

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

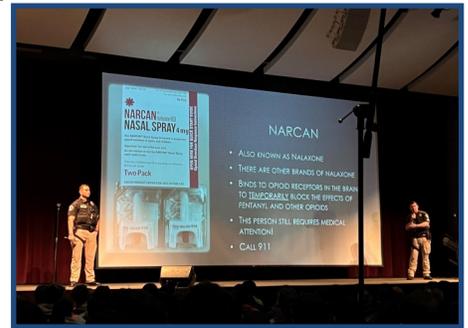
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

City Partners with PYLUSD for Fentanyl Awareness Campaign

In an effort to address the growing concern of fentanyl-related incidents in our community, the City, the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, the Placentia Police Department, and Lynch EMS are partnering together to launch a comprehensive Fentanyl Awareness Information and Reduction (FAIR) initiative. This partnership aims to educate parents/guardians and students about the dangers of fentanyl, encourage prevention, and enhance the safety and well-being of our community.

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is causing a rising epidemic across the United States, and Placentia is not immune to this crisis. This drug is responsible for a significant number of overdose deaths, and it is often found in illicit drugs, making it a particularly dangerous threat. The collaborative effort between the City and our School District is an essential step in addressing this crisis.

This week, the Placentia Police Department School Resource Officers began presentations at student assemblies at Valencia and El Dorado High Schools. They will soon be providing the presentations at Placentia middle schools as well, with the goal of educating students on the dangers of drug use and the fatal effects of fentanyl. Partnering with the school district, the Police Department will also hold community meetings for parents and guardians to learn more about the dangers of drug use and fentanyl and what to look out for. These meetings will provide essential information about recognizing fentanyl-related activities, offering advice on personal safety, and explaining the legal consequences of fentanyl-related offenses. Lynch EMS will also be assisting



with onsite school training for teachers and staff on administering NARCAN to students in the event of a suspected fentanyl overdose. Additional information on these efforts will be forthcoming by the City and the School District.

Pictured to the left, from left to right is School Resource Officer (SRO) Valdez, City Administrator Arrula, Valencia High School Assistant Principal Suchsland, and SRO Wagoner.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 10/28/23 Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- 10/30/23 Placentia Community Foundation
- 11/6/23 Tip-A-Cop Event
- 11/7/23 City Council Meeting
- 11/9/23 Veterans Day Observed—City Facilities Closed

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



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Help Your Community Be Hazard Ready!

The City is developing a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). Earthquakes, floods, fires, and severe weather are just a few hazards to the Placentia community. While hazards such as these cannot be prevented, a Hazard Mitigation Plan forms the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses by breaking the repeated cycle of disaster damage and reconstruction. Additionally, only communities with a FEMA-approved LHMP can apply for pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant funding. The process began in March 2023 by establishing a planning committee comprised of City departments and other key stakeholders. The LHMP is scheduled to be finalized and submitted to Cal OES and FEMA in November 2023.

Public Review Draft

The Public Review Draft of the LHMP is available online [here](#). Hard copies of the Plan are available at City Hall in the City Clerk's Office 401 E. Chapman Avenue.

Open Public and Planning Committee Meetings

Final public and planning committee meetings to review and provide comments on the Public Review Draft LHMP are scheduled as follows:

Public Meeting

November 1, 2023 (Wednesday) 5:30–7:00 pm; City Hall Front Community Room

Planning Committee Meeting

November 2, 2023 (Thursday) 9:00 – 11:30 am; City Hall Front Community Room

All interested stakeholders and members of the public are welcome to attend either of these meetings.

Comments on the Public Review Draft

To provide comments on the LHMP Public Review Draft, email comments to Jeanine.foster@fostermorrison.com or ppowers@placentia.org, drop off written comments or send by mail to City of Placentia Administration Department, Attn. Patrick Powers, 401 E. Chapman Ave. Placentia, CA 92870, or bring comments to the public meeting. All final comments on the Draft LHMP are due by November 9, 2023. For more information, contact (714) 993-8214 or email ppowers@placentia.org.

Boss Moms (in Partnership with SBDC)

Boss Moms is a free five-week virtual program offered in collaboration with the Orange County Inland Empire Network Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and the Orange County Women's Business Center. The purpose of this program is to help you explore options towards starting and owning your own woman-owned business. During the program, you will accelerate your path toward launching your business as you will learn about identifying if entrepreneurship is a good fit for you, understanding what it takes to start your business, and more.

To register for this free program, please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/boss-moms-in-partnership-with-sbdc-tickets-733632433357?aff=oddtcreator>





ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District Mosquito Bite Prevention Tips

Warmer than usual temperatures, Hurricane Hillary, and an invasive mosquito known as the “ankle biter” or the *Aedes aegypti* have conspired to make this mosquito season one of the most difficult to date. Beyond the nuisance factor, mosquitoes can cause sickness and even death through the disease agents they can carry, including Zika and West Nile virus. While cooler weather will eventually put a damper on mosquito activity, the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District offers the following tips to protect yourself and your family:

Take steps to prevent mosquito bites:

- Before going outdoors, apply mosquito repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, or oil of lemon eucalyptus to exposed skin. Reapply as recommended.
- Close all unscreened doors and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home or space. Repair broken or damaged screens.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants and opt for lighter colored clothing.

Eliminate mosquito breeding sources from your property:

- Dump and drain any containers filled with water at least once a week.
- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet water bowl weekly.
- Dump water from potted plant saucers.
- Do not grow, transport, or share plant stems rooted in water.
- Drill a hole or puncture containers to eliminate standing water.

For more information or to schedule a free mosquito inspection with Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, visit www.ocvector.org or call (714) 971-2421.

Invasive Aedes Mosquitoes

The *Aedes* mosquitoes are rapidly spreading throughout the state of California.

- 1** These aggressive day-biting mosquitoes prefer to feed on humans and can bite multiple times, leaving large, itchy welts/bumps.
- 2** They are impacting our quality of life by making our yards less enjoyable.
- 3** They transmit mosquito-borne diseases like Zika, dengue, yellow fever, and chikungunya.
- 4** They lay their eggs along the sides of containers and need very little water to reproduce. Their eggs can survive for years and will hatch in standing water when the conditions are right.

TIPS:

- Inspect containers and plant saucers weekly for any signs of mosquito breeding
- Dump and drain containers filled with standing water and toss unneeded containers
- Prevent bites—wear repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus, para-menthane-diol, or 2-undecanone

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Inaugural Officer Preparatory Academy

This week, all Fire and Life Safety crews participated in the Department’s inaugural Officer Preparatory Academy led by Deputy Chief Weinert and Battalion Chief Davis.

Topics included incident management, handling HR/personnel matters, administrative tasks, budget overview, and more. We hope that by investing in our personnel, we can create stronger candidates for promotions and greater institutional knowledge when out responding to calls in Placentia.





POLICE DEPARTMENT

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.



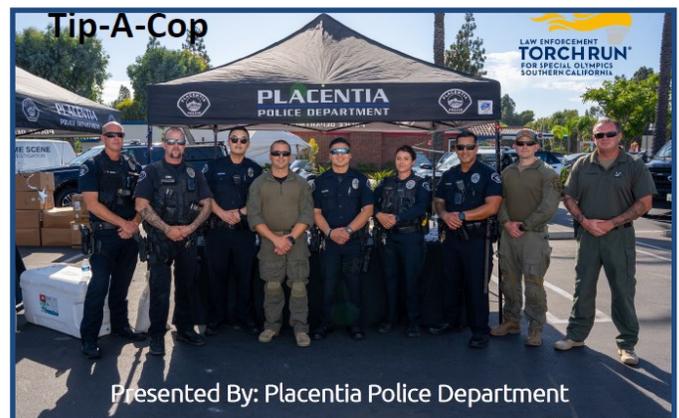
Unused prescription drugs thrown in the trash can be retrieved and abused or illegally sold. Unused drugs that are flushed contaminate the water supply. Take-back programs are the best way to dispose of old drugs. If you cannot make it to the Drug Take Back event, below are some tips on how to safely 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 or to find year round drug disposal sites near Placentia, [click here](#).

Tip-A-Cop Event

The Police Department will take protect and serve to a whole new level with a Tip-A-Cop fundraiser on Monday, November 6th from 4:00pm—8:00pm at Craftsman Wood Fired Pizza, 148 Yorba Linda Boulevard. Officers will serve as hosts and waiters, and all tips they receive will be donated to Special Olympics Orange County athletes. Come join us for delicious food, fun, and to support the Special Olympics! For more information, contact Kelley Krahlung at kkrahlung@placentia.org.





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Neighborhood Services Office will hold a Turkey Basket Drive on Tuesday, November 21st beginning at 2:00 pm, while supplies last. Donations of Thanksgiving non-perishable food items are now being accepted. The donated baskets will be distributed to families in need in the City of Placentia at the annual Turkey Basket Distribution Event. Donations of non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center located at 900 S. Melrose Street. Please do not bring perishable food items at this time. For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.



Wagner Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City is excited to announce that we will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, November 4th at 11:00 am at Wagner Park, 700 Trumpet Avenue, to unveil the newly renovated park equipment! In following the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan, the Wagner Park playground highlights a colorful nature theme including new swings, ladybug, butterfly, and caterpillar climbers, and new slides. Join us for refreshments, giveaways, and a hot dog lunch. For more information about this event, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

The City of Placentia *Presents*

Wagner Park

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Saturday, November 4 • 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Wagner Park – 700 Trumpet Ave, Placentia Ca 92870

Join us for the unveiling of the nature themed playground and celebrate the renovation of our fourth park as part of the Placentia Parks Initiative!

Refreshments & Giveaways!

For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232

Placentia Parks Initiative Plan



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

U-Haul Building Update

The U-Haul Company of Orange County has started construction of two brand-new industrial buildings in the City. The buildings are located at 860 S. Placentia in a manufacturing-zoned area of the City.

The construction includes an approximately 23-foot, 9-inch-high, 34,063-square-foot maintenance building (Building 1), together with an approximately 44-foot-high, 33,219-square-foot warehouse building (Building 2). Building 1 is substantially complete and is currently awaiting the installation of mechanical fixtures and release of pressurized



water for the sprinkler system. The project also includes improvements such as curb cuts, landscape upgrades, and hardscape improvements. The project was presented and approved by the Planning Commission in July 2022. The plans for the warehouse building are currently under review with the Development Services Department.

The project's final phase of construction is expected to be completed by early 2024. To receive further information about the project, along with other projects under development in the City, contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124, or email Planning Manager Andrew Gonzales at agonzales@placentia.org.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



WEEKLY SUMMARY

OCT 27-NOV 2, 2023



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS LOTERIA

November 2, 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

2 de noviembre 6:00pm-7:30 p.m.
Sala de reuniones comunitaria de la biblioteca de Placentia

PLAY TO WIN BOOKS OR PRIZES.
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED.

Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is an annual traditional Mexican holiday celebrated in November that honors our departed loved ones. To celebrate this commemorative holiday, we will be playing the card game Lotería, much like bingo, complete with prizes!

El Día de los Muertos es una festividad tradicional mexicana anual que se celebra en noviembre y que honra a nuestros seres queridos fallecidos. Para celebrar esta festival conmemorativa, jugaremos al juego de cartas Lotería con premios!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

PUMPKIN BOOK CHARACTER DECORATING CONTEST

Get ready for Halloween by showing off your favorite book character, in pumpkin form! This fun-filled contest is open to all ages! Decorate a pumpkin with non-perishable items to resemble your favorite book character for a chance to win exciting prizes!

October 21-22: Pumpkin Drop-Off*
October 23-26: Online Voting
October 27-29: Pumpkin Pick-Up
**All entries must be submitted by 5 p.m. on October 22.*

Entries must not be carved in any way to prevent rotting while on display. Visit our website for entry rules and details.

Vote for your favorite at www.placentialibrary.org/pumpkins

MORNING MEET UPS

Mondays, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
This Week: October 30
Crossroads Corner

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

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

storytimes

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

LUNA, LUNA BILINGUAL PAJAMA STORYTIME
Wednesday, October 25, 10:00 a.m.

BABY GIGGLES AND WIGGLES STORYTIME
Friday, October 27, 10:00 a.m.

FAMILY STORYTIME
Saturday, October 28, 10:00 a.m.

HALLOWEEN for Kids



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with Your Library Card.

Instantly borrow free digital movies, music, eBooks, eAudiobooks, graphic novels, TV shows and more, 24/7 with your library card. No waiting, ever! Stream immediately or download to phones or tablets for offline viewing anytime, anywhere.

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THE HANGAR DIY LAB

Come check out this week's activities at our Hangar Makerspace! Adults can create a paper butterfly, and kids are invited to create an embossed butterfly in celebration of Día de los Muertos. The Hangar is open to all ages and includes activities for children, teens, and adults. Makerspace equipment is available by appointment only.

Saturday, October 28: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 30: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.



UPCOMING CRAFT

Adults can make their very own hair barrette, and kids are invited to disguise a paper turkey.

Saturday, November 4: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 6: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 8: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fall library newsletter and calendar: www.placentialibrary.org/newsletter

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