

# 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, please [click here](#).



### Sign Up for CERT Training - Classes Begin Next Week!

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. 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 call (714) 993-8214 or email [ppowers@placentia.org](mailto:ppowers@placentia.org). Let’s all do our part to be #ReadyPlacentia!

### Orange County Fourth District Kindness Awards

Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee’s office is now accepting nominations for the Fifth Annual Orange County Fourth District Kindness Awards. The Fourth District Kindness Awards will honor individuals who have displayed exceptional kindness or community service in the Fourth Supervisorial District Cities on November 13, 2023, which is observed internationally as World Kindness Day. Kindness is often defined as doing something to help another person without the expectation of receiving anything in return. If you know anyone who works, lives, serves, and/or volunteers in the cities of Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia, Stanton, portions of Anaheim, and unincorporated communities in the Fourth District who have displayed exceptional kindness or community service, please nominate them for a Kindness Award. There will be one award recipient from each City. Please note that elected officials and organizations will not be eligible. Nominations will be accepted until Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. To nominate an individual for the Kindness Awards, please submit an application at <https://d4.ocgov.com/fourth-district-kindness-awards>.

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 9/25/23 Placentia Community Foundation
- 9/28/23 2023 State of the City Address
- 9/30/23 Shredding & E-Waste Event
- 10/3/23 City Council Meeting
- 10/14/23 Heritage Festival

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

[CAWeekly@placentia.org](mailto:CAWeekly@placentia.org)



## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### 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](#).

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Pizza with the Police—September 23rd

The Police Department is excited to host our first-ever Pizza with the Police event this **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 will also be joined by the Placentia Public Safety Communications Center and the Placentia K9 Foundation. We hope to see you there!

### Breast Cancer Awareness Patches

The Placentia Police Department is proud to support breast cancer awareness by helping raise funds for cancer research. We are pleased to offer our official uniform shoulder patch with pink highlights and the breast cancer awareness ribbon, as well as a key chain with a smaller version of the badge, as collector's pieces to show solidarity with cancer survivors and those fighting this horrible disease.

In affiliation with the Pink Patch Project, all proceeds from this program will be donated to the non-profit organization Susan G. Komen of Orange County to support their efforts to save lives by meeting the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer.

The pink patches and key chains are available for sale at the front counter of the Placentia Police Department during regular business hours for \$5 and \$10, respectively.



## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Fire and Life Safety Releases 2021-23 Biennial Report

At the September 19th City Council meeting, Fire Chief Jason Dobine presented the Department's 2021-2023 Biennial Report. The report highlights the Department's accomplishments over the last two years, including trainings, equipment, call types, goals, objectives, and our collaboration with Lynch EMS to serve the City of Placentia.

To view the biennial report, please [click here](#).



PLACENTIA FIRE & LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT  
BIENNIAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2023



## 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 this **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.placentia.org/tinytots) or contact Tiny Tots staff at (714) 572-0467.

### Parque de Los Ninos Community Meeting

The City will host a Community Meeting on Thursday, September 21st at 6:00 pm at the Gomez Community Center at Parque de los Ninos to discuss the upcoming playground renovations. The playground renovation is part of the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan (PPI). The PPI was approved by the City Council at the May 18, 2021 City Council Meeting and is aimed at improving and renovating aging park infrastructure and amenities over the course of the next two (2) Fiscal Years. The community meeting will focus on finalizing the playground design by obtaining community feedback. Following the community meeting, the City Council will be presented with the final concept design for approval. For more information on park projects, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary – September 22-28, 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 with Libby, and more!

Get started today with your Placentia Library card! Libby and more online resources are available at [ebooks.placentialibrary.org](https://ebooks.placentialibrary.org).

## Children's Programs

### STORYTIMES

Our storytimes are held in the Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove. Visit [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org) for more info and our program schedule!

#### Family Storytime

Saturday, September 23 @ 10:00 a.m.

#### Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Wednesday, September 27 @ 6:30 p.m. /

Miércoles, Septiembre 27 @ 6:30 p.m.

#### Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Friday, September 22 @ 10:00 a.m.

### MORNING MEET UPS

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**This Week: September 25**

Crossroads Corner

### 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

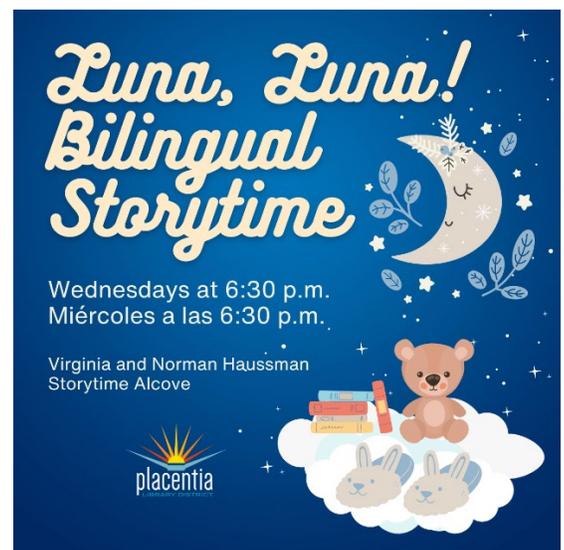
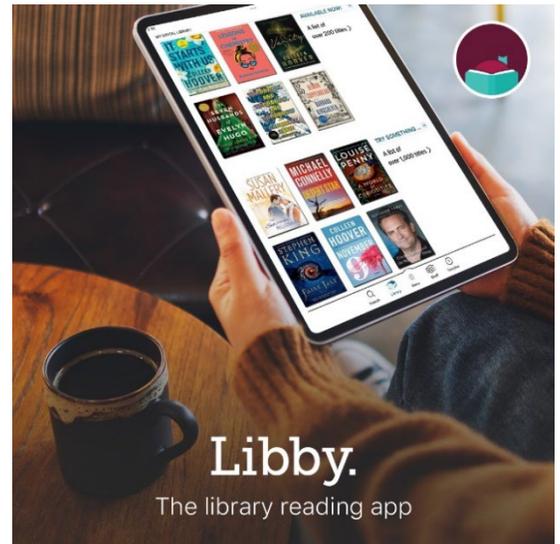
Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. – because even dogs like to hear a good tail-chasing tale now and then!

### SAVE THE DATE: FIREFIGHTER STORYTIME

Monday, October 9, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

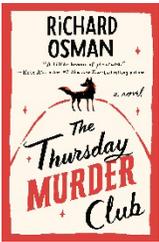
Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Join us for a storytime with our Placentia Fire Department. Following the storytime, children will get to meet some of our incredible firefighters, and see the department's fire engine out on our Placentia library lawn!



Looking for a book or library item? Search our online catalog at [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

## Adult, Teen, and Literacy Programs



### **BOOK CLUB**

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

Next Month: *“The Thursday Murder Club”* by Richard Osman on October 10  
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

You're invited to our monthly book club! Our group is always open to new members, so stop by to share or listen! Selections include a robust mix of fiction genres, and selected titles are available for checkout at the library.

### **LOCAL HISTORY ROOM**

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

[www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)



History Room at

### **LITERACY**

Teach an adult to read. Become a Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor. Get started at [www.placentialibrary.org/literacy](http://www.placentialibrary.org/literacy).

### **PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL – PTAC**

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

Next Meeting: October 5

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](http://www.placentialibrary.org)!

### **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

Welcome to our all-ages makerspace! Work on a craft project, play with Legos, learn to stitch with a sewing machine, 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](http://www.placentialibrary.org/makerspace).

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