

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Residential Mosquito Control: Proven Tips and Tricks for Keeping Mosquitoes at Bay

Are you tired of getting bitten by mosquitoes? If so, you'll want to know some tips and tricks to keep these pesky insects out of your life.

One type of mosquito you should be aware of is the Aedes mosquito, also known as the ankle biter. These black and white striped mosquitoes are known for biting during the daytime and can be found in every city in Orange County.

While the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (OCMVCD) conducts wide area treatments, smaller sources of water around your patio, yard, or indoor spaces can also attract mosquitoes. These insects only need a small amount of water to complete their life cycle, so it's important for every resident to take an active role in mosquito control.

OCMVCD provides a range of resources to help residents take an active role in mosquito control. These resources are designed to help individuals and communities prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases and ensure a safe and healthy environment.

One of the most valuable resources OCMVCD offers is the DIY page on their [website](#), which provides step-by-step instructions on how to control mosquitoes in your yard. You can learn how to identify mosquito breeding sources, eliminate stagnant water and use insecticides safely and effectively.

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HOME AND YARD

- Aedes mosquitoes thrive indoors and can lay eggs in and around containers, vases and even bamboo plants.
- Keep plant saucers dry.
- Keep your pet’s water dishes clean.
- Don’t over water your plants.
- Use EPA certified mosquito repellent and use before going outside.
- Wear long-sleeved clothing to prevent bites.
- Connect with your neighbors and spread the word about mosquito prevention.

Don’t give mosquitoes a biting chance. Be diligent and make source reduction a weekly routine.

For more information, visit www.ocvector.org.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

4/15/23	Shredding & E-Waste Event
4/18/23	Proposed Senior/Community Center Meeting
4/18/23	City Council Meeting
4/19/23	Blue Ribbon Committee
4/24/23	Proposed Senior/Community Center Meeting

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Upcoming CERT Training Course

The City of Placentia will host a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course from May 4th through June 8th. The training will be hosted at the Backs Building, 201 N. Bradford Avenue, on Thursday nights from 5:30 pm—8:30 pm for five weeks. Each night of training will feature a different topic, such as Introduction to Disaster Preparedness, Fire Safety and Utility Controls, Disaster Psychology, and Disaster Medical Operations.

The Placentia Emergency and Health Services Office provides this FEMA-sponsored CERT training to ensure our residents are ready for a large-scale emergency. In addition, CERT training helps develop a city-wide group of citizen volunteers trained and willing to respond to large-scale emergencies in their neighborhoods and throughout the City. Trained members of CERT often assist their neighbors and neighborhoods in many ways, and each person provides invaluable support during large events and emergencies.

To sustain and increase our level of preparedness, free CERT courses are offered to the public several times a year and provide up to 20 hours of training. Upon completion of the CERT training, each participant will be given the option and resources to further their individual training.

[Click here](#) for more information on the CERT Program. If you are interested in taking the next CERT course, please contact (714) 993-8214 or email ppowers@placentia.org. Let's all do our part to be #ReadyPlacentia!

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Community Services Summer Job Opportunities Now Open

The Community Services Department is looking for energetic people to fill part-time positions as Community Services Leaders and Lifeguard staff for the summer Aquatics Program. Community Services Leaders participate in a variety of activities including youth sports, arts and crafts, camps, special events, and City-sponsored excursions. Lifeguards have an opportunity to teach youth swim lessons and lead recreational swim activities. The City of Placentia offers competitive salaries and flexible schedules. Please [click here](#) to view the job opportunities or call Human Resources at (714) 993-8141 for more information.





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Summer Volunteen Program

Join the Community Services team this summer! The Community Services Department is pleased to announce the Summer Volunteen Program. Junior High School and High School students, aged 13-16, who need volunteer service hours for graduation are encouraged to apply to assist the Community Services staff with multiple activities throughout the City. Participants will gain valuable on-the-job training skills, while being a part of a dynamic team this summer! Volunteens assist with youth sports, P.A.R.K.'s programs, special events, senior programs, and excursions. Applicants must be 13 years of age by June 1, 2023 and reside within the City limits of Placentia or attend a Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District school. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2023 at 5:30 pm. For more information, please [click here](#) or Community Services at (714) 993-8232.

Proposed Senior/Community Center Project Information and Upcoming Community Meetings

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 needs of our residents and rapidly growing senior population 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. Recently, 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 are now conducting the Needs Assessment Survey for the proposed Senior/Community Center. We 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.

In addition to completing the Needs Assessment survey, you can also participate in one of the upcoming community outreach meetings to learn more about the project and provide your feedback.

For more information about the project, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or [click here](#) to view the upcoming meeting dates. [Click here to take the Survey](#)

JUST IMAGINE



CITY OF PLACENTIA

SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND HELP CREATE THE VISION!




PROPOSED SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Community Meetings at:

1. **Aguirre Building**
505 Jefferson St
March 20, 6:00PM – 7:30PM
2. **Whitten Community Center**
900 S Melrose Street
March 28, 6:00PM – 7:30PM
3. **Easter EGG-CITEMENT**
Kraemer Park - 201 N. Bradford Ave
April 1, 10:00AM – 1:00PM
4. **Golden Elementary**
740 Golden Ave
April 18, 6:00PM – 7:30PM
5. **Backs Community Building**
201 N. Bradford Ave
April 24, 6:00PM – 7:30PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION
(714) 993-8232

ONLINE SURVEY:
(February 16 – April 30)





DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Chapman Corridor Revitalization Plan



The City is embarking on an effort to revitalize Chapman Avenue, between the 57 freeway and Kraemer Boulevard, with enhanced land uses, development standards, and design guidelines tailored to their immediate neighborhood. Coined the “Chapman Corridor,” this stretch of the thoroughfare is envisioned to allow for integrated land use patterns that encourage multimodal travel, walkability, mixed-use development, medium- to high-density residential, public/private open space opportunities, and high-quality urban design that is in scale with both a respective property and its surrounding area. The goal is to encourage a network of cohesive developments that revitalizes the corridor, provides a path to the Old Town and Packing House Districts, and anchor the westerly city boundary with the City’s Civic Center to the east.



Figure 1: Conceptual project boundary contained in the online survey of the proposed Chapman Corridor

On October 1, 2019, City Council adopted the comprehensive General Plan Update. This update included all Elements of the General Plan except the Housing Element, which will come before the City Council as an amended document. The adopted Land Use Element of the 2019 General Plan strongly encourages enhancements and improvements to the visual image, physical design characteristics, economic vitality, and infrastructure of the Chapman Corridor. The current effort to develop the Chapman Corridor Revitalization Plan aims to bring this vision to fruition.

The City has and will be coordinating a variety of outreach efforts that will be disseminated to the public at large, including property owners, business owners, and stakeholders. These outreach efforts will be provided via fliers, social media postings, and on the City's website at www.placentia.org/chapmancorridor, as a means of engaging the community and keep the public up-to-date with the latest developments of the plan. One such effort is through an online survey that is intended to allow the public to provide feedback on the proposed plan. The survey can be found in both English and Spanish and can be accessed at <https://arcg.is/0qn1Ci0> (English) or <https://arcg.is/1mTO0z0> (Spanish).

Should you have any questions regarding the status or progress of the Chapman Corridor Revitalization Plan, please feel free to contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Citizens Academy Presentation at Fire Station 2

On Wednesday, April 12th, the Fire & Life Safety Department hosted the Placentia Citizen's Academy at Station 2. Participants went on a station tour and received a presentation from Chief Dobine and Fire Marshal Horner. The crews also conducted an overview of the different equipment and apparatus they use while out on their calls, and the evening concluded with an auto-extrication demonstration. Meeting the Academy participants and answering their questions about the fire service was a pleasure.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

April is Earth Month

Earth Day 2023 is on Saturday, April 22, 2023 and it marks the 53rd anniversary of this celebration! This year's theme is "Invest in Our Planet." In honor of Earth Day, the City will be sharing environmental and earth-friendly education with the community throughout the month of April. Each week in April, we will be focusing on a sustainability topic and sharing facts and things you can do to make a positive impact on the environment. The topics of focus will be: Reducing Food Waste, Reusing Household Items, Water and Energy Conservation, and Recycling. In addition, residents can participate in a weekly giveaway to win prizes that will help you become more sustainable at home! Visit www.earthday.org to learn more about this year's theme, Invest in our Planet, and learn how to take action and educate yourself and family this Earth Day.

Upcoming City Shredding and E-Waste Recycling Event—Taking Place this Saturday!

The City of Placentia invites Placentia residents and businesses to participate in a free community Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event this **Saturday, April 15th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm** at Placentia Civic Center (401 East Chapman Avenue). Paper Depot will be present at the event to destroy confidential documents on-site. Limit four (4) banker box-size containers from each household or business located in Placentia. Residents are asked to please place items in the trunk for easy access, and if material is in a 3-ring binder, please remove before shredding. Attan Recycling will be present to collect e-waste. For more information about accepted e-waste items, please contact Cathy Nguyen, Environmental Services Coordinator, at (714) 993-8123 or cnguyen@placentia.org.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Reusing Household Items

Did you know that in the U.S., more than 100 million plastic utensils are used daily? Disposable plastic utensils and straws are typically used for a short time and cannot be recycled. Instead, they take up space in landfills and pollute the ocean. Likewise, textiles such as clothing, socks, and towels are difficult to recycle. According to a 2018 U.S. EPA study, 66% of textiles were landfilled, 15% were recycled, and 19% were used for energy recovery through combustion. This week, "household items" refer to those commonly purchased within the home – like salsa jars, soup cans, and textiles (clothing, socks, towels, etc.). When these are no longer useful or relevant to us, they often end up in the waste stream. The goal of this week's topic is to reframe how certain materials are perceived, adding more utility and value to them so you can save money while having fun. Below are some simple ideas:

- **Clean and tidy up with old textiles and toothbrushes.** Shirts and socks can be repurposed into cleaning rags. Bristles on old toothbrushes can typically get rid of debris from appliances and small nooks & crannies.
- **Contain food, office supplies, and projects.** Some places provide durable plastic takeout containers that you can reuse to store meal preps. Soak glass jars in hot water to easily remove any adhesive, let them dry, and use them to hold snacks and bulk ingredients. You can also use them as a cup. Metal cookie tins are durable and timeless; use them to organize office supplies, arts and crafts projects, photos, and memorabilia.
- **Decorate and create.** Metal cans can be sanded down (to remove sharp edges) and accessorized to make a pen holder. Consider saving or looking for any leftover ribbons from the holidays or gifts you may have received. Glass jars can serve many purposes, and in addition to storing food, you can use them as a centerpiece by filling them with flowers or lights.

[Click here](#) to download the above infographic to save or print at home to use as a tool. For more information and helpful tips for reusing household items, visit www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-and-reusing-basics and www.stopwaste.org/at-home/reduce-and-reuse.

To enter the second giveaway, please [click here](#).

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – April 14-20, 2023

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Children's Programs

STORYTIMES

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

Family Storytime

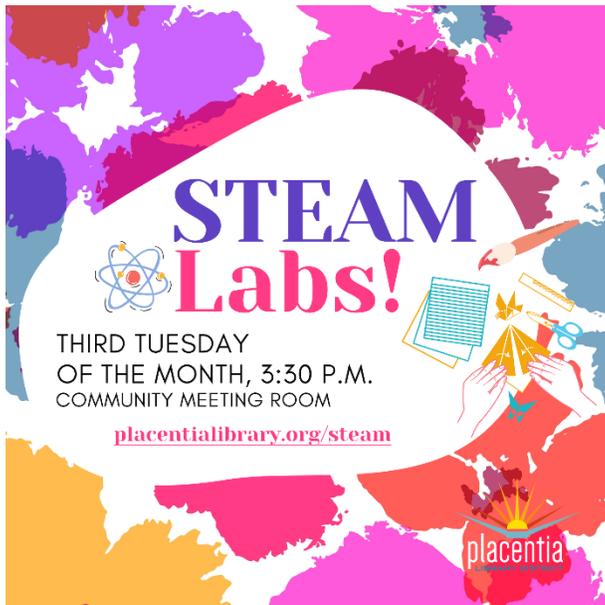
Saturday, April 15 @ 10:00 a.m.

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, April 19 @ 6:30 p.m.
Miércoles, 19 de Abril @ 6:30 p.m.

Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Thursday, April 20 @ 10:00 a.m.



MORNING MEET UPS

Monday, April 17

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.

STEAM CLUB!

Tuesday, April 18

Third Tuesday of the Month

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. Open to children 7-12.

eBooks and Online Learning

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See a full listing of our online resources on our website at www.placentialibrary.org/ebooks-and-online-learning!



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The eBooks you want to read, available from Placentia Library



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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: BOTANICAL TEA TOWELS

Pickup began April 1, while supplies last

Bring some whimsy to your kitchen with this Botanical Tea Towel. Learn about the technique of flower pounding to create beautiful prints.



Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs

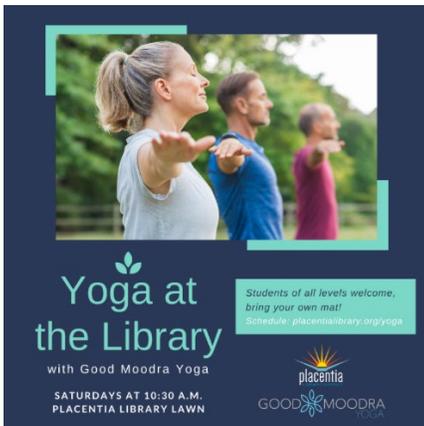
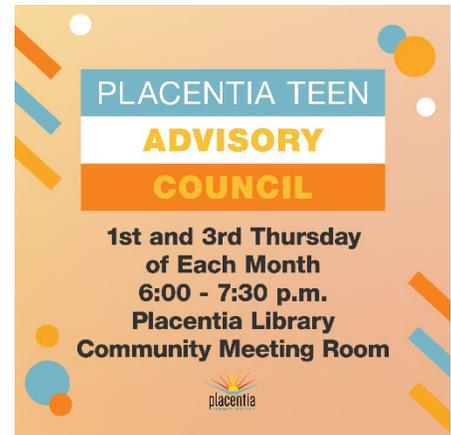
PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

Thursday, April 20

1st and 3rd Thursdays of Each Month,

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room



YOGA AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, April 15

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

Placentia Library Lawn

Discover yoga for your body and mind with Good Moodra Yoga. Relax and flow into each pose as you enjoy the sunshine from our library lawn.

Students of all levels welcome. Bring your own mat. Check website for cancellation notices.

BOOK CLUB

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

Next Month: "The Caretakers" by Eliza Maxwell on May 9

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

LITERACY

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

Read, Write, Speak Club

Friday, April 14

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 LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION SPRING CLEANING YARD SALE

Saturday, April 15

7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Civic Center Courtyard

Get great deals on household goods, antiques, furniture and more at the Placentia Library Friends Foundation's annual yard sale on April 15!

