

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Construction to Start on New Route 71/91 Interchange in Corona

The Riverside County Transportation Commission and Caltrans are starting construction of the 71/91 Interchange Project in Corona this month. Designed to improve safety, access, air quality, and traffic flow for motorists and freight, the new interchange is expected to open in 2025. The project will replace the existing single-lane loop connector on eastbound 91 with a two-lane, non-tolled, direct connector to northbound 71. It also will add an auxiliary lane along eastbound 91 and realign the eastbound 91 Green River Road on-ramp to the south. Crews also will slightly shift southbound 71 to create space for the new connector. Once completed, the new interchange will improve safety with reduced weaving between lanes and related collisions, expand access to other forms of travel such as Metrolink trains, decrease greenhouse gas emissions with fewer idling vehicles, and enhance traffic flow by replacing the single-lane connector with the two-lane connector on one of the region's heaviest traveled corridors. The project also will maintain movement by wildlife, including those protected by the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan. Motorists should watch for nighttime and weekend closures of lanes, ramps, and connectors. To register for construction updates, visit rctc.org/71-91interchange or text 7191INTERCHANGE to 77222.



Purchase a Legacy Brick Today

The City is partnering with the Community Foundation to create an opportunity for the community to invest in a 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 brick has been extended through March. For questions about the Legacy Brick Program, visit www.placentia.org/legacybrick or contact (714) 993-8232.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 1/30/23 Placentia Community Foundation
- 2/4/23 Compost Giveaway
- 2/7/23 City Council Meeting
- 2/8/23 Heritage Festival Committee
- 2/14/23 Planning Commission

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Annual Compost Giveaway

The City of Placentia and Republic Services will be giving away compost for free on Saturday, February 4th 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.

Expand the Forest Program

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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Santa Fe Park Improvements - Placentia Parks Initiative

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. Recently renovations were completed at Goldenrod Park and Koch Park. The City's goal is to have every City park playground renovated within 2 to 5 years. City parks will also have new amenities such as picnic tables, barbecues, benches, water fountains, and trash/recycling receptacles for residents to enjoy!

The City is excited to announce that the playground renovation at Santa Fe Park has begun! The completion of the playground is expected to be in late February. The existing playground will be completely removed and replaced. In following the Parks Initiative Plan, the Santa Fe Park playground will highlight a train/railroad theme. The playground will feature bright orange and blue colors, two unique train engine apparatuses designed for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 year olds, a car and gasoline service station, an eight foot tall spinning climber, and four cantilever shade structures. For more information on the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan, contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Services Food Program

The City of Placentia hosts a food distribution program every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 9:00 am until 10:00 am. Families receive canned and dry goods, bread, vegetables, and meat/poultry when available. These food distributions are held at the Whitten Community Center, located at 900 S. Melrose Street. For more information on the food program, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Training

Training is an integral part of the daily life of a Firefighter. You may see Fire and Life Safety crews at a park, on a commercial roof, or even in your neighborhood, learning how to navigate different scenarios and learning more about our Placentia community. This past week, Placentia Fire and Life Safety were presented with a unique opportunity to train at the Public Works Corporation Yard. A small residential building on the property is about to be demolished to make way for the new Public Safety building, and Placentia Fire utilized the chance to train while it was empty. The crews from both Engine 1 and Truck 2 practiced both vertical and horizontal ventilation, which would be used to remove toxic gases from inside a home. In addition, the crews spent several hours practicing five-hole cuts, dicing, breaching walls, breaking windows, and working off a roof ladder. Placentia Fire is grateful for the partnership we have with Public Works to utilize opportunities to practice our training drills at the Corporation Yard.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Multi-Fatality Traffic Collision

On January 25th at about 8:45 pm, Placentia Police Officers were sent to the intersection of Orangethorpe Avenue and Melrose Street in Placentia regarding a multi-vehicle accident. When officers arrived, they discovered that several people had been ejected from a white van and were deceased or severely injured. Several other vehicles were also involved in the accident, with drivers and passengers having injuries ranging from minor to critical. Placentia Fire and Life Safety arrived on the scene and began administering first aid to the injured. An adult male and female at the scene were pronounced dead immediately. Three people were transported to UCI Medical Center with serious injuries, and two children were taken to CHOC. One of the children, a ten-year-old female, was later pronounced deceased at CHOC. The driver of the black Honda that struck the van was arrested at the scene for a felony DUI. He is a 24-year-old male who resides in Santa Ana.



Anyone with information on this case is encouraged to call the Placentia Police Department Traffic Division at (714) 993-8157. Anonymous tips can also be submitted to Orange County Crime Stoppers at (855) TIP-OCCS or on their website at www.occrimestoppers.org.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Construction Underway at Future Luxury Apartment Site

The City's second development within the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Packing Housing District is under construction. JPI Development, located at 501 W. Crowther Avenue, obtained building permits in March 2021, and has completed construction of a seven-level parking structure. Framing is nearly complete for all five stories of the westerly portion of the project with exterior walls, cladding, and windows/doors fully installed along the easterly wing of the building. The development, now referred to as "Cenza", will feature 418 high-quality residential luxury apartments, featuring amenities such as a pool, high-end workout facilities, gourmet kitchens, finely appointed courtyards with fire pits, barbecues, and pet walking areas. The mixed-use development will also feature approximately 10,500 square feet of retail-commercial space on the ground floor, accessible from Crowther Avenue. This vibrant and modern new rental community is projected to fully finish construction by this summer. Please contact the Planning Division if you have any questions at (714) 993-8124.



Architectural Treasures of Placentia Lecture

Join the Placentia Founders Society and Placentia Historical Committee on Sunday, February 19th from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm at the Bradford House, 136 Palm Circle, as they present: Architectural Treasures of Placentia, Past Present, and Future Holdings. Learn where unique architectural treasures of the past once stood, where homes older than the City itself stand, and what preservation steps can be taken for the future.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – January 27-February 2, 2023

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Children's Programs



STORYTIMES

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

Family Storytime

Saturday, January 28 @ 10:00 a.m.

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, February 1 @ 6:30 p.m.
Miércoles, 1 de Febrero @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, February 2 @ 10:00 a.m.

MORNING MEET UPS

Monday, January 30

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

First Monday of Each Month, 6:00 p.m.

Next Month: February 6

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!

TINY ART SHOW

Kit Pickup Begins: Wednesday, February 1 - while supplies last

Tiny Art Exhibit: February 14-28, 2023

Display your artistic talents at our Tiny Art Show! Pick up one of our Tiny Art Kits to create your entry. Kits include: a 3"x3" canvas, an easel, acrylic paint, and a brush. Let your inner Picasso or van Gogh free and create your tiny masterpiece. Once you've finished, return it to the library by February 12 to be part of the exhibit!



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The Hangar DIY Lab

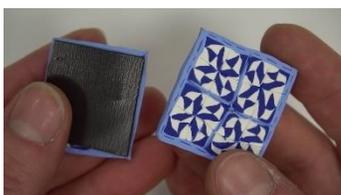
Come explore The Hangar: a do-it-yourself space to design, build, and create. Whether you want to learn a new skill, use our equipment, or just gain inspiration, The Hangar is the place for you! Curious about our space? Stop by during open hours for a tour, or [visit our page on the library website](#).



ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PICKUP: ACCORDION ALBUM

Pickup begins February 1, while supplies last

No musical skills required to make this scrapbooking project.



ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PREORDER: POLYMER CLAY QUILT SQUARES

Preorder February 1-7 to pick up in March

Design your own patchwork using polymer clay for this quilted magnet. All the charm of a quilt, none of the sewing!

SUNDAY 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.
TUESDAY 12:00 - 7:30 P.M.*
THURSDAY 12:00 - 7:30 P.M.*
SATURDAY 9:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
**CLOSED 4:30 - 5:30 P.M.*

Occupancy limit and hours are subject to change.
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Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs

LITERACY

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

Read, Write, Speak Club

Friday, January 27

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.

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

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

This Week: February 2, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

BOOK CLUB

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

Next month: "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell on February 14

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