

# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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March 7, 2024



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of (Retired) Lieutenant Adam Gloe, after battling cancer since 2019. He served our Department and community with courage and pride.

Adam started with Placentia Police Department in 1997 as a Police Cadet and he promoted to Police Officer in 1999. In Patrol, he was known for his high work ethic and for being extremely proactive in arresting criminal offenders. He earned his position as Gang Detective in 2005, where he placed all his efforts on arresting and seeking convictions against Placentia gang members. After four years of working in the Special Enforcement Division (SED) as a Gang Detective, he returned to Patrol to share his knowledge with our Patrol Officers. He became a Field Training Officer in 2011.

His hard work and experience helped him promote to Sergeant in 2013 where he worked as a Patrol Supervisor. He was later selected as the Professional Standards Sergeant in 2017. As the Professional Standards Sergeant, he received special recognition for all his efforts in the high number of employees he brought aboard to help our Department accomplish its mission. He took this responsibility very seriously and he worked tirelessly to fill our ranks. He also pioneered our successful Citizens Academy program, and he enjoyed every minute of the interaction between staff and our community members who participated. In 2019, Adam again climbed the promotional ladder, earning the rank of Lieutenant. He later became the Administrative Lieutenant in 2022.

Adam's career is one of distinction. During his years of service in Patrol, he earned his Master's Degree from Brandman University in Leadership. His work ethic and total commitment to placing the organization first will be his professional legacy at Placentia Police Department. In addition to his professional attributes, Adam was a dedicated husband to his wife.

We are grateful for all that he gave of himself to make our Department and community a better place. Adam will be sorely missed by his Placentia Police family.

We send our deepest condolences to his wife and family.



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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/12/24 Planning Commission
- 3/13/24 Senior Advisory Committee
- 3/19/24 City Council Meeting
- 3/23/24 Easter Eggcitement
- 3/25/24 Placentia Community Foundation

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Weekly Briefing, please email:

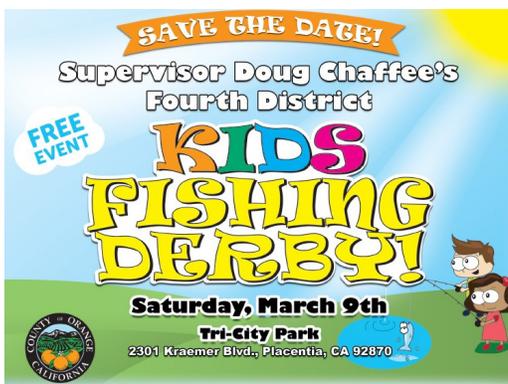
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## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### 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).



### 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](http://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.

### 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](mailto:ndrulias@placentia.org).

A promotional graphic for the 2024 Placentia Citizens Academy. It features a blue and white color scheme with circular images showing various city facilities and activities. Text includes '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'. At the bottom, it says 'FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY, VISIT WWW.PLACENTIA.ORG/CITIZENSACADEMY, EMAIL [ndrulias@placentia.org](mailto: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.'



## ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

### Apply for City Commissions and Committees

Want to make a difference in your community? Apply for one of our various City Commissions and Committees. The City Council appoints members to advise on various aspects of City life. Whether it's enhancing parks, improving infrastructure, or fostering community engagement, your voice matters! The City is currently seeking applications for vacancies on the Park, Arts, and Recreation Commission, the Heritage Festival Committee, the Historical Society, and the Veterans Advisory Committee. For more information on these Committees and Commissions, please [click here](#). To apply, please [click here](#) to view the application. For any additional questions, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 993-8231.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### 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](http://www.loveplacentia.com) or contact (714) 993-8232.

### Community Services Summer Job Opportunities Now Open

The City 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](#) or call Human Resources at (714) 993-8141 for more information.

### Tuffree Park Playground Renovations

The City is excited to announce that the renovations of the Tuffree Park Playground are now underway! The renovation project is part of the Placentia Parks Initiative and will include removal and replacement of the existing playground structure. The new playground structure will feature a baseball theme complete with new rubberized surfacing. Other additions will include a new shade sail for the park picnic area, a baseball glove climber, new slides, and swings. Funding for the renovation project is part of the City's Capital Improvement Program budget. For more information on park projects, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### Easter Eggcitement Event

The City will host the annual Easter Eggcitement event on Saturday, March 23rd at Kraemer Memorial Park at 201 N. Bradford Ave. from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will feature story time, crafts, games, treats, photos with the Easter Bunny, egg hunt areas for youth ages 0-10 years old, and the Rotary Club of Placentia will offer a hot dog lunch for all in attendance. For more information about the event, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or [click here](#) to view the flyer.



## FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

### Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion rechargeable batteries are commonly used in home electronics such as smartphones. Their batteries are small and powerful but can overheat, catch fire, or explode when misused. Fire agencies across California continue to respond to fires caused by lithium-ion batteries.

#### Safety Tips:

- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch. Charge the device on a flat surface.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Plug directly into a wall electrical outlet for charging.
- Keep batteries at room temperature and away from heat or direct sunlight. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.
- Do not charge a device while sleeping.
- Do not charge a device near your primary exit.

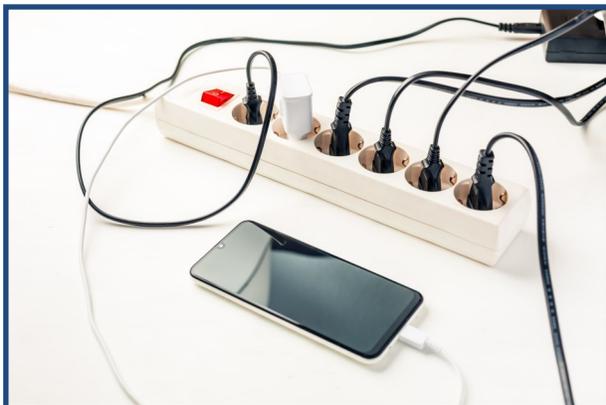
#### Stop operation of the device or charging the battery if:

- They emit an unusual smell.
- Develop heat.
- Change shape.
- Behave abnormally.
- Develop a leak or make an odd noise.

If any of the above happens and you feel in danger, call 911. If safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire.

#### Battery Disposal:

- **Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.**
- **Do not put discarded batteries in piles.**
- **Call OC Household Hazardous Waste for disposal locations at (714) 834-4000.**





## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

### City of Placentia Housing Element Approval

The City of Placentia is thrilled to announce that its updated 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element has been received and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)! The Housing Element is a document that identifies the City's housing needs and conditions and establishes goals, objectives, and policies that form the basis of the City's vision and strategy for enhancing and preserving the community's character and expanding housing opportunities for all of Placentia's community members. The Housing Element spans approximately 300 pages and includes an in-depth analysis and evaluation of the City's population, economics, household size, housing stock, housing programs, and regulations, as well as City goals and policies aimed at regulating and facilitating housing growth.

## City of Placentia Housing Element 2021-2029



March 15, 2022

City Council Resolution No. R-2022-16

Under the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), and as mandated by the State of California, Placentia received a final allocation of 4,398 housing units. In contrast, Orange County received an allocation of 183,861 units. This process is essential to help accommodate and plan for estimated growth at various income levels, as it requires the City to identify and provide sites to accommodate this projected growth. Be advised that the RHNA is not a construction quota but a housing target addressed through redevelopment and rezoning efforts that accommodate higher housing densities. A certified Housing Element is a prerequisite for accessing various state and federal funding programs for housing development and affordability. These funds are critical for implementing housing programs and projects.

Overall, the certification of the Housing Element demonstrates Placentia's commitment to addressing housing needs, complying with state requirements, and ensuring access to funding for housing programs and projects. It serves as a comprehensive guide for the City's future housing development and planning efforts.

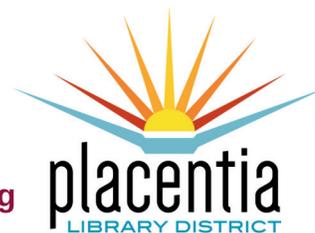
More information regarding this and the Housing Element, including a link to the Element itself, can be found at [www.placentia.org/housingelement](http://www.placentia.org/housingelement) or by contacting the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

# Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: March 8-14, 2024

[Storytimes, library events and more: calendar.placentialibrary.org](https://calendar.placentialibrary.org)



## Name That Tune “Taylor Swift Edition”

Make the whole place shimmer by joining us for an exhilarating evening of music and fun with our special “Taylor Swift Edition” of Name That Tune, complete with prizes. Whether you’re a die-hard Swiftie or just love a good music trivia, this is the perfect game night for you. \*Phone with Kahoot app needed to play.

**Thursday, March 14**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Community Meeting Room**

Space is limited. Visit [placentialibrary.org/taylorswift](https://placentialibrary.org/taylorswift) for registration and waitlist notices.



## 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](https://placentialibrary.beanstack.org)**  
**March 1 - 31, 2024**



## 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.



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

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