

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### OC Animal Care Offering Daily Adoptions

In response to a pilot program and coupled with community interest and feedback, OC Animal Care announced an adjustment to its operational model. The shelter is now open daily for Adoption Visits from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and for Viewing Hours from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., providing the community with daily adoption options to create a more flexible and accessible adoption experience, while continuing opportunities for community members to connect with and provide loving homes for animals in need.

Scheduled adoption visits will remain available for the convenience of potential adopters, while walk-in visitors are welcome to the next available time slot. During viewing hours, the community is invited to visit the shelter to walk unescorted through the external side of dog kennels and large viewing cat rooms, which feature dogs and cats who are available for adoption with no major medical or behavioral concerns, and ready-to-go-home the same day.

For more information on daily adoption options and information gathered from recent program initiatives, please visit [www.ocpetinfo.com/DailyAdoptionOptions](http://www.ocpetinfo.com/DailyAdoptionOptions).

### Now Hiring for Part-Time Public Safety Dispatcher

The City is now recruiting for the position of part-time Public Safety Dispatcher. Part-Time Public Safety Dispatchers will play a crucial role in our city's safety and emergency response system.

Dispatchers serve as the first point of contact for emergency calls, providing assistance, coordinating responses, and ensuring the efficient flow of information between emergency personnel and those in need. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the well-being of the Placentia community.

For more information on this exciting opportunity and to apply, please visit [www.placentia.org/jobs](http://www.placentia.org/jobs).



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 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
- 2/19/24 President's Day—City Facilities Closure

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### 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](http://www.replaceyourride.com).

### 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.



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](mailto:ppowers@placentia.org). Let's all do our part to be #ReadyPlacentia!

### Earthquake Brace + Bolt Grants Now Available

Thousands of California homeowners are now eligible to apply for Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) seismic retrofit grants as approximately 300 new ZIP Codes have been added to the program. Now through February 21st, eligible homeowners in 815 ZIP Codes can apply for \$3,000 seismic retrofit grants to help strengthen their homes against earthquake damage.

More than \$20 million in grant funding will be available to help offset the cost of seismic retrofits that brace the crawl space walls of older homes, when present, and bolt houses to their foundations, making them less vulnerable to earthquake damage. Income-eligible homeowners may also qualify for supplemental grants. Up to \$7,000 in additional grant funds are available for households with an annual income at or below \$87,360, which may be able to provide up to 100% of the funds needed to cover a seismic retrofit. Grants are contingent upon meeting eligibility requirements and available funds.

For more information on this program, eligibility requirements, and to apply, please visit [www.EarthquakeBraceBolt.com](http://www.EarthquakeBraceBolt.com).



## 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 City is excited to announce that renovation project at La Placita Parkette is underway! 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.





## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### New Business Code Ninjas Now Open

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce that Code Ninjas has opened their learning center at 664 N. Rose Drive, in the Village Center at Rose Shopping Center. Code Ninjas is a children-oriented coding and tutoring business that teaches children how to code and refine their problem-solving, STEM, and critical-thinking skills. Central to the curriculum is having children learn to code by building their own robots and video games.

The new Placentia location is the company's 12th in Orange County. The company's opening follows the approval of its use permit application to establish a code programming and teaching/tutoring center at the Planning Commission meeting on April 11, 2023. Code Ninjas joins the iKids School and a soon-to-open swimming school, The Australian Swim School, as educational uses in the Village Center at Rose Shopping Center.

Please join Placentia in extending a warm welcome to Code Ninjas! For more information on Code Ninjas and other business developments, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124 or [dsd@placentia.org](mailto:dsd@placentia.org).



### Community Meeting Notice for Proposed Redevelopment of 777 W. Orangethorpe Avenue—Former Premier Chrysler Auto Dealership

As part of the City of Placentia's ongoing commitment to fostering a vibrant and engaged community, residents are invited to an upcoming community meeting related to a proposed new development that aims to construct and operate a new five-story mixed-use building consisting of 248 multi-family residential dwelling units, up to 3,000 square feet of commercial retail use, and a 7-level parking structure on 2.72-acres located at 776 S. Placentia Avenue and 777 W. Orangethorpe Avenue (former Premier Chrysler auto dealership).

This meeting provides an excellent opportunity for the community to come together, share feedback, and address any concerns or ideas you may have about the proposed project. The community meeting will be hosted at the Whitten Community Center on Thursday, January 25th at 5:00 pm, and the City encourages the community to stop by and review the conceptual plans. Light refreshments will be served.

Should have any additional questions or require special assistance to participate in the meeting, call the City of Placentia Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124 or email [agonzales@placentia.org](mailto:agonzales@placentia.org).





## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Carbon Monoxide Alarms: What You Need to Know

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body's ability to use oxygen (i.e.

emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of CO than healthy adults would be. A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.



### **Safety Tips**

- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel arrive.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open.
- Use a generator in well-ventilated locations outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can also produce CO — only use outside.

### **Symptoms of CO Poisoning**

CO enters the body through breathing. CO poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, lightheadedness or headaches. High levels of CO can be fatal, causing death within minutes. The concentration of CO, measured in parts per million (ppm) is a determining factor in the symptoms for an average, healthy adult.

- 50 ppm: No adverse effects with 8 hours of exposure.
- 200 ppm: Mild headache after 2-3 hours of exposure.
- 400 ppm: Headache and nausea after 1-2 hours of exposure.
- 800 ppm: Headache, nausea, and dizziness after 45 minutes; collapse and unconsciousness after 1 hour of exposure.
- 1,000 ppm: Loss of consciousness after 1 hour of exposure.
- 1,600 ppm: Headache, nausea, and dizziness after 20 minutes of exposure.
- 3,200 ppm: Headache, nausea, and dizziness after 5-10 minutes; collapse and unconsciousness after 30 minutes of exposure.
- 6,400 ppm: Headache and dizziness after 1-2 minutes; unconsciousness and danger of death after 10-15 minutes of exposure.
- 12,800 ppm: Immediate physiological effects, unconsciousness and danger of death after 1-3 minutes of exposure.



## 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 event 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.

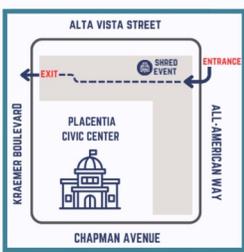
- Shredding: Please remove paper from three-ring binders. Paper clips, staples, rubber bands, and file folders are acceptable.
- Electronics: Most items that plug into an outlet and any items with a screen will be accepted for free, but there will be a fee for major household appliances. Automotive batteries, 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](mailto: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
	<p><b>Onsite Shredding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Paper in 3-ring binders must be removed</li> <li> Paper clips, staples, rubber bands or file folders are accepted</li> <li> Preferred limit of 10 boxes/bags</li> </ul> <p><b>E-Waste Recycling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> No hazardous waste - with the exception of some batteries</li> <li> Accepted: anything with a screen and most items that plug into an outlet or require batteries</li> <li> There is a service charge on major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, water heaters, etc.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>REMINDER</b></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 <a href="mailto:recycling@placentia.org">recycling@placentia.org</a>.</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](http://www.placentia.org/sb1383). For more information on this event, contact (714) 993-8123 or [cnquyen@placentia.org](mailto: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. For more information on 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](http://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	In-Person Community Meeting	In-Person Community Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2024 5:30-7:00pm Meeting Link: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mr2amhtu">https://tinyurl.com/mr2amhtu</a> ID: 876 6182 1313 Passcode: 461932 Call-in: (669) 900-6833	Wednesday, January 17, 2024 5:30-7:00pm Location: Yorba Linda Public Library 4852 Lakeview Avenue, Yorba Linda, CA 92886	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/](http://virtualeventroom.com/yorba-linda-placentia-atp/)

Contact Us

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To learn more, please visit:  
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### Placentia FiberCity Project Update

SiFi Networks (SiFi) has resumed construction of the Placentia FiberCity® network, its second West Coast project. The company has already finished 80% of the fiber conduit installation in the City. By early March, SiFi is expected to complete all the fiber conduit installation work, weather permitting. To date approximately 50% of the constructed fiber conduit system has been installed with fiber on City streets. These totals exclude conduit and fiber installations on private streets are not tracked by the City. However, the work on private streets is also ongoing. To install the fiber network in private streets, SiFi must enter into separate agreements with each HOA in order to access their streets.

Out of 27 above-ground cabinets installed Citywide, only six are left to be installed. SiFi has already connected 6,500 addresses and these locations are now ready to take service. When the network is completed, a total of 20,700 addresses will be able to sign up for service. You can now sign up for service through [GigabitNow Placentia](http://GigabitNow Placentia) to start enjoying the benefits of a high-speed fiber network. To learn more about Placentia Fiber City and how to sign up for GigabitNow Placentia, you can visit [www.sifinetworks.com/residential/isps/placentia-ca/](http://www.sifinetworks.com/residential/isps/placentia-ca/). The City will continue to provide updates on this project.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

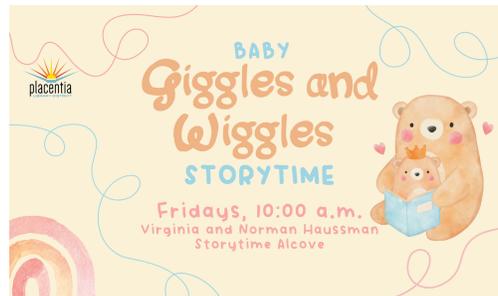
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## Storytime Adventures Await!

Luna, Luna! Bilingual Storytime, Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime, and Family Storytime!



Join us for storytimes for children of all ages! Visit [calendar.placentialibrary.org](http://calendar.placentialibrary.org) for our storytime schedule.

## PLFF Taylor Swift Merch Opportunity Drawing

1989, Red, or Midnights? You may have a favorite Taylor era, but you can win vinyl records for each of these as well as a 1989 M/L size cardigan with the Placentia Library Friends Foundation's Taylor Swift merch opportunity drawing! Tickets are available at the Information Desk while supplies last, see the flyer or staff for more info.

OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

# Taylor Swift Merch

DECEMBER 21, 2023 - APRIL 11, 2024

Includes:

- ♥ 1989 M/L Size Cardigan
- ♥ 1989 Vinyl (Taylor's Version)
- ♥ Speak Now CD (Taylor's Version)
- ♥ Red CD (Taylor's Version)
- ♥ Lover Vinyl
- ♥ Midnights Vinyl
- ♥ Time Magazines - 3 Covers
- ♥ The Eras Tour Concert Film popcorn tub & cup

**TICKET: \$10**

Tickets will be on sale December 21st starting at 9am while supplies last through 12pm April 11th. Please see staff at the Information Desk. Cash & Credit Card only - \$1 processing fee applies to credit card transactions.

Winning ticket will be drawn at the Taylor Swift Dance Party on April 11, 2024

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