

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### City of Norwalk Veterans Housing Groundbreaking

Council Member Craig Green and City Administrator Damien Arrula had the privilege and honor of attending another groundbreaking ceremony for a Veterans housing development. This new state-of-the-art development will be in Norwalk and is known as the Veteran Villas. Once completed, it will feature a four-story 60-unit housing development designed to serve homeless or at risk veterans. Veterans Villas will provide wraparound services to veterans living at the service enriched facility and was made possible by a variety of grants and housing tax credits. Placentia's very own Veterans Village was mentioned during the City of Norwalk's program and Mr. David Peterson whom is a resident of Placentia's Veterans Village was a speaker and he testified to the quality of life these types of projects provide to low-income or homeless veterans. Featured in this picture from right to left are Mr. David Peterson, Rick Ramirez, Mayor of Norwalk, Councilmember Craig S. Green, City Administrator Damien R. Arrula, Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager of Norwalk, and Ed Holder, Vice President of Mercy Housing California. Placentia is proud of our colleagues in Norwalk and salutes them for moving forward on another great housing project for veterans!



### Mayor Shader Presents "Clean and Kind" Award

At the October 18th City Council Meeting, Mayor Rhonda Shader presented Alice Shiozawa with the Placentia Clean and Kind Award. Alice has been an amazing community member and volunteer. She is currently leading the Placentia Rotary as President and volunteers much of her time to make Placentia a better place. She has volunteered at trash pick up events, assisted with providing backpacks and school supplies for children, and continues to give her time, money, and resources to help her community. Placentia is grateful for all the time and effort Alice puts in to make her community a better place.



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 10/25/22 Historical Committee
- 10/31/22 Placentia Community Foundation
- 11/7/22 Veterans Advisory Committee
- 11/8/22 Park Arts and Recreation Commission
- 11/10/22 Veterans Day Observed—City Facilities Closed

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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



## Legacy Bricks Now Available!

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 the restoration of the Kraemer Park Memorial Fountain. The City and the Foundation are now selling personalized commemorative bricks to the community for installation in the fountain plaza area as part of this legacy project. This will provide 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. **The deadline to purchase a legacy brick is December 31st.** For questions about the Legacy Brick Program, visit [www.placentia.org/legacybrick](http://www.placentia.org/legacybrick) or contact (714) 993-8232.

## Placentia Celebrates 98th Anniversary of the Republic of Turkey

At the October 18th City Council meeting, the City Council presented Turgut Cakiraga with a proclamation celebrating the 98th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey. The City Council of the City of Placentia joins all Turkish Americans in celebration of the 98th anniversary of the Republic of Turkey on October 29, 2022 and offers sincere greetings to all Turkish people on this occasion.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Neighborhood Services Office will hold a Turkey Basket Drive on Tuesday, November 22nd beginning at 2:00 pm, while supplies last. Donations of Thanksgiving non perishable food items are now being accepted. The donated baskets will be distributed to families in need in the City of Placentia at the annual Turkey Basket Distribution Event. Donations of non perishable food items can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center located at 900 S. Melrose Street. Please do not bring perishable food items at this time. Perishables will be accepted closer to the event date. For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

### 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 October 10th through December 15th. Gifts will be distributed to families in need in Placentia and surrounding communities. 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. To view the flyer, please [click here](#). For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

### Healthcare and Emergency Animal Rescue (HEART) Clinic

The City partners with HEART to host monthly low-cost pet vaccination clinics for the community. The pet clinics take place in the Civic Center parking lot, every fourth Tuesday of the month. The next clinic date will take place on **October 25th**. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting the "Clinic Services" section at [www.heart4pets.org](http://www.heart4pets.org). Pets will be treated in order of their arrival time. Pet owners must remain in their vehicles and wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose while visiting the clinic. For more information, contact (714) 993-9193 or visit [www.heart4pets.org](http://www.heart4pets.org).



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Expand the Forest

The Expand the Forest Program provides residents and community groups with an opportunity to purchase and dedicate a tree to commemorate a loved one or special event. Planting a tree in a City Park is a special way to honor a loved one and also provides a gift to the whole community by contributing to the expansion of the City's Urban Forest.

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. Residents can participate by completing an Expand the Forest Program application and submitting it to the Public Works Department via email at [urbanforest@placentia.org](mailto:urbanforest@placentia.org) or via mail at 401 E. Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870. The application is available online at [www.placentia.org/urbanforest](http://www.placentia.org/urbanforest) and at City Hall. For more information, contact (714) 993-8148 or [urbanforest@placentia.org](mailto:urbanforest@placentia.org).



### Free Compost Giveaway

Join OC Waste & Recycling to pick up FREE compost (while supplies last) on Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 am—3:00 pm at the following locations: Frank R. Bowerman Landfill, 11002 Bee Canyon Access Road in Irvine; Olinda Alpha Landfill, 1942 N Valencia Avenue in Brea; Prima Deshecha Landfill, 32250 Avenida La Pata, San Juan Capistrano. Proof of Orange County residency is required at these events and residents should bring a shovel and container/bag to fill. Each vehicle is limited to 60 gallons, while supplies last. County staff will be onsite to assist. For more information, please visit [www.OCLandfills.com](http://www.OCLandfills.com).

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

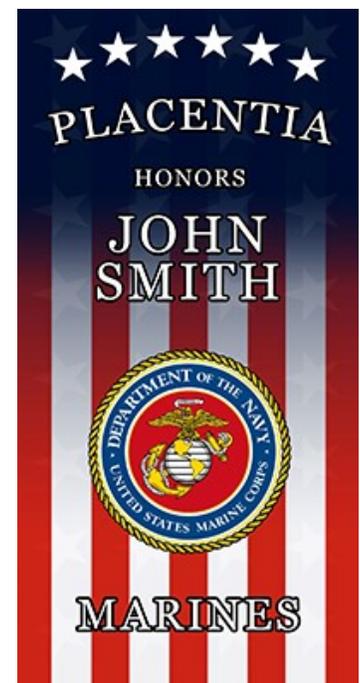
### Military Banner Recognition Program

The Placentia Military Banner Recognition Program is accepting applications for the 2022 installation. The program, known as Placentia "Hometown Heroes," honors and recognizes Placentia residents currently serving as active-duty or honorably discharged veterans in the United States Armed Forces. Branches of service include Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, Navy, and Space Force. Honorees must have a current place of residence in Placentia or have an immediate family member (parent, spouse, son, daughter, grandparents) residing in Placentia.

The banner will be installed along Kraemer Boulevard and Yorba Linda Boulevard based on the City's discretion and will remain on display for two years. Upon the end of the display period, the banner will be given to the person named on the banner application.

Applications are currently being accepted through **October 21st**, allowing time for the banners to be ordered and installed during the month of November. The cost to display each customized banner is \$260, and each service person is allowed one banner. Applications can be submitted to the Placentia Police Department.

If you have questions, contact Julie Dupuy at (714) 993-8211 or [jdupuy@placentia.org](mailto:jdupuy@placentia.org). Please [click here](#) to view the application.





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Anonymous Gun Buyback

# ANONYMOUS GUN BUYBACK



**GET A GAS CARD  
OR AMAZON GIFT  
CARD WHEN YOU  
TURN IN YOUR  
FIREARM**

## Oct. 22, 2022

166 East La Jolla Street  
Placentia, CA. 92870  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

100% ANONYMOUS,  
NO ID REQUIRED,  
NO QUESTIONS ASKED

**\$200** for operable handguns,  
shotguns, ghost guns and rifles

**\$400** for operable assault weapons  
as classified in the state of California

No BB or pellet guns will be  
accepted

\*\*\*Transport your firearms **UNLOADED** in a bag, box or case, and in the trunk of your vehicle. Remain in your vehicle at all times and **DO NOT TOUCH ANY WEAPONS**. An officer will remove the gun from the vehicle. If the trunk or rear hatch can not be opened remotely by the driver, the driver will hand the officer the key. The drive-up event is limited to three firearms per person and no walk-ups allowed\*\*\*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT PLACENTIA PD LIEUTENANT C. ANDERSON (714) 993-8156 OR BY EMAIL [CANDERSON@PLACENTIA.ORG](mailto:CANDERSON@PLACENTIA.ORG)**

**FOR MEDIA RELATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PLACENTIA PD PIO SERGEANT J. CONNELL (714) 993-8153 OR BY EMAIL [JCONNELL@PLACENTIA.ORG](mailto:JCONNELL@PLACENTIA.ORG)**

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## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Hudson Townhomes Model Grand Opening

The City of Placentia is happy to announce that a new residential development, known as Hudson is now open for tours of the model homes. The sales office, located at 443 and 455 S. Van Buren Street is open for tours and inquires Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and Wednesday from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The 139-unit residential development will consist of 22 separate three-story buildings. 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 has several amenities such as a tot lot, gated neighborhood, dog park, basketball court, BBQs, and fire pits. Join Landsea Homes as they unveil the beautifully decorated model homes at Hudson in Placentia. Email [HudsonInfo@LandseaHomes.com](mailto:HudsonInfo@LandseaHomes.com) for more information.

The project developer, a partnership between Toffoli Investments and Landsea Homes, will construct the townhomes, which is anticipated to continue for approximately 18 months. For information related to the construction schedule, please contact the Development Services Department directly at (714) 993-8124 or contact [AGonzales@placentia.org](mailto:AGonzales@placentia.org).



## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Library Visit

This week, PFLS visited the Placentia Library to discuss fire safety and prevention tips with the community. We encourage everyone to draft and practice escape plans for your home with all members of your family so you're prepared in the event of an emergency. To assist you during an emergency, sign up for Community Connect. This data allows emergency responders to know critical information about your property and your needs before responding to your home or business for an emergency. Sign up for Community Connect [here](#).



## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – October 21-27, 2022

Follow us on social media!  
Instagram: @placentialib  
Facebook: Placentia Library

## Bullying Prevention Month

### READING CHALLENGE

[placentialibrary.beanstack.org](http://placentialibrary.beanstack.org) or the Beanstack App

Celebrate Bullying Prevention Month by participating in a reading challenge. Learn about others, get book recommendations, and more! Log your reading and complete activities to earn badges all month long.

Looking for a book or library item? Search our online catalog at [catalog.placentialibrary.org](http://catalog.placentialibrary.org).

## Children's Programs

### IN-PERSON STORYTIMES

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 Pajama Storytime** – Wednesday, October 26 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Once Upon A Storytime (Ages 0-3 with caregiver)** – Thursday, October 27 @ 10:00 a.m.

**Family Storytime** – Saturday, October 22 @ 10:00 a.m.

### READ TO THE DOGS

1st Monday of Each Month, 6:00 p.m. Next month: November 7

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. – because even dogs like to hear a good tail-chasing tale now and then! Learn more at [www.placentialibrary.org/read-to-the-dogs](http://www.placentialibrary.org/read-to-the-dogs)

### MORNING MEET UPS

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This week: October 24

Crossroads Corner

Join us in the Crossroads Corner area for play time and a chance to meet other families at the library! We will have toys, books, and learning materials available for your children. Encouraged for children 0-4 accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Learn more at [www.placentialibrary.org/morning-meet-ups](http://www.placentialibrary.org/morning-meet-ups)

### PUMPKIN BOOK CHARACTERS DECORATING CONTEST

Get ready for Halloween by showing off your favorite book character, in pumpkin form! Decorate a pumpkin with non-perishable items to resemble your favorite book character for a chance to win exciting prizes! Entries must not be carved in any way to prevent rotting while on display. This fun-filled contest is open to all ages! Visit our website for entry rules and details.

**Important Dates** October 22-23: Pumpkin Drop-Off\*

October 25-27: Online Voting

October 29-30: Pumpkin and Prize Pick-Up

\*All entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. on October 23

Learn more at [www.placentialibrary.org/pumpkins](http://www.placentialibrary.org/pumpkins)



**Bullying Prevention Month**  
Reading Challenge

Register and log your books at [placentialibrary.beanstack.org](http://placentialibrary.beanstack.org)

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The graphic features an illustration of a girl in a blue shirt and red pants standing next to a smaller figure. Below the illustration are three book covers: 'Swimmy' by Leo Lionard, 'Wolf Hollow' by Lauren Child, and 'Bone Gap' by Laura Ruby. The Beanstack and Placentia logos are at the bottom right.



Contact us: (714) 528-1906 – [information@placentialibrary.org](mailto:information@placentialibrary.org) – 411 E. Chapman Ave. Placentia



## **STEAM LABS! - CRICUITS, PART II: MAKE YOUR OWN LEMON CIRCUIT**

Wednesday, October 26, 3:30 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Join us as we use simple household items to explore STEAM-related topics through engaging discussions and hands-on activities! Space is limited.

### The Hangar DIY Lab

Visit [www.placentialibrary.org/hangar-diy-lab](http://www.placentialibrary.org/hangar-diy-lab) for more info!



## **ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PICKUP: BUILD-A-BOO**

Pickup began October 1, while supplies last

Scared of your tool box? You'll never be spooked about hanging picture frames again after completing this nail art project.

Learn more at [www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-diy-kits](http://www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-diy-kits)

### Adult, Teens and Literacy Programs

## **YOGA AT THE LIBRARY WITH GOOD MOODRA YOGA**

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. This week: October 22

Placentia Library Lawn

Learn more at [www.placentialibrary.org/yoga](http://www.placentialibrary.org/yoga)

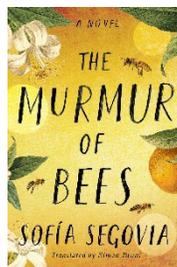
## **BOOK CLUB**

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

November: *The Murmur of Bees* by Sofia Segovia on November 8

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Learn more at [www.placentialibrary.org/book-club](http://www.placentialibrary.org/book-club)



## **PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)**

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

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Learn more at [www.placentialibrary.org/ptac](http://www.placentialibrary.org/ptac)

## **LITERACY**

Teach an adult to read. Become a Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor. Get started at

[www.placentialibrary.org/literacy](http://www.placentialibrary.org/literacy).

### All-Ages Halloween Program

## **MONSTER MASH**

Friday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Placentia Civic Center Plaza

Welcome to our Monster Mash! While there is no graveyard at this bash, we will have a monstrous good time with carnival games, crafts, and much more! All ages welcome.

Drinks and snacks will be for sale to support PTAC programs.



### Career Pathways

The California State Library is providing free access to a number of digital platforms for workforce support: Coursera, GetSetUp, Job & Career Accelerator (EBSCO), LearningExpress Library Complete (EBSCO), LinkedIn Learning, Northstar, Skillshare, and VetNow.

Access these resources with your library card at [www.placentialibrary.org/career-pathways](http://www.placentialibrary.org/career-pathways)

Career Pathways

