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BECAUSE YOU ASKED:

During times of natural disaster, winter storms, electrical system malfunctions or when electrical use exceeds supply, the power grid serving the City of Placentia may be accidentally or purposefully turned off. During a power outage traffic signals may also be out. The California Vehicle Code clearly states that a traffic signal experiencing a power outage should be treated as a stop sign. Always stop at a blacked-out traffic signal, and wait your turn to proceed. Remember to drive defensively.

The City typically will not place temporary stop signs at an intersection with inoperative traffic signals because power outages tend to be short-term in nature and if the signal returns to power and is operating with a stop sign in place, this not only causes confusion for the drivers, it also creates a liability for the City. For power outages lasting more than a couple of hours, the City's Police Department may place temporary stop signs and have a Police Officer present to direct traffic until the signal is repaired or power is restored. If you approach an intersection with temporary stop signs and a Police Officer directing traffic remember to reduce your speed and prepare to stop. You may not have the right-of-way once you arrive at the intersection. Vehicles have right-of-way in the order which they arrive, regardless of which direction they arrive from.

To keep traffic signals working when the power goes out, the City's is working on installing battery back-up systems for all 56 of our traffic signals. Currently only 10 traffic signals have battery back-ups. Later this year, the City will be installing battery back-up systems at another 12 intersections, mostly along Kraemer Boulevard and Rose Drive. Eventually the City would like to have all of its traffic signals on battery back-up.

If you should see a traffic signal without power during normal business hours, please report it to our Public Works Department at (714) 993-9131. After hours or on weekends, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at (714) 993-8111 to report an outage.

This article was written by Ruth Smith, who serves as the City's Traffic Engineer.

Kraemer Blvd. Road Closure

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) has begun construction for the Kraemer Boulevard underpass. Full street closure of Kraemer Blvd. and Crowther Ave. intersection will occur on Monday, January 30, 2012. For additional information, please [click here](#).



UPCOMING COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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|---------|-----------|---|
| Feb. 7 | Tuesday | City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall |
| Feb. 8 | Wednesday | Heritage Festival Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall |
| Feb. 13 | Monday | Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall |
| Feb. 14 | Tuesday | Cultural Arts Commission Meeting at 6 p.m. City Hall |
| Feb. 14 | Tuesday | Planning Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. City Hall |
| Feb. 20 | Monday | Presidents' Day-City Facilities Closed |
| Feb. 21 | Tuesday | City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall |

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NEWS BITS

Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) will be accepting pre-applications for the Housing Choice Voucher Program beginning February 15, 2012 through February 29, 2012. The Program allows very low-income families/individuals as well as seniors and disabled persons to pay approximately 30% of their monthly income towards rent. The remaining rent is paid by OCHA directly to a property owner or manager.

To qualify, applicant households must earn below 50% of the County's median income. For example, for a family of four, that amount is \$48,150 while the amount for an individual is \$33,750. Persons who live or work in OCHA's 31 cities are placed ahead of applicants from outside the area on the waiting list.

Beginning February 15, 2012, pre-applications will be available online at www.ochousing.org or by visiting City Hall, and branches of the Orange County Public Library. Applications and/or assistance sites will also be available at participating community organizations which will be listed on the website and/or available by calling OCHA at (714) 480-2740. Completed applications can be submitted directly on the Internet, fax or by mail. For more information, please call (714) 480-2740.

Tri-City Park Authority Meeting

The Tri-City Park Authority held a meeting on Wednesday, January 18th. The representatives from Brea, Fullerton and Placentia that comprise the Authority conducted a review of potential events for 2012 at Tri-City park including having the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall exhibit from March 13th-18th, the Orange County Head Start Family Festival on Saturday, April 21st and the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, June 2nd. The Authority approved the event dates pending each organization working directly with staff to determine how much each group would need to reimburse the City for event related expenses such as additional maintenance, picnic shelter use, or staff for parking/crowd control. The Authority also further discussed the next steps in the process for consideration of inclusion of Tri-City Park in the County of Orange Regional Park System.



State of the City Address

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce will host Mayor Jeremy Yamaguchi's State of the City Address on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 11:15 a.m. at the Alta Vista Country Club 777 E. Alta Vista St. For more information or to purchase tickets for this event, please contact the Placentia Chamber of Commerce at (714) 528-1873.

Kraemer Memorial Park Grand Re-Opening

Over the last several months, the City has worked on a project to make improvements and upgrades to Kraemer Memorial Park. A grand re-opening ceremony will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 4 p.m. For more information, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Paint Your Heart Out

In conjunction with the City of Placentia, the Paint Your Heart Out program offers seniors, low income, or disabled homeowners with free preparation, paint, yard clean-up, weatherizing, energy audits, tree trimming, tree planting, and dusk to dawn lighting. The work is done by volunteers who generously donate their time and hard work for those who are in need of some help with the exterior of their homes. For additional information or to apply for the program, please visit www.pyho.org or contact (714) 970-1150.

Friendly Center

Friendly Center, a nonprofit family and community resource center, provides assistance to low-income Placentia families. Since 1924, Friendly Center has been dedicated to improving the lives of children, adults and seniors by helping them move toward self-sufficiency through immediate aid and a variety of educational and life skill programs. Programs and services for the center include: parenting classes, counseling services, resource assistance and rent, utility and clothing as available. For more information, and hours of operation please call (714) 986-2333.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know City Council Meetings are broadcasted live on the City's website and on Time Warner Cable Channel 3 and on AT&T U-verse channel 99? The City Council Meetings are also re-broadcasted on the following Tuesdays at 7 p.m. For more information about Placentia Community Television, please call (714) 993-8117.



CRIME VIEW

Placentia Police Monthly Traffic Report- December 2011

| | This Month | Last Month | Year to Date | Last Year to Date | Percent Change |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Total Accidents | 39 | 35 | 361 | 364 | 1% |
| Fatal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Personal Injury | 8 | 12 | 131 | 117 | 12% |
| Property Damage | 31 | 23 | 230 | 256 | -10% |
| Total Citations | 878 | 919 | 13147 | 14231 | -8% |
| Parking Cites | 479 | 552 | 8642 | 8667 | 0% |
| D.U.I. Accidents | 3 | 2 | 36 | 37 | -3% |
| D.U.I. Arrests | 29 | 12 | 194 | 186 | 4% |



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Code Compliance Activity

January 11th-17th

Year to Date 2012

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|----------------------------|----|
| Courtesy Notices | 11 | Courtesy Notices | 37 |
| Administrative Citations | 3 | Administrative Citations | 11 |
| Cumulative Fines | \$600 | Building Permit Violations | 0 |

New Business License Issued

| Business Name | Address |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Spectacular Cleaning | 310 Orangethorpe #F |
| Ann Fanning | 101 S. Kraemer #123 |
| Calif. Steel Rule Dies | 700 S. Van Buren #B |
| Placentia Linda Chiropractic | 1050 E. Yorba Linda #104 |
| Massage Eden | 1166 Yorba Linda |
| Contemporary Heating & AC | 1750 Mira Loma |
| 3 Generation Auto Connect | 745 Dunn Way |

Police Reports

January 5th

A bank robbery occurred at 2:18 p.m. at the Wells Fargo Bank, inside of the Stater Brothers grocery store in the 1100 block of E. Imperial Highway. One suspect had simulated a handgun and demanded cash from a teller, while the other acted as a look-out. Both suspects were seen fleeing the location in a dark colored Dodge Charger. Brea officers, who were already in the area, saw the vehicle fleeing and attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle failed to yield and was pursued by Brea officers onto the southbound 57 freeway, reaching speeds in excess of 100 mph. An Anaheim PD K9 officer, as well as their airship, joined the pursuit. Placentia officers trailed the pursuit and were unable to catch up until the pursuit had terminated in the City of Paramount. Both suspects fled on foot. One suspect was shot by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) deputy. The two involved agencies in the apprehension of the suspect were LASD and Anaheim PD. No officers were injured and the suspect is expected to make a full recovery. After an extensive ground search was completed, the second suspect remained outstanding.

January 9th

Officers responded to a 911 call of a driver following a possible DUI driver southbound on Kraemer at Madison. An officer saw the vehicle driving eastbound Chapman from Kraemer and followed the vehicle until an officer responded. A traffic stop was conducted at Orangethorpe and Chapman. The DUI investigation resulted in the female driver being arrested for driving under the influence of drugs. An officer also found stolen credit and gift cards in the suspect's purse. The suspect was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence of drugs, possession of stolen property and child endangerment. She was transported to Orange County Jail for housing.

January 17th

A ceremony was held in the Civic Center courtyard to unveil the new Placentia Police Department Memorial plaque. The ceremony showcased for the first time the Department's Honor Guard. An individual plaque was also unveiled for Detective Joey Little who passed away in 1996 as a result of injuries incurred while on-duty.



MEETING NOTES

The following is an annotated summary of key actions taken by the City Council and various City Commissions/Committees. For additional details including the full agenda for the City Council and Commissions, please visit the City's website at www.placentia.org. Live and recorded City Council meetings or individual agenda items can be viewed [here](#).

City Council

The City Council met on Tuesday, January 17th, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ Recognized 2011 Employee of the Year, Development Services Coordinator, Becky Cherene and presented Certificates of Recognition to other employees for 10, 15, and 20 years of service to the City.
- ◆ Approved acceptance of Construction Work by Micon Construction Inc. for the Kraemer Memorial Park Restroom and Park Amenity Renovation Project and Approval of Additional Project Cost
- ◆ Approved recommendation to approve Pipeline License Agreement with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company
- ◆ Approved conveyance of 226 W. Santa Fe to Industrial/Commercial Development Authority
- ◆ Approved Adoption of Resolution to approve an Amendment to contract between Board of Administration California Public Employees' Retirement System and the City of Placentia
- ◆ Approved update to the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency and took several actions necessary to terminate the Redevelopment Agency.
- ◆ Approved Amendment of Redevelopment Agency Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule and Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Planning Commission

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m. and the following item (s) will be discussed:

- ◆ Use Permit 2012-01: To construct a new wireless communication facility at Kraemer Memorial Park.

Recreation and Parks Commission

The next Recreation and Parks Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13th at 7 p.m. inside City Hall.

Cultural Arts Commission

The next Cultural Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14th at 6 p.m. inside City Hall.

Traffic Safety Committee

The next Traffic Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 19th at 7 p.m. inside City Hall

Senior Advisory Committee

The Senior Advisory Committee held their quarterly meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. The Committee welcomed new committee member Leroy Anderson and the Chairperson conducted the Oath of Office. The committee discussed the new transportation provider for the Senior Mobility Program, reviewed programs and operations at the Senior Center, and outlined several excursions for the year. The next quarterly meeting of the Senior Advisory Committee will occur on Wednesday, April 11, 2012.

Heritage Festival Committee

On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, the Heritage Festival Committee held their regular monthly meeting and began initial planning for the 48th Annual Heritage Festival and Parade tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2012. The committee began brainstorming the theme of the event, discussed suggestions for a Grand Marshall, and discussed ideas to raise funds to offset event cost.