

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Happy Holidays from City Administrator Damien R. Arrula

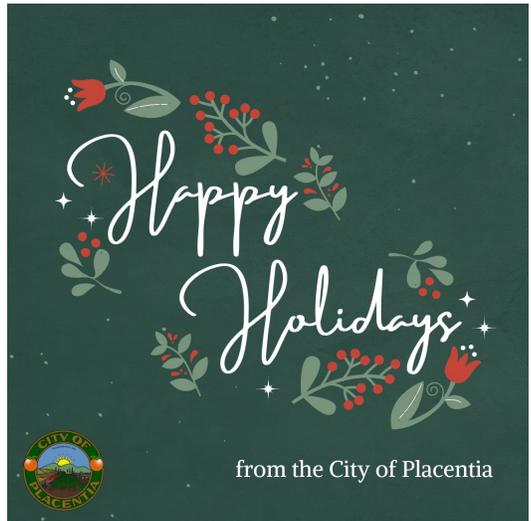
The holidays are a time of year when we share many special moments with our family and friends and look ahead to a new year filled with promise and opportunity. It’s a time to reflect upon the many blessings that we have. This holiday season, I’m grateful for the blessing of my family, the City Council and City staff, and you, our Placentia residents. I’m also grateful for the many sacrifices of our military and public safety personnel, who may not be able to be with their loved ones this holiday season because they are keeping us safe.

The end of the year is also a good time to reflect on all that has been accomplished. It’s been another year of great progress for the City of Placentia. Some significant accomplishments include winning Employer of the Year at the Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Placentia Gala, receiving a Helen Putnam Award for Excellence for our Placentia FiberCity project, groundbreakings for Santa Angelina Senior Apartments and Hudson Townhomes, receiving a triple credit rating increase, a ribbon cutting ceremony for Koch Park, and so much more. Often, we are so focused on the next task that we forget to take time to reflect and celebrate how far we have come. Thinking about how much has been accomplished this year, I can’t help but feel a sense of tremendous pride in this City, and I am proud to be your City Administrator.

As we celebrate this holiday season and look forward to new and exciting opportunities ahead, the City of Placentia remains committed to providing high-quality services and amenities to our Placentia residents and businesses and looks forward to another year of great progress. We remain committed to working with and for all of you to ensure Placentia stays a great place to live, work, play, and visit.

I hope you all have a safe, joyous, healthy, and happy holiday season, and may God bless you and your families.

- Damien R. Arrula



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## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### 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!



### City Facilities Holiday Closure

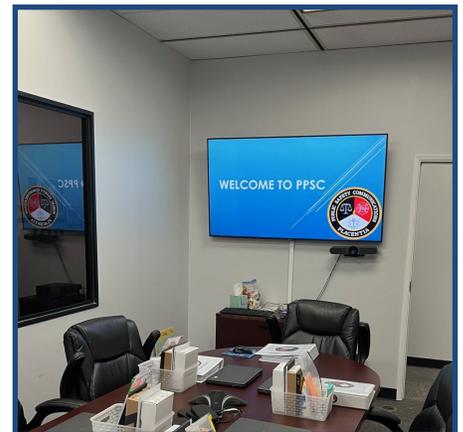
All City facilities will be closed from December 19th through January 2nd. City Hall and other City facilities will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd. The Police and Fire Departments will remain open during the holidays. For non-life-threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or other 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](http://www.placentia.org/legacybrick) or contact (714) 993-8232.

### Public Safety Communications Center Update

On November 29th, the Placentia Public Safety Communications Center welcomed four new employees. These dispatch trainees have been participating in their four-week orientation training and certification process and will soon begin their on-the-job training in the dispatch center. They are all excited to begin serving the Placentia community and be a part of the Placentia team. Welcome to the Communications Team!



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Holiday Lobby Hours

Over the holidays, the front lobby of the Placentia Police Department will be closed from Friday December 23rd through Monday December 26th. The men and women of the Placentia Police Department wish everyone a wonderful, healthy, and safe holiday season!





## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

The Christmas Day and New Year's Day holidays are observed on Monday, December 26, 2022 and Monday, January 2, 2023. For the weeks of December 26, 2022 and January 2, 2023 all trash, recycling and yard waste collection is on a one-day delay. All service will happen one day after your regular trash day.

If your trash, recycling, or yard waste was not emptied on your normal collection day, please contact Republic Services within 24 hours of your collection day (including Saturday morning) at (714) 238-3300 to arrange for a make-up collection. Missed pickups are typically collected the next business day, depending on the time of day that Republic Services was notified. Please leave the cart out at the curb so that it can be emptied. Please remember to place carts for collection by 6:30 am on your scheduled collection day. Each of the three collection trucks can come at any time between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm.

### Recycle Your Holiday Tree

Real holiday trees will be accepted at the curb by Republic Services from Tuesday, December 27, 2022, through Saturday, January 7, 2023. Be sure to take off all lights, ornaments, tinsel, and garlands, as well as the metal or plastic stand. Set the bare tree at the curb or next to the dumpsters in your complex. If your tree is more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half for safe and easy collection.

If you don't take your tree down until after January 7, 2023, please cut it into pieces that will fit into your yard waste cart or dumpster with the lid closed. There will be no curbside collection of holiday trees after January 7, 2023. You can also recycle holiday wreaths and greenery in your yard waste cart or dumpster. The wreaths and greenery must also be bare, so please remove all wires, hooks, bows, and other decorations. Collected trees and greenery are turned into mulch, compost, and ground cover.

If your family enjoys an artificial tree, pack it up for next year. If you are discarding an artificial tree or wreath, please place it into the waste cart or dumpster or schedule a bulky item pickup. Artificial trees and wreaths are not recyclable. For more information, please contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300.



### Annual Compost Giveaway

The City of Placentia and Republic Services will be giving away compost for free on Saturday, February 4, 2023, from 7:30 am to 10:30 am (or until compost runs out), at Tri City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd. This event provides an opportunity to give back and thank residents for their participation in the City's green waste recycling program. Please bring your own containers or buckets for Republic Services staff to fill with compost.

To receive the free compost, residents must provide proof of residency (California driver's license or utility bill). There is a limit of 60 gallons of compost per household. This event may be subject to changes or postponement. The City will provide future updates of any changes.

For more information, contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300 or the City of Placentia at (714) 993-8123.





## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 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](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).

### Community Christmas Basket Event

The Neighborhood Services Office hosted the annual Community Christmas Basket Event on Saturday, December 10th for families in the City of Placentia. Families received a hot meal, toys from Santa, food bags to take home for the holidays, took photos with Santa Claus, and participated in crafts and activities. The Rotary Club of Placentia donated cookies and cookie decorating supplies for participants to enjoy. The Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department, Council Member Kevin Kirwin, and Council Member Rhonda Shader all assisted Santa Claus with distributing toys and engaged with the community during the event. This event would not be possible without the generous donations from the Rotary Club of Placentia, First Team Realtors, St. Jude Medical Center, His OC, the Placentia Community Foundation, Blessed Sacrament Church, and Linda Vista Preschool. For more information on similar events, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.



### Tiny Tots Holiday Read-A-Story

The Tiny Tots program had a special visit this week from Council Member Shader. The kids celebrated the Holiday season with a story read by Council Member Shader called Llama Llama Holiday Drama, about a young Llama friend who is so excited and ready for the Holiday season to begin. After reading the story, they all had the opportunity to share with Council Member Shader about what they're looking forward to this Holiday season. They also decorated their own Holiday snowman and learned a special snowman rhyme that they shared with Council Member Shader. The Tiny Tots program will observe the winter break from December 16th – January 2nd. Classes will resume on January 3rd. For more information, please contact the Tiny Tots staff at (714) 572-0467 or visit [www.placentia.org/tinytots](http://www.placentia.org/tinytots).





## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 28th Annual Tamale Festival

The City hosted the 28th annual Tamale Festival on Thursday, December 8th in Old Town Placentia on the 100 and 200 blocks of Santa Fe Ave., and the 200 block of Bradford Ave. The event was a great success and featured a holiday tree lighting, live entertainment from the Grupo Bella, the Darden Band, Mariachi Divas, and the Chinelo Dancers, 12 food vendors offering tamales and other food items, a beer garden, and 30 different vendors. The Rotary Club of Placentia sponsored the Santa area where families had the opportunity to take a photo with Santa and take home a special gift. The event would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, Supervisor Doug Chaffee's Office, Major League Properties, Eagle Community Credit Union, the Placentia Rotary Club, American Legion Post 277, and Placentia FiberCity. The City extends a sincere thank you to all the sponsors. For more information, on future special events, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

As the temperatures drop, it's easy to turn up the heat. Stay safe with the following tips!

- Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet from any heat source like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.
- Plug only one heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.

Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Fires

<p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><b>Half of all home heating fires</b> occur in December, January and February.</p>	<p><b>As you stay cozy and warm this winter, stay fire smart!</b></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Plug only <b>1 heat-producing appliance</b> (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Keep anything that can burn <b>at least 3 feet</b> from any heat source.</p>
		



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Placentia Welcomes New Business—Craft Burger!

The City of Placentia is happy to announce that Craft Burger is now open! Craft Burger is located at 1450 N. Kraemer Blvd., on the southeastern corner of Yorba Linda Blvd. and Kraemer Blvd., with operating hours from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm, seven days a week. They will occupy the space next to the Pancake House, formerly Meat Up BBQ, within the Village Plaza shopping center. Craft burger is a family owned and operated business that serves delicious burgers, using only the finest ingredients and freshest products, along with having diverse menu options, from their signature Cali Burger to their Mac Attack Cheese burger. Check out their website for the full menu at [www.craftburgercompany.com](http://www.craftburgercompany.com).



## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – December 16 – December 22, 2022

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Facebook: Placentia Library

## Children's Programs



### STORYTIMES

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

#### Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, December 21 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Miércoles, 21 de Diciembre @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, December 22 @ 10:00 a.m.

#### Winter Wonderland Family Storytime

Saturday, December 17 @ 10:00 a.m.

### MORNING MEET UPS

*December 19*

*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.

### 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!

## Winter Reading

### DECEMBER 1, 2022 - JANUARY 13, 2023

Register at [placentialibrary.beanstack.org](https://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.



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

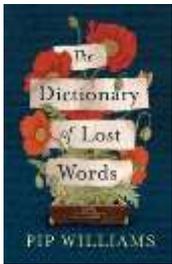
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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!*

## Adult, Teens, and Literacy Programs



### BOOK CLUB

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

Next month: "The Dictionary of Lost Words" by Pip Williams on January 10  
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

### PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

1st and 3rd Thursdays of Each Month, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Next meeting: January 5  
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

### LITERACY

Teach an adult to read. Become a Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor. Get started at [www.placentialibrary.org/literacy](http://www.placentialibrary.org/literacy).

#### Read, Write, Speak Club

December 16

Fridays, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

The Read, Write, Speak Club is an opportunity to chat with other English language learners in a relaxed and comfortable environment. Learn new vocabulary, improve reading and writing, and sharpen your pronunciation skills.

## eBooks and Online Learning

Did you know your Placentia library card provides you FREE access to some of the best digital resources, apps and websites available today? Check out our resources page to find your digital library card perks. Connecting is as easy as a few clicks of your mouse.

### THE PALACE PROJECT

Palace is a free, easy-to-use e-reader app that lets you find, check out, and read or listen to eBooks and eAudiobooks from the library! To get started, download the Palace app on the App Store or Google Play, select Placentia Library District as your library, and sign in with your library card.

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