

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Legacy Bricks Available for Purchase

The City Council allocated funds to restore the Kraemer Memorial Park Dolphin Fountain and the surrounding plaza area. The City is partnering 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. The City and Foundation are now selling personalized commemorative bricks to the community for installation in the fountain plaza area as part of this legacy project. The funds raised will help the Foundation invest further in local organizations benefiting the Placentia community and will help the City offset some construction costs related to the fountain and plaza restoration effort. More importantly, it provides the larger community an opportunity to participate in this legacy project and be a part of Placentia's legacy! Brick sales are on sale now and cost \$130 each. Placentia seniors (65+) can purchase a brick for \$95. For questions about the Legacy Brick Program, visit www.placentia.org/legacybrick or contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.

Arbor Day Celebration

The City celebrated Arbor Day by planting five trees at Parque de Los Niños. Participants of LOT318 helped City Public Works staff plant the new trees in honor of the City’s second Arbor Day recognition. West Coast Arborists generously donated two (2) Australian Willows trees, one (1) Jacaranda tree, one (1) Deodar Cedar tree, and one (1) London Plain Sycamore tree.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 5/2/22 Veterans Advisory Committee
- 5/3/22 City Council Meeting
- 5/10/22 Parks Arts and Recreation Commission
- 5/10/22 Planning Commission
- 5/11/22 Senior Advisory Committee

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Property Theft Update

On Sunday, April 24th, day watch officers were notified by a local business of some suspicious packages of make-up and perfume that were left inside of a rental truck. They were also told that the “owner” of the property was on their way to pick up the property from the truck. The quick thinking officers did some investigating and discovered that it was unreported stolen property from a storage unit. They were able to subsequently arrest the male subject who claimed it was his property. The property was returned to the victim and had an estimated value to be over \$480,000.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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.

Tiny Tots Program Coming Soon!

A new Tiny Tots program will be offered beginning July 2022. The program will focus on introducing youth ages 3-5 years old to numbers, counting, colors, shapes, letters, vocabulary development, and following directions in order to gain valuable socialization skills and prepare for kindergarten. The program will be offered in 6-week sessions and will be held at the Koch Park Community Building, Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Additionally, an option to attend the program just on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday will also be available. The class fees will be \$400 for the 4-day per week option and \$200 for the 2-day per week option. For more information, [click here](#) to view the flyer or call (714) 993-8232.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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 Cleanup Event

The City and Republic Services co-hosted a Community Cleanup Event at Tri City Park where residents were able to drop off bulky items and e-waste. At the educational booth, there was an interactive "What Goes Where?" game, and informative flyers about nearby Household Hazardous Waste Facilities and best waste and recycling practices. The Touch-a-Truck activity allowed individuals of all ages to explore the vehicle's interior features and honk the horns.





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Update

It's been an exciting last few months for Placentia Fire & Life Safety. Since being appointed Fire Chief, Chief Jason Dobine has worked hard to make the Fire & Life Safety services the best they can be for the Placentia residents. Following his appointment, he held a Battalion Chief's exam and appointed one of our very own Fire Captains, Anthony Davis.

Fire Captain Mark Huckabey also recently retired with close to 35 years of service. Captain Huckabey came to the City of Placentia after serving thirty-plus years with the Fullerton Fire Department. We are happy to report that Engineer Branden Smith was promoted to the position of Fire Captain, filling Captain Huckabey's position. We have subsequently promoted Engineer James Banister to Fire Captain to backfill Chief Davis' position.



In addition to the Captain's promotions, we recently held a Fire Apparatus Engineer's exam. Thanks to the assistance from Anaheim Fire & Rescue, we were able to utilize their training tower and personnel to hold our exam. Through this process, we promoted Firefighter Joshua Martin to Fire Apparatus Engineer. Last but not least, we promoted Spencer Brandon and David Muro to probationary Firefighters from our Reserve and part-time program, respectively.

In addition to our internal promotions, Fire Captain Matthew Wedin completed his one-year probationary period as a Fire Captain and very recently welcomed the newest and youngest member of the Fire and Life Safety Department family - Jack! Congratulations to Captain Wedin and his wife on their new baby!

With all of this great movement, we were excited to hear that former Reserve Firefighter Shabnam Foroushani and probationary Firefighter Justin Medina were hired by the Los Angeles City Fire Department and completed their intense 14-week drill tower. Another one of our reserve firefighters, Alex Gomez, is also in the LAFD drill tower for his 14-week academy. Although we are sad to see them go, we are proud to have many of our reserves and firefighters hired by a great organization like LAFD.





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Audi is Coming to Placentia!

The City of Placentia is excited to announce the construction of the Penske Audi Car Dealership is in its final stages! This elegantly designed building will be open for business in May 2022. The brand new home of Penske Audi's first north Orange County location can be found at the previously vacant site across from Fairway Ford, at 1275 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard. The new dealership includes a two-story, 25,000 square foot building that contains an indoor vehicle display area, sales areas, offices, and a parts department. Two smaller buildings are located behind the main dealership building and include service bays, detail/wash bays, and a vehicle photo booth. The architecture is a contemporary design consistent with modern Audi dealerships in California.

Before being purchased by Penske Auto Group, the property had been an eyesore to the community and was an attractive nuisance for vandalism, graffiti, and other illegal activities. The City worked extensively with the property's previous owner to either fully secure the property, develop it, or sell it to someone with a vision for development. The new Audi dealership is anticipated to generate approximately \$400,000 - \$500,000 of annual sales tax revenue (based on preliminary estimates). It will also create a significant number of new jobs, increasing discretionary spending in Placentia. Be sure to stop by soon to check out the new Audi models and admire this sleekly designed site. To receive updates on the project's status, contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – April 29 – May 5, 2022

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Library Info

FAMILY COOKING TIME: FLATBREAD AND CHEESE MAKING OH MY!

Preorder at www.placentialibrary.org/family-cooking-time

Did you know June 4 is National Cheese Day? Discover the science and fun behind making your own mozzarella cheese and flatbread. Preorders available beginning Monday, May 2. Kit pickup June 2-4. Details will be emailed to confirmed participants.



CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY PARKS PASSES NOW AVAILABLE

Learn more at

www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things

The State Library Parks Pass provides free day-use state park passes to libraries throughout California for library cardholders to check out. The pass provides FREE entry at 200+ state parks and beaches. Placentia Library District passes checkout for 2 weeks. For specific details, conditions and a list of ineligible parks please visit www.checkoutcastateparks.com.



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WANT TO RECOMMEND AN ITEM FOR US TO PURCHASE?

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/tell-us-what-to-buy

Is there an item you think we should consider adding to our library collection? The Tell Us What to Buy form allows the library to get the items for you that our library does not own. Some items may be ordered through our Zip Books program, sponsored by the California State Library, and delivered directly to your home via Amazon.

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 Pajama Storytime – This week: Wednesday, May 4 @ 6:30 p.m.

Once Upon A Storytime (Ages 0-3 with caregiver) – This week: Thursday, May 5 @ 10 a.m.

Family Storytime – This week: Saturday, April 30 @ 10 a.m.

READ TO THE DOGS

1st Monday of Each Month, 6:00 p.m. This week: May 2
Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/read-to-the-dogs



MORNING MEET UPS

2nd and 4th Monday of Each Month, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Next week: May 9
Crossroads Corner

Join us in the Crossroads Corner area for play and meeting other families at the library! We will have toys, books, and learning materials available for your children. Start off the week with family time and conversations with other families at the library! Recommended for children 0 - 4 years accompanied by a parent or caregiver.



1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN!

<https://placentia.library.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!

The Hangar DIY Lab

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



ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PICKUP: PET PORTRAIT

Pickup begins May 1, while supplies last

Calling all Pet Parents! Give your precious pets a place of honor in your home by creating these Pet Portraits!

ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PREORDER: PERSONAL PIÑATA

Preorder May 1-7 at www.placentia.library.org/take-and-make-kit-preorder to pick up in June

Celebrate a swinging good time with the Personal Piñata.

GLOWFORGE OPEN HOUSE

May 7, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Open House is a great time to come learn the basics of our Glowforge Laser. 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



SEW FUN AT THE LIBRARY

SEWING WORKSHOP FOR TEENS: TOTE BAG

Wednesday, May 18, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration opens May 1 - Learn more at www.placentia.library.org/sewing

Let's get creative and learn new sewing skills with these beginner projects! We will provide the sewing machines and supplies as we create items for the home and to wear. Space is limited, registration required.

Register in person at the Information Desk. Registration must be completed by the patron attending the event. Parents may complete the registration process for tween and family events.

BOOK CLUB

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

Next book club: "The Last of the Moon Girls" by Barbara Davis on May 10

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Learn more at www.placentia.library.org/book-club

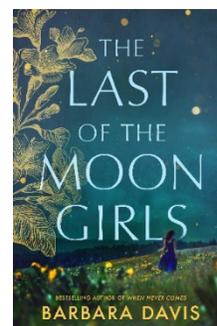
YOGA AT THE LIBRARY

WITH GOOD MOODRA YOGA

Select Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. Next week: May 7

Placentia Library Lawn

Learn more at www.placentia.library.org/yoga



PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

1st and 3rd Thursdays of Each Month, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. This week: May 5

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Learn more at www.placentia.library.org/ptac

Looking for a book or library item? Search our online catalog at catalog.placentia.library.org.

