

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

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.

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.

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Visit bit.ly/PlacentiaCommunications today!

Survey Open January 22-February 9

<p>Get the iPlacentia App:</p> <p>Follow us on Social Media:</p>	<p>Upcoming Meetings and Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/13/24 Planning Commission Meeting 2/13/24 Park Arts and Recreation Commission 2/19/24 President's Day—City Facilities Closure 2/20/24 City Council Meeting 2/21/24 Parque del Arroyo Verde Ribbon Cutting 	<p>For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please email:</p> <p>CAWeekly@placentia.org</p>
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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

City Council Recognizes Public Safety Communications Center

At the February 6th City Council Meeting, Mayor Jeremy Yamaguchi presented the Placentia Public Safety Communications Center with a Certificate of Recognition as they were recently recognized by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch® (IAED) as an Accredited Center of Excellence for emergency medical dispatching. Placentia Public Safety Communications is the 329th Medical ACE in the world, 16th in the state, and the only accredited dispatch center within Orange County.

IAED is the standard-setting organization for emergency dispatch services worldwide. Accreditation (and subsequent re-accreditation) from the IAED is the highest distinction given to emergency communication centers, certifying that the center is performing at or above the established standards for the industry.

Placentia Public Communications Center is staffed by one manager, three supervisors, 12 full-time dispatchers, and 3 part-time dispatchers. The center operates 24 hours a day, answering and triaging both 9-1-1 and non-emergency calls for police, fire, and medical services, while also dispatching field resources throughout the City of Placentia.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

K9 Enzo Recovers \$380,000 in Cash

Our newest K9 Enzo has been working hard in Placentia. This past weekend, he recovered \$380,000 in cash!

K9 Enzo is a 2-year-old German Shepard trained in apprehension and narcotics detection.



Enzo and his handler, Officer Irvine, completed an intense 6-week training academy before beginning their work together on patrol in Placentia last September.

Officer Irvine and K9 Enzo train every day to keep their skills sharp. They work alongside K9 Champ and his handler, Officer King.

We thank the Placentia Police Canine Foundation for supporting our K9s and the Placentia Police Department.

Great job this week, Enzo!



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Cooking Safely to Prevent Kitchen Fires

Watch What You Heat: Cooking Safely for All

- The best time to cook is when you are wide awake, and not drowsy from medications or alcohol.
- Always wipe clean the stove, oven, exhaust fan to prevent grease buildup.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Keep a pan lid and dry potholders or oven mitts near you EVERY time you cook.
- Turn pot or pan handles toward the back of the stove.
- When heating food in the microwave, use microwave-safe cookware that allows steam to escape.
- Allow food to rest before removing from the microwave.
- When frying, use a pan lid or splash guard to prevent grease splatter.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you to check on your cooking.
- After cooking, check the kitchen to make sure all burners and other appliances are turned off.

If your food does catch on fire...

- Cover the pan with its lid. A cookie sheet works too. Leave covered until the pan is cool. NEVER move the pot or carry it outside - the pot is too hot to handle and the contents may splash, causing a severe burn.
- Turn the heat off. With the lid on and the heat off, the fire should quickly put itself out. NEVER use water to put out a kitchen fire. Water will cause the oil to splatter and spread the fire, or scald you as it vaporizes.
- If the fire is inside the oven or microwave, keep the door shut and turn it off. Keep closed until the oven is cool.
- If the fire gets out of control- get out, stay out, and call 9-1-1. Do not go back inside for any reason.

Cook Safely!
Prevent Kitchen Fires

Did you know?

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking at high temperatures.


Set a timer if you are simmering or baking so you don't get distracted and forget you are cooking.



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. 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.

Parque del Arroyo Verde Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City is excited to announce that we will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, February 21st at 3:00 p.m. at Parque del Arroyo Verde to unveil the newly renovated equipment. 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 (714) 993-8232.



Community Food Programs

The City hosts a food distribution event every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Families will receive canned and dry goods, bread, vegetables, and meat. The food distributions are held at the Whitten Community Center, located at 900 S. Melrose Street. For more information about the food programs, contact Neighborhood Services at (714) 986-2333.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Cenza Construction Update

Jefferson Cenza, located at 501 W. Crowther Avenue, is nearing completion! When complete, the five-story luxury apartment complex will feature 418 units, high-end training facilities, gourmet kitchens, and courtyards with resort amenities such as a pool and jacuzzi, firepits, barbecue grills, and dedicated dog-walking areas. Cenza is the City’s second development within the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Packing Housing District. JPI Development obtained building permits in March 2021. The firm completed construction on the building’s five stories of residences, 418 units, and a seven-level parking structure to serve building residents and retail visitors. Currently, the building has a temporary certificate of occupancy for all its units. In addition to luxury apartments, the mixed-use development features approximately 8,200 square feet of retail/commercial space on the ground floor. West Crowther Avenue is similarly wrapping up construction of several notable streetscape improvements, including new bike lanes, widened sidewalks, new street lighting, and a landscaped median. This vibrant and modern new rental community is slated to complete construction by this summer. For more information on Jefferson Cenza and other projects in the City, contact the Planning Division at (714) 993-8124.



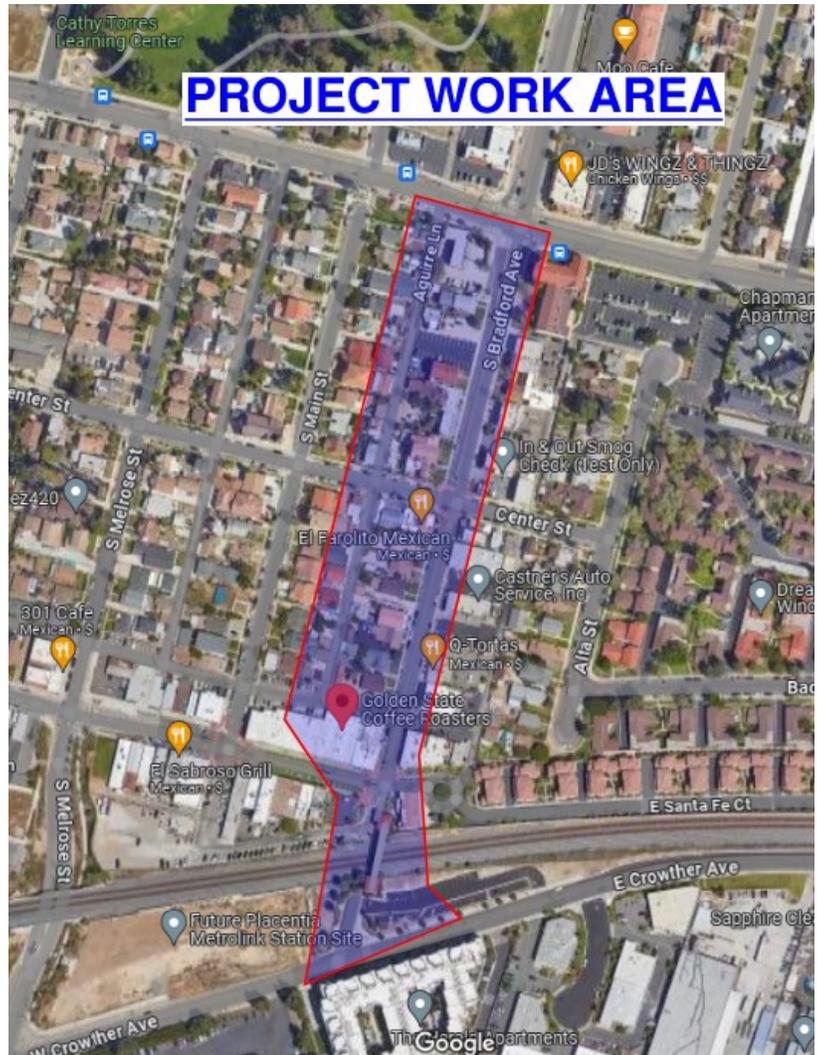


PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Bradford Ave Water Transmission Main Project

Golden State Water Company (Golden State Water) will begin road work for their Bradford Ave Water Transmission Main Project starting February 26th. The scope of this project includes the installation of 1,450 linear feet of 12-inch-diameter water transmission main along Bradford Avenue (Crowther Ave to Chapman Ave). In addition, Golden State Water will install 2,000 linear feet of 8-inch-diameter water distribution main at the alley west of S. Bradford Ave (Golden State Water's Chapman Water Plant to Aguirre Ln), Aguirre Ln (alley to S. Bradford Ave), and S. Bradford Ave, replace existing water valves, install fire hydrants, and other water system components. This project will ensure Golden State Water can continue providing reliable water service to local customers. The project is estimated to be completed in October 2024.

The streets will remain open to traffic during the construction period and traffic controls will be in place during construction hours. The work will generally occur on weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Traffic and parking may be restricted using traffic control, and access to driveways may be limited for short durations of time. Weekly activities such as trash pick-up will not be interrupted.



Please expect an increased level of noise during the construction period.

For more information on this project, please [click here](#). If you have any questions or concerns about the construction activities for this project, please contact Golden State Water's Construction Inspector, David Espinoza at (310) 738-3996, and for any other concern after normal business hours, call (800) 999-4033. Please visit Golden State Water's website at www.gswater.com/placentia/infrastructure-projects for periodic updates on the construction progress.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: February 9-15, 2024

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Tiny Art Night

Display your artistic talents at our Tiny Art Show! Pick up one of our Tiny Art Kits to create your entry. Let your inner Basquiat free and create your tiny masterpiece. Open to ages 14 – 18.

*Placentia Library Community Meeting Room
Thursday, February 15, 2024
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.*



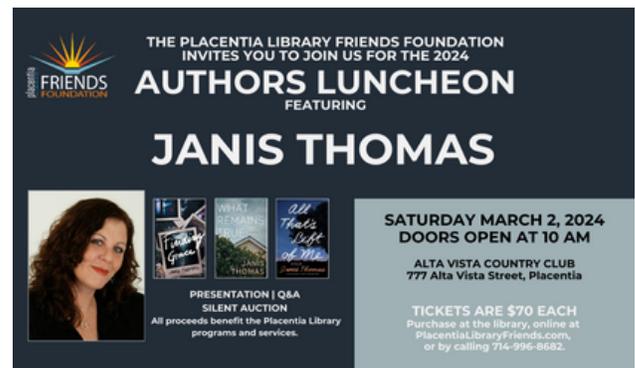
**Teens!
Ages 14-18**

**No registration
needed**

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.

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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