

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Mayor Smith Honors Henry the Therapy Dog

This week Mayor Smith presented Henry the Therapy Dog and his peer support handler Steve Booth with a Certificate of Recognition to celebrate Henry’s retirement. For over eight years Steve has voluntarily extended his kindness by traveling to wherever frontline workers and victims have been dealt the hardest circumstances and bringing Henry the Therapy Dog to comfort them in their greatest need. They traveled to over 700 events since 2015. The City of Placentia is grateful to Steve and Henry for their generosity to the community and wishes Henry the best in his retirement.



### Live @ Old Town - Friday Nights in July and August!

Every Friday night in July and August Old Town Placentia will have FREE live music! The live music will be located in the parking lot on Bradford Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue.

This week’s band will be Christine Curran and her 3 piece jazz band playing from 6:00 pm—8:30pm.

Everyone is invited out to shop and dine at Old Town restaurants and shops, enjoy a nice stroll, and listen to free live music.

Attendees are encouraged to dine at Old Town restaurants. Food can be ordered to-go from Old Town restaurants and enjoyed in the music area.

**LIVE JAZZ**  
IN HISTORIC  
OLD TOWN PLACENTIA

FEATURING

SAM POLITE      CHRISTINE CURRAN      ROY BLETSCHER

**07.28**  
**6-8:30PM**

101 W SANTA FE AVE, PLACENTIA, CA 92870

Eat at Old Town's Famous Restaurants:  
301 Cafe, El Cantarito, El Farolito, Golden State Coffee, Hecho En Mexico, La Biblioteca  
Cigar Lounge, Mi Castia, Q-Tortas, Sabroso Grill, San Sushi, Tlaquepaque

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 7/27/23    Concerts in the Park—Kelly Boyz
- 7/28/23    Movies in the Park— Kung Fu Panda
- 7/31/23    Placentia Community Foundation
- 8/1/23    National Night Out
- 8/3/21    Concerts in the Park—OC3

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Heat Safety and Cooling Centers Information

Excessive heat can cause health concerns for some individuals. If you or someone you know needs a cool respite, you may visit one of the below centers during their business hours. During prolonged extreme heat events, hours may be extended at these facilities. Other indoor recreational venues, such as local movie theaters, restaurants, and shopping malls, can also be visited to escape the heat.

### Placentia Cooling Center Locations:

**Whitten Center**, 900 S. Melrose Street, (714) 986-2333, Monday through Thursday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm

**Aguirre Building**, 505 Jefferson Street, (714) 993-8232, Hours Vary, Please Call Ahead

**Gomez Center**, 1701 Atwood Avenue, (714) 993-8232, Hours Vary, Please Call Ahead

**City Hall**, 401 E Chapman Avenue, (714) 993-8232; Monday - Thursday 7:30 am - 6:00 pm

**Placentia Library**, 411 E Chapman Avenue, (714) 528-1906, Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 8:00 pm; Friday - Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

It's essential to pay attention to how the heat is impacting your body. In extreme heat — which is considered a prolonged period of high heat and humidity — your body works extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. Each year, extreme heat causes more deaths than other weather-related hazards.

### Here are 6 ways to keep you and your loved ones cool this summer:

**Drink Water** - Keep you and your pets hydrated. Drink more fluids, regardless of how active you are. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink.

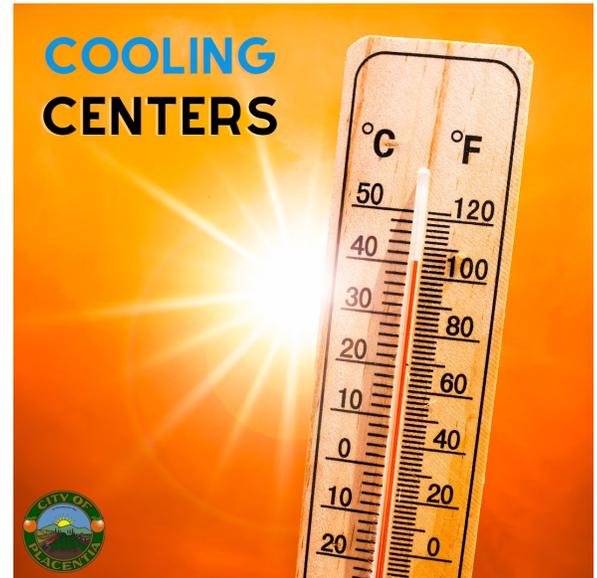
**Find Air Conditioning** - If your home does not have air conditioning, go to one of the above-listed centers. Even a few hours in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you return to the heat. Remember that while electric fans may provide comfort when the temperature is in the high 90s, they will not prevent heat-related illness.

**Insulate Your House** - You can keep your house cooler by insulating it and covering your windows with drapes or shades. Use window reflectors such as aluminum foil-covered cardboard to reflect heat outside.

**Wear Sunscreen** - Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool down and can make you dehydrated. If you must go outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses and by putting on sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes before going out.

**Never Leave Pets or People in a Closed Car** - Cars can quickly heat up to dangerous temperatures, even with a window cracked open. While anyone left in a parked car is at risk, children are especially in danger of getting a heat stroke or dying.

**Avoid Strenuous Activities** - Try to limit your outdoor activity to when it's coolest: morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas so that your body has a chance to recover.



For more information on how to be prepared for extreme heat, visit [www.ready.gov/heat](http://www.ready.gov/heat).



## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Annual Inspections

This week, Chief Dobine awarded the A Shift crews with the 2nd Annual Inspection trophies. The crews were recognized for their attention to detail and level of cleanliness of their stations.

The A shift crews took great strides to show station pride, including overhauling storage organization systems, replacing cabinet hardware, and repainting interior areas of the stations. B Shift deserved an honorable mention for the great care they put into the apparatus and ensuring that it was in good working order and polished to perfection.



Annual Inspections are a tradition to ensure that the stations and equipment are in good working order and to deep clean our “home away from home.” As we do with our personal homes, we encourage the crews to take pride in our two stations. Congratulations to A Shift!

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### National Night Out—August 1st

Join us next Tuesday, August 1st from 5:00 pm—8:00 pm for our National Night Out event at the Placentia Town Center, 110 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard.

We are excited to be joined by veterans groups, the Orange County District Attorney’s Office, Placentia Rotary Club, Placentia Chamber, Cal State University Fullerton Police Department, North County S.W.A.T., Placentia Police K9’s & Foundation, Placentia Fire & Life Safety, Lynch EMS, Emergency Ambulance Service, Placentia Public Safety Communications, Placentia Library District, and Placentia Community Services.

Additionally, the event will have booths such as local stores, restaurants, service clubs, face painting, a photo booth, and other service providers sharing their information and products with the community.

The Department looks forward to a great evening and the opportunity to celebrate our partnerships with the community!

For more information about this event, please call (714) 993-8179 or email [kkrahling@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahling@placentia.org).

**PLACENTIA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

**FREE EVENT**

**Activities**  
 ★ FOOD & DRINKS  
 ★ LIVE DEMOS  
 ★ K9'S  
 ★ LOCAL BUSINESSES  
 ★ CIVIC GROUPS

**TUESDAY  
 AUGUST 1ST  
 5:00P.M. -8:00P.M.**

PLACENTIA TOWN CENTER  
 110 E. YORBA LINDA BLVD  
 NEXT TO FARMERS MARKET

For More Information:  
**KELLEY KRAHLING**  
 714-993-8179  
 @placentiapd



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Don't Fall Victim to Fraud

With identity theft on the rise, the Placentia Police Department wants to provide some helpful identity theft prevention tips:

- Do not give personal information over the phone, such as your birthdate or social security number.
- Do not open emails from anyone you don't know and do not click on a link or download an attachment.
- Do not reply to text messages from a number you do not recognize. If you receive a text message from a bank regarding a possible fraud transaction, call the bank.
- Do not share passwords or login information with anyone.
- Do not send checks in the mail.

Get your free credit reports from TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax. Go to [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228.

Review your reports. If you find any accounts or charges you don't recognize, go to [www.IdentityTheft.gov](http://www.IdentityTheft.gov) to report the theft and notify the credit bureaus.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Hudson Townhomes Coming Soon!

The City of Placentia's Atwood neighborhood is now home to one of the most beautiful new developments in the City, Hudson Townhomes. The Hudson townhomes feature clean lines, beautiful color palettes, and great community amenities within the gated development. The new Hudson community sits just south of the intersection of Orangethorpe Avenue and Van Buren Street, at the address 443 & 455 S. Van Buren Street.

The development is just wrapping up its fourth phase of construction. When completed, the 139-unit residential development will consist of 22 separate three-story buildings. Six floor plans are proposed, consisting of 25 one-bedroom units, 52 two-bedroom units, and 62 three-bedroom units. The unit types will measure between 762 square feet and 1,349 square feet in overall floor area, and each unit will feature an attached one or two-car garage.



The project has several amenities such as a tot lot, gated entry and neighborhood, dog park, basketball court, BBQs & fire pit, as well as a central OC location adjacent to the 57, 91, and 55 Freeways. Join Landsea Homes and take a tour of the stunning homes.

The project developer, a partnership between Toffoli Investments and Landsea Homes, is constructing the townhomes. Construction is anticipated to continue into Spring 2024. For information related to the construction schedule, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124 or contact [AGonzales@placentia.org](mailto:AGonzales@placentia.org).



## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Concerts in the Park

Concerts in the Park are back this summer! The concert series will be held at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd. The next concert in the series is tonight, July 27th, featuring the Kelly Boyz Country Band. The Concerts series is hosted in partnership with the Placentia Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission. The Concerts begin at 6:30 pm, and admission is free. Light snacks and dinner options will be available for purchase. Contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 for more information.

### Summer Day Camp

Summer Day Camp is in full swing in its fourth week of programming! The Day Campers celebrated "Shark Week" with ocean-themed crafts and activities this week. The 9-week program includes crafts, outdoor activities, and excursions for \$150.00 per week. Program hours are from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information or to sign up for Day Camp, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### Backpacks for Success Program

The Neighborhood Services Office is organizing the annual Backpacks for Success Program. Registration for the program is currently ongoing through August 14th. Backpacks are available to Placentia residents or to students who attend a Placentia Yorba Lind Unified School District (PYLUSD) school. Backpacks are limited and proof of residency or proof that your child attends a PYLUSD school is required at the time of registration. The backpack distribution date will be provided at the time of registration. Registration is held at the Neighborhood Services Office at 900 S. Melrose Street. For more information [click here](#) or if you would like to donate to the program, please contact the office at (714) 986-2333.

### Movies in the Park

The summer Movies in the Park series is ongoing and takes place at Placentia Champions Sports Complex, 505 Jefferson St. The next feature presentation will be Kung Fu Panda on July 28th. 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](http://www.placentia.org/movies).



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Free Compost Available at City Corporation Yard

In partnership with OC Waste & Recycling, the City is providing free compost to Placentia residents. Composting offers many benefits to our environment. It reduces organic waste that would have otherwise ended up in the landfill, taking up space and producing greenhouse gases. It also provides nutrients to the soil to feed grass and plants. Residents can pick up the free compost at the City Corporation Yard at 2999 E La Jolla St., Anaheim, while supplies last (First Come, First Serve!). This is a self-service event, so bring your own shovel and container. The compost will be located at the entrance, to the right of the driveway, and accessible 24/7. Thank you to OC Waste & Recycling for donating the compost. To learn more about their efforts in protecting our environment, please visit [www.oclandfills.com](http://www.oclandfills.com).



## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – July 28 - August 3, 2023

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Facebook: Placentia Library

## Summer Reading Program

### END OF SUMMER READING SING-A-LONG

Saturday, July 29, 10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove  
Join us for a musical performance by Mr. Marcus and pick up a take-home craft! Your storytime friends will also announce our Summer Reading winners!

## Children's Programs

### STORYTIMES

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

#### Family Storytime

Next storytime: August 12 @ 10:00 a.m.

#### Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Next storytime: Wednesday, August 9 @ 6:30 p.m. /  
Miércoles, 9 de agosto @ 6:30 p.m.

#### Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Next storytime: Thursday, August 10 @ 10:00 a.m.

### MORNING MEET UPS

This week: Monday, July 31

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: August 7

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!



## Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs

### **PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL - PTAC**

**This Week: August 3**

*First and Third Thursday of Each Month, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room*

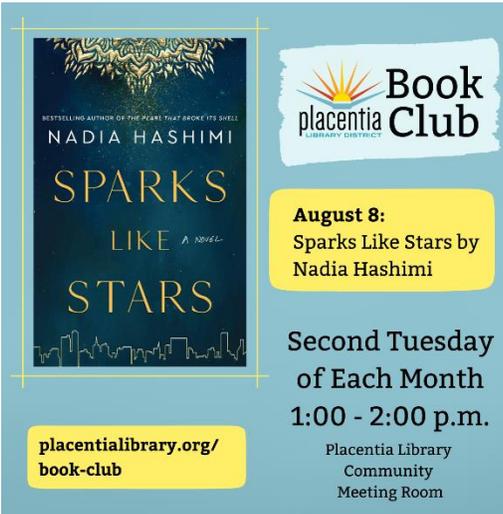
### **BOOK CLUB**

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

*Next Month: "Sparks Like Stars" by Nadia Hashimi on August 8  
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).



The poster features the book cover for "Sparks Like Stars" by Nadia Hashimi. The cover is dark blue with gold text and a city skyline at the bottom. To the right of the cover is the Placentia Library District Book Club logo. Below the cover is a yellow box with the text "placentialibrary.org/book-club". To the right of the book cover is a yellow box with the text "August 8: Sparks Like Stars by Nadia Hashimi". Below that is the text "Second Tuesday of Each Month 1:00 - 2:00 p.m." and "Placentia Library Community Meeting Room".

## Library of Things

Check out a vinyl record player, sewing machine, popcorn machine, guitar, Nintendo Switch and more from your library - for free! Our Library of Things collection has a range of items including household tools, arts and craft items, laptops and more that you can check out for a free 2-week checkout with your adult Placentia Library card.

Visit [www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things](http://www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things) to learn more about our Library of Things collection and see a list of items available!



## 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 learning a new language with Mango Languages and find even more resources at: [www.placentialibrary.org/ebooks-and-online-learning](http://www.placentialibrary.org/ebooks-and-online-learning)!



The advertisement features the Mango logo at the top left, which includes a colorful flag icon. Below it is the text "Language learning for everyone". To the right is a hand holding a smartphone displaying the Mango app interface. At the bottom left is the Placentia Library District logo and the URL "research.placentialibrary.org". The background is a collage of various languages and phrases like "Bonjour", "Guten tag", and "Salam".

## Adult & Teen Take and Make



### **ADULT & TEEN TAKE AND MAKE KIT PICKUP: MACRAME CACTUS KEYCHAIN**

*Pickup begins August 1, while supplies last*

Beat the heat with this quick boho project. Softest cactus you'll ever have!