

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Placentia Receives Another Significant Credit Rating Increase

The City is excited to announce Standard & Poor's (S&P) Global Ratings has raised its credit issuer rating from 'AA-' to 'AA.' S&P is a leading provider of transparent and independent credit ratings worldwide. The City also received a 'AA-' bond rating for a specific bond being issued for the future Public Safety Building. The City's issuer credit has been raised five notches in the past three years and has since gone from "junk status" credit to now AA, in the highest tier of issuer credit. The upgraded credit rating will have several positive implications for the City of Placentia. It will enhance the City's ability to secure financing at favorable interest rates, lowering borrowing costs and potentially saving taxpayers money. Additionally, the improved rating will attract more investors and businesses to Placentia, creating opportunities for economic development and job growth. The City's S&P issuer credit rating is a forward-looking opinion about its overall creditworthiness and focuses on the City's capacity and willingness to meet its financial commitments. The improved rating can be attributed to strong financial management and prudent fiscal policies, positioning Placentia as an attractive destination for investors and fostering continued economic growth.



9th Annual Taste of Placentia!

The community is invited to join the Placentia Chamber of Commerce for a fun family evening at their 9th Annual Taste of Placentia event on Thursday, August 17th, from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm at Tri-City Park. This year there will be more vendors than ever before to enhance your eating and drinking experience! Live music by Placentia band, Family Style will be from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. There is no cost for the concert. Tickets are available now at www.TasteofPlacentia.com.

Download the MyShake App to be Notified of Earthquake Warnings

When it comes to earthquakes, it is not a matter of if one will occur, but when. Cal OES is encouraging residents to take the time to update their emergency plans and to download the MyShake app. So many things in life catch us off guard, but now, earthquakes don't have to. There are only moments to act if you receive a warning or feel shaking. People can get a jump start before shaking can be felt by using the MyShake app. Take protective actions such as DROP, COVER, and HOLD ON (or LOCK, COVER, and HOLD ON if using a wheelchair). Please visit www.earthquake.ca.gov to learn more about the latest tools and resources and how to use them.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 8/3/23 Concerts in the Park—OC3
- 8/7/23 Veterans Advisory Committee
- 8/8/23 Park Arts and Recreation Commission
- 8/9/23 Heritage Festival Committee
- 8/10/23 Concerts in the Park—Soto Band

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 1st, Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department personnel attended the National Night Out event in support of our Placentia Police Department. The Fire Engine, Truck, and Battalion Chief vehicles were on display, along with members of our Community Risk Reduction Division, who provided fire and life safety information to the community in attendance. The team distributed many Life



Saving Information for Emergencies Files, or L.I.F.E. Files, to the public.

These files are to be placed in your home in an easy-to-locate place, such as the refrigerator, and enable emergency medical personnel to quickly locate helpful information regarding your medical history in the case of an emergency at your residence. The department enjoyed meeting community members and would like to honor and thank our Police Department members for their service to the community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

National Night Out Event Recap

The Placentia Police Department wants to thank everyone who came out on August 1st to celebrate National Night Out! The Department had a great time meeting and interacting with so many community members. The event had over 40 vendors who shared information about their services, handed out samples, and celebrated the evening.

Your First Responders were there with their equipment, offering hands-on displays, uniforms to try on, and information about their jobs.

The live demonstrations by our motor officer and our Police K9s were a crowd favorite, and it was great to see K9 Kyra show off her skills one more time before she begins her retirement!

Planning for National Night Out 2024 has already begun, and we hope to see even more of our community members there!





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.



OC Waste & Recycling Urges Responsible Disposal of Batteries

OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) is issuing an alert to remind all county residents and businesses of the importance of proper disposal of hazardous waste, especially batteries. Improperly disposed batteries continue to be the leading cause of fires in the waste system, which endangers lives, causes expensive damage, and disrupts waste services.

According to US Fire Administration, each year in the United States an average of 8,300 landfill fires occur, resulting in potentially dangerous working conditions and property loss. Other leading hazardous waste culprits include items that are easily flammable and/or corrosive, such as paints, oils, cleaning chemicals, and gasoline.



Disposal is easy and available via drive-through at any of the four OCWR Household Hazardous Waste Collection Centers (HHWCC) located throughout the County. Simply place items in the trunk or truck bed and upon arrival at a HHWCC, a staff member will collect the materials for recycling or proper disposal.

HHWCCs are a safe way to dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste such as pesticides, household chemicals, automotive products, or e-cigarette cartridges. E-waste such as televisions, tablets, old cell phones, and computers are also accepted. Residents are encouraged to ask for a FREE battery collection recycling bucket, available while supplies last.

The four HHWCCs are located in Anaheim, Huntington Beach, Irvine, and San Juan Capistrano, and are open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (except holidays and rainy days).

- Anaheim Collection Center -- 1071 N. Blue Gum Street, 92806
- Huntington Beach Collection Center -- 17121 Nichols Lane, 92647, Gate 6
- Irvine Collection Center -- 6411 Oak Canyon, 92618
- San Juan Capistrano Collection Center -- 32250 Avenida La Pata, 92675

For more information on the proper disposal of household hazardous waste, visit www.OCLandfills.com/hazardous-waste or follow @OCWaste on social media.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Concerts in the Park

Concerts in the Park are back this summer! The concert series is held at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd. The next concert in the series is **tonight, August 3rd**, featuring OC3, performing Classic Rock hits. 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.

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.

Senior Center Trip to OC Fair

The Senior Center hosted a trip to the OC Fair this week. A total of 13 seniors enjoyed the trip and all the fun activities the Fair has to offer. The City of Placentia offers trips and excursions throughout the year to Senior Center participants for free or at a reduced cost. Transportation is by provided California Yellow Cab as part of the Senior Mobility Program with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). For more information about the Senior Center or trips and excursions, please contact the Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.





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.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – August 4-10, 2023

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CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY PARKS PASS

Visit Crystal Cove State Park (and many other local state parks!) with a California State Library Parks Pass. The Parks Pass is available free with your library card for a 3-week checkout, or see if it's your lucky day to check one of our lucky day passes that are available for 1 week without holds. Learn more on our website or at the library!

www.placentialibrary.org

Children's Programs

STORYTIMES

Our storytimes are taking a break from July 30- August 8! We'll see you on August 9 at 6:30 p.m. for Luna, Luna!; August 10 at 10 a.m. for Baby Giggle and Wiggles; and August 12 at 10 a.m. for Family Storytime.

MORNING MEET UPS

This week: Monday, August 7

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Crossroads Corner

LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

Summer Lunches!

Placentia Library District offers free lunches for kids & teens this summer.

Free lunches at the library for children and teens 18 years and under. Meals are available until supplies last from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. The library offers these healthy meals in partnership with the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District through the USDA Summer Food Service Program. We hope you will come for healthy lunches, summer reading, and free activities to help young minds and bodies grow and thrive!

Lunch is served:

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

411 E. Chapman Ave.

Tuesdays, August 8 and 15, 2023:

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Thursdays, August 10 and 17, 2023:

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

To learn more about summer meals, visit www.summerfood.usda.gov

**This institution is an equal opportunity provider. The Summer Food Service Program is a program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, administered in California by the California Department of Education. Lunch at the Library is a project of the California State Library in partnership with the California Library Association and supported with funds from the State of California.*



LUNCH
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LIBRARY

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

READ TO THE DOGS

This Week: August 7

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

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Open to children of all ages! This is a great opportunity for children to practice reading aloud or to be read to alongside our favorite furry friends from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.



Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL - PTAC

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 17

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.

This Week: “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.

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?

Featured Resource:

ChiltonLibrary

Search for automotive repair and maintenance information for cars, trucks, SUVs and more.

Learn more and get started at www.placentialibrary.org!



Adult & Teen Take and Make



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

Pickup began August 1, while supplies last

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

While supplies last, for ages 14+.