

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

2023 State of the City Address

Mayor Ward Smith’s State of the City Address “A New Era of Success and Collaboration,” will take place on Thursday, September 28th, at 11:15 am at Alta Vista Country Club, 777 Alta Vista Street. Mayor Smith will highlight the City’s progress and accomplishments over the last year, as well as discuss upcoming developments and events throughout the City. For more information or to purchase tickets for this event, [click here](#).



Findings Regarding Asian Citrus Psyllid and Huanglongbing

Between May 4, 2023 and August 23, 2023, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) confirmed the presence of the causative bacterial agent of the citrus disease huanglongbing (HLB) in citrus tree tissue and the insect vector, Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), *Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama. Citrus tree tissues and insect vectors were collected in the cities and communities of Anaheim, Orange, Santa Ana, Stanton, Tustin, and Westminster in Orange County. HLB is a devastating disease of citrus and is spread by ACP as they feed on host plants. Unless emergency action is taken to remove sources of the HLB inoculum and disrupt the ACP life cycle, there is high potential for sudden future detections of ACP in Orange County and transmission of HLB to other areas. Residents of affected properties shall be invited to a public meeting or contacted directly by CDFA staff. Consultation with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the county agricultural commissioner’s office will be provided at the public meeting. Residents are notified in writing at least 48 hours in advance of any treatment. For any questions related to this program, contact CDFA at (800) 491-1899 for assistance.

2023 Orange County Small Business Conference

Empower your business with the education, resources, and information to grow at the Orange County Small Business Conference. Network with business owners, meet with local legislators, understand what it takes to access capital, and learn tactical tools to drive your business’ revenue. The 2023 Orange County Small Business Conference will take place on Thursday, September 28th from 7:00 am to 1:30 pm at the Great Wolf Lodge, 12681 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 9/19/23 City Council Meeting
- 9/20/23 Blue Ribbon Committee
- 9/25/23 Placentia Community Foundation
- 9/28/23 2023 State of the City Address
- 9/30/23 Shredding & E-Waste Event

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Sign Up for CERT Training

The Cities of Placentia and Yorba Linda will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training beginning September 26th through October 12th. The training will be hosted at the Yorba Linda Community Center on Tuesday and Thursday nights for three weeks. Each night of training will feature different topics such as introduction to disaster preparedness, fire safety and utility controls, disaster psychology, and disaster medical operations.

To sustain and increase our level of preparedness, CERT courses are offered to the public several times a year. The courses 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 and to serve their neighbors and neighborhoods.

If you are interested in taking the next CERT course, please contact the City of Placentia Health and Emergency Services Division at (714) 993-8214 or email ppowers@placentia.org. Let's all do our part to be #ReadyPlacentia!

14th Annual Cowabunga Festival



Are you prepared for when a disaster happens?

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You will learn:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Fire Safety and Utility Controls
- Disaster Medical Operations
- And More!

For more information:

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www.placentia.org/CERT



SAVE THE DATE!

14th ANNUAL

Cowabunga!

BBQ N' BEER FESTIVAL

– FEATURING –





4-9 pm • Sept 16

KRAEMER PARK

For Tickets go to:

www.rotarycowabunga.com

Call: (714) 875-5975

Email: mail@placentiarotary.org



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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Placentia FiberCity Update

Residents who have ordered internet service from GigabitNow can expect to be contacted by SiFi Networks to schedule an installation appointment once their home address becomes serviceable. During this appointment, SiFi Networks' installation teams will bring the fiber from the street to the resident's home and set up their home network. Following installation, GigabitNow will be the resident's new Internet Service Provider.

Sections of the City are currently serviceable, and homes have been installed and connected to the Placentia FiberCity network. There is an address look-up tool on GigabitNow's website that is updated periodically. It projects estimated dates of when service may be available in your area.

[Click here](#) to use the address look-up tool.

If you'd like to order internet service through GigabitNow, visit www.placentiafiber.com, select your desired speed, and then place your order. There are no contracts, hidden fees, or set-up charges, and you will not be charged until after your fiber has been connected. For more information, contact 1-888-556-9712 or email support@gigabitnow.com.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pizza with the Police—September 23rd

The Police Department is excited to host our first-ever Pizza with the Police event on Saturday, September 23rd, from 4:00 pm—8:00 pm at Pepz Pizza, 732 N. Rose Drive. The Department will also be joined by the Placentia Public Safety Communications Center and the Placentia K9 Foundation.

This event is a great opportunity to meet and talk with Placentia PD Officers, view our vehicles, and learn more about the different services the Department provides. The Department enjoys connecting with the community in this casual setting where all questions, comments, and concerns are welcome. We hope to see you there!



Safe Exchange Zone

As the holidays approach, we would like to remind you that the Placentia Police Department has established a 'Safe Exchange Zone.' Craigslist, Offer Up, and other exchange site transactions are popular. To provide the public with a safer environment to do

this 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 clearly marked with signage. The public may use this area to conduct child custody exchanges, private property exchanges, and E-Commerce transactions, such as Craigslist, Offer Up, and others. Safe Exchange Zones help deter potential scammers and other criminal activities associated with online purchasing activities and help make child custody exchanges less challenging. As a reminder, if you feel you have been a victim of fraud, please contact the Placentia Police Department at (714) 993-8164.





PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Fall Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event

The City invites Placentia residents and businesses to participate in a free community Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, September 30th, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Placentia Civic Center (401 East Chapman Avenue). Shredding documents can help prevent fraud and identity theft. Placentia residents and businesses are invited to have their confidential documents destroyed on-site for free. A maximum of six (6) banker box size containers will be accepted from each household or business location in Placentia. We will also be collecting e-waste during the event. For a full list of acceptable items, please [click here](#) for additional details. No hazardous materials will be accepted at this event. At this drive-thru event, we ask that all participants stay in their vehicles and have their items in the trunk for easy access. For more information, call Environmental Services Coordinator Cathy Nguyen at (714) 993-8123.

Coastal Cleanup Day

The 39th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day will take place on Saturday, September 23rd. Every September, people join together at sites all over California to take part in the State's largest volunteer event. Throughout September, Californians can participate by sweeping through their own neighborhoods and local parks, public trails, creeks, rivers, and beaches to help prevent single-use plastic items and other litter from polluting the environment and flowing into the ocean. Visit www.coastalcleanupday.org to learn more.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

600 and 606 Alcott Avenue Homes Update

The City is pleased to announce that work has been completed for the construction of two new single-family homes, located at 600 and 606 Alcott Avenue, south of the intersection of Bastanchury Road and Valencia Avenue. On January 15, 2019, the City Council approved Tentative Parcel Map No. TPM 2007 -186 for the subdivision of an existing 0.57-acre lot, which resulted in the creation of three small lots on the property of 1802 Valencia Avenue. Two of the three lots have been developed with a single-family residence measuring approximately 2,050 square feet with a 450-square-foot attached two-car garage, featuring four bedrooms and two-and-half bathrooms. The third lot maintains a locally designated historic home known as the Harrison H. Hale House, built in 1925.

Interior finishes for the new residences include a ten-foot ceiling and a contemporary design. The exterior of the homes were completed in a traditional style with Spanish Revival influences, which allow for the project to seamlessly blend into the existing neighborhood.



The existing California Bungalow-style home was preserved, with the new homes and their accompanying landscaping occupying the formerly undeveloped areas of the property. The Harrison Hale House is significant as the home of a pioneer rancher and civic leader, and for its part in the broad patterns of Placentia's economic and ranching history.

For more information on this development or other projects within the City, contact Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

2023 Heritage Festival

The 58th Annual Placentia Heritage Festival will take place on Saturday, October 14th and includes a car show, parade, live music, family-fun games, crafts, local vendors, food, beer, a business expo, and military appreciation! The City encourages all residents and community groups to enter the parade and showcase your group/neighborhood. Gather with friends, family, and neighbors and get creative! Enter your very own float, walking group, or ride your bikes down the parade route! All are invited to showcase your community pride!



Additionally, the parade will feature the Honor Convoy! A community participation event, with local residents driving their cars in the parade and escorting our Veterans and Active Duty down the parade route. The Honor Convoy is a moving experience for its riders as the parade attendees express their appreciation for their service and sacrifice. The Honor Convoy is looking for veterans and active duty to join them and be driven down the parade route in a classic car. To sign up and get a ride, email Kenny Binnings at KBinnings@PerimeterProtectionUSA.com. The Honor Convoy is also looking for classic car, jeep, and corvette owners to drive a veteran or active duty member in the parade. To sign up and drive, email KBinnings@PerimeterProtectionUSA.com.

Lastly, if you would like to participate in the event as a vendor at the festival or be in the Car Show, call (714) 993-8232 or visit www.placentia.org/heritagefestival.

Tiny Tots Program Fall Registration

Fall registration for the Tiny Tots program will begin in person and online on Monday, September 18th. The program focuses on introducing youth ages 3-5 years old to numbers, counting, colors, shapes, letters, vocabulary development, and following directions in order to gain valuable socialization skills and prepare for kindergarten. The program is offered in 6-week sessions and at the Koch Park Community Building. To view the program flyer, please [click here](#). For more information, please visit www.placentia.org/tinytots or contact Tiny Tots staff at (714) 572-0467.

Handball Courts Resurfacing Project Complete

The resurfacing of the handball courts at McFadden, Tuffree, and Los Ninos Parks has been completed. The City budgeted \$30,000 in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year for the project as part of the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan to make significant park improvements to City parks and facilities over the course of the next two years. These courts are highly utilized by the public for handball and solo tennis practice. It has been several years since the last resurfacing at McFadden and Los Ninos Parks, and the courts at Tuffree Park were previously just plain concrete. The playability of all these courts is now greatly improved and already being enjoyed by the public. The Community Services Department is proud to bring these park upgrades to the community. For more information current park projects, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – September 15-21, 2023

Follow us on social media!
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Library Card Sign-Up Month

Sign up for a library card September 1-30, 2023 and you will be entered to win an Amazon gift card!*

*Must apply in person to enter raffle

Check out books, work on a crafting project in our makerspace, find an audiobook to listen to on your drive, and more!

Get started today with your Placentia Library card!

Children's Programs

STORYTIMES

Our storytimes are held in the Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove. Visit www.placentialibrary.org for more info and our program schedule!

Family Storytime

Saturday, September 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, September 20 @ 6:30 p.m. /

Miércoles, Septiembre 20 @ 6:30 p.m.

Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Friday, September 15 @ 10:00 a.m.

MORNING MEET UPS

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This Week: September 18

Crossroads Corner

STEAM LABS

Third Tuesday of the Month, 3:30 p.m.

This Week: September 19

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

Educational and fun! Children are invited to explore the beauty and practicality of STEAM-related topics through engaging hands-on activities! Space is limited. Open to children 7-12.

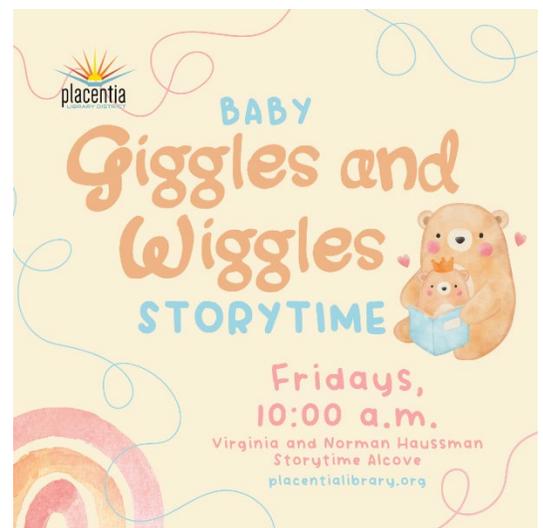
READ TO THE DOGS

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

On break in September – returning October 2!

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.



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

Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs



LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

Curious about Local History? Come explore the Placentia Library Local History Room at the library or on our website.

www.placentialibrary.org

LITERACY

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

PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL – PTAC

First and Third Thursday of Each Month, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This Week: September 21

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

The Placentia Teen Advisory Council is open to all high school students interested in gaining community service experience, volunteer hours, and leadership skills through planning and supporting library events.

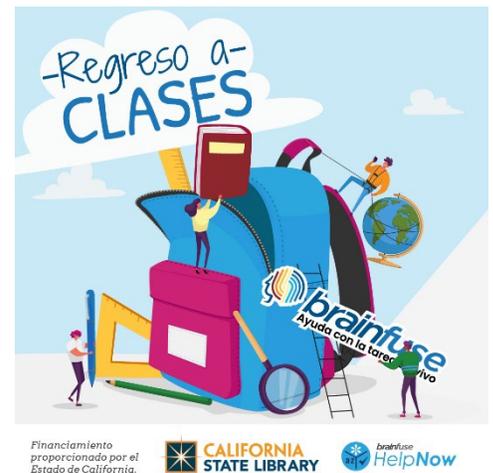
eBooks and Online Learning

Did you know your Placentia library card provides you free access to some of the best digital resources, apps, and research websites available today? Learn more and get started at www.placentialibrary.org!

BRAINFUSE HELPNOW

¡Prepárate a tener éxito en este año escolar! Ofreciendo apoyo personalizado la Tutoría En Línea de Brainfuse te podría ayudar a dominar las materias difíciles y mejorar tus calificaciones. Los tutores de Brainfuse te ayudarán a repasar temas de matemáticas, dominar conceptos difíciles de ciencia y mejorar tus habilidades de redacción para que tengas éxito.

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The Hangar DIY Lab

Welcome to our all-ages makerspace! Work on a craft project, play with Legos, learn to stitch with a sewing project, create and print your own stickers on our Cricut machine, and more. So stop by and enjoy new activities each week! For more information and open hours, visit www.placentialibrary.org/makerspace.

Fall Library Newsletter and Calendar: www.placentialibrary.org/newsletter

Contact us: (714) 528-1906 - information@placentialibrary.org - 411 E. Chapman Ave. Placentia