

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

February 15, 2024



“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 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).

### OC San Video Contest

Lights! Camera! Action! OC San is hosting a video contest for high school and college students to showcase their skills and highlight some of the coolest jobs in the wastewater field. Encourage your family and friends to grab their cameras, phones, GoPros, or whatever they need to create a video featuring their dream careers with OC San! Plus, there's a chance to win a cash prize!

For full details visit [www.ocsan.gov/video](http://www.ocsan.gov/video).



Get the iPlacentia App:



Follow us on Social Media:



### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 2/19/24 President's Day—City Facilities Closure
- 2/20/24 City Council Meeting
- 2/26/24 Placentia Community Foundation
- 2/27/24 Historical Committee
- 3/5/24 City Council Meeting

For additional

information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

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

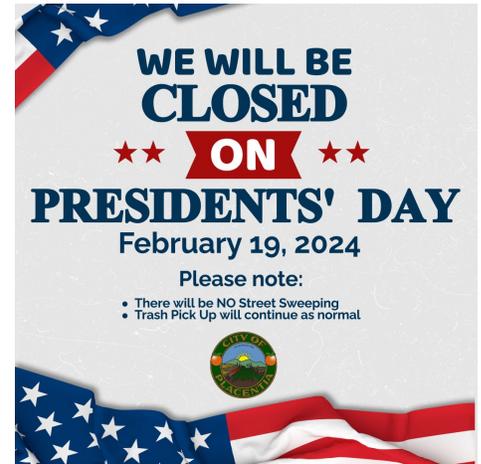


## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### City Facilities Holiday Closure

City facilities will be closed on Monday, February 19th, in observance of Presidents' Day. City Hall and other City facilities will reopen on Tuesday, February 20th. The Police and Fire Departments will remain open during the holiday. For non-life-threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or other public works issues, please call (714) 993-8111.

Please note that street sweeping will be canceled, but trash pick-up will proceed as normal.



### OC San's Wastewater 101—Citizens Academy

OC San invites you to join the Wastewater 101 - Citizens Academy! You can get the opportunity to learn and understand how 180 million gallons of wastewater gets handled every single day for 2.6 million Orange County residents. The Academy features four virtual workshops over the course of two months. The workshops will be: Who We Are and What We Do, OC San in a Nutshell, Capital Improvement Program, and Environmental Services. The program is available to community members 18 years and older. The first session begins in March 2024. Additional information and registration details can be found at [www.ocsan.gov/wastewater101](http://www.ocsan.gov/wastewater101).



### Proclamation of Emergency Program for Asian Citrus Psyllid and Huanglongbing

Between May 12, 2023 and December 29, 2023, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) confirmed the presence of *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (CLAs), the causative bacterial agent of the citrus disease huanglongbing (HLB), in plant tissue and/or the insect vector Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), *Diaphorina citri* Kuwayama. CLAs-positive plant tissue and/or insect vectors that was located in Cypress. The current emergency program area now includes Placentia.

HLB is a devastating disease of citrus and is spread through feeding action by populations of ACP. HLB/ACP present a significant, clear, and imminent threat to California's commercial citrus production, residential citrus plantings, natural resources, and economy. Unless emergency action is taken to disrupt the ACP life cycles, there is high potential for sudden future detections in Orange County. Residents of affected properties will be invited to a public meeting or contacted directly by CDFA staff. Consultation with the California Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the county agricultural commissioner's office will be provided at the public meeting or upon request to address residents' questions and concerns.

Residents will be notified in writing at least 48 hours in advance of any treatment. Following the treatment, completion notices are left with the residents detailing post-treatment precautions. For any questions related to this program, please contact CDFA at (800) 491-1899 for assistance.



## 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](http://www.heart4pets.org).

### Parque del Arroyo Verde Ribbon Cutting Ceremony—POSTPONED

Due to anticipated inclement weather, the City will postpone the ribbon cutting ceremony that was scheduled on Wednesday, February 21st at Parque del Arroyo Verde. A new date will be scheduled and will be posted on the City’s social media outlets when available. 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.



### LOVE Placentia Day of Service—April 20, 2024

Love Placentia is a Service Day opportunity for anyone willing to serve in various service projects throughout the City. This is a great event where churches, local government, businesses, non-profits, and residents partner together for the betterment of the community. This year, Love Placentia will take place on Saturday, April 20th. The event will kick off at 8:00 a.m. with a rally at El Dorado High School (1651 Valencia Avenue). Then, volunteers will receive their t-shirts, breakfast, and meet their fellow project volunteers before heading to various sites throughout the City from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information or to sign up to be a volunteer, visit [www.loveplacentia.com](http://www.loveplacentia.com) or contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.

### P.A.R.K.'s Program Valentine's Day Celebration



The P.A.R.K.'s Program celebrated Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14th with a special pizza lunch, tasty Valentine's Day sweets, and themed arts and crafts! The City offers this free recreation program for youth at three locations. There is no charge for the basic program, however, a fee may be charged for excursions and special events. Children attending the program are supervised by Community Services Leaders trained in First Aid and CPR. P.A.R.K.'s activities include sports, games, crafts, and special events. For more information about the program, contact (714) 993-8232.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Police Explorer Program

This week, Officers were at El Dorado High School promoting our Police Explorer Program.

The Police Explorer Program's primary purpose is to provide young adults interested in a law enforcement career with hands-on experience as they serve their community. The program helps young people decide if a career in law enforcement is right for them.

As a part of the training, the Explorer will receive many job assignments in various areas throughout the Department, which include California penal codes, communications, community policing, community relations, firearm safety, formations and drills, jail procedures, patrol procedures, patrol ride-a-longs, physical fitness, police radio codes, dispatch communication, records, report writing, and searches.

Along with the training, the Explorer will participate in many other post activities, such as field trips to other agencies, social trips to outside venues, and participation in the Explorer Academy.

For more information about the Police Explorers Program, contact the Placentia Police Department at (714) 993-8164.



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Citywide Streetlight LED Conversion Project

As part of the City's Five-Year Strategic Plan, the City Council recently approved a citywide Streetlight LED Conversion Project in partnership with Southern California Edison (SCE) to convert existing streetlights with new energy-efficient light-emitting diode (LED) lights citywide. The City and SCE will be replacing 3,459 SCE-owned streetlights in the City with LED fixtures using SCE's LS-1 Option E program.

Since June 1, 2016, SCE has offered the LS-1 Option E Program, a turn-key program for local governments to replace aging HPSV "cobra head" streetlights with new, more efficient LED streetlights. The City will not have any upfront costs for this project, and the costs are amortized through energy savings over 20 years with zero interest. As a result, the City will realize an annual energy cost savings of approximately \$157,580 for the first 20 years. This equates to cumulative savings of \$3,157,000 over 20 years.

The project entails the conversion of all 3,459 SCE-owned streetlights to LED. Of the 3,459 SCE-owned streetlights, 537 are decorative Mission Bell style, located on all the City's arterial streets. Under this project, these streetlights will be replaced with standard cobra head LED fixtures to maintain uniformity throughout the City's streetlight system. This project has the following benefits: improved visibility, longer light life, reduced maintenance, fewer outages, and a significant reduction of electricity needed to power streetlights citywide, resulting in energy and cost savings. The project is expected to begin in late Summer 2024 and be completed by late Fall 2024.

If you are an HOA and want to convert the SCE-owned streetlights on your private streets to LED, you may be eligible to participate in SCE's LS-1 Option Program. For more information on this program, please contact the SCE Manager of Street Lights, John King, at [john.king@sce.com](mailto:john.king@sce.com).

The City will provide future updates and information before the project begins. For questions or information on this project, email Senior Management Analyst Elsa Robinson at [erobinson@placentia.org](mailto:erobinson@placentia.org).



## 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](http://www.gswater.com/placentia/infrastructure-projects) for periodic updates on the construction progress.

### Fiscal Year 22-23 Pavement Rehabilitation Project

As part of the City's annual Pavement Rehabilitation & Maintenance Program, the City Council awarded its latest construction contract for street resurfacing work to RJ Noble Company on October 17, 2023. This year's project entails the rehabilitation of arterial and residential streets totaling 1.4 million square feet. The work includes pavement reconstruction, replacing damaged sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, installing new concrete bus pads, and new signage and striping, including bike lanes. The location of the work includes Kraemer Blvd (Chapman Ave to Yorba Linda Blvd), Orangethorpe Avenue (Placentia Avenue to Kraemer Avenue, Crowther Avenue (Placentia Avenue to 57 Freeway overpass), and Bradford Avenue (Chapman Avenue to Yorba Linda Boulevard).

Road construction is expected to continue through Spring 2024, pending weather delays. The Contractor is currently working on Kraemer Blvd from Chapman Ave to Yorba Linda Blvd and will continue for three weeks. Residents should expect traffic delays or use alternate routes. We appreciate your patience with this temporary inconvenience as we work to complete a long-term improvement. We continue to strive for our "No Street Left Behind" motto to resurface every street in the City and hope to achieve that goal in the next 6-7 years.





## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### Highland Court Townhome Development Completion

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce that the final certificates of occupancy have been issued for the Highland Court townhome development! The Highland Court development consists of four three-story, multi-family buildings consisting of 16 residential townhome condominium units. Completed in a contemporary Spanish Revival architectural style, the townhomes boast new construction and feature interior appointments such as granite and marble countertops, recessed lighting, nine-foot ceilings, and decorative tile accents. The now sold-out development offers three different, 1,907-square-foot floor plans, with each floor plan offering three bedrooms and three bathrooms. Associated landscape and hardscape improvements were also made on the previously 1.24-acre unimproved, vacant lot at the southwest corner of Orchard Drive and Highland Avenue. For further information on Highland Court and other projects in the City, please contact the Planning Division at (714) 993-8124.



## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Join us to Sound the Alarm in Placentia on February 24th

Placentia Fire & Life Safety is partnering with the American Red Cross for the National Sound the Alarm Event on Saturday, February 24th. Volunteers will not only be installing smoke alarms but will be providing life-safety education during this event. Since 2014, the American Red Cross has helped install more than 1 million smoke alarms in homes across the country. Working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death from home fires in half.

Volunteers will be installing free smoke alarms in specified areas near Old Town. If you do not live in one of the areas covered by this event and would like to have smoke alarms installed in your home, you can request a free smoke alarm appointment at anytime by visiting the American Red Cross website at [www.SoundTheAlarm.org/SoCal](http://www.SoundTheAlarm.org/SoCal) or by calling (714) 481-5334.

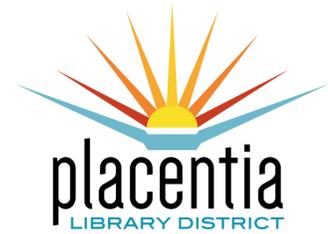


## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: February 16-22, 2024

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



## Taylor Swift (Library Version)

Registration and a Placentia Library card are required for all Taylor Swift (Library Version) programs. Taylor Swift programs are open to all ages, and seating is limited.

Priority will be given to Placentia Library Friends Foundation members. PLFF members can register 1 month before a program or event, and general library patrons can register 1 week before a program or event. Space is limited. Check our website or social media for registration and waitlist notices.

Taylor Swift  
(Library Version)

Spring 2024!

Registration opens  
February 14

[placentialibrary.org/taylorswift](http://placentialibrary.org/taylorswift)

Visit our website or stop by the Info Desk to learn about our Taylor Swift (Library Version) programs and events, including the Taylor Swift Dance Party!

These programs are generously sponsored by the Placentia Library Friends Foundation.

## PLFF Authors Luncheon

Janis Thomas is the best-selling author of several domestic and psychological suspense novels, 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](http://PlacentiaLibraryFriends.com).

THE PLACENTIA LIBRARY FRIENDS FOUNDATION  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE 2024  
**AUTHORS LUNCHEON**  
FEATURING  
**JANIS THOMAS**

**SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024  
DOORS OPEN AT 10 AM**

ALTA VISTA COUNTRY CLUB  
777 Alta Vista Street, Placentia

TICKETS ARE \$70 EACH  
Purchase at the library, online at  
[PlacentiaLibraryFriends.com](http://PlacentiaLibraryFriends.com),  
or by calling 714-996-8682.

PRESENTATION | Q&A  
SILENT AUCTION  
All proceeds benefit the Placentia Library  
programs and services.

Proceeds benefit the Placentia Library District programs and services.

## Community Survey

We invite you to take our Community Survey! Your feedback is invaluable to us as we strive to enhance our services and better meet the needs of our community. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us.

[placentialibrary.org/survey](http://placentialibrary.org/survey)

Community  
Survey

Your feedback is invaluable to us as we strive to enhance our services and better meet the needs of our community. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts with us.

Scan the QR code or visit our website. The survey will be available until April 30, 2024.

[placentialibrary.org/survey](http://placentialibrary.org/survey)

Sign up for library news sent to your inbox! Sign up for the library's weekly email newsletter at [placentialibrary.org](http://placentialibrary.org)

Facebook: Placentia Library  
Instagram: @placentialib

Placentia Library District  
411 E. Chapman Ave., Placentia  
(714) 528-1906

Search for books, items and more at:  
[catalog.placentialibrary.org](http://catalog.placentialibrary.org)