

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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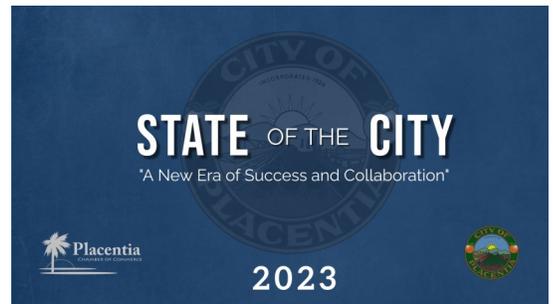
“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### 2023 State of the City Address—A New Era of Success and Collaboration

The Chamber of Commerce and the City of Placentia hosted Mayor Ward Smith’s State of the City Address “A New Era of Success and Collaboration” on September 28th at Alta Vista Country Club. Mayor Smith highlighted the City’s progress and accomplishments over the last year and discussed all of the current and upcoming developments and events throughout the City.

To watch this year’s State of the City Address, please [click here](#).



### Tlaquepaque Restaurant Recognized by OC Board of Supervisors

On Tuesday, September 26th at the Orange County Board of Supervisor meeting, Supervisor Chaffee and Supervisor Sarmiento presented a resolution proclaiming September 15, 2023 through October 15, 2023 as “Hispanic Heritage Month,” and recognized Tlaquepaque Restaurant owner Rosalina Davis for their longtime contributions to the community. The City thanks Rosalina Davis for representing Placentia and the Hispanic community in Orange County. Pictured with Rosalina is Mexican Consulate Audrey Rivera Gomez and Ambassador Gaddi H. Vasquez.



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 10/10/23 Planning Commission
- 10/14/23 Heritage Festival
- 10/17/23 City Council Meeting
- 10/18/23 Blue Ribbon Committee
- 11/7/23 City Council Meeting

For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please email: [CAWeekly@placentia.org](mailto:CAWeekly@placentia.org)



## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Angels Baseball Player Visits Placentia

Los Angeles Angels Second Baseman Luis Rengifo visited Tlaquepaque Restaurant last week. Luis Jose Rengifo is a Venezuelan professional baseball player who made his MLB debut in 2019. The Angels second baseman enjoyed one of many Mexican cuisines offered at Tlaquepaque Restaurant.



### Overnight Closure on WB 91 Between Kraemer and State College

Caltrans will be conducting an overnight closure on westbound State Route 91 (SR-91) between Kramer Boulevard and State College Boulevard from 12:00 am (midnight) until 6:00 am Sunday, October 8th. Detour signage will be in place to assist motorists. Detour Information:

Westbound SR-91:

- Exit at Kraemer Boulevard.
- Turn RIGHT onto Kramer Boulevard.
- Turn LEFT onto Orangethorpe Avenue.
- Turn LEFT onto State College Boulevard.
- Turn RIGHT onto westbound SR-91.

Northbound SR-57

- Exit at Kraemer Boulevard.
- Turn LEFT onto Kramer Boulevard/Glassell Street.
- Turn RIGHT Lincoln Avenue.
- Turn RIGHT onto northbound SR-57

Southbound SR-57

- Exit at Kraemer Boulevard.
- Turn LEFT onto Kramer Boulevard/Glassell Street.
- Turn RIGHT onto Lincoln Avenue.
- Go over freeway and turn RIGHT onto southbound SR-57.

Please obey all posted signs and traffic instructions for the safety of all workers and motorists. The work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/or materials, and/or construction-related issues. For more information and updates, contact the District 12 Public Information Office via email at [D12PIO@dot.ca.gov](mailto:D12PIO@dot.ca.gov).



## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Protect the Pipes and Your Wallet

Did you know that dumping fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain is a common cause of clogged sewer pipes? Clogged pipes can pose a serious threat to our health lead to sewage spills that can harm the environment. Something that is very harmful and costly.

You can help minimize the impacts of sewer spills in your neighborhood by simply throwing your FOG in the trash. This will help reduce the chances of your home pipes getting clogged.

Follow these easy steps after cooking:

1. Pour the leftover FOG in a can.
2. Let the FOG cool until it hardens.
3. Throw it all away in the trash.

Learn more at [www.ocsan.gov/FOG](http://www.ocsan.gov/FOG).

### Orange County Fourth District Kindness Awards

Supervisor Doug Chaffee's office is now accepting nominations for the Fifth Annual Orange County Fourth District Kindness Awards. The Kindness Awards will honor individuals who have displayed exceptional kindness or community service in the Fourth Supervisorial District Cities on November 13th, which is observed internationally as World Kindness Day. 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, nominate them for a Kindness Award. There will be one award recipient from each City. Elected officials and organizations will not be eligible. **The nomination deadline has been extended through Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 11:59 pm.** To nominate an individual for the Kindness Awards, submit an application [here](#).

## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Fire Prevention Week

The Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department will be recognizing Fire Prevention Week 2023 during the week of October 8th—14th. Each year, the National Fire Protection Association designates a theme to commemorate the annual observance of Fire Prevention Week and to remember the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

This year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU" and we will be kicking off the week with Storytime at the Library on Monday, October 9th. Educational information will be distributed throughout the rest of the week on our social media channels as well. The Department will also be hosting a booth at the City's 58th Annual Heritage Festival on Saturday, October 14th. Department personnel will be at the booth to meet the community and answer any fire and life safety questions you may have.





## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Halloween Trunk or Treat

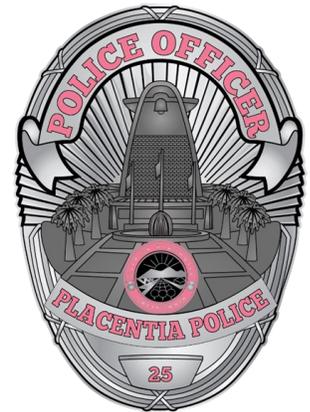
The Police Department is excited to invite all children 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, to our Trunk or Treat event on Thursday, October 26th, from 3:30 pm—6:00 pm in the Civic Center Courtyard in front of the Police Station. Wear your costume and be prepared for candy, tricks, and treats! Placentia Fire and Life Safety, Placentia Public Safety Communications (Dispatch), and Community Services will all be joining us for this haunting spooktacular! Don't miss out, it'll be a scream!



### 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.

### National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

The Placentia Police Department is pleased to be participating in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 28th. This is a drive thru event in the parking lot of the Civic Center between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The DEA and its partners will collect tablets, capsules, patches, and other solid forms of prescription drugs. Drug Take Back Day offers free and anonymous disposal of unneeded medications. Collection sites will not accept syringes, sharps, and illicit drugs. Liquid products, such as cough syrup, should remain sealed in their original container. The cap must be tightly sealed to prevent leakage.

Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs. If you cannot make it to the Drug Take Back event, below are some tips on how to safely dispose of prescription medications.

- Take the meds out of their bottles;
- Crush and mix them with something unappealing like used cat litter or coffee grounds;
- Seal them in a bag or disposable container and throw that away.

For more information about prescription drug abuse, go to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) or to find year round drug disposal sites near Placentia, [click here](#).





## 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).

### Parque de Los Ninos Community Meeting

The City hosted a Community Meeting on Thursday, September 21st 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 five (5) Fiscal Years. The community meeting focused on finalizing the playground design with the community. Over 40 community members attended the meeting and provided valuable feedback. Those in attendance expressed excitement about the design and are looking forward to the renovations. Following the community meeting, the City Council approved the final concept design, which was recommended as their favored design by the community and the Parks, Arts, and Recreation Commission. Construction for the project is anticipated to begin in Spring 2024. For more information on park projects, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### Wagner Park Playground Renovation Project

The City is excited to announce that the playground renovation at Wagner Park is underway! The playground is expected to be completed in late October. Most of the existing playground elements have been completely removed, with the exception of the two large “360 typhoon” slides, which are currently existing in the play area. In following the Parks Initiative Plan, the Wagner Park playground will create a unique play experience by featuring a nature theme, incorporating butterfly, caterpillar, and ladybug climber apparatuses, a new swing bay, and colorful slides.



Additionally, the parks picnic tables, benches, and trash receptacles have already been replaced. For more information on the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT****Pending Development Projects**

<b>Project Address</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Status</b>
SEC of Rose Drive and Alta Vista Street	Development of a 10,500-square foot commercial retail building and 54, single family detached residential homes located on an 8.45-acre lot.	SC Development, LLC, c/o M. Paul Conzelman and Shea Homes	All residential phases are complete and occupied. Awaiting Commercial building plan submittal.
455 S. Van Buren Street	Development of 139, three-story townhome units on an approximately 5.57-acre site. Zoning of parcel to change from Manufacturing (M(O)) to High-Density Residential (R-3).	Toffoli Investments	Construction of Phases 1, 2, 3, & 4 are complete. Construction of Phases 10 & 12 in progress.
SWC of Orchard Drive and Highland Avenue	Development of four, three-story, multi-family buildings consisting of 16 residential townhomes located on a 1.24-acre unimproved vacant lot.	HQT Homes	Certificates of Occupancy issued for 8 of the 16 units.
505 W. Crowther Avenue	Development of a five-story, 418-unit apartment building with a seven-story parking structure on a 4.4-acre site.	JPI	Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued for Phase I. Remaining phases under construction
207-209 Crowther Avenue	The development of a mixed-use community including 189 mixed-income apartment units and 1,500 square feet of retail on a 2.13-acre site on City-owned property.	USA Properties Fund Inc.	In Building Plan Check
1314 N. Angelina Drive	Development of an affordable senior housing project consisting of two, two-story buildings, one with 33 units and one with 32 units, as well as a new parish hall for an existing church.	National Core	Under Construction
119 S. Main Street	Construction of a new two-story 2,870 square foot duplex, with a four-car garage.	Ernesto Ramos	Final phase of construction in progress
777 W. Orangethorpe Avenue	A 248-unit development consisting of a five-story, 249,557 gross sq. ft. residential building with 2,703 sq. ft. of ground floor commercial space and a seven-level, 151,900 gross sq. ft. wrapped parking structure located on a 2.72-acre lot.	Gilad Ganish, representing Orangethorpe Investment Partners, LLC	Under Entitlement Review. CEQA Review in progress.

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860 S. Placentia Avenue	Construction of a new 34,275 square foot warehouse building and a new 34,063 square foot maintenance building at an existing 6.28-acre lot.	U-Haul Co. of Orange County	Demo permits and Maintenance Building Permit issued. Second building is in plan check.
17000 La Paloma Avenue	Construction of three 2,532-square-foot, two-story, single-family houses on three recently subdivided parcels	Elliot Barker	Site Plan Review approved. Awaiting plan check submittal
1952 & 1958 E. Veterans Way (346-337-33 & 35)	To permit the subdivision to establish 39, three-story residential condominiums on approximately 1.3 acres.	Toffoli Investments, Inc.	In Building Plan Check
500 S. Placentia Avenue	Construction of a new ground mount PV solar system, carport PV solar system, battery energy storage system and associated equipment to an existing commercial building.	John Bruce	Site Plan Review Approved and Building Permit issued.
503 & 513 S. Van Buren Street (346-164-23, 346-164-24)	To permit the development of two, three-story townhome buildings for a total of 12 condominium units on approximately 0.379-acre site.	Toffoli Investments, Inc.	In Plan Check
118 E. Orangethorpe Avenue	Subdivide an existing 2.37-acre property into two parcels measuring 0.68-acres (Parcel 1) and 1.81-acres (Parcel 2).	Mike Patel	Submittal deemed incomplete 12/5/22
Northeast of Alta Vista Street and Rose Drive.  341-501-01 through 341-501-65	To permit a new residential planned community consisting of 100 single-family detached homes.	Eric Everhart, Toll Brothers, Inc.	In Building Plan Check
929 Gonzales Street	Construction of a new 2,166-square ft. single-family home with a 482-square foot, two-car garage on an approximately 3,673-square foot lot.	Emmanuel Gonzalez Guerrero	Planning Division Approved 12/12/22. Building Division Approved. In Plan Check with Engineering
664 N. Rose Drive	A request to permit a Computer Code Programming Center, within an existing multi-tenant space within the Specific Plan 7 (SP-7) Zoning District.	Hani Amra, as Code Ninjas	Under construction; slated to open November 2023

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<b>Project Address</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Project Status</b>
424 N. Nevin Place	A request to subdivide a 1.76-acre parcel into six parcels for the purpose of future single-family home development.	Blain Meith	Planning Commission approved 6/13/23. City Council approved 7/11/23
1257 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard	To permit the establishment and operation of a 24,000-square foot hardware store, with façade improvement and an outdoor retail component in the parking lot, within an existing multitenant commercial shopping center.	Westlake Hardware, Inc.	In Plan Check
116 W. Santa Fe Avenue	A request to allow for the onsite sale and consumption of beer and wine (Type 41 ABC License) in conjunction with the operation of a 563-square foot commercial retail space.	Heidi Mahnke, as Broken Timbers Brewery	Building permit issued; under construction
604 S. Van Buren Street	A site plan review for one new 2-story, 2,649-square foot single-family dwelling on a vacant lot consisting of 3,920 square feet, containing a 1,050-square foot roof deck, along with a 100-square foot balcony on the front façade.	Mark Lee	Awaiting soil and grading report before submitting to Building
860 N. Rose Drive	A request to allow for the conversion of an existing, 13,007-square foot women's gym and spa into a children's swim school at an existing retail space at a commercial shopping center within the Specific Plan 7 (SP-7) Zoning District.	Diane Bainbridge, as The Australian Swim School	In Building Plan Check
1278 Vina Del Mar Avenue	A request for permission to subdivide one parcel into two parcels for the purpose of future single-family home development.	David Renton	Planning Commission approved 7/11/23. Approved by City Council 9/5/23.
1251 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard	A request to permit the use and operation of an animal hospital, with minor tenant improvements to the existing tenant space.	Circle of Friends Veterinary Hospital	Building Plan Check
201 S. Bradford Ave	A request to permit the development of a semi-enclosed outdoor dining structure on the site of an existing parking lot.	El Farolito Restaurant	Under Final Administrative Review
717 Dunn Way	A request to permit the development of a permanent outdoor drinking/dining area on the site of an existing parking lot at The Bruery.	The Bruery, LLC	Under Administrative Review



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1474 N. Kraemer Blvd.	A request to expand the existing Type 41 ABC license to include the existing outdoor patio, located in the northwest corner of Village Plaza Shopping Center.	Spitz Restaurant	Under Administrative Review
1864 N. Placentia Avenue	A request to utilize the 1,078-square foot space for a dance floor for the existing dance studio that is located within the same Sierra Vista Shopping Center.	The Art of Dance & Ballet Academy	Under Entitlement Review; scheduled for the October 10, 2023 Planning Commission meeting.
101 W. Santa Fe Avenue	A renovation of the façade at the existing Tlaquepaque Restaurant in Old Town Placentia using Community Block Development grant monies.	Tlaquepaque Restaurant	Building façade is currently under reconstruction
600 and 606 Alcott Avenue	The development of two single-family residences measuring approximately 2,050 square feet with a 450-square-foot attached two-car garage, featuring four bedrooms and two-and-half bathrooms.	Janice Henderson	Certificates of Occupancy issued September 27, 2023.

### Building Activity Report for September 2023

PERMIT TYPE	NUMBER OF PERMITS
Solar	20
Residential Alteration/Addition	6
Reroof	26
Commercial Alteration/Addition	1
Signs	1
New Condo/SFR	0
ADU/JADU	0
Patio	2
Pools & Spa	3
Fence/Walls	5
Demolition	2
Windows	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



# WEEKLY SUMMARY

OCTOBER 6-12, 2023



## DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS PAINT NIGHT



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS  
NOCHE DE PINTURA

Thursday, October 12, 2023 / Jueves, 12 de Octubre, 2023. Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM  
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

## DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS PAINT NIGHT

Join artist Flór Campos for a Día de los Muertos Paint Night. This acrylic painting tutorial will demonstrate how to paint a Calavera de Azúcar (Sugar Skull). The sugar skull is a symbol seen in the Mexican tradition used to celebrate departed loved ones on Día de los Muertos. Participants will follow step-by-step painting instructions to create their own Día de los Muertos inspired painting of a sugar skull. Supplies will be provided, and each participant will take home their own canvas at the end of the evening.

**No registration needed, space is limited.**

Location: 411 E. Chapman Ave. 92870 Placentia  
Contact: (714) 528-1906

Upcoming Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023 - 6:00 PM

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

# STORYTIME BREAK

OCTOBER 1-17, 2023

RETURNING  
OCTOBER 18  
2023

## READ TO THE DOGS

**First Monday of the Month, 6:00 PM**

**Upcoming Date: November 6**

**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.



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Location: 411 E. Chapman Ave. 92870 Placentia. Contact: (714) 528-1906  
Upcoming Date: Monday, October 9, 2023 - 10:00am

# FIREFIGHTER STORYTIME

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!

**This week: Monday, October 9, 2023**  
**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove**

## ADULT, TEEN, AND LITERACY



### PLACENTIA TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL – PTAC

**First and Third Thursday of Each Month, 6:00 – 7:30 PM**

**Upcoming Date: October 19th**

**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.

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

## EBOOKS & 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)!**

## BRAINFUSE HELP NOW

¡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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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](http://www.placentialibrary.org/makerspace).**

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