placentia Civic Center (401 East Chapman Avenue). Paper Depot will be present at the event to destroy confidential documents on-site. Limit four (4) banker box-size containers from each household or business located in Placentia. Residents are asked to please place items in the trunk for easy access, and if material is in a 3-ring binder, please remove before shredding. Attan Recycling will be present to collect e-waste. For more information about accepted e-waste items, please [click here](#) or call the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8123.

Community Survey for Citywide Wayfinding Signage

The City of Placentia would like your help to develop a new citywide sign program. Our goal is to improve the identity of Placentia, facilitate wayfinding to popular destinations, provide civic information to celebrate, and position our community to attract citizens, visitors, and new businesses. Please [click here](#) to take the brief survey.

Expand the Forest Program

We are still accepting applications for our Expand the Forest Program. This 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. 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. The current cost is \$300 for an Expand the Forest tree. 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 to the Public Works Department via email at 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 through the Public Works Department. For more information, contact (714) 993-8148.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Easter Eggcitement Event

The Easter Eggcitement event will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 10:00 am—1:00 pm at Kraemer Memorial Park, 201 N. Bradford Avenue.

Hop on over and join us for this annual spring event for story time, crafts, games, pictures with the Easter Bunny, treats, and more fun!

For more information, please call (714) 528-1906 or visit www.placentialibrary.org.

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10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kraemer Memorial Park
201 N. Bradford Ave.,
Placentia

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Info: (714) 528-1906 or placentialibrary.org

Egg Hunts:

- 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
Special Needs & 0-4 year olds
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
5-12 year olds

*while supplies last

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The program is not affiliated with the school or school district. PFLIB/DONOR does not endorse or sponsor this activity.

*Free admission! Food and bike raffle require purchase.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Koch Park Improvements

The City is excited to announce that the playground renovation at Koch Park is underway! The playground is expected to be completed in late March. Below is the concept plan of the renovated playground. The existing playground will be completely removed and replaced. In following the Parks Initiative Plan, the Koch Park playground will highlight first responders with a Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department theme. The playground will feature the distinctive department colors of red and black, a fire engine climber, and a Fire Department play house. There will also be a new swing set, climbing apparatus, and slides. For more information on the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



Above and Beyond Move More, Eat Healthy Campaign

Providence St. Jude Medical Center is hosting their annual Move More, Eat Healthy campaign. This year the campaign will also include a focus on mental health. The Above and Beyond Move More, Eat Healthy challenge started on January 1, 2022, and will continue through March 31, 2022. During the past few years Move More, Eat Healthy has typically focused on physical activity and nutrition education quarterly challenges. With this new challenge the goal is to integrate mental health because of the impact that can be observed from the COVID-19 pandemic on our community. The Above and Beyond Move More Eat Healthy challenge, will consist of participants making a pledge to live a healthier lifestyle by committing to one of the following:

Goals: Focus on MyPlate: make Half your plate fruits & vegetables, 50% whole grains and increase plant-based protein options; Focus on mental health with daily mindfulness activities; Drink more water and less sugary beverages; Get more physical activity (30 minutes daily for adults and 1 hour of play a day for kids).

Participants will be able to commit to their goal(s) by [clicking here](#). For more information, [click here](#) to view the flyer or call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Community Food Programs

The City hosts a food distribution event every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 9:00 am until 10:00 am. Families will receive canned and dry goods, bread, vegetables, and meat. The food distributions are held at the Whitten Community Center, located at 900 S. Melrose Street. For more information about the food programs, contact Neighborhood Services at (714) 986-2333.

Placentia Senior Center

The Community Services Department is working diligently alongside our community partners to ensure seniors have access to food as the COVID-19 pandemic persists. Frozen/shelf stable meals are delivered to each senior registered in the meal program weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additionally, the Senior Center remains open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm for limited programming. Currently, those in attendance must wear a face mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Meal pick-up is also available on site. Please call (714) 986-2332 for information about the Senior meal program or to register for meal deliveries.



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Trainings

Last week was an exciting week for Placentia Fire & Life Safety. We were fortunate to have experts from the US Forest Service “Little Tujunga” & “Dalton Hot Shots,” teach “Crew” and “Engine Boss” to our firefighters. During the class, we covered all aspects of wildland firefighting, and one of the highlights of the class was being able to run live wildfire simulations on a state-of-the-art sand table. This training will benefit our personnel, the City of Placentia, and other jurisdictions as we prepare to enter into the master mutual aid for the state of California.



Fire and Life Safety Celebrates Firefighter Cathy Lomeli

As we celebrate “Women’s History Month,” we wanted to showcase Cathy Lomeli, one of our great female firefighters. Cathy was an inaugural member of the Placentia Fire & Life Safety Class 1. She came to Placentia in 2020 after gaining extensive experience with the US Forest Service. Cathy graduated from the fire academy in San Francisco. She is married, and her husband is a Superintendent with the Forest Service. Cathy has been instrumental in setting up wildland fire training for Placentia Fire & Life Safety. Cathy is a wonderful addition to the Fire and Life Safety Department and keeps us all feeling motivated and prideful to work in the City of Placentia. We celebrate Cathy and all the women who make our profession great!



Lynch EMS—Equipment Highlight

Have you ever heard of a LUCAS device? LUCAS, which is an acronym for Lund University Cardiac Assist System, assists Lynch EMS paramedics by delivering consistent and uninterrupted automatic chest compressions to sudden cardiac arrest patients.

Julian Soto, who is a paramedic assigned to Fire Station #2, is happy to have the LUCAS device because automatic chest compressions eliminate rescuer fatigue and free-up personnel to perform additional lifesaving measures, such as placing advanced airways, establishing IV access, and automated external defibrillator pad placement without the need to stop chest compressions. Another benefit is the simplicity of using the device.



Currently, both Placentia Medic Units are equipped with the LUCAS device. Research shows that high-quality chest compressions increase blood flow to the brain, which is the ultimate goal of CPR.

On Saturday March 5th Placentia Medic 2 responded to a private residence for a male in his 40's with a complaint of unconscious/fainting. Upon arrival the patient had inadequate breathing and had a faint/weak pulse. Placentia Fire and Life Safety Truck 2 arrived shortly after to assist the paramedics. Seconds later the patient went into cardiac arrest. The paramedics acted quickly and placed the patient on the LUCAS device and ALS procedures were initiated. The patient was then transported to a local hospital by Lynch Paramedics and regained a pulse and respirations during transport.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pedestrian Safety

With spring quickly approaching, more and more pedestrians will be out walking enjoying the warm weather. Remember to use caution while driving and while walking. Below are some safety tips for both drivers and pedestrians.

SAFETY TIPS FOR DRIVERS:

- Always be on the lookout for pedestrians.
- Use extra caution when driving in hard-to-see conditions, such as nighttime.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when turning or otherwise entering a crosswalk.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks and stop well back from the crosswalk to give other vehicles an opportunity to see the crossing pedestrians.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped at crosswalks, there may be people crossing that you cannot see.
- Never drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.
- Follow the speed limit, especially around people on the street, in school zones, and in neighborhoods where children are present.
- Be extra cautious when backing up and look for pedestrians.

SAFETY TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS:

- Follow the rules of the road and obey all signs and signals.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever they are available.
- Cross streets at crosswalks or intersections only. Look for cars in all directions, including those turning left or right.
- If a crosswalk or intersection is not available, locate a well-lit area where you can have the best view of traffic. Wait for a gap in traffic that allows enough time to cross safely.
- Watch for cars entering or exiting driveways, or backing up in parking lots.
- Avoid alcohol and drugs when walking, they impair your abilities and judgment.
- Embrace walking as a healthy form of transportation. Get up, get out, and get moving!





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Loaded Café Coming Soon!

The City of Placentia is happy to announce a fresh new restaurant coming to town! Loaded Cafe will occupy the previous IHOP location at 131 N. Kraemer, on the corner of Chapman and Kraemer. Loaded Cafe will be opening the week of April 4th and is excited to join the Placentia community. Loaded Cafe offers a traditional American menu, with a touch of Mexican flavors. They have six other locations in Gardena, two in Santa Ana, Long Beach, Lawndale, and Bellflower. Whether you're in the mood for a stacked burger, pancakes, or their famous chilaquiles, Loaded Cafe is your place! In addition to great food, community involvement is a core value of Loaded Cafe. They have partnered with the Placentia Library to offer KIDS EAT FREE, WITH 3 READ BOOKS. Loaded Cafe also has fundraising opportunities available to support the Placentia community. The City of Placentia is looking forward to the Grand Opening! Check out their website for the full menu <https://loadedcafe.com/>.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – March 18-24, 2022

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Children's Programs



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<https://placentialibrary.beanstack.org>

Read a book (any book) to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler and log it in Beanstack. The goal is to have read 1,000 books before your kiddo starts kindergarten! Don't worry, repeated books still count towards your total. Once you've logged your 1,000 books, you'll receive a special certificate and prize!

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, March 23 @ 6:30 p.m.

Once Upon A Storytime (Ages 0-3 with caregiver)

This week: Thursday, March 24 @ 10 a.m.

Family Storytime

This week: Saturday, March 19 @ 10 a.m.

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Virginia and Norman Haussmann Storytime Alcove

Spring and Summer 2022 Schedule:

March 9, 16, 23, 30	June 15, 22, 29
April 6, 20, 27	July 6, 13, 20, 27
May 4, 11, 18, 25	August 17, 24, 31

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The Hangar DIY Lab

Visit www.placentialibrary.org/hangar-diy-lab for more info!



MARCH KIT PICKUP: KNITTED WASHCLOTH

Pickup began March 1, while supplies last

Gain some pearls of wisdom with this tutorial and you'll make this handy Knitted Washcloth.

CRICUT OPEN HOUSE

April 2, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Open House is a great time to come learn the basics of our Cricut Die-Cut Machine. Whether you want to try our basic beginners craft, or just ask questions - these days are great for stopping on by The Hangar!

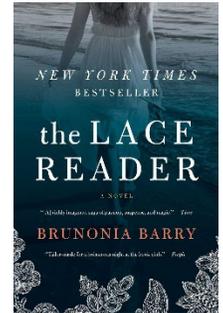


Adult, Teens and Literacy Programs

BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesday of Each Month, 1:00 p.m. Next month: *The Lace Reader* by Brunonia Barry on April 12.
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/book-club



CITIZENSHIP 101

Presentation in English

Saturday, March 26, 2022, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

For legal permanent residents who are interested in the naturalization application. A step-by-step description of the naturalization process will be discussed along with a question & answer session. No registration required.

www.placentialibrary.org/citizenship101

YOGA AT THE LIBRARY WITH GOOD MOODRA YOGA

Select Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. This week: March 19

Placentia Library Lawn

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/yoga

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

1st and 3rd Thursdays of Each Month, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Next meeting: April 7

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

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