

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Council Reorganization

The Placentia City Council held its annual reorganization meeting on Tuesday, December 6th and swore in a new Councilmember. The new City Council for 2022-23 is as follows:

Mayor Ward L. Smith

Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy B. Yamaguchi

Councilmember Kevin Kirwin

Councilmember Rhonda Shader

Councilmember Chad P. Wanke



The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10th 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.

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!



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 12/8/22 Tamale Festival
- 12/13/22 Planning Commission
- 12/19-1/2 City Facilities Holiday Closure
- 1/10/23 City Council Meeting
- 1/10/23 Planning Commission

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Weekly Briefing, please email:

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

City Facilities Holiday Closure

All City facilities will be closed from December 19th through January 2nd. City Hall and other City facilities will reopen on Tuesday, 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.

Purchase a Legacy Brick Today

The City is partnering with the Community Foundation to create an opportunity for the community to invest in this one-of-a-kind historic project by incorporating legacy brick dedication program into the restoration of the Kraemer Park Memorial Fountain. The City and the Foundation are selling personalized commemorative bricks as part of this legacy project. 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Holiday Driving Safety

The end of the year is a busy time for many, with more drivers on the road than usual. If you've been drinking, do not drive. Call a sober friend, use a ride share app, or call a taxi to ensure you get home safely. Remember: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Free Compost Giveaway

In partnership with OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR), the City is providing free compost to Placentia residents. Residents can pick up free compost at the City Corporation Yard at 2999 E La Jolla St., Anaheim, CA 92806, while supplies last (First Come, First Serve!). This is a self-service event, so bring your own shovel and container to the City Corporation Yard. The compost will be located at the entrance, to the right of the driveway, and it is accessible 24/7.

OCWR creates quality compost material from green waste collected from homes across Orange County. Compost is a full-circle product that begins in the yard waste bin and transforms into nutrient-rich soil amendment to retain moisture in the soil, suppresses weed growth, and helps by providing macro and micronutrients for healthier plant growth. It can save you money and time by reducing your garden's watering and weeding needs. It also benefits the environment by recycling valuable organic resources and extending the life of our landfills.

Thank you, OC Waste & Recycling, for donating the compost. To learn more about their efforts in protecting our environment, please visit <https://oclandfills.com/>.

Holiday Tree Recycling Program

Free holiday tree collection is provided for single-family households with automated collection from December 27th through January 7th. Residents are reminded to remove all decorations and have their trees out by the curb by 7:00 am. If your tree is more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half for safe and easy collection. Flocked trees cannot be recycled; please call (714) 238-3300 to schedule a pick-up for a flocked tree.





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Put a Freeze on Winter Holiday Fires

Did you know that the top three days of the year for home candle fires are Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day? During this time of the year, we often brighten up our homes with extra lights and candles to reflect our holiday spirit. With this joy, also comes responsibility.

To ensure that your home stays safe this season, follow the tips below:

- Only use decorations that are flame-retardant or not flammable.
- Check holiday lights each year for frayed wires or excessive wear.
- Don't link more than three strands of holiday lights.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles.
- Keep your live Christmas tree away from heat sources and room exits.
- Water your live Christmas tree daily to keep it from becoming dry.

Put a FREEZE on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

<p>Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.</p>	<p>More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.</p>	<p>Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.</p>
<p>Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.</p>	<p>A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.</p>	<p>More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.</p>
<p>Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.</p>	<p>Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.</p>	<p>Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.</p>



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html and nfpa.org/winter.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Placentia Tamale Festival

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce the 28th annual Tamale Festival to be held in Old Town Placentia on the 100 and 200 blocks of Santa Fe Ave and the 200 block of Bradford Ave on **Thursday, December 8th** from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm. The event will feature, live entertainment, food and tamale vendors, non-profit booths, business booths, a beer garden, pictures with Santa Claus, a Holiday Tree Lighting, and a kids games area. If you are interested in being a vendor or for more information about the event, please visit www.placentia.org/tamalefestival or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232. To view the event flyer, please [click here](#).

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 Tuesday, December 27th. Reservations are required and can be made by visiting the "Clinic Services" section at 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.

Holiday Tree Lighting Event

On Thursday, December 1st, the City hosted the annual Holiday Tree Lighting event at the Civic Center Plaza. The event featured performances by the Musical Theatre University, the lighting of the Menorah by the Chabad Beth Meir Hachohen, Holiday crafts, hot chocolate and coffee sponsored by Golden State Coffee Roasters, tasty treats, photos with Santa Claus, and the lighting of the Holiday Tree. The Holiday Tree will be lit every evening throughout the Holiday Season. For more information on City events, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT****Pending Development Project List**

Project Address	Project Description	Applicant	Project Status
SEC of Rose Drive and Alta Vista Street	Development of a 10,500-square foot commercial retail building and 54, single family detached residential homes located on an 8.45-acre lot.	SC Development, LLC, c/o M. Paul Conzelman and Shea Homes	Phases 1-9 complete; in process of Certificates of Occupancy for Phase 9.
455 S. Van Buren Street	Development of 139, three-story townhome units on an approximately 5.57-acre site. Zoning of parcel to change from Manufacturing (M(O)) to High-Density Residential (R-3).	Toffoli Investments	Site Grading Underway and Construction of Models Complete and First Phase Underway
SWC of Orchard Drive and Highland Avenue	Development of four, three-story, multi-family buildings consisting of 16 residential townhomes located on a 1.24-acre unimproved vacant lot.	HQT Homes	Building Permits Issued, Under Construction
505 W. Crowther Avenue	Development of a 5-story, 418 Unit apartment building with a 7-story parking structure on a 4.4-acre site.	JPI	Construction of parking garage complete. Construction of apartments in process
1474 N. Kraemer Boulevard. (Phase II improvement)	Establish and operate a drive-thru for an eating and drinking establishment, in conjunction with a comprehensive façade remodel for the Village Plaza shopping center.	Maikel Faragalla – Urban Dwell Architects	Under Construction
1314 N. Angelina Avenue	Development of an affordable senior housing project consisting of two, two-story buildings, one with 33 units and one with 32 units and a new parish hall for an existing church.	National Core	Building Permit Issued, Under Construction
207-209 Crowther Avenue	The development of a mixed-use community including 189 mixed-income apartment units and 1,500 S.F. of retail on a 2.13-acre site on City owned property.	USA Properties Fund Inc.	In Plan Check
1474 N. Kraemer Blvd. (Phase II improvement)	Development and operation of a drive-thru in conjunction with a comprehensive façade remodel for the Village Plaza shopping center.	Maikel Faragalla – Urban Dwell Architects	Under Construction

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NWC of E. Orangethorpe Avenue and N. Lakeview Avenue (Cobblestone Village)	A request to construct a 4,311-square foot multi-tenant commercial building with site improvements.	Maikel Faragalla – Urban Dwell Architects	Ready for Building Permit Issuance
777 W. Orangethorpe Avenue	A 248 Unit Development Consisting of a 5-story, 249,557 gross sq. ft. residential building with 2,703 sq. ft. of ground floor commercial space and a 7-level, 151,900 gross sq. ft. wrapped parking structure located on a 2.72-acre lot.	Gilad Ganish representing Orangethorpe Investment Partners, LLC	Under Entitlement Review; Project Deemed Complete
719 ½ Monroe Way	Request to build a new 7,117 square foot, two-story warehouse, with landscape and hardscape improvements.	Kent Dahlberg	Planning Commission Approved 11/8/22.
119 S. Main Street	Construction of a new two-story 2,870 square foot duplex, with a four-car garage.	Ernesto Ramos	Building permits issued and construction in progress
500 S. Placentia Avenue	A site plan review for the installation of new ground mount PV solar system, carport PV solar system, battery energy storage system and associated equipment to an existing commercial building.	John Bruce	Under Entitlement Review
929 Gonzales Street	Construction of a new 2,166 square feet single-family home, with a 482 (2) car garage on an approximately 3,673 square feet lot.	Emmanuel Gonzalez Guerrero	Under Entitlement Review
17000 La Paloma Avenue	Construction of (3) three 2,532 square foot, two-story, single-family houses on (3) three recently subdivided parcels	Elliot Barker	Site Plan Review approved. Awaiting plan check submittal

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1421 Cisneros Lane (APN: 341-433-48)	Subdivide one 17,424 square foot parcel into two (2) parcels for the future development of single-family homes.	Blain Meith	Planning Commission Approved 10/11/22; City Council Approved 11/15/22
421 N. Nevin Place (APN: 341-433-05)	Subdivide one 1.76-acre parcel into Seven (7) parcels for the future development of single-family homes.	Blain Meith	Under Entitlement Review
502 Gerhold Lane (APN: 341-421-33)	Subdivide one 17,859 square foot parcel into two (2) parcels for the future development of single-family homes.	Blain Meith	Planning Commission Approved 10/11/22; City Council Approved 11/15/22
406 Nevin Lane (APN: 341-433-23)	Subdivide one 20,908 square foot parcel into two (2) parcels for the future development of single-family homes.	Blain Meith	Planning Commission Approved 10/11/22; City Council Approved 11/15/22
860 S. Placentia Avenue	Construction of a new 34,275 square foot warehouse building and a new 34,063 square foot maintenance building at an existing 6.28-acre lot.	U-Haul Co. of Orange County	Approved at Planning Commission 7/12/2022;. Demo permits issued with Building Permits ready for issuance
1952 & 1958 E. Veterans Way (346-337-33 & 35)	To permit the subdivision to establish 39 three- and four-story residential condominiums on approximately 1.3 acres.	Toffoli Investments, Inc.	Under Entitlement Review
503 & 513 S. Van Buren Street (346-164-23, 346-164-24)	To permit the development of two, three-story townhome buildings for a total of 12 condominium units on approximately 0.379-acre site.	Toffoli Investments, Inc.	Scheduled for Planning Commission 12/13/22



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Project Address	Project Description	Applicant	Project Status
118 E. Orangethorpe Avenue	Subdivide an existing 2.37-acre property into two parcels measuring 0.68-acres (Parcel 1) and 1.81-acres (Parcel 2).	Mike Patel	Submittal deemed incomplete 12/5/22
341-501-01 through 341-501-65	To permit a new residential planned community consisting of 100 single-family detached homes.	Eric Everhart, Toll Brothers, Inc.	Under Entitlement Review

Building Activity Report Ending November 2022

PERMIT TYPE	# PERMITS
RESIDENTIAL ALTERATION	49
SOLAR/EV	52
COMMERCIAL Addition/Alteration	2
SIGN	4
ROOF	10
POOL	1
PATIO	5
FENCE/WALL	4
Demolition	3
TOTAL	130

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

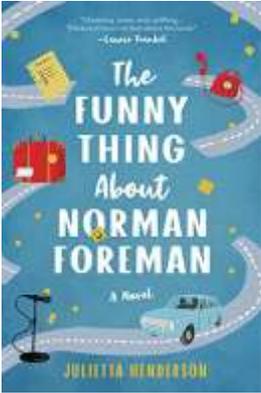
Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

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Weekly Summary – December 9 – December 15, 2022

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Adult, Teens, and Literacy Programs



BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 13, 1:00 p.m.

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

This month: "The Funny Thing about Norman Foreman" by Julietta Henderson

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

Thursday, December 15, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room



LITERACY

Teach an adult to read. Become a Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor. Get started at www.placentialibrary.org/literacy.

Children's Programs

STORYTIMES

Our storytimes are held in the Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove.

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, December 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

Miércoles, 14 de Diciembre @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, December 15 @ 10:00 a.m.

Family Storytime

Saturday, December 10 @ 10:00 a.m.

READ TO THE DOGS

1st Monday of Each Month, 6:00 p.m. Next Month: January 9
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!

MORNING MEET UPS

December 12

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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.



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

The Hangar DIY Lab

Come explore The Hangar: a do-it-yourself space to design, build, and create. Whether you want to learn a new skill, use our equipment, or just gain inspiration, The Hangar is the place for you! Curious about our space? Stop by during open hours for a tour, or [visit our page on the library website](#).

The Hangar Open Hours

Tuesday: 12:00 - 7:30 p.m.*

Thursday: 12:00 - 7:30 p.m.*

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

*Closed 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Occupancy limit and hours are subject to change. Be sure to check for upcoming closure dates!

Winter Reading

DECEMBER 1, 2022 - JANUARY 13, 2023

Register at placentialibrary.beanstack.org or using the [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!

Ages 0-13: For every 60 minutes you read (or are read to), you'll earn the chance to win one of our fabulous Kids Grand Prizes. Log those minutes and enter to win prizes on the Beanstack App! Paper logs are also available at the Information Desk.

Ages 14+: For each book you read, you earn a chance at one of our exciting Teen and Adult Grand Prizes.



eBooks and Online Learning



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