

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Spring 2024 CERT Training

Throughout the State of California, many people have seen the catastrophic levels of devastation that often occur from large-scale wildfires, earthquakes, and other natural and human-induced disasters. The immediate confusion and destruction that typically arise from these events initially overwhelm the local first responders. But, the shining light in these incidents is from the large number of volunteers that arrive to help their neighbors and community.



When large-scale emergencies occur throughout the nation, we often find that the non-traditional first responders are neighbors helping neighbors; therefore, it is the mission of the City of Placentia to provide consistent training and resources to the members of our community to ensure that our City can quickly recover from a disaster. In Emergency Management, many officials term this act of kindness and self-sustainability as the Whole Community Approach to disasters. In Placentia, we believe the Whole Community Approach is critical to our City’s resilience.

To ensure that our residents are ready for a large-scale emergency, Placentia offers CERT training to develop a city-wide group of volunteers trained and willing to respond to large-scale emergencies in their neighborhoods and throughout Orange County. Trained members of CERT often assist their neighbors and neighborhoods in many ways, and each person truly provides invaluable support during large events and emergencies.

A free CERT course is offered to the public several times a year to sustain and increase our level of preparedness. These courses are free for Placentia residents. The CERT course provides training in fire suppression, terrorism, search and rescue, disaster medical operations, and disaster psychology. Upon completing the CERT training, each participant will be given the option and resources to further their training to serve their neighbors and neighborhoods.

Spring 2024 CERT training dates are planned for Thursday nights in April and May 2024. Tentatively, April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and May 2nd.

If you are interested in taking the Spring 2024 CERT course, please contact (714) 993-8214 or email ppowers@placentia.org. Let’s all do our part to be #ReadyPlacentia!

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 1/15/24 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—City Facilities Closed
- 1/20/24 Shred and E-Waste Event
- 1/23/24 City Council Meeting
- 2/3/24 Annual Compost Giveaway
- 2/6/24 City Council Meeting

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Weekly Briefing, please email:

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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT



**South Coast
AQMD**

South Coast AQMD Replace Your Ride Program

South Coast AQMD's Replace Your Ride program provides you with the opportunity to receive an incentive up to \$9,500 to retire your current vehicle and replace it with a newer and more fuel efficient model from a participating automobile dealership. Participants also have the option to retire a vehicle and select the Mobility Option. Under the Mobility Option, participants receive an incentive for a transportation voucher for alternative mobility which includes, but not limited to: public transportation systems within the South Coast Air Quality region. For more information on this program, please visit www.replaceyourride.com.

City Facilities Holiday Closure

All City facilities will be closed on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. City Hall and other City facilities will reopen on Tuesday, January 16th.

The Police and Fire Departments will remain open during the holidays. For non-life-threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or other public works issues, please call (714) 993-8111.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Orange County District Attorney Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership

The Police Department was pleased to join the Orange County District Attorney G.R.I.P. (Gang Reduction Intervention Partnership) program to congratulate students at Ruby Drive Elementary and Melrose Drive Elementary Schools who met their goals in academics, accountability, and attendance.

Ten students from each school were awarded \$50 Amazon gift cards for their hard work and accomplishments.

Congratulations on your success and we can't wait to see what you do in 2024!





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Koch Park Phase II Improvements

The City is excited to announce that Phase II of the playground renovation at Koch Park is underway! The playground is expected to be completed by the end of January 2024. In following the Parks Initiative Plan, Phase II of the playground renovation will add to the first responders park theme by highlighting the Placentia Police and Public Works Departments. The playground will feature a custom design incorporating shades, a police tower, new slides, a police car spring rider, a backhoe digger, a dump truck, and an excavator! The City Council approved the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan on June 1, 2021, a comprehensive master list of park and building projects. Projects were prioritized by safety, age of equipment, and funding sources. City park renovation projects are either funded through State Grants, Development Impact Fees, or Measure U funding. The City's goal is to have every City park playground renovated within 2 to 5 years. City parks will also have new amenities such as picnic tables, barbecues, benches, water fountains, and trash/recycling receptacles for residents to enjoy! For more information on the Placentia Parks Initiative Plan, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



La Placita Parkette Renovations

The park renovation project at La Placita Parkette is expected to begin during the week of January 15th. The renovation project is part of the Placentia Parks Initiative and will include removal and replacement of the existing playground structure, new irrigation and landscaping, new lighting, and new park amenities. The new playground will feature a colorful citrus design, paying tribute to the City's rich history of orange groves in the community and will include a new spinner, new slides, citrus climbers, shade sails, a playhouse, and wagon climber. Funding for the renovation project is part of the City's Capital Improvement Program budget and includes \$640,000 in grant funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation as part of the Proposition 68 Statewide Park Grant Program. For more information on park projects, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.





PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mark Your Calendar for the Shred and Electronic Waste Recycling Events

On **Saturday, January 20, 2024**, the City of Placentia will host Shred and Electronic Waste Collection events at the Civic Center parking lot, 401 E. Chapman Ave., from 8:00 a.m. to noon. These events are free for Placentia residents and businesses.

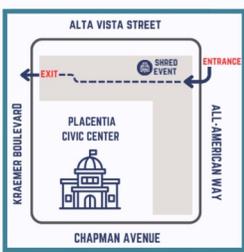
- Shredding: Please remove paper from three-ring binders. Paper clips, staples, rubber bands, and file folders are acceptable.
- Electronics: Most items that plug into an outlet and any items with a screen will be accepted for free, but there will be a fee for major household appliances. Automotive batteries, rechargeable tools, and electronics batteries will also be accepted, but smaller household batteries will not.

For questions, contact Public Works at (714) 993-8148 or recycling@placentia.org. These events may be subject to change, so follow the City on social media and check the City's website.



CITY OF PLACENTIA
Free Shredding & E-Recycling Event

Saturday, January 20, 2024
Placentia Civic Center, 401 East Chapman Ave
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (or until capacity is met)

| DIRECTIONS | INFORMATION |
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|  | <p>Onsite Shredding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper in 3-ring binders must be removed Paper clips, staples, rubber bands or file folders are accepted Preferred limit of 10 boxes/bags <p>E-Waste Recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No hazardous waste - with the exception of some batteries Accepted: anything with a screen and most items that plug into an outlet or require batteries There is a service charge on major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, water heaters, etc.) |
| <p>REMINDER</p> <p>This is a drive-thru event. Please place items in the trunk for easy access and stay in your vehicle. Staff will unload.</p> | |
| <p>Event may be subject to changes or postponement. For more information, please visit the City's event page or contact the City's Public Works Department at (714) 993-8148 or recycling@placentia.org.</p>  | |

2024 Compost Giveaway Event

Republic Services and the City 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, and is open to Placentia residents only (proof of residency 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 on this event, contact (714) 993-8123 or cnquyen@placentia.org.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Yorba Linda-Placentia Active Transportation Plan

The neighboring cities of Yorba Linda and Placentia along with the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD) are partnering to develop a comprehensive Active Transportation Plan (ATP). The ATP will incorporate needed pedestrian and bicycle improvements, Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans, and an updated Master Plan of Trails (including equestrian trails). This bi-city ATP is needed to add and connect infrastructure for safer, more accessible walking, biking, and riding for school children, families, residents, and visitors.

Please share your thoughts on walking, bicycling, rolling, and horseback riding in Yorba Linda and Placentia and identify key destinations in the community. Feedback can be shared through our online map or by joining us at one of our upcoming community meetings:

- Wednesday, January 17th from 5:30 pm—7:00 pm at the Yorba Linda Public Library, 4852 Lakeview Avenue, Yorba Linda
- Thursday, January 18th from 5:30 pm—7:00 pm at the Whitten Community Center, 900 S Melrose Street, Placentia

For more information on the community meetings and the project, and to provide your feedback on the interactive map before it closes on January 31st, please visit www.virtualeventroom.com/yorba-linda-placentia-atp.



Yorba Linda-Placentia Active Transportation Plan Community Meetings

Join us at a Community Meeting for the **Yorba Linda-Placentia Active Transportation Plan (ATP)**. The neighboring cities of Yorba Linda and Placentia along with the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District (PYLUSD) are partnering to develop a comprehensive ATP to add and to connect infrastructure for safer, more accessible walking, biking, and riding for school children, families, residents, and visitors.

Join Us!

We need the community's input to help shape this plan. Join us at one of the below meetings to listen to a presentation, meet the project team, ask questions, and provide your valuable feedback. Spanish interpretation will be available at each meeting.

Virtual Community Meeting

Thursday, January 11, 2024
5:30-7:00pm
Meeting link:
<https://tinyurl.com/mr2amhtu>
ID: 876 6182 1313
Passcode: 461932
Call-in: (669) 900-6833

In-Person Community Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2024
5:30-7:00pm
Location: Yorba Linda Public Library
4852 Lakeview Avenue,
Yorba Linda, CA 92886

In-Person Community Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024
5:30-7:00pm
Location: Whitten Community
Center
900 S Melrose St,
Placentia, CA 92870

Provide Feedback Today!

Please share your thoughts on walking, bicycling, rolling, and horseback riding in Yorba Linda and Placentia and identify key destinations in the community. Visit our virtual meeting room for more information and to access our online map to provide comments:
virtualeventroom.com/yorba-linda-placentia-atp/

Contact Us

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Kyra Tao, *Transportation Manager, City of Placentia*
Email: ktao@placentia.org

To learn more, please visit:
virtualeventroom.com/yorba-linda-placentia-atp/



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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pending Development Projects

| Project Address | Project Description | Applicant | Project Status |
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| 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. Certificate of Occupancy issued for Building 5 issued on November 1, 2023. 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 | Construction complete and Certificate of Occupancy issued 12/14/23. |
| 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. |

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

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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 | Building Permit issued for Warehouse Building. Tenant Improvement for Maintenance Building 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 1/10/23. Currently in construction. |
| 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 |
| 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 | Construction complete and business now in operation. |

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

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| 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. | Building Permit issued and currently in construction. |
| 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 | Business open and in operation |
| 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 |
| 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 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. Currently in Planning Plan Check. |
| 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 |

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

| Project Address | Project Description | Applicant | Project Status |
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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 | Administratively Approved 11/20/23. Building Permit issued. |
| 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 renovation and installation of new awnings is complete. |
| 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 | Applicant to revise drive aisle width, as conditioned with Planning Commission approval. |
| 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 | Planning Commission meeting scheduled for 2/13/24. |
| 201 E. Madison Ave | A request to expand the total permitted enrollment at Towne & Country Early Education Center from 68 to 84 students, to accommodate an infant center with a capacity of 16 infants. | Maximus Kurera | Entitlement deemed complete. |
| 200 Orange Grove Ave | A request to utilize SB 9 to split an existing R-1-zoned parcel from one to two parcels. | Bill and Cindy Maddox | Under Entitlement Review |
| 214 and 222 W. Orangethorpe Ave | A request to permit the conversion of an existing 1,752-square-foot residence to an office, along with the construction of a 1,019-square-foot warehouse building. | Long & Sons Equipment Services, Inc. | Under Entitlement Review |



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Building Activity Report Ending December 2023

| PERMIT TYPE | NUMBER OF PERMITS |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Solar | 15 |
| Residential Alteration/Addition | 2 |
| Reroof | 11 |
| Commercial Alteration/Addition | 1 |
| Signs | 2 |
| New Condo/SFR | 0 |
| ADU/JADU | 0 |
| Patio | 1 |
| Pools & Spa | 0 |
| Fence/Walls | 1 |
| Demolition | 0 |
| Windows | 1 |
| TOTAL | 34 |

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary: January 12-18, 2024

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Featured Online Resource: LinkedIn Learning

Access more than 16,000 online courses in 7 language anytime with LinkedIn Learning. Download the app and use Library ID "placentialibrary" to get started with free courses exploring marketing, business development, Excel and more.



Library of Things iPads

Just added at Placentia Library: iPads! Check out an iPad as part of our Library of Things collection, free for two weeks with your adult Placentia Library card. Visit www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things for details and to request an iPad or other item.



Adult Literacy Services

Teach an adult to read. Become a Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor. Get started at www.placentialibrary.org/literacy.

STEAM Labs!

Come and explore the topic of animal conservation, and sew your very own woodland creature! The next STEAM Labs! is on Tuesday, January 16 at 3:30 p.m. Open to Ages 7-12, no registration needed.