

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

November 21, 2023



“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Happy Thanksgiving from City Administrator Damien R. Arrula

As we come upon the Thanksgiving holiday, I am filled with gratitude reflecting on the incredible community that is Placentia. It is my honor to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for contributing to the vibrancy and spirit of our city. This Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to appreciate the bonds that tie us together—the friendships, the shared memories, and the sense of belonging that make Placentia a special place to call home. Whether you're gathering with family, and friends, or spending the day in quiet reflection, I hope you find joy and fulfillment in the company of those you love. As we express our gratitude, let us not forget those who may be facing hardships. Consider reaching out to a neighbor in need or supporting local organizations that make a difference in the lives of our fellow residents. Together, we can continue to build a stronger, more compassionate community.



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I also want to extend my deepest thanks to our dedicated city staff, City Council, community organizations, volunteers, and residents whom continually contribute to the betterment of Placentia. Your dedication and passion are the driving force behind our shared success.

May this Thanksgiving be a special time to reflect upon kindness, appreciation, and connection with our loved ones and friends. In closing, I wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyous holiday filled with warmth, laughter, and the spirit of gratitude.

City Facilities Thanksgiving Closure

All City facilities will be closed on November 22nd and November 23rd. The Police Department and Fire and Life Safety Department will remain open. For non-life threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or Public Works issues, please call (714) 993-8111.

The City of Placentia wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 11/22-11/23 Thanksgiving—City Facilities Closed
- 11/27/23 Spanish Fentanyl Awareness Presentation
- 11/28/23 Fentanyl Awareness Presentation
- 11/30/23 Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 12/5/23 City Council Meeting

For additional information or

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Weekly Briefing, please email:

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Shop Placentia on Small Business Saturday!

With the holidays upon us and Black Friday and Small Business Saturday coming up, the City of Placentia wants to encourage residents to consider shopping at local Placentia businesses. Small Business Saturday, taking place on November 25th, is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and show our support for the heart and soul of Placentia—our local businesses. Our Placentia businesses are more than just places to shop; they are the essence of our community, run by friends, neighbors, and fellow residents. When you choose to shop small, you are not only finding unique treasures but also investing in the dreams of those who make Placentia a special place to live. This Small Business Saturday, the City asks everyone to consider making a conscious effort to explore the hidden gems in our own backyard. Whether it's a boutique store, a family-owned restaurant, or a local nail salon, each purchase makes a significant impact on our local economy and helps sustain the entrepreneurial spirit that makes Placentia prosper. Also please remember that every dollar spent at a local business is an investment in the prosperity of our community. By choosing to shop small, you are contributing to the growth of Placentia and ensuring that our City continues to be a place where small businesses and families thrive.



Fentanyl Awareness Information and Reduction (FAIR) Initiative

The City, the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, the Placentia Police Department, and Lynch EMS are partnering together on a comprehensive Fentanyl Awareness Campaign. 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 Police Department recently completed presentations at Placentia high schools to educate students on the dangers of drug use and the fatal effects of fentanyl. As part two of this initiative, the Police Department will share a similar presentation for parents/guardians, staff, and community members. There will be three presentations—two in English and one in Spanish—on the following dates:

Spanish Fentanyl Awareness Presentation for Parents & Community Members*

Monday, November 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Oberle Gymnasium at Melrose Elementary School, 974 S. Melrose Avenue. *This presentation will only be offered in Spanish.

Fentanyl Awareness Presentation for Parents & Community Members**

Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30 p.m. at the PYLUSD Performing Arts Center, 1651 Valencia Avenue. **This presentation will be offered via live stream on the district's YouTube Channel. Spanish translation will be provided at the event.

Fentanyl Awareness Presentation for Parents & Community Members***

Thursday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Valencia High School, 500 Bradford Avenue. ***Spanish translation will be provided at the event.

For those unable to attend, both the English and Spanish presentations will be recorded, and the presentation on November 28th will be live streamed on the [District's YouTube](#). We hope you will join us to learn more about the dangers of fentanyl and how to create a safer local community.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Free Document Shredding Event

Are you looking for a safe way to securely get rid of your personal documents? Please join us on December 2nd, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a free community shredding event at the Placentia Civic Center (401 East Chapman Avenue). Placentia residents and businesses are invited to have their sensitive documents destroyed confidentially on-site for free. Participants should remain in their vehicle, with documents accessible in the trunk, hatchback, or back seat for easy access. This is a drive-thru event for document shredding only. No electronics will be accepted. If the material is in a 3-ring binder, please remove it before shredding. However, paper clips, staples, and binder clips do not need to be removed from documents before shredding. The event is first-come, first-served, and will end when truck capacity is reached. For more information or questions, please contact Environmental Services Coordinator Cathy Nguyen at (714) 993-8123 or cnguyen@placentia.org.



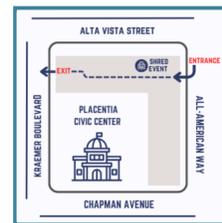
CITY OF PLACENTIA

Free Document Shredding Event

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

 Placentia Civic Center, 401 East Chapman Ave
 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

DIRECTIONS



INFORMATION

- Paper in a 3-ring binder or thick metal clip must be removed before shredding.
- Paper clips, staples, rubber bands or file folders are accepted.
- No electronics recycling at this event.
- This is a drive-thru event. Please place paper in the trunk for easy access and stay in your vehicle.

 For more information, please contact the City's Public Works Department at (714) 993-8123 or recycling@placentia.org.


Spring Compost Giveaway Event

In appreciation of the community's ongoing efforts to recycle its yard waste, Republic Services and the City of Placentia will host the annual compost giveaway event on Saturday, February 3, 2024, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (or until compost runs out). The event will be held at Tri-City Park, 2301 N Kraemer Blvd. The event is open to Placentia residents only. Proof of residency is required. Due to the popularity of this event, each participant is limited to 60 gallons of each material. Residents must bring their own containers; bags are not permitted.

This event is a big "thank you" to Placentia residents for diverting yard waste from landfills! Composting is recycling organic materials into a useful soil product that can be used in gardens or on potted plants. It can save money and time and reduce your garden's watering and weeding needs. It also benefits the environment by recycling valuable organic resources and extending the life of our landfills. This compost is a rich, organic soil amendment that consists of composted, recycled green waste collected as part of the City's residential green waste recycling program. A new state-mandated organics recycling program is being developed that will require the community to recycle food scraps and yard waste. To learn more, visit www.placentia.org/sb1383.

For more information or questions, please contact Environmental Services Coordinator Cathy Nguyen at (714) 993-8123 or cnguyen@placentia.org.

Holiday Schedule for Trash Pickup and Street Sweeping

For the week of November 20th, all trash collection services are on regular schedule on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There is no service on Thursday, November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day. Services for Thursday and Friday will be delayed one day. The regular schedule resumes on Monday, November 27th. For questions or concerns, contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, street sweeping services will not be provided on Thursday November 23rd and Friday November 24th. If your regular sweeping day falls on either of the days mentioned, your street will be swept on your next regularly scheduled sweeping day. The City's street sweeping contractor will resume regularly scheduled sweeping on Monday November 27th.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Toll Brothers 'Vista Rose' Construction Update

Preliminary grading and landscaping work is underway at Vista Rose, a new master-planned gated residential community from Toll Brothers, the nation's largest luxury home builder. Located on a 17.02-acre site along Alta Vista Street, just east of N. Rose Drive, the Vista Rose development will consist of 100 single-family, detached homes, as well as private and public decorative landscaping, including a private park site exclusively accessible to future Vista Rose residents. Each home will feature four bedrooms and three bathrooms, and range between 1,859 square feet and 2,255 square feet in overall floor area, and contain an attached two-car garage. Grading work is expected to be completed by the end of December.



For updates on this project, contact Development Services at (714) 993-8124.

FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

10 Ways to Prevent Home Fires this Thanksgiving

While the Thanksgiving holiday is synonymous with delicious food and gatherings with family and friends, it's crucial to prioritize fire and life safety, especially in the heart of our homes – the kitchen. To ensure that your Thanksgiving is filled with joy and not unexpected emergencies, the Fire and Life Safety Department encourages you to be smart about how you cook by following these essential safety tips:

1. **Stand by your pan:** Always keep a close eye on your cooking. If you need to step away from the kitchen, be sure to turn off the burner to prevent potential hazards.
2. **Keep an eye on what you fry:** Frying food can lead to cooking fires. Stay vigilant and attentive when frying to avoid accidents.
3. **Roll up your sleeves:** Reduce the risk of accidents by rolling up your sleeves while cooking to minimize the chance of clothing catching fire.
4. **Supervise children and pets:** Ensure the safety of your loved ones by keeping children and pets away from the stove and cooking areas.
5. **Watch what you're cooking:** If you notice smoke or grease starting to boil, turn off the burner immediately to prevent a potential fire.
6. **If there's an oven fire, keep the door closed:** In the event of an oven fire, keep the door closed, turn off the oven, and wait until it cools before opening.
7. **Move flammable items away from the stove:** Keep items such as dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper, and curtains away from the stove to prevent accidental fires.
8. **Turn pot handles toward the back:** Position pot handles towards the back of the stove to avoid accidental bumps or pulls that could lead to spills.
9. **Use turkey fryers outdoors:** If you're planning to use a turkey fryer, do so outdoors on a sturdy surface, away from anything that could potentially catch fire.
10. **Check smoke alarms:** Ensure that your smoke alarms are in working order, especially those located near sleeping areas. Regularly test and replace batteries as needed.

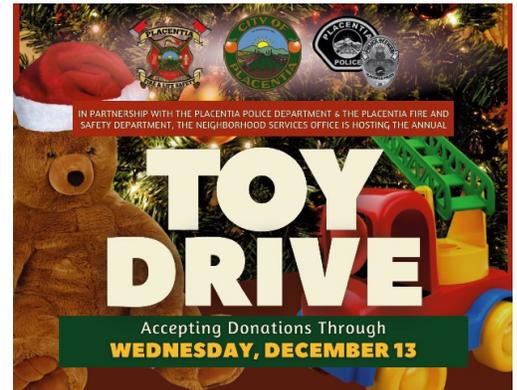
Taking these precautions will help create a safer environment for you, your family, and our community during this festive season. We wish you a Thanksgiving filled with warmth, joy, and most importantly, safety.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Holiday Toy Drive

The Community Services Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, Police Department, and the Placentia Library are hosting a Holiday Toy Drive. Donations of toys are being accepted now through December 13th. Gifts will be distributed to families in need in Placentia and surrounding communities. For those interested in donating, please drop off a new, unwrapped toy for children ages 0-18 at one of the locations listed on the flyer. To view the flyer, please [click here](#). For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.



Holiday Tree Lighting Event

On Thursday, November 30th, the City will host the annual Holiday Tree Lighting event at the Civic Center Plaza. The event will feature a **NEW** snow play area from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please wear warm clothing and gloves to participate. Additionally, the event will feature performances by the Musical Theatre University, the lighting of the Menorah by the Chabad Beth Meir Hacoheh, Holiday crafts, the lighting of the Holiday Tree, hot chocolate and coffee sponsored by Golden State Coffee Roasters, and tasty treats from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Photos with Santa Claus will be available from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please bring your own camera for photos. The Holiday Tree will be lit every evening throughout the Holiday Season. For more information on City events, contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Neighborhood Services Office held the annual Turkey Basket Drive on Tuesday, November 21st at the Whitten Center. Donations of Thanksgiving non-perishable food items were distributed to families in need in the City of Placentia and surrounding area. Over 250 families were served and received a gift card to purchase a turkey at a local grocery store and a food bag full of traditional Thanksgiving food items. The City extends a sincere thank you to all those who donated items for the event including the Rotary Club of Placentia, Blessed Sacrament Church, Catholic Charities, and Hacienda Mobile Home Park. The City also extends a special thank you to the Placentia Community Foundation and Golden State Water Company for the generous grant funds they provided to the event. For more information on upcoming Holiday programs, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Placentia Tamale Festival 2023

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce the 29th annual Tamale Festival to be held in Old Town Placentia on the 100 and 200 blocks of Santa Fe Ave and the 200 block of Bradford Ave on Thursday, December 7th from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Each year the event draws large crowds of 8,000-10,000 attendees and the City is excited to kick off the Holiday season with this beloved festival. The event will feature live entertainment, food and tamale vendors, non-profit booths, business booths, a beer garden, pictures with Santa Claus, a Holiday Tree Lighting, and a kids games area. Additionally, a free event shuttle will be available throughout the evening to and from nearby off-site parking locations. If you are interested in being a vendor, or for more information about the event, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or visit www.placentiatamalefestival.org.



NEW Snow Day!

The City of Placentia is excited to host a new community event this Holiday Season! A snow play area complete with sledding will be available for community members to enjoy from December 1st through December 2nd. The snow play area will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1st and from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2nd. The event is free and will be located at the Placentia Civic Center at 401 E. Chapman Ave in the grass area near the Placentia Library. Please dress warm and bring winter/snow gloves to participate. For more information on this new community event, contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary



WEEKLY SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 24-30, 2023

Library Closure: Thursday, November 23, for Thanksgiving.

Movies



Documentaries

Television Series



Kids Shows



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Pajama Storytime

Put on your coziest pajamas, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and join us for our bilingual storytime on Wednesday evenings. Enjoy sweet stories and fun songs, in English and Spanish!

Ponte tus pijamas más cómodas, agarra tu peluche favorito, y únase a nosotros para nuestros cuentos bilingües los miércoles por la noche. ¡Disfruten de cuentos y canciones divertidas, en Inglés y Español!

Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 p.m.
Miércoles, 29 de noviembre, 6:30 p.m.
Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

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MORNING MEET UPS BREAK

Morning Meet Ups will be taking a break on November 27. We'll see you back on December 4, 10 a.m.

ADULT, TEEN, LITERACY

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MAKERSPACE

Come check out this week's activities at our Hangar Makerspace! Adults and children can wrap their holiday gifts with our wrapping station. The Hangar is open to all ages and includes activities for children, teens, and adults. Makerspace equipment is available by appointment only.

Saturday, November 25, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday, November 27, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 29, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

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