

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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February 9, 2023



“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Apply Today for the 2023 Placentia Citizens Academy

The City is excited to announce the start of the next Citizens Academy! The Placentia Citizens Academy will be an eight-week educational program designed to empower residents and business owners 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 the operations behind the scenes.

Participants will tour City facilities, ask questions, and become more informed and involved citizens. The Citizens Academy will begin on March 8th and run every Wednesday from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm through April 26th. If you are interested, apply using the link below or feel free to share with any interested Placentia residents or business owners. For more information and to apply, visit [www.placentia.org/citizensacademy](http://www.placentia.org/citizensacademy).

### Sign Up for Nixle Alerts

The City utilizes the Nixle alert system to inform the community about general advisories, police and fire activity, road closures and construction, and large-scale community notifications. Residents can opt-in to the Nixle alert system by texting “92870” to 888-777.

### Craft Burger Grand Opening

Placentia City staff and Mayor Ward Smith were excited to participate in the official grand opening for Craft Burger. 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 occupy the space next to the Pancake House, which was 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).



<p>Get the iPlacentia App:</p>  <p>Follow us on Social Media:</p> 	<p><b>Upcoming Meetings and Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2/14/23 Planning Commission</li> <li>2/15/23 Blue Ribbon Committee</li> <li>2/20/23 Presidents' Day—City Facilities Closure</li> <li>2/21/23 City Council Meeting</li> <li>2/27/23 Placentia Community Foundation</li> </ul>	<p><b>For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please email:</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:CAWeekly@placentia.org">CAWeekly@placentia.org</a></p>
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## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

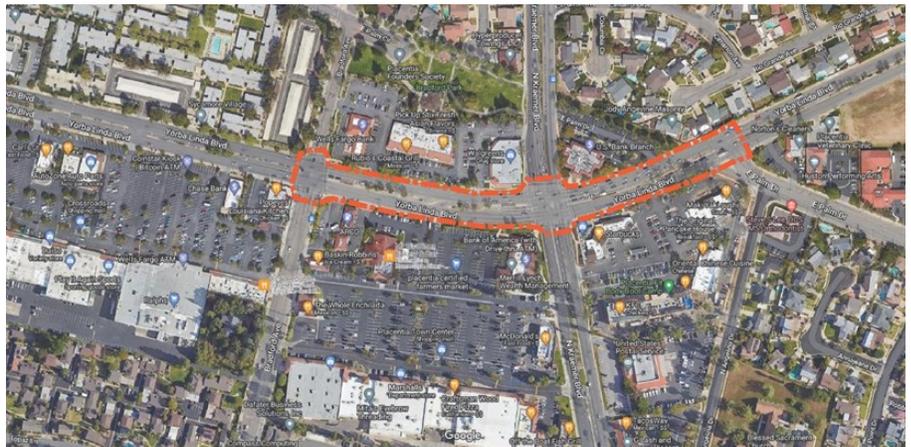
### Purchase a Legacy Brick Today

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](http://www.placentia.org/legacybrick) or contact (714) 993-8232.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Measure U Funded Street Improvements Underway

Construction on the City's latest Roadway Rehabilitation Project started in December 2022. On Monday, January 23rd, paving operations for the project began on Orangethorpe and will be completed by this Saturday. On Monday, February 13th, paving operations will begin on Yorba Linda Boulevard (Bradford Avenue to Palm Drive) and expected to be completed by Saturday, February 25th. The City encourages the public to use alternate routes as traffic delays are expected. The entire project is estimated to be completed by March 2023. Unexpected schedule changes may occur. The City will continue to provide future updates on this project to the community including upcoming traffic impacts and schedule changes. The City appreciates the patience of residents while working on all paving projects. Please visit [www.placentia.org/measureu](http://www.placentia.org/measureu) to review all of this year's Measure U funded projects. To find out when your street will be repaved, please visit [www.placentia.org/streetrehabschedule](http://www.placentia.org/streetrehabschedule) to view the current citywide pavement rehabilitation and maintenance schedule.

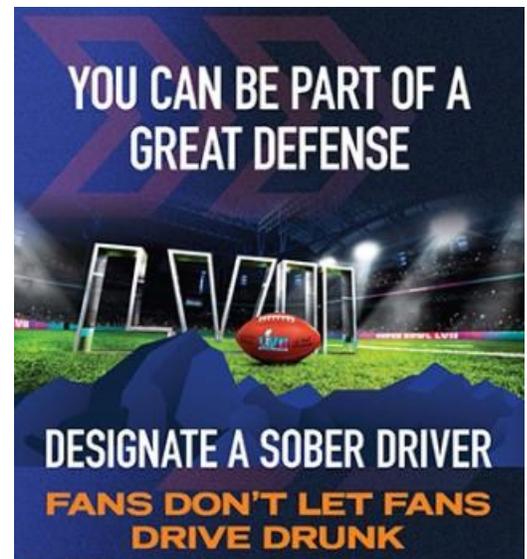


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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Super Bowl Sunday Safety

With Super Bowl Sunday coming up this weekend, the Placentia Police Department wants to remind everyone to enjoy the game responsibly! If you drink, do not drive! Designate a sober driver, call a taxi, or use a ride share like Uber to Lyft to get you home safely. Your Placentia Police Officers will be out all day and night looking for intoxicated drivers to keep our City safe!





## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### SB 1383 Mandatory Compliance is Coming to Placentia!

Beginning Summer of 2023, Placentia residents will be able to divert food scraps from the trash bin to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to local landfills. Single-family residences will commingle food scraps with yard waste in the brown bin. Multi-family residences will obtain designated receptacles for organics and recyclables. As of now, there is no change to current waste disposal for residents, with the exception of residents in the Hamer Island neighborhood, whose organics recycling program went into effect in July 2022. Hamer Island residents can already dispose of food scraps in the brown bin. Organics recycling service is currently available to businesses. To enroll, contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300. The City will continue to provide updates on the implementation of organics recycling services citywide. To learn more about SB 1383, visit [www.placentia.org/SB1383](http://www.placentia.org/SB1383). For SB 1383 or waste-related support, please contact Environmental Services Coordinator Cathy Nguyen at (714) 993-8123 or [cnguyen@placentia.org](mailto:cnguyen@placentia.org).

## 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 March. 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 (714) 993-8232.





## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Tiny Tots Program Session 6

Program registration for Session 6 of the City's Tiny Tots program will begin online on February 20th. 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 for kindergarten. The program is offered in 6-week sessions and at the Koch Park Community Building. For more information, please visit [www.placentia.org/tinytots](http://www.placentia.org/tinytots) or call (714) 572-0467.

### 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.

### Healthcare and Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) Clinics

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 be February 28th. 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).

## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Sierra Vista Elementary School Visit

This week, Placentia Fire and Life Safety Battalion 1 and Truck 2 visited Sierra Vista Elementary School's TK class. Placentia Fire personnel demonstrated how to use the tools kept on the Truck, as well as the Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) that Firefighters wear in the event of a fire. We are always pleased to visit community groups and give station tours. To schedule a visit or station tour, please email [fire@placentia.org](mailto:fire@placentia.org).



**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT****Pending Development Projects**

<b>Project Address</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Status</b>
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	All residential phases complete. Certificates of Occupancy issued. Awaiting Commercial building plan submittal.
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	Construction of Models and Phase I Complete. Phase II is awaiting final Building approval.
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

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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
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	Site Plan Review Approved 1/10/23. In Plan Check
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
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

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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. Planning Commission to review and act on above project on 2/14/2023
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.	Approved at Planning Commission 12/13/22. Tentative Tract Map approved at City Council 1/10/23
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
664 North Rose Drive	A request for a tenant improvement for a new Code Programming Center for kids in an existing retail space in an existing strip mall.	Code Ninjas/Hani Amar	Under Entitlement Review



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Building Activity Report Ending January 2023

PERMIT TYPE	# PERMITS
RESIDENTIAL ALTERATION	50
SOLAR	71
COMMERCIAL TENANT IMPROVEMENT	4
SIGN	5
ROOF	21
POOL	2
PATIO	1
FENCE/WALL	1
NEW RESIDENTIAL/ 2 NEW BUILDING (12 UNITS)	2
ADU/JADU	1
WIRELESS	1
FIRE DAMAGE	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>160</b>

### 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 – February 10-16, 2023

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

## Children's Programs



### STORYTIMES

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

#### Family Storytime

Saturday, February 11 @ 10:00 a.m.

#### Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, February 15 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Miércoles, 15 de Febrero @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, February 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

### TINY ART SHOW

**Kit Pickup Began: 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!

### MORNING MEET UPS

**Monday, February 13**

*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: March 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!

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](#).



### **ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PICKUP: ACCORDION ALBUM**

Pickup began February 1, while supplies last  
No musical skills required to make this scrapbooking project.

**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.  
Be sure to check for upcoming closure dates!  
[placentialibrary.org/hangar-diy-lab](http://placentialibrary.org/hangar-diy-lab)

## Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs

**Book Club**

Second Tuesday of Each Month  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
Placentia Library  
Community Meeting Room

**February 14:**  
Hamnet  
by Maggie O'Farrell

More info  
[placentialibrary.org/book-club](http://placentialibrary.org/book-club)

### **BOOK CLUB**

2nd Tuesday of Each Month, 1:00 p.m.  
This week: "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell on February 14  
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

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

1st and 3rd Thursdays of Each Month,  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
This Week: Thursday, February 16  
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

### **PRESERVING FAMILY RECIPES**

This Week: Saturday, February 11, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room  
Learn how to preserve family recipes for generations to come.

### **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**

Friday, February 10

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.

**Preserving Family Recipes**

Saturday,  
February 11  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Community Meeting Room

See a full listing of our online resources on our website at [research.placentialibrary.org/](http://research.placentialibrary.org/)



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