

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

February 16, 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.

To participate, you must be a Placentia resident or business owner and be 18 years of age or older. For more information and to apply, please [click here](#). The City is accepting applications through **Thursday, March 2nd at 5:00 pm**.

### Stay Informed—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.

### Boy Scouts Visit

Last week, the City was excited to welcome a local Boy Scouts Troop to City Hall to learn about City operations and tour City Hall and the Police Department! The tour, led by Mayor Pro Tem Yamaguchi, featured presentations from Mayor Smith, City Administrator Arrula, and City Department Directors. Each Department gave an overview of what they do for the City and took questions from the boys. The night ended with a tour of the Police Department.



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 2/20/23 Presidents' Day—City Facilities Closure
- 2/21/23 City Council Meeting
- 2/27/23 Placentia Community Foundation
- 2/28/23 Historical Committee
- 3/7/23 City Council Meeting

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

[CAWeekly@placentia.org](mailto:CAWeekly@placentia.org)



## 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.

### Apply for a Job with the City of Placentia

The City is currently hiring for a variety of jobs. At the City of Placentia, we strive to make a difference by continually developing our progressive and innovative workforce. Our team works together to foster an environment that promotes diversity, creativity, and respect for everyone's opinions to ensure a better result for the community we serve. If you are interested in a public sector career with an established agency dedicated to improving the way its employees work, develop, and thrive, a position with us would be an excellent opportunity for you. Don't wait; apply today! For more information on open positions, please visit [www.placentia.org/jobs](http://www.placentia.org/jobs).

### Download the iPlacentia Mobile App

Have you downloaded the City's mobile app yet? The iPlacentia mobile app is a smartphone app that allows users to easily submit service requests for issues such as potholes, graffiti, and street light outages. The report is then automatically sent to the respective department for review.

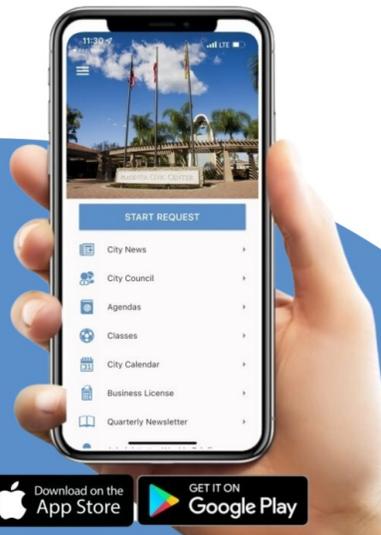
The iPlacentia app also features city news, upcoming events and meetings, permit applications, and job openings. iPlacentia is available for FREE download on all iPhone and Android devices. Search "iPlacentia" on the App Store or GooglePlay.



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- Report Graffiti, Potholes, Street Light Outages, and More
- Read City News
- Register for Classes
- And More!

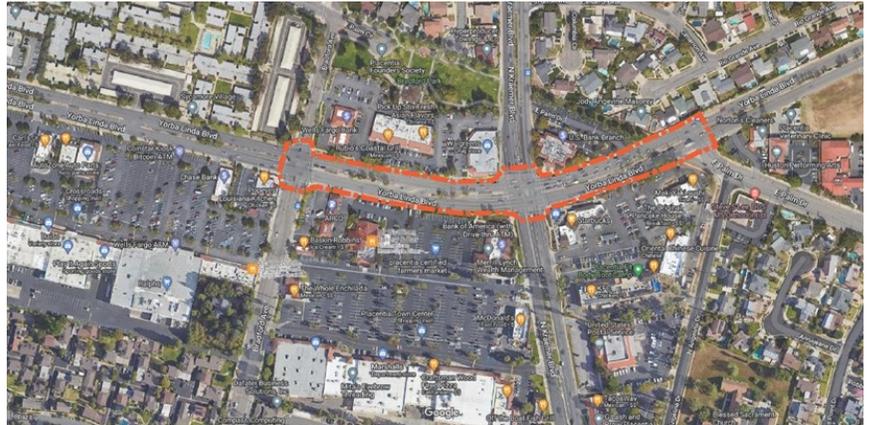




## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Update on City Road Construction

Construction of the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Roadway Rehabilitation Project started in December 2022. This week paving operations started on Yorba Linda Boulevard (Bradford Avenue to Palm Drive) and paving is expected to be completed on Saturday, February 18th. The public is encouraged to find an alternate route as heavy traffic delays are expected tomorrow and Saturday. Utility work on Orangethorpe is scheduled for the week of February 20th. During this work, expect minimal traffic delays and use alternate routes as needed. 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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## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 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.

### Red Flame Opening in Placentia!

The City of Placentia is happy to announce that a new restaurant, Red Flame Restaurant, will be opening in Placentia in the next few weeks! This modern Asian Fusion hotspot is sure to be one of the most talked about restaurants in Placentia. Located in the newly remodeled Sierra Vista Plaza at 1804 N. Placentia Avenue, Unit A, Red Flame first started in Garden Grove in 2014 and grew to a larger Westminster location by 2018. Placentia is excited to be the home of the next addition to the Red Flame Restaurant chain. Red Flame customers rave about their great dishes, such as hot pots, ramen, lava stone steak, garlic noodles, and traditional Vietnamese dishes. Be sure to stop by the new location and welcome them to our great City!





## 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).

## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Training Update

Training is an essential part of our job as Firefighters. This week we were presented with the opportunity to train at the Sprinkler Fitters Local 709 Union multi-story training center in Whittier. Firefighters were taught how to properly shut down and reset fire protection systems in commercial and residential buildings. Fire personnel were also able to go into a room to practice plugging an activated sprinkler head to help prevent unnecessary water damage in a structure and practice high-rise hose evolutions while flowing water. We are grateful for the opportunity to have offsite training for our personnel to strengthen their skill sets!





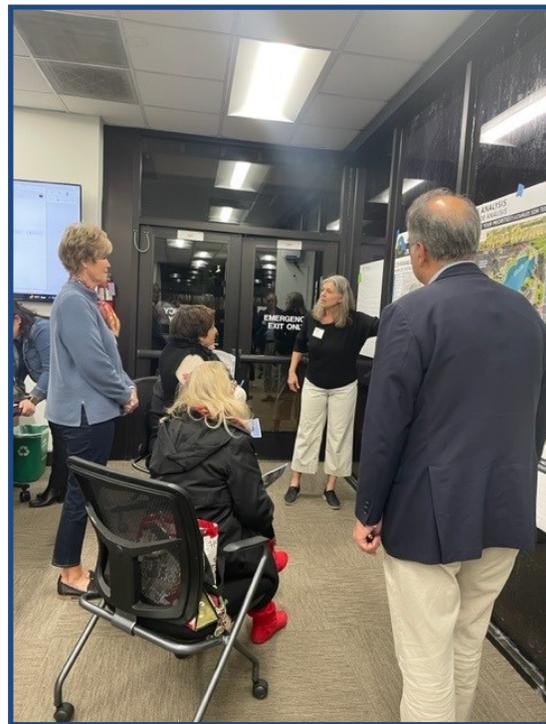
## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Proposed Senior/Community Center Project

The City of Placentia and the Blue Ribbon Committee have embarked on a project to design a proposed new Senior/Community Center at Tri-City Park. The City Council formed the Blue-Ribbon Committee to assist the City in identifying the need and recommend design components of a proposed Senior/Community Center facility. The proposed facility will provide seniors and residents with a much-needed space to serve the growing needs of our senior population and residents by offering robust programs and services for all ages. The current Placentia Senior Center is located in the 100-year-old Edwin T. Powell building at 143 S. Bradford Avenue. Current programs include Bingo, knitting and crocheting clubs, exercise classes, movies, and social opportunities, all of which are limited by the size of this historic 4,500-square-foot building. The newly proposed Senior/Community Center is envisioned as a true civic destination in being vibrant, active, and rich with diverse resources, services, technologies, programs, and events, thereby addressing the needs of Placentia's growing senior population. On Wednesday, February 15th, the Blue Ribbon Committee held a joint meeting with the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission, and the Senior Advisory Committee to review and discuss the project. The Commissioners and Committee members participated in a Needs Assessment exercise during the meeting.

The City and the Blue Ribbon Committee is now conducting the Needs Assessment Survey for the proposed Senior/Community Center and would like your input on your priorities for community activities and spaces for the new facility, as well as on design values and key features. Please complete the brief survey by clicking the link below to share your ideas and help create the vision for this state-of-the-art facility! You may select as many options as you like for each question. Printed copies of the survey will also be available at City Hall at the Community Services Department, and at the Senior Center. For more information about the project, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

[Click here to take the Survey](#)





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Petty Theft—Attempt to Identify/Locate



# PLACENTIA

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT



BRAD BUTTS, Chief of Police

401 East Chapman Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870

## Petty Theft – Attempt to Identify/Locate

BULLETIN DATE: 2/15/2023

DR 23-00575



ACTIVITY: Petty Theft

LOCATION: 1257 Manchester Ave

SUSPECT: Male, Hispanic, approximately 25 years old, wearing a black gaiter mask around his neck, lime green sweatshirt with an unknown graphic on the front, blue jeans, black shoes, and a red backpack.

DETAILS: On Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 1501 hours, the suspect depicted stole a package from the front porch of the location listed above.

**If you have any information that might assist this investigation, please contact Placentia Police Department Investigations at (714) 993-8146, or [investigations@placentia.org](mailto:investigations@placentia.org).**

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – February 17-23 2023

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

The library will be closed on Monday, February 20, for President's Day.

## Children's Programs

### STORYTIMES

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

#### Family Storytime

Saturday, February 18 @ 10:00 a.m.

#### Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, February 22 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Miércoles, 22 de Febrero @ 6:30 p.m.

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

Thursday, February 23 @ 10:00 a.m.

### STEAM LABS

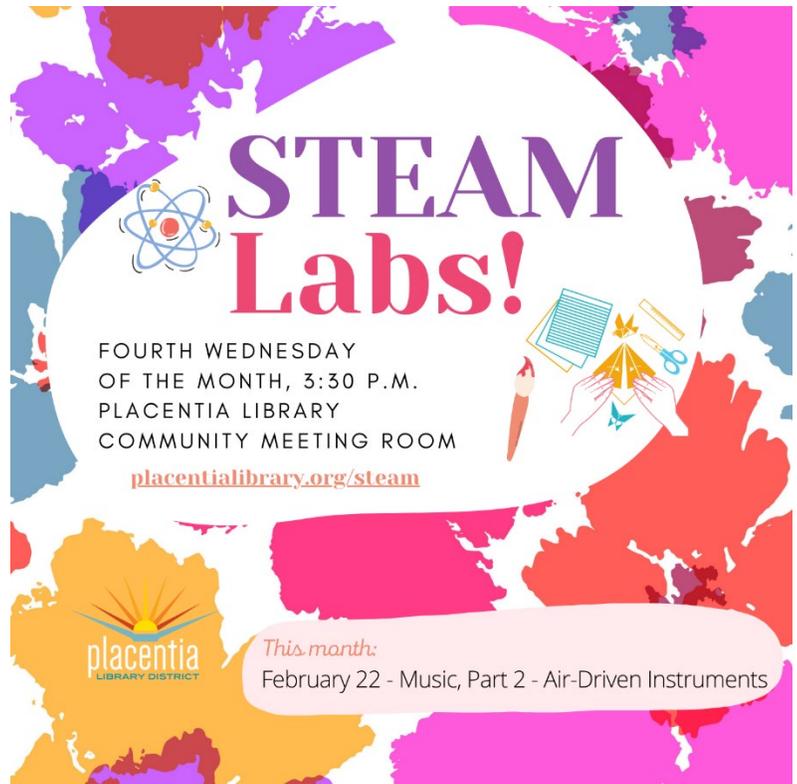
#### Wednesday, February 22

#### Music, Part 2 – Air-Driven Instruments

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Join us as we use simple household items to explore STEAM-related topics through engaging discussions and hands-on activities! Space is limited.



*This month:*

February 22 - Music, Part 2 - Air-Driven Instruments



### TINY ART SHOW

#### Tiny Art Exhibit: February 14-28

Stop by the library to see the exhibit and visit

[placentialibrary.org/art](http://placentialibrary.org/art) to vote for your favorite artwork!

The winners will be announced Wednesday, March 1.

### MORNING MEET UPS

#### Monday, February 20

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](http://catalog.placentialibrary.org).

## 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 and Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. - because even dogs like to hear a good tail-chasing tale now and then!

## 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

**placentia Book Club**  
LIBRARY DISTRICT

**March 14:**  
The Bookshop at  
Water's End by Patti  
Callahan Henry

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

Next Month:  
**April 11:**  
The Enchanted April by  
Elizabeth Von Arn

## BOOK CLUB

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

Next Month: "The Bookshop at Water's End" by Patti Callahan Henry on March 14

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: March 2

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

Friday, February 17

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.

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



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