

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Earthquake Preparedness

For Californians, earthquakes are not a matter of if but when. Whether individuals reside, go to school, or work in an area prone to earthquakes, it is essential to have an emergency plan to help reduce the risks of injuries and recover quickly following an earthquake. By helping share information with neighbors, family members, friends, and others within the community, individuals

can play a key role in helping others appropriately prepare for the next major earthquake. Helping others understand the importance of being earthquake-prepared can reduce the number of injuries and deaths during an earthquake and lead to a quicker recovery. Stay informed and go to www.earthquake.ca.gov to learn about:

- Creating a preparedness plan for you and your family
- Stocking up on vital supplies in the event of a disaster
- Important tips like drop, cover, and hold on
- Life-saving alerts provided by the MyShakeApp
- Other ways to receive notifications

Please visit www.earthquake.ca.gov to learn more about the latest tools and resources and how to use them. You can also sign up for a regular partner e-newsletter on the website from Cal OES that includes the latest news and information about Earthquake Warning California.

Local Hazard Mitigation Plan—Public Outreach Survey

Help the City develop the 2023 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan! A Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) forms the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses by breaking the repeated cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction. Communities with a FEMA-approved LHMP are eligible to apply for both pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding and are better positioned to respond and recover when disasters occur. The City is conducting a public outreach survey to better understand our community as it pertains to hazards. We want to know which hazards our community is concerned about and the level of preparedness within our community. To complete the survey, please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/RX9G9TV.



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 6/30/23 Movies in the Park—Smurfs: the Lost Village
- 7/4/23 Independence Day—City Facilities Closure
- 7/11/23 City Council Meeting
- 7/13/23 Concerts in the Park—Hit Me 90s
- 7/14/23 Movies in the Park—Cars

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Weekly Briefing, please email:

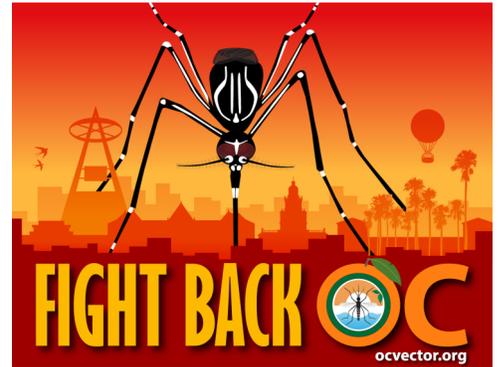
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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

National Mosquito Awareness Week

This month marks the launch of the "Tip, Toss, Take Action" campaign, a comprehensive effort aimed at reducing the spread of mosquito breeding and mosquito-borne illnesses. Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District will launch the campaign during National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, which is celebrated June 18th—June 24th throughout the country, to raise awareness about what residents can do to protect themselves from the world's deadliest animal, the mosquito.



The record amount of rain the County has experienced this winter created large amounts of stagnant water. While the warmer weather is drying up much of this standing water, invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes will lay their eggs in water sources as small as a bottle cap. *Aedes*' eggs can survive for years even if they dry up and will hatch when they come in contact with water again so it's important to dump and drain all standing water.

The launch of this campaign is timely, as summer is quickly approaching, and mosquito populations are expected to surge. By taking action now, we can help prevent mosquito breeding, take charge of our yards, and protect our communities.

To prevent mosquito breeding, residents should:

- Tip out any standing water at least once a week
- Toss out any unused containers
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowls weekly
- Do not transport or share plant clippings rooted in water
- Drill holes or puncture containers to eliminate standing water

To prevent mosquito bites, take action, and follow these tips:

- Apply mosquito repellents to exposed skin before going outdoors; reapply as recommended
- Wear repellent containing DEET®, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus
- Close all unscreened doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home or space; repair broken or damaged screens
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and opt for lighter-colored clothing

For more information, visit www.ocvector.org.

Clean Beaches Week—July 1st - 7th

The OC Sanitation District (OC San) will celebrate Clean Beaches Week from July 1st through July 7th. It's important to remember that everyone has to do their part to ensure our beaches stay clean so that everyone can enjoy them. OC San does their part by making sure the wastewater that comes from



Placentia is cleaned properly so that we can all enjoy our beaches. OC San monitors the water all along Orange County beaches to test for indicator bacteria that the Orange County Health Care Agency uses to determine the presence of harmful pathogens and the safety of beach recreation. For more information on what should and should not be put down the drain and to learn how OC San treats our water, visit www.ocsan.gov.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Update on Placentia FiberCity Project

SiFi Networks (SiFi) is in the final construction phase of the Placentia FiberCity® network, its second West Coast project. Currently, SiFi has completed microtrenching and pavement restoration in 78% of the City. The installation of the fiber system has been installed through a process known as microtrenching to minimize impacts or increased damage to adjacent pavement. City staff works diligently with SiFi and their contractor after each permitted work zone is completed in the City to ensure all aspects of the fiber network installation, including pavement restoration, meets the City's standards. The City is aware



there have been challenges with the implementation of the project and we received numerous concerns from residents regarding the pavement restoration efforts after the work has been completed in their neighborhood. As such, we want to update residents on the status of the project.

SiFi is working in the final installation zone of the City which includes the neighborhoods north of Bastanchury and Golden Avenue. There are streets where the microtrenching work has been recently completed but the pavement has not yet been restored. SiFi's contractor is experiencing delays in obtaining the required material needed to complete the pavement restoration. City staff and SiFi are working on alternatives for restoring streets but have not found suitable material that can be used for this application without any issues. As a result, the City has halted the remaining fiber installation work in the City until SiFi is able to complete pavement restoration. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

The City will continue to provide further updates about the project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Marcus Bowman, Community Relations Manager for SiFi at (714) 955-7095 or marcus@sifinetworks.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Parque del Arroyo Verde Groundbreaking—July 7th

The community is invited to attend a groundbreaking ceremony on Friday, July 7th at 10:00 am at Parque del Arroyo Verde, 1001 E. Palm Drive, to celebrate the start of construction of the new adventure themed playground! This park will also be the fourth park the City has upgraded as a part of the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan.

For more information on this event, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

A flyer for the groundbreaking ceremony at Parque del Arroyo Verde. The top section features a photograph of children playing on a blue inflatable raft in a park setting. Below the photo, the text reads: "The City of Placentia Presents", "Parque del Arroyo Verde", "Groundbreaking Ceremony", "Friday July 7th • 10:00 a.m.", "1001 E. Palm Drive, Placentia Ca, 92870". It also includes an invitation to join for the groundbreaking, a note that light refreshments will be available, and contact information for the Community Services Department. The bottom of the flyer features the "Placentia Parks Initiative Plan" logo and a decorative border with icons of park equipment like a bicycle, bench, and playground structure.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department Establishes a 'Safe Exchange Zone'

The Placentia Police Department knows Craigslist, Offer Up, and other exchange site transactions can sometimes go badly. Recently a months-long investigation culminated with the arrest of ten suspects across Orange County, wanted in several armed robberies during those exchanges.

To provide the public with a safer environment to do business, the Police Department has designated the front entrance to the police station as a Safe Exchange Zone. The area is well-lit, under 24-hour video surveillance, and is marked with signage. The public may use this area to conduct child custody exchanges, and private property and E-Commerce transactions, such as Craigslist, Offer Up, etc.

This Safe Exchange Zone should help deter potential scammers and other criminal activities associated with online purchasing activities, as well as help make child custody exchanges less challenging.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Tiny Tots Open House

The Tiny Tots program hosted an Open House event on Wednesday, June 21st at Koch Park. The event featured light refreshments and crafts for the kids. Program staff shared information about the upcoming session of Tiny Tots, which begins on July 10th. The program is for youth ages 3-5 and introduces them to shapes, colors, letters, and focuses on developmental and social skills in preparation for Kindergarten. For more information about the program, contact (714) 572-0467 or visit www.placentia.org/tinytots.



Movies in the Park Return June 30th

The summer Movies in the Park series will begin on Friday, June 30th at Placentia Champions Sports Complex, 505 Jefferson St. The first feature presentation of the summer will be Smurfs: The Lost Village. Movies begin at dusk, and participants are encouraged to bring a lawn chair for comfortable viewing. Admission to the Movies in the Park series is free all summer long. Snacks and light refreshments will be available for a nominal fee. The City extends a sincere thank you to Republic Services for their generous contribution to the Movies in the Park summer series. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or visit www.placentia.org/movies.

Summer P.A.R.K.'s Program

The summer Positive Activities and Recreation for Kids (P.A.R.K.'s) program will be back this summer beginning June 26th for ages 6-14. The program is offered at three locations throughout the City. There is no charge for the basic program, however a fee may be charged for excursions and special events. Children attending the program are supervised by Community Services Leaders trained in First Aid and CPR. Activities include sports, arts and crafts, swimming, and special events. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232. **Program Hours and Locations:** Cathy Torrez Learning Center, 116 N. Walnut Avenue, Monday—Thursday 1:00 pm—4:30 pm; Gomez Community Center, 7101 Atwood Avenue, Monday and Wednesday, 11:30 am—3:00 pm and Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 am—3:00 pm; Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose Street, Monday—Thursday 11:30 am—3:00 pm.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Santa Angelina Senior Housing Development

On December 1, 2020, the City Council voted to approve a General Plan Amendment and Zone Change that approved the construction of two 2-story affordable senior housing community (62 years of age or older). The buildings will measure approximately 24,631 square feet and approximately 30,316 square feet respectively. 64 units will be restricted to households earning less than 60% of the area median income for Orange County based upon the latest State income limits established by the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development.



This property will be owned and operated by the Church of the Blessed Sacrament located at 1314 N. Angelina Avenue. In partnership with the church, National Community Renaissance of California (National CORE), will develop and operate the senior housing development.

The buildings will employ the traditional architectural style of “Craftsman” architecture which is both compatible with the surrounding style of homes in the neighborhood and emblematic of Placentia’s historical architectural home styles. Additionally, this style will be compatible with the existing architecture of the church which features a gable style roof design, stone veneer, masonry columns, and earth tone hues.

Additional onsite improvements include the demolition of the existing church’s Parish Hall with a new Parish Hall measuring approximately 3,974 square feet, a 544-square-foot covered porch, a new children’s picnic/lunch area, a courtyard gathering space west of the Parish Hall, a gathering lawn with benches fronting North Angelina Drive, an outdoor terrace fronting North Angelina Drive, and a memorial garden with accent trees between the existing Church building and the proposed new Parish Hall. New seating is proposed north of the Church, adjacent to the proposed memorial garden. A new courtyard area is also proposed west of the existing Church.

All existing church and childcare operations remain unaffected by the construction/operation of the affordable senior housing development and associated improvements.

National CORE is currently working on finalizing the framing and roof of the north building and parish hall and is installing the exterior finishes onto the south building along Morse Avenue. The project is expected to be completed with construction by winter of 2023.

To receive updates on the project's status, contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.





FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Fire and Life Safety Department Welcomes First Deputy Chief!

The Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department is excited to announce that it has hired its first Deputy Fire Chief, Api Weinert! Chief Weinert previously served as Division Chief overseeing Logistics for the Laguna Beach Fire Department and had worked for the Department since 1988. He has led the Operations, EMS, Training, and Arson divisions. He has responded to many significant events throughout his career, including the LA Riots, the Laguna Fire of 1993, and as a Strike Team Engine Leader to multiple wildland fires across California. He also served 23 years as a professional ocean lifeguard and eight years as a paid professional ski patrolman.

The Department is pleased to have Chief Weinert join the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department. He reports directly to the Fire Chief and will oversee Fire Operations and Personnel. Welcome to Placentia!



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

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Weekly Summary – June 23-29, 2023

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Summer Reading Program

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR TEENS & ADULTS

June 16 - July 27

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Our Summer Reading Program has started at Placentia Library! For adults and teens, for each book you read you can enter to win prizes including a Roomba, GoPro HERO9 and Cricut Explore 3.

As a bonus, complete 3 books to pick up a library summer tote bag at the Information Desk, while supplies last. Hurry, supplies are limited.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM FOR BABIES & CHILDREN

June 16 - July 27

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For every 60 minutes you read (or are read to), you'll earn the chance to win one of our fabulous Kids Grand Prizes. Paper logs are available at the Information Desk for you to track your reading at home! Log those minutes and enter to win prizes on the Beanstack App!

WILD WEDNESDAYS

Wednesdays in July

July 5, 12, 19 and 26

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Join us for fun stories and activities at the library each Wednesday in July!

- July 5: STEAM Storytime and Craft: Sand Art in a Bottle
- July 12: Abbit the Average: Magician
- July 19: Oak Canyon Nature Center
- July 26: Party Creations: Puppet Show

Children's Programs

STORYTIMES

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

Family Storytime

Saturday, June 24 @ 10:00 a.m.

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, June 28 @ 6:30 p.m. / Miércoles, 28 de Junio @ 6:30 p.m.

Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Thursday, June 29 @ 10:00 a.m.



Adult & Teen Grand Prizes:

- Roomba
- GoPro HERO9
- Cricut Explore 3
- And more!



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MORNING MEET UPS

Monday, June 26

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

*Next Month: July 10** (**Second Monday)*

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

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 research websites available today? Get started with these and find even more at: www.placentialibrary.org/ebooks-and-online-learning!

TRUEFLIX

TrueFlix is a multimedia resource from Scholastic for students in grades 3-7 offering eBooks, videos and other media with social studies and science topics.

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: WATER WATERCOLOR

Pickup begins July 1, while supplies last

Catch a wave with this gorgeous water watercolor! We'll teach you painting techniques to create water so realistic, you'll want to swim in it!

Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs

BOOK CLUB

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

Next Month: "The Kitchen Front" by Jennifer Ryan on July 11

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

LITERACY

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

