

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Protect Yourself from Theft During Tax Season

With tax season upon us, we want to remind everyone to be extra cautious in protecting sensitive documents that may be arriving via the USPS.

For those anticipating a refund, we strongly recommend setting up electronic deposits so that any payments you receive will be transferred directly into your bank accounts instead of having a check mailed to you.

To avoid becoming a victim of fraud or a scam, do not release private, confidential information (social security number, banking information, credit card, or Driver's License numbers) to anyone who makes unsolicited contact with you.

Do not respond to emails from people/businesses you don't know. If someone calls you acting as a police officer, IRS agent, or other 'official' person, ask for their name, title/position, badge number (if applicable), and the full name of the agency or company they are calling from. Tell them you will call them back, and then you can contact the actual agency by using a legitimate phone number for them to verify the identity of the individual who called you.

**TAX SEASON IS COMING**

Protect your important documents!!!

- USE U.S.P.S. INFORMED DELIVERY
- PROMPTLY PICK UP ALL DELIVERED MAIL
- DROP-OFF TAX DOCUMENTS INSIDE THE POST OFFICE
- E-FILE WHEN POSSIBLE

<https://www.usps.com/taxes>

Placentia Police Department  
**Tax Season Safety Tips**

Remember, the Police Department will never call you asking for money or to have you buy gift cards. Contact the Police Department immediately if you think you have been the victim of a crime, fraud, or scam.

[Click here](#) to view a recent public service announcement from Civilian Investigator Kari Flood with some helpful tips on staying vigilant and avoiding becoming a victim of scams and fraud this tax season.

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**Upcoming Meetings and Events**

2/3/24	Annual Compost Giveaway
2/6/24	City Council Meeting
2/13/24	Planning Commission Meeting
2/13/24	Park Arts and Recreation Commission
2/19/24	President's Day—City Facilities Closure

**For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please email:**

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



## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Spring 2024 CERT Training

Throughout 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. 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. Tentatively, April 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and May 2nd. For more information and to sign up, contact (714) 993-8214 or [ppowers@placentia.org](mailto:ppowers@placentia.org).

### City-Wide Communications Survey

The City of Placentia is conducting a City-Wide Communications Assessment, and we want to hear from you! Share your priorities, concerns, suggestions, and questions regarding our current communication efforts to help shape our new strategic communications plan. [Click here](#) to take our short survey today.

The survey will close on February 9th.

For more information on the survey or the Communications and Marketing Plan, please contact Communications and Marketing Manager Nicolette Drulias at (714) 993-8107 or [ndrulias@placentia.org](mailto:ndrulias@placentia.org).



### Cub Scout Pack 780 Visit to Placentia

This week, the City was excited to welcome Cub Scout Pack 780 to City Hall to learn about City operations and tour City Hall and the Police Department! The tour, led by Mayor Yamaguchi, featured presentations from Mayor Yamaguchi, City Administrator Arrula, the Police and Fire Chiefs, and City Department Directors. Each Department gave an overview of what they do for the City and answered questions from the boys. The evening ended with a tour of the Police Department.





## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### HEART Animal Rescue Clinics

The City collaborates with the Healthcare & Emergency Animal Rescue Team (HEART) in providing pet owners with veterinary services. HEART is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to saving lives and improving companion animal health, safety, and welfare. Their mobile unit provides much needed healthcare for pets, pet-related assistance, education, and important resources for the public. HEART will host two pet clinics this month at Kraemer Memorial Park, 201 N. Bradford Ave., on February 17th and February 24th. Clinics are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment or for more information please visit [www.heart4pets.org](http://www.heart4pets.org).



### La Placita Parkette Renovations

The City is excited to announce that the 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.



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### Parque del Arroyo Verde Renovation Project

The Parque del Arroyo Verde renovation Project is nearly complete! The renovation project includes several expanded play lots, a new walkway layout, picnic pavilion, bocce ball court, a zip line apparatus, parking lot improvements, and new irrigation and landscaping. Additionally, the three-play space layout expanded the park core design and added additional park amenities. As part of the Placentia Parks Initiative, the park will feature a custom "adventure" theme, making it a destination park for families to enjoy. City park renovation projects are either funded through State Grants, Development Impact Fees, or Measure U funding. For more information on upcoming park projects, contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.



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## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### 2024 Compost Giveaway Event

Republic Services and the City will host the annual compost giveaway event on Saturday, February 3rd, 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.

Please note: this event may be subject to cancellation or postponement due to weather conditions. For updates, follow the City on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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, contact Elsa Robinson at (714) 993-8189 or at [erobinson@placentia.org](mailto:erobinson@placentia.org).




# 2024 ANNUAL COMPOST GIVEAWAY

Saturday,  
February 3

7:30 - 10:30 AM

(or until compost runs out)

Tri City Park

2301 N Kraemer Blvd

The City of Placentia and Republic Services invite residents to a free compost giveaway to thank you for participating in the green waste recycling program!

- ✔ **Limit 60 gallons of compost per household.**  
While supplies last.
- ✔ **Proof of Placentia residency required.**  
Please bring Driver's License or utility bill.
- ✔ **Bring your own container or bucket.**  
No bags.
- ✔ **Please stay in your car.**  
This is a drive-thru event.



This event may be subject to cancellation or postponement due to weather conditions. Follow the City's Facebook page for updates.

For more information, please contact the City of Placentia at (714) 993-8148 or [recycling@placentia.org](mailto:recycling@placentia.org).

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[placentia.org](http://placentia.org)

[facebook.com/PlacentiaCA](https://facebook.com/PlacentiaCA)

### OC Loop Bikeway Construction Update

Construction of OC Loop Bikeway Segment D will soon begin and will span about one mile through portions of Brea, Placentia and Yorba Linda. The bikeway will start adjacent to Imperial Highway and continue (along County's Carbon Canyon Flood Control Channel) south of Bastanchury Road to connect with the existing El Cajon Trail.

To accommodate construction of the new bikeway, some trees and vegetation will need to be removed. Approximately 30 out of 50 trees will be removed in order to construct the trail and retaining walls.

**Anticipated Tree Removal Activities:** February 1, 2024 through February 23, 2024. **Bikeway Construction:** May/June 2024 through end of 2025. Schedules are subject to change due to weather or other factors. This work will require traffic lane closures on Bastanchury Road for several weeks and the City will communicate those traffic impacts to the community.

The Segment D gap closure will consist of a two-lane paved recreation trail placed on top of the flood control channel and will include a series of retaining walls and other improvements. In addition, the loop project has been designed in coordination with the planned replacement of the Golden Avenue Bridge.

The OC Loop vision is 66 miles of seamless connections and an opportunity for people to bike, walk and connect to many of OC's most popular destinations. Several gaps were identified along the OC Loop—closing these gaps would effectively increase connectivity, expand transportation options and enhance regional opportunities. Details about the OC Loop are available at [www.OCTA.net/OCLoop](http://www.OCTA.net/OCLoop).

For more information on this project, please contact OC Public Works at (714) 667-9759 or [projectinfo@ocpw.ocgov.com](mailto:projectinfo@ocpw.ocgov.com).



## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Sand and Sandbags Available for Residents

Are you ready for the upcoming rain? Sandbags are available to Placentia residents at the City's Corporation Yard at 2999 La Jolla Street, Anaheim, CA 92806, Monday through Thursday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Proof of residency will be required, and residents must bring their own shovel to fill their bags with sand. Residents may also pick up sandbags at Fire Station No. 2 at 1530 N. Valencia Ave, Placentia, CA 92870, daily between 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sandbags can be very useful in diverting water, protecting slopes and structures, and assisting in erosion control.

Helpful tips:

- Fill the bag about half full of soil or sand so they are not too heavy to lift and will stack properly.
- Sandbags will rot in the sun; avoid placing them out too early in the storm season.
- Keep plastic sheeting available in case of an emergency.

Bags are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions, please call (714) 993-8131.

**FREE SAND AND SANDBAGS**  
available for Placentia residents

**LOCATIONS:**

- City Corporation Yard, 2999 La Jolla Street
- Fire Station 2, 1530 N. Valencia Avenue



For more information, call (714) 993-8131.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Building Activity Report Ending January 2024

PERMIT TYPE	NUMBER OF PERMITS
Solar	18
Residential Alteration/Addition	7
Reroof	19
Commercial Alteration/Addition	2
Signs	5
New Condo/SFR	0
ADU/JADU	2
Patio	3
Pools & Spa	6
Fence/Walls	4
Demolition	0
Windows	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>

**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 (Chic-Fil-A)	Development of a 5,000-6,000-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.
505 W. Crowther Avenue	Development of a five-story, 418-unit apartment building, with 10,500 square feet of commercial retail, together with a seven-story parking structure on a 4.4-acre site.	JPI	Temporary Certificate of Occupancy issued for all units, all residential amenities, as well as the commercial retail spaces.
207-209 W. 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 Planning 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.

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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 (Hudson)	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.	Initial grading and street-facing landscaping underway. Production models under construction.
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	Business now in operation.
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.
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	Permits issued for non-pool interior work.
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.

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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	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

### Pending Development Projects

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1474 N. Kraemer Blvd, Suite A-1 (Starbucks)	A request to permit the tenant improvement and addition of an interior restroom, new beverage preparation area, new wall finishes, and a new ceiling, along with new interior and exterior seating furniture, to a Starbucks store located 1474 N. Kraemer Blvd, Suite A -1.	Starbucks	Demolition permit ready to issue.
201 E. Yorba Linda Blvd	A request to permit the commercial tenant improvement and interior renovation of a US Bank branch at 201 E. Yorba Linda Blvd.	US Bank	Building Permit ready to issue.
1085 E. Imperial Highway	A request to permit the commercial tenant improvement of an existing commercial space to accommodate an EggBred restaurant.	EggBred Restaurants	Building Plans Approved 01/24/24.

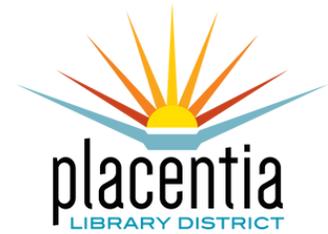
### EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

#### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District

## Weekly Summary: February 2-8, 2024

[eBooks and Online Resources: ebooks.placentialibrary.org](https://ebooks.placentialibrary.org)



### Tiny Art Show

Display your artistic talents at our Tiny Art Show! Pick up one of our Tiny Art Kits to create your entry. Kits include: a 3"x 3" canvas, an easel, acrylic paint, and a brush. Let your inner Picasso or Van Gogh free and create your tiny masterpiece. Once you've finished, return it to the library by February 15 to be part of the exhibit and for a chance to win exciting prizes!

Kit Pickup: February 1, 2024, while supplies last.

Contest Drop off- before February 15, 2024, by 5 p.m.

Exhibit: February 19 - 29, 2024.

Winner in each category announced the first week of March 2024.

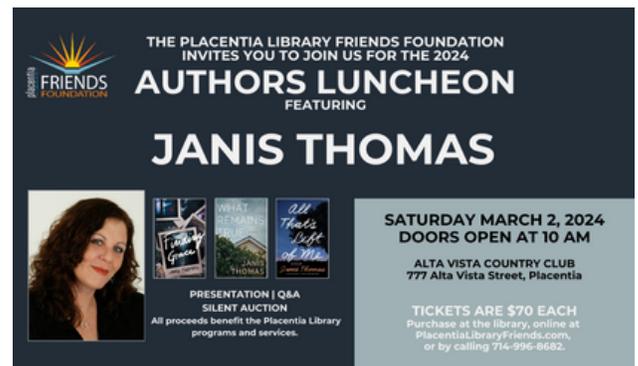


### PLFF Authors Luncheon

Janis Thomas is the best-selling author of several domestic and psychological suspense, as well as humorous women's fiction novels. Join us to hear Janis at the Placentia Library Friends Foundation's Authors Luncheon! Tickets are available at

[PlacentiaLibraryFriends.com](https://PlacentiaLibraryFriends.com).

Proceeds benefit the Placentia Library District programs and services.



### 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 \$10 and available at the Information Desk while supplies last, see staff for more info.



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(714) 528-1906

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