

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Recognition of the 78th Anniversary of the Liberation of Buchenwald Concentration Camp

At the April 18th City Council Meeting, the City Council recognized the 78th anniversary of the liberation of Buchenwald Concentration Camp on April 11, 1945 and presented a certification of recognition to former Council Member Craig Green.

Buchenwald was the first of the major concentration camps of Greater Germany to be liberated. The horrors that took place at Buchenwald during World War II must never be forgotten. Nor should the heroism of the men who liberated the prisoners there on April 11, 1945.



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!

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 4/22/23 Love Placentia Day of Service
- 4/24/23 Proposed Senior/Community Center Meeting
- 4/25/23 Historical Committee
- 5/2/23 City Council Meeting
- 5/9/23 Planning Commission

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

OC Sanitation Video Contest

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) is more than just a job, it is a career. You probably never imagined your dream job being at a wastewater treatment plant but after participating in their upcoming video contest, it just might be. Submit a 60 seconds or less video that highlights an OC San career and get entered for a chance to win a prize! Video entries are due by May 19th. For more information and full contest guidelines, visit www.ocsan.gov/video.

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.



Love Placentia Service Day Saturday, April 22nd

Love Placentia is a Service Day opportunity for anyone willing to serve in various service projects throughout the City. This is a great event where churches, local government, businesses, non-profits, and residents partner together for the betterment of the community. Love Placentia will take place this Saturday, April 22nd. The event will kick off at 8:00 am with a rally at El Dorado High School (1651 Valencia Avenue). Then, volunteers will receive their t-shirts, breakfast, and meet their fellow project volunteers before heading to their various sites throughout the City from 9:00 am to 12:00 p.m. After projects are completed, the volunteers will be treated to a free lunch and celebration at Fullerton College. For more information or to sign up to be a volunteer, please visit www.loveplacentia.com or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



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.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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](#)



CITY OF PLACENTIA

SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND HELP CREATE THE VISION!



PROPOSED SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER

JUST IMAGINE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT

Community Meetings at:

- 1. Aguirre Building**
505 Jefferson St
March 20, 6:00PM – 7:30PM
- 2. Whiten 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.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Water and Energy Conservation

In honor of Earth Day this week, we are encouraging you to conserve water and energy. Water conservation is using water wisely and not contributing to unnecessary wastage. Energy conservation is cutting back on energy usage by using and producing less, reducing environmental impact. Saving water and energy is about making minor tweaks to your daily routine to reduce your reliance on natural resources and help preserve our planet. It typically involves modifying current behaviors, habits, and technologies to minimize the environmental impact of your daily activities. There are many benefits associated with conservation. Some of the most notable benefits include saving money, preserving natural resources for future generations, reducing pollution, and protecting the environment. There are both social and personal advantages to conserving water and energy. We can all do our part in adapting to these climate impacts by making conservation an everyday part of our lives. A few simple, low-cost ways to conserve energy and water at home include:

- Lowering your thermostat at night and when you are not at home. For every degree you reduce your thermostat setting, you can reduce the heating portion of your electrical usage by 2%.
- Switching to compact fluorescent or LED light bulbs, which use 60-75% less energy than regular bulbs. Replace bulbs in outdoor fixtures and high-use areas, such as the kitchen.
- Change your energy habits by shutting off computers, TVs, and other appliances when not in use. Once shut off, unplug equipment, or plug it into a power strip that you can turn off. These devices use electricity even when they are not actively in use.
- Ensure water leaks are repaired. If your faucet leaks at a rate of one drop per second, you can waste 75 gallons or more a week.
- Water your lawn during the evening or early morning hours to limit evaporation before the water has had a chance to soak into the roots of the grass.
- Avoid over-fertilizing, which will increase your lawn's need for water.

[Click here](#) to download the infographics above to save and/or print at home as a tool.

For more information and helpful tips for saving water and energy, please click the below links:

- Water Conservation: www.bewaterwise.com, www.saveourwater.com, www.h2oc.org, and www.SocalWaterSmart.com.
- Energy Conservation: www.sce.com/residential/rebates-savings/energy-savings-tips, www.socalgas.com/save-money-and-energy/energy-saving-tips-tools/tips-for-your-home.

To enter this week's giveaway, please [click here](#).

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

 LIGHTING Remember to switch off lights when you leave you a room.	 POWER STRIP Use a power strip to turn off electronic devices when not in use.
 COMPUTERS Turn the computer monitor off when you are away from it. If you have a laptop, put it on standby mode to save energy.	 PROGRAM YOUR THERMOSTAT Use a smart or programmable thermostat to control your home temperature.
 SWITCHING TO LED LED fixtures use 90 % less energy and produce 70 to 90 % less heat than fixtures using incandescent light bulbs.	 ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCES If buying a new device, look for the ENERGY STAR' symbol. It signifies a product has met strict energy-efficiency requirements.

TIPS TO SAVE WATER AT HOME

 CLEANING DISHES Washing dishes by hand uses more water than a dishwasher. Save up to 15 gallons of water per load by using a dishwasher.	 LAWN MOWING Setting mower blades to three inches encourages deeper roots and saves 16-50 gallons per day.
 LAUNDRY Use washing machine for full loads only. You can save 15-45 gallons per load.	 SPRINKLER SYSTEM Installing a drip irrigation system and a smart controller can save 15 gallons each time you water.
 AERATORS Install aerators on bathroom faucets can save 0.7 gallons per minute.	 HOME GARDENING Using drought-resistant plants and trees can save 30-60 gallons per 1000 sq. ft. each time.



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Third Grade Class Visits

Placentia Fire & Life Safety had the opportunity to meet with students from Golden Elementary as they participated in a tour of City Hall. The crews met with the 3rd graders, showed off our Engines, and ran through some of the physical drills that firefighters go through.

We look forward to the continued visits of the 3rd graders so they can get a glimpse of the equipment and tools that we use each and every day to serve the community.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Beware of Tax Scams!

It's Tax Season and the IRS is reminding taxpayers to be aware that scammers are making phone calls posing as IRS agents and attempting to steal taxpayer money and/or their personal information. Please remember that the IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer. The IRS will first send a bill to anyone who owes taxes.
- Threaten to immediately bring the police or other law enforcement agency to have the taxpayer arrested for failure to pay.
- Demand that taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Call unexpectedly about a tax refund.

Taxpayers who receive these phone calls should:

- Record the number and then hang up the phone immediately.
- Report the call to TIGTA using their IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting form or by calling 800-366-4484.
- Report the number to phishing@irs.gov and be sure to put "IRS Phone Scam" in the subject line.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – April 21-27, 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, April 22 @ 10:00 a.m.

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, April 26 @ 6:30 p.m.

Miércoles, 26 de Abril @ 6:30 p.m.

Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Thursday, April 27 @ 10:00 a.m.

MORNING MEET UPS

Monday, April 24

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: May 1

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!



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.

DRIVING-TESTS.ORG

Driving-Tests.org provides free California DMV driving tests and resources in English and Spanish for new drivers, or drivers learning to drive a motorcycle or commercial vehicle.

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



Looking for a book or library item? Search our online catalog at 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: 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.

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

Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs

YOGA AT THE LIBRARY

Saturday, April 22

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

**Yoga at
the Library**

with Good Moodra Yoga

Students of all levels welcome,
bring your own mat!
Schedule: placentialibrary.org/yoga

SATURDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.
PLACENTIA LIBRARY LAWN



CREATE A WILDLIFE HABITAT IN YOUR BACK GARDEN

Saturday, April 22

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Join the OC Master Gardeners for this informative talk on how to create a habitat garden that will benefit local wildlife by providing food, shelter, water, and nesting places. Learn about the selection and placement of plants to help you attract local wildlife.

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL (PTAC)

1st and 3rd Thursdays of Each Month,

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 4

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

LITERACY

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

Read, Write, Speak Club

Friday, April 21

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.

