

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Graduation Ceremony Held for Participants of the Placentia Citizens Academy

The City held a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, November 1st to honor the participants of the 2022 Placentia Citizens Academy. The Placentia Citizens Academy was a seven-week educational program designed to empower residents and businesses in learning more about the City, including how our City governance works, how decisions are made, learning about how City resources are allocated, as well as understanding how departments operate and learn about the magic of our operations behind the scenes. During this Academy, participants had the opportunity to tour City facilities, ask questions, and become more informed and involved citizens. Participants included: Jeanice Akee, Salvador Avila, Stephanie Beverage, Myla Collier, Shannon Conaway, Chris Coppock, Chelsie Griffith, Cynthia Headlund, Greg Laporte, Lane Melland, Jim Paddock, Lien Pham, Leo Rodriguez, and Jaime Ross. The City of Placentia thanks you all for your dedication and commitment to the program and learning more about City operations.



OCTA's OC Bus Service Disruption

OCTA's has informed the City that the OC Bus fixed-route service will be halted throughout the county beginning on Thursday, November 3rd after maintenance employees began striking. Passengers are asked to continue checking the following webpage for service updates. ACCESS service for those with disabilities will continue as usual.



www.octa.net/bus/service-alerts/

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/7/22 Veterans Advisory Committee
- 11/8/22 Park Arts and Recreation Commission
- 11/8/22 Planning Commission
- 11/9/22 Senior Advisory Committee
- 11/10/22 Veterans Day Observed - City Facilities Closed

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

OC Health Care Agency Strongly Encourages Preventative Measures Against RSV

Due to record numbers of pediatric hospitalizations and daily emergency room visits for respiratory infections, the County Health Officer and OC Health Care Agency (HCA) Medical Directors are strongly encouraging Orange County residents to follow disease preventive measures. Seek medical attention immediately if your child is showing warning signs, which may include having trouble breathing, showing signs of dehydration (i.e., no urine in over 8 hours, dark urine, very dry mouth and no tears), has a persistent or high fever, or looks or acts very sick. Call your primary care provider, pediatrician, urgent care or hospital to help navigate steps to recommended care before your visit.



Preventative actions:

- Do not go to school or work when you are symptomatic.
- Avoid close contact such as kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick, and when you are sick.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your upper shirt sleeve, not your hands.
- Mask when indoors or in large group settings.
- Wash your hands frequently, especially before and after eating and using the bathroom.
- Get your flu shot and COVID-19 vaccines to prevent complications from these viral illnesses.

Additionally, parents and caregivers should keep young children with acute respiratory illnesses out of childcare, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) infections occur primarily during the fall and winter cold and flu season, causing bronchiolitis and pneumonia in children under one year of age and placing infants, young children, and older adults, with chronic medical conditions, at risk for more severe disease. Annually, RSV leads to approximately 58,000 hospitalizations with 100-500 deaths among children younger than 5 years old and 177,000 hospitalizations with 14,000 deaths among adults, aged 65 years or older. Providers are encouraged to review California Department of Public Health Alert [here](#) and American Academy of Pediatrics guidance options [here](#).

10th Annual Fallen Heroes' Ceremony

On Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 9:15 a.m., El Dorado High School (EDHS) will host its tenth annual Fallen Heroes' Ceremony on campus at 1651 N. Valencia Avenue. This year's ceremony speaker includes a keynote address from Colonel Lively, Commanding Officer, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. This event honors all Veterans, Active Duty and Reservists across our community and also honors our fallen heroes who have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Fallen Heroes Memorial was constructed in 2013 as an Eagle Scout project by Andrew Binnings, a 2014 EDHS graduate. The Memorial honors the three El Dorado graduates who sacrificed their lives defending the country – U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sergeant William Harrell (92), U.S. Marine Corps Corporal Claudio "Nene" Patiño IV (06), U.S. Army Sergeant Jason Michael Weaver (07).

Each year, the ceremony is supported by Placentia Boy Scout Troop 723, the Binnings family, and the school's choral and digital media arts programs. For more information, please contact Kenny Binnings at lillnr@mac.com or (714) 865-3669.



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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 or contact (714) 993-8232.

A flyer for the Legacy Brick Program. At the top, it features the PCF logo, the City of Placentia logo, and an image of the Kraemer Memorial Park Fountain. Below this, it says "CITY OF PLACENTIA LEGACY BRICK PROGRAM" and "BE A PART OF PLACENTIA'S LEGACY!". A list of details includes: bricks cost \$130 or \$95 for seniors (65+), bricks are 4 in x 8 in, 1-3 lines of text are allowed with 20 spaces per line, logos for businesses, non-profits, and service groups can be included for an additional fee, brick purchases are tax deductible, and the deadline to purchase bricks is December 31st. A yellow starburst graphic repeats the deadline. At the bottom, it says "For more information or to purchase a legacy brick, please visit www.placentia.org/legacybrick".

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Tiny Tots Halloween Fun and Session 4

The Tiny Tots program celebrated Halloween this week with a potluck, pumpkin patch, and costume parade. All program participants and their families enjoyed fun activities like pumpkin decorating, face painting, and tasty Halloween treats. Session 4 of the Tiny Tots program will be a "Winter Wonderland" theme and classes will be held from November 28th – January 19th with no classes being held from December 16th – January 2nd for the winter Holiday or on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The program focuses 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 them for kindergarten. The program is offered in 6-week sessions at the Koch Park Community Building. For more information, [click here](#) to view the flyer or call the Tiny Tots program staff at (714) 572-0467.





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.

New Park Amenities at Goldenrod Park and Koch Park

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. Goldenrod Park and Koch Park playgrounds have now been replaced. To finalize the renovation of Goldenrod and Koch Parks, the park amenities such as park benches, picnic tables, BBQ's and trash/recycling receptacles are now being replaced at both sites. The new amenities will be cohesive across all parks in the City with one universal design and will be much more durable and weather resistant compared to many of the wooden amenities once installed at the locations. The City's goal is to have every City park playground renovated within 2 to 5 years with amenity replacement to follow. For more information about the Placentia Parks Initiative, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.





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 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. For more information, contact (714) 993-8148 or 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Election Season

During this election season, the Placentia Police Department would like to remind everyone that removing any political candidate's signs without their consent is against the law. California Penal Code section 488 makes this a petty theft. Defacing or destroying any signs is also against the law and California Penal Code section 594 makes this a vandalism. If you see anyone committing these crimes, please call the non-emergency line at (714) 993-8164.



Veterans Day Observance Ceremony

The City of Placentia will be hosting the 34th Annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony on Friday, November 11th at 10:00 am at the Placentia Civic Center. The City is grateful for the many sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our Country. In their honor, we invite all residents, veterans, and their families to celebrate this Veterans Day with us. Special guest speakers, patriotic music, and the new Military Banner Recognition Program recipients will be included in the event program. In addition, the added service members to the veterans monument will be honored, and their name inscriptions will be unveiled. For more information, please call (714) 993-8211.





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 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.





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Storytime at the Placentia Library

On Saturday, October 29th, the crews from Station 1 were the special guests for the Placentia Library Storytime. Firefighters read stories to the families out on the lawn, and then invited the attendees to “Touch the Truck” and explore the fire equipment on the engine. The Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department crews are happy to continue to be part of the fabric that makes up the Placentia community and look forward to ongoing partnerships with the Placentia Library.



Recent Training Highlights

In the fire service, ongoing training is key to success. In the last two weeks, the Fire and Life Safety Department has been training on both swift water rescue and vehicle extrication training. These dynamic trainings are held locally and at the North Net Training Center in Anaheim. The Department is fortunate to continue training across all shifts to ensure that we are ready to serve the residents of the City of Placentia when needed.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – November 4-10, 2022

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Children's Programs

STORYTIMES

Our storytimes are held in the Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove. More info: www.placentialibrary.org

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime – Wednesday, November 9 @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Family Storytime – Saturday, November 5 @ 10:00 a.m. as Firefighters and Fire Safety Storytime

IN-N-OUT COVER TO COVER READING PROGRAM

October 1 - November 12

Sign up at the Information Desk

Read five library books and earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger! Ages 4-12.

READ TO THE DOGS

1st Monday of Each Month, 6:00 p.m. This week: 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

MORNING MEET UPS

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This week: November 7

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.

The Hangar DIY Lab

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



ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PICKUP: CUSTOM STAMP GIFT TAGS

Pickup began November 1, while supplies last

This season, give your gifts an extra personal touch no matter what holiday you celebrate. Learn to carve your own stamps - and ink them too.

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-diy-kits



ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PREORDER: POM-POM REINDEER ORNAMENTS

Preorder November 1-7 to pick up in December

Once you see how easy these ornaments are, you'll make a whole herd.

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/take-and-make-kit-preorder



Adult, Teens and Literacy Programs

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

MANGA/ANIME NIGHT

Thursday, November 17

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Meet and hang out with lovers of all things anime! Activities will range from anime screenings to discussion of our favorite series, manga share and swap, anime-themed crafts, and more! Open to ages 14-18.

YOGA AT THE LIBRARY WITH GOOD MOODRA YOGA

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. This week: November 5

Placentia Library Lawn

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/yoga

BOOK CLUB

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

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

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Learn more at 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 17

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Learn more at www.placentialibrary.org/ptac

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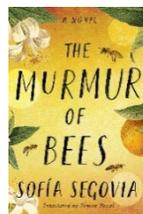
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