

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

2024 Citizens Academy

The City is excited to announce the return of the Citizens Academy! The Placentia Citizens Academy is an eight-week educational program designed to empower residents and businesses in learning more about the City, including how our City governance works, how decisions are made, how City resources are allocated, and how departments operate. During this Academy, participants will have the opportunity to tour City facilities, ask questions, and become more informed and involved citizens. The Citizens Academy will begin on March 27th and run every Wednesday from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm through May 15th. To participate, you must:

- Be a Placentia Resident or Business Owner
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be interested in enhancing the community and developing your leadership skills
- Commit to attending all sessions

All meetings are held in person, and class size will be limited to ensure a great experience for all. The City is accepting applications through Thursday, March 21st, at 5:00 p.m. [Click here](#) to view the application and apply. For additional information, contact (714) 993-8107 or ndrulias@placentia.org.

Supervisor Doug Chaffee’s Fourth District Kids Fishing Derby

Supervisor Doug Chaffee will be hosting his annual spring Kid’s Fishing Derby on March 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Tri-City Park, located at 2301 Kraemer Blvd. To RSVP, please visit d4.ocgov.com/fishingderby. Kids ages 6 to 15 may participate in the Fishing derby. Fishing Rods and bait will be available at no-cost while supplies last. The event is open to residents of the Fourth District, which includes the cities of Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia, Stanton, and portions of Anaheim.

Now Accepting Applications; Apply Today!

2024 PLACENTIA CITIZENS ACADEMY

WHAT IS IT?
The 2024 Placentia Citizens Academy is an 8-week program hosted by the City of Placentia and open to Placentia residents and business owners. The Academy is a great opportunity to learn about the City of Placentia, how decisions are made, how city resources are allocated, and how departments operate. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm, March 27 - May 15, 2024.

WHAT YOU’LL DO

- Meet City Council Members, the City Administrator, and the City’s Department Directors, and Chiefs
- Discuss topics such as planning, public safety, City finances, and more
- Visit and tour City facilities, including the Police Department, Fire Stations, Public Works facilities, and more
- Ask questions and become an informed, involved citizen

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, VISIT WWW.PLACENTIA.ORG/CITIZENSACADEMY, EMAIL NDRULIAS@PLACENTIA.ORG, OR CALL (714) 993-8107. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 PM ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST VIA EMAIL OR AT CITY HALL.
*ONLY ONE PERSON PER HOUSEHOLD MAY PARTICIPATE DUE TO LIMITED SPACE.

SAVE THE DATE!

Supervisor Doug Chaffee’s Fourth District

KIDS FISHING DERBY!

Saturday, March 9th

Tri-City Park
2301 Kraemer Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870

FREE EVENT

COUNTY OF ORANGE CALIFORNIA

<p>Get the iPlacentia App:</p> <p>Follow us on Social Media:</p>	<p>Upcoming Meetings and Events</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>3/5/24</td><td>City Council Meeting</td></tr> <tr><td>3/12/24</td><td>Planning Commission</td></tr> <tr><td>3/13/24</td><td>Senior Advisory Committee</td></tr> <tr><td>3/19/24</td><td>City Council Meeting</td></tr> <tr><td>3/23/24</td><td>Easter Eggcitement</td></tr> </table>	3/5/24	City Council Meeting	3/12/24	Planning Commission	3/13/24	Senior Advisory Committee	3/19/24	City Council Meeting	3/23/24	Easter Eggcitement	<p>For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please email:</p> <p>CAWeekly@placentia.org</p>
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ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held to Celebrate Old Placentia City Hall Ribbon Cutting

The City of Placentia, in collaboration with the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department and the Placentia Chamber of Commerce, proudly celebrated the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the revitalized Old Placentia City Hall on February 22nd. This event marked a significant milestone in preserving Placentia's history. Old Placentia City Hall is now home to the Fire and Life Safety Department Headquarters, the Chamber of Commerce Office, and a Visitor's Center.

Originally opened to the public in August 1940, Old Placentia City Hall was constructed as a Great Depression-era Works Progress Administration project. Designed in the classic Spanish Revival architectural style popular in Southern California during the 1920s-1940s, the building originally housed the City's Administrative Offices and Police Station until 1974, when the current Civic Center campus was opened to the public.

As part of an extensive renovation of this facility, the City replaced the roof and HVAC equipment and remodeled the restrooms so they are ADA-compliant. In addition, all the interior office spaces were renovated and expanded to provide a new home for our Fire and Life Safety Department's Headquarters, as well as new office space and a Visitor's Center for the Placentia Chamber of Commerce.



Public Safety Communications Center Earns Prestigious Award for Dispatch Excellence

The Public Safety Communications Center was recently recognized by The International Academies of Emergency Dispatch® (IAEDTM) as an Accredited Center of Excellence (ACE) for emergency medical dispatching. Placentia Public Safety Communications is the 329th Medical ACE in the world, 16th in the State of California, and the only accredited dispatch center in Orange County. The Communications team recently received their Accreditation plaque that will now hang in the Dispatch Center as a reminder of this significant achievement.





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) 2024 Healthy Play Initiative Award

The Community Services Department is continuing to make great progress with the Placentia Parks Initiative. At the 2024 California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Conference, Placentia was the only City to be recognized by CPRS for three (3) National Demonstration Site playgrounds located at Koch Park, Tuffree Park, and Parque De Los Ninos. While Tuffree Park and Parque de Los Ninos have not yet been built, the design effort qualified the City for this award. These projects were made possible by a combination of Measure-U funds and approximately \$250,000 in CPRS grants funded by GameTime Playgrounds. National Demonstration Sites exemplify evidence-based best practices in design and implementation, support health-related initiatives, exercise, and inclusion of varying ability levels through the act of play while providing meaningful ways for community stakeholders to gather data about the sites' impact on the community. These playgrounds have been designed from decades of experience in the playground industry but, more importantly, with feedback from residents who frequent other National Demonstration Site playgrounds. Placentia's residents will have the ability to provide meaningful feedback on these playgrounds by simply scanning a QR code at each location. The data received will be used to better future Placentia playgrounds and playgrounds across the nation! The City is honored to have three (3) of the thirty-five (35) National Demonstration Playground sites in California located in the Placentia Community. For more information on park projects, please contact the Community Services Department at (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 sites throughout the City from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.loveplacentia.com or contact (714) 993-8232.

NOW Hiring!

The City of Placentia is looking for motivated team players to join the Community Services Department. Job bulletins are available on the City's website at WWW.PLAVENTIA.ORG/JOBS. Applications are not available at Placentia City Hall.

SUMMER AQUATICS PROGRAM

LIFEGUARD:
STARTING AT \$16.23 PER HOUR
Min. Req. Applicant must be age 18 by June 1, 2024 + CPR and First Aid for professional rescuer certificates.

INSTRUCTOR GUARD:
STARTING AT \$17.57 PER HOUR
Min. Req. Must hold CPR for the Professional Rescuer certificate + Water Safety Instructor certificate + CA Driver's License. Applicant must be 16 years old by June 1, 2024.

SENIOR INSTRUCTOR GUARD:
STARTING AT \$18.03 PER HOUR
Min. Req. 2 year experience, graduation from high school or equivalent and completion of college level related coursework + CA Drivers License + Standard First Aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certification + Water Safety Instructor Certified.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

COMMUNITY SERVICES LEADER:
STARTING AT \$18.00 PER HOUR
Min. Req. Knowledge of popular team sports, games, and recreation activities. Their recreation work experience is desirable. Must be age 15 by June 1, 2024 + CPR and First Aid certificates.

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICES LEADER:
STARTING AT \$18.23 PER HOUR
Min. Req. 2 years experience, graduation from high school or equivalent and completion of college level related coursework + CA Drivers License + Standard First Aid and CPR certifications. Must be age 16 by June 1, 2024.

COMMUNITY SERVICES SPECIALIST:
STARTING AT \$17.57 PER HOUR
Min. Req. 3 years of recreation related work under college level courses. Graduation from high school + First Aid and CPR certificates + CA Driver's License.

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City of Placentia Community Services Department

Community Services Summer Job Opportunities Now Open

The Community Services Department is looking for energetic people to fill part-time positions as Community Services Leaders and Lifeguard staff for the summer Aquatics Program.

Community Services Leaders participate in a variety of activities including youth sports, arts and crafts, camps, special events, and City-sponsored excursions.

Lifeguards have an opportunity to teach youth swim lessons and lead recreational swim activities. The City of Placentia offers competitive salaries and flexible schedules.

Please [click here](#) to view the job opportunities or call Human Resources at (714) 993-8141 for more information.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Explorers Program

Last week our Explorers, and recruits interested in joining our Explorer Program, participated in a simulated 'High-Risk Stop' and other exercises to acquaint the recruits with the many real-life training opportunities offered in our Explorer program.

The primary purpose of the Police Explorer Program is to provide teens and young adults interested in a law enforcement career some hands-on experience as they serve their community. The program aims to help young people decide if a career in law enforcement is right for them.

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



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Partnership with American Red Cross: Sound the Alarm

On Saturday, February 24th, the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department hosted the American Red Cross Sound the Alarm Event. Through this partnership, nearly 90 volunteers canvassed areas in Placentia and installed 282 smoke alarms, serving 495 people in our community.

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.

If your home was not canvassed during this event and you would like to have smoke alarms installed in your home, you can request a free smoke alarm appointment by visiting www.SoundTheAlarm.org/SoCal or by calling (714) 481-5334.



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

Project Address	Project Description	Applicant	Project Status
SEC of Rose Drive and Alta Vista Street (Chic-Fil-A)	Development of an approximately 5,500-square-foot commercial retail pad 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
777 W. Orangethorpe Avenue	A 248-unit development consisting of a five-story, 250,681-gross-square-foot 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-mounted 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. Construction in progress.
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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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 two-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	Under final Planning review.
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.
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

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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. In construction.
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	Building Plan Check.
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	Approved at Planning Commission meeting 02/13/24.
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. Awaiting Traffic review.
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	Administratively Withdrawn.
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.
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	Building permits issued 2/7/24.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Pending Development Projects

Project Address	Project Description	Applicant	Project Status
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 1/24/24. Fire approval received 2/26/24.

Building Activity Report—February 2024

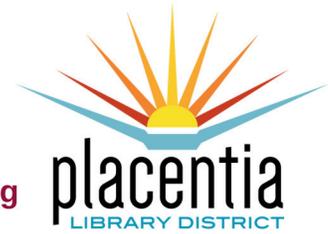
PERMIT TYPE	NUMBER OF PERMITS
Solar	10
Residential Alteration/Addition	6
Reroof	10
Commercial Alteration/Addition	2
Signs	2
New Condo/SFR	0
ADU/JADU	3
Patio	3
Pools & Spa	3
Fence/Walls	2
Demolition	0
Windows	3
TOTAL	44

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: March 1-7, 2024

Storytimes, library events and more: calendar.placentialibrary.org



Swiftie Reading Challenge

Find out what inspires Taylor with a Taylor Swift-approved booklist, then take inspiration from some of Taylor's songs to complete the Swiftie Reading Challenge. Complete this all-ages reading program and pick up a prize at the Information Desk, while supplies last.

***Beanstack App or placentialibrary.beanstack.org
March 1 - 31, 2024***



PLFF Yard Sale Donations

Donate your gently-used home goods for the Placentia Library Friends Foundation's annual Yard Sale! Presented by PLFF, in support of the Placentia Library District.

Drop off at the library delivery dock Monday - Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., until March 30, weather permitting.



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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