

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### 2023 Veterans Construction Career Pathways Workshop

Senator Josh Newman will be hosting the 2023 Veterans Construction Career Pathways Workshop webinar on Thursday, November 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This event is for military and veterans job seekers interested in breaking into construction and building trades. This virtual event is in partnership with CalVet and Helmets to Hardhats, a national program that connects transitioning service members and veterans with skilled training and quality career opportunities. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Hear from statewide industry leaders of California's 14 major construction and building trades.
- Receive immediate answers to questions uniquely relevant to the military and veteran community.
- Connect with local liaisons for their trade(s) of interest.

For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

### Public Safety Communications Center Badge Pinning Ceremony

On October 19th, the Placentia Public Safety Communications Center hosted a Badge Pinning Ceremony for their personnel. This event was the first of its kind for our City Dispatch Center. Dispatchers and Supervisors were presented with their very own Public Safety Communications Center badge and a custom challenge coin. Family and friends were invited to share in the momentous event. Thank you to everyone who attended to support our Communications Center team members!



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#### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/4/23 Wagner Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 11/6/23 Tip-A-Cop Event
- 11/7/23 City Council Meeting
- 11/9/23 Veterans Day Observed—City Facilities Closed
- 11/22-11/23 Thanksgiving—City Facilities Closed

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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



## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### 10th Annual El Dorado Fallen Heroes Ceremony - November 9th

The 10th Annual El Dorado High School Fallen Heroes Ceremony will take place at El Dorado High School on Thursday, November 9th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Gates will open for the event at 9:15 a.m. For more information on this event, please [click here](#).

### 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>

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A flyer for a 'FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY' on November 4th from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The location is Valencía Greenery at the Olinda Alpha Landfill, 1942 N. Valencia Ave., Brea. It includes a QR code and a photo of hands holding compost. Logos for OC Waste &amp; Recycling and the City of Placentia are at the bottom.

### Free Compost Giveaway

Join OC Waste & Recycling to pick up free compost on Saturday, November 4th from 7:30 a.m. —12:00 p.m. at the Olinda Alpha Landfill located at 1942 N. Valencia Avenue, Brea. Each vehicle is limited to four (4) pre-filled bags, while supplies last. County staff will be onsite to assist.

For more information, visit [www.OCLandfills.com](http://www.OCLandfills.com).

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Veterans Day Observance Event

The City of Placentia will be hosting the 35th Annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th at 10:00 a.m. at the Placentia Civic Center. The City is grateful for the many sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our Country. In their honor, we invite all residents, veterans, and their families to celebrate this Veterans Day with us. Special guest speakers, patriotic music, and the new Military Banner Recognition Program recipients will be included in the event program. In addition, the added service members to the veterans monument will be honored, and their name inscriptions will be unveiled.

For more information, please call (714) 993-8211.

A poster for the 'VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE CEREMONY'. It features a silhouette of a soldier saluting against a background of the American flag. The text includes the date 'Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10:00 am' and the location 'Placentia Civic Center'. Logos for the Placentia Police Department and the City of Placentia are in the top corners. A banner at the bottom says 'Join us to honor the brave men and women who have served our Country'.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Cybersecurity and Phishing Awareness: QR Codes

In today's digital age, where convenience and efficiency are paramount, QR codes have become an integral part of our lives. They make tasks like accessing websites, making payments, and sharing information incredibly easy.

However, as with any technological advancement, the convenience of QR codes also comes with certain risks, especially when it comes to cybersecurity.

We want to bring to your attention the growing threat of QR code scams and the importance of staying vigilant to protect your personal and financial information.

QR code scams have been on the rise, with cybercriminals exploiting these codes to their advantage. It is crucial that we remain aware of these risks and take steps to mitigate them.

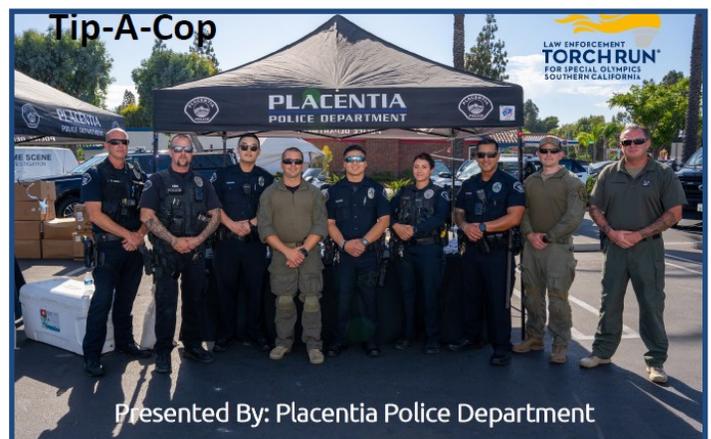
Here are some essential points to keep in mind:

- **Beware of Unsolicited QR Codes:** Be cautious when scanning QR codes received via email, text messages, or on websites, especially if you did not request or expect them. Cybercriminals often use unsolicited QR codes to lead individuals to malicious websites or to download malware onto their devices.
- **Verify the Source:** Only scan QR codes from trusted sources. If you're unsure about the legitimacy of a QR code, verify its source by contacting the sender or checking the official website or app associated with it.
- **Check the URL:** Before scanning a QR code, take a moment to look at the URL it leads to. Make sure it matches the legitimate website's domain. Criminals may create convincing replicas of websites to steal your login credentials.
- **Update Your Smartphone's Security:** Regularly update your smartphone's operating system and security software to ensure you have the latest protection against malware and other cyber threats.
- **Use a QR Code Scanner with Built-in Security:** Consider using a QR code scanner with built-in security features that can help identify potentially harmful codes before you scan them.
- **Be Wary of QR Code Overlays:** Some cybercriminals place malicious QR code overlays on top of legitimate codes. Inspect the code carefully to ensure it hasn't been tampered with.
- **Educate Yourself:** Stay informed about the latest QR code scams and cybersecurity threats by following reputable sources and organizations dedicated to cybersecurity awareness.

Remember, staying informed and practicing good cybersecurity habits is the best defense against QR code scams and other cyber threats.

### 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 4:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. 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](mailto: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.

### P.A.R.K.'S Program Halloween Party

The P.A.R.K.'S Program celebrated Halloween this week with a special Halloween event at the Backs Building. All P.A.R.K.'S program participants were invited to the festivities. The event featured Halloween arts and crafts, Halloween themed games, pumpkin decorating, and tasty treats! There were over 50 participants who joined the fun. The P.A.R.K.'S program is a free after school program offered to youth ages 6-12 at three different locations throughout the City. There is no cost for the basic program, however a fee may be charged for excursions. Children attending the program are supervised by Community Services leaders trained in First Aid and CPR. Activities include sports, games, arts and crafts, and more. For more information on the program, 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, 5, and 7 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 11 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; Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Parish Hall issued 10/23/23
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	Construction of Maintenance Building complete. The warehouse 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. Currently in Beginning Construction phase.
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.	Currently in construction.
118 E. Orangethorpe Avenue	A request to 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. Initial grading and street-facing landscaping underway.
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

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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
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 Building 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	Undergoing interior demolition; 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

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201 S. Bradford Ave	A request to permit the development of a 260-square-foot covered patio, two (2) new 514-square-foot bathrooms, and a 1,388-square-foot open patio cover/enclosure on the site of an existing parking lot at the El Farolito Restaurant, located at 201 S. Bradford Avenue in the Main Street (2-Story) Subarea of the Old Town (OT) Zoning District.	El Farolito Restaurant	Administratively approved 10/24/23
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
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	Approved by Planning Commission on 10/10/23
101 W. Santa Fe Avenue	A renovation of the façade at the existing Tlaquepaque Restaurant in Old Town Placentia using Community Block Development grant funds.	Tlaquepaque Restaurant	Building façade is currently under reconstruction. Permit issued for construction of new awning.
803 W. La Jolla St	To permit the development of a two-story, approximately 6,559-square-foot condominium triplex with six enclosed garage parking spaces and one open guest parking space, including onsite hardscape and landscape improvement, within a R-3 High-Density Multifamily zoning district.	CHD International	In Planning plan check
910 W. La Jolla St	To permit the demolition of a three-unit housing complex, and construct five (5) new three-story, townhomes, within the (R-3) High Density Multiple-Family District.	Anh Khoi Lam	Under Entitlement Review



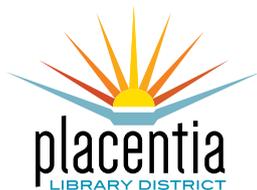
## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Building Activity Report: October 2023

PERMIT TYPE	NUMBER OF PERMITS
Solar	24
Residential Alteration/Addition	8
Reroof	27
Commercial Alteration/Addition	0
Signs	4
New Condo/SFR	0
ADU/JADU	0
Patio	5
Pools & Spa	4
Fence/Walls	2
Demolition	2
Windows	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78</b>

### EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

#### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



# WEEKLY SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 3-9, 2023

## 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!

#### BABY GIGGLES AND WIGGLES STORYTIME

Friday, November 3, 10:00 a.m.

#### FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturday, November 4, 10:00 a.m.

#### LUNA, LUNA! BILINGUAL PAJAMA STORYTIME

Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.

Miércoles, 8 de noviembre, 6:30 p.m.

### morning meet ups

Mondays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**This Week: November 6**

Crossroads Corner

## MAKERSPACE

Welcome to our all-ages makerspace! In our fun DIY (Do-it-Yourself) Lab you are the maker and we can provide resources. So stop by during activity hours to enjoy fun projects for all, or make an appointment to use our awesome equipment! Please note we do not help create individual projects, we only provide resources. Visit [www.placentialibrary.org/makerspace](http://www.placentialibrary.org/makerspace) for more info and to make an appointment.

Come check out this week's activities! Adults can make their very own hair barrette, and kids are invited to disguise a paper turkey.

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

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

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

#### Makerspace Interactive Hours\*:

Mondays: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

*\*Makerspace equipment is not available during interactive hours.*

#### Makerspace Equipment Appointment Hours\*:

Sundays: 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays: 1:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

*\*Makerspace equipment is available by appointment only.*



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

# read to the dogs



**First Monday of the Month**

**This week: November 6, 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, LITERACY**

## 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)!



## *In Person* Driving Workshop for Pre-Permit Teens & Their Parents

This free two hour workshop hosted by the Automobile Club of Southern California, provides resources and guides pre-permit teens (ages 14-17) and their parents through many important driving topics.

### TOPICS INCLUDE

- The Graduated Driver Licensing components
- The risks and responsibilities of driving
- The parent's role in the learning process
  - How to pick a safe vehicle
  - What to look for in a driving school



To view upcoming workshop dates and to register for Dare to Prepare, please visit [AAA.com/Safety4Teens](http://AAA.com/Safety4Teens).

### JOIN US

**Saturday, November 4, 2023 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Placentia Public Library**

**411 E Chapman Ave. Placentia, CA 92870**

For questions, please email [publicaffairs4@aaa-calif.com](mailto:publicaffairs4@aaa-calif.com)

There's still time to join the In-N-Out Cover to Cover Reading Club! Award cards are available at the Information Desk, while supplies last.



**Read 5 books or 300 minutes and earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger at In-N-Out.**

Award cards are available at the Information Desk, while supplies last.  
From October 7- November 18, ages 4-12.

*Ask the librarian for details.*



Fall library newsletter and calendar: [www.placentialibrary.org/newsletter](http://www.placentialibrary.org/newsletter)

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