

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

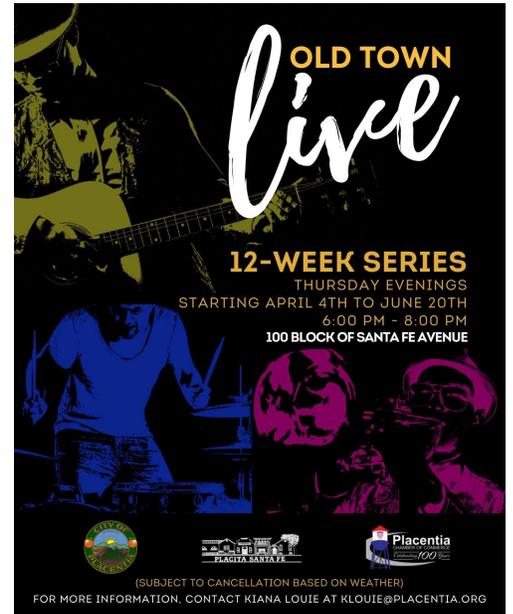
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Old Town LIVE!

The City of Placentia, in partnership with the Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association and the Placentia Chamber of Commerce, is excited to announce a 12-week live music series called Old Town LIVE! The event will take place on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. beginning April 4th through June 20th.

Come by the 100 Block of Santa Fe Avenue to enjoy a variety of music genres from different artists each week. Our lineup features Lou Lagoon Music, Zavala Jazz Soul Posse, Suemy G. Violinist, and much more! We hope to see you there!

The full schedule of events will be released soon. For more information, please contact klouie@placentia.org.



2024 Citizens Academy—Apply Now!

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, please contact (714) 993-8107 or ndrulias@placentia.org.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

3/19/24	City Council Meeting
3/23/24	Easter Eggcitement
3/25/24	Placentia Community Foundation
3/26/24	Historical Society
4/2/24	City Council Meeting

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



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.

Spring 2024 CERT Training

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. A free CERT course is offered to the public several times a year to sustain and increase our level of preparedness. 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.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Spring Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event

The City's next free Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event will be on Saturday, April 13th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Civic Center, 401 East Chapman Avenue. Residents and businesses are invited to dispose of unwanted electronics and shred confidential documents on-site for free. A maximum of six (6) banker box size containers will be accepted from each household or business in Placentia. Please place items in the trunk for easy access and ensure your containers are free from metals or debris that can damage the shredding equipment. If the documents are in a 3-ring binder, remove it before shredding. Paper clips, staples, rubber bands, and file folders are acceptable. Most electronics that plug into an outlet and any items with a screen will be accepted for free, but there will be a fee for major household appliances. The service charges for major appliances are:

- \$10 - Microwaves, Cooling Units (Water Dispensers, Air Conditioners, Personal Refrigerators [wine coolers, mini freezer])
- \$20 - Water Heaters, Freezers
- \$30 - Washing Machines, Dryers, Dishwashers, Stoves, etc.
- \$40 - Refrigerators (Standard 2-3 doors).

Automotive batteries and rechargeable tools and electronics batteries will also be accepted, but smaller household batteries will not.

No household hazardous waste such as chemicals, paint, or unused medication will be accepted. To dispose of hazardous waste, please visit the nearest Orange County Hazardous Waste Collection Center. To find the nearest location and see a list of acceptable items please visit www.oilandfills.com/hazardous-waste. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at recycling@placentia.org or at (714) 993-8148.



COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Parque del Arroyo Verde Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City is excited to announce that we will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, March 21st at 4:00 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, 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.

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.



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.



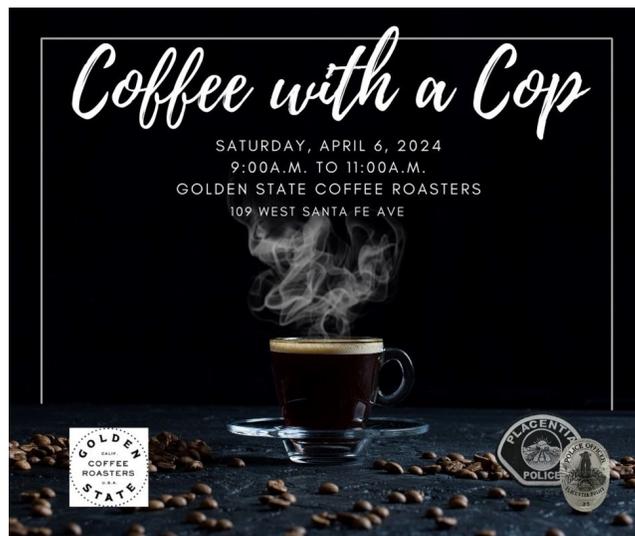
POLICE DEPARTMENT

Coffee with a Cop Event—Saturday, April 6th

Join the Placentia Police Department for our first Coffee with a Cop event of 2024! Meet us at Golden State Coffee Roasters, 109 West Santa Fe, on Saturday, April 6th, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

We encourage the community to join us for an opportunity to meet our Officers, ask questions, raise concerns, and learn more about our Department's operations. Golden State Coffee Roasters will be providing carafes of coffee, and we will be providing conversation.

We look forward to a great event with Golden State Coffee Roasters and our Placentia community!



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.

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 or by contacting the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

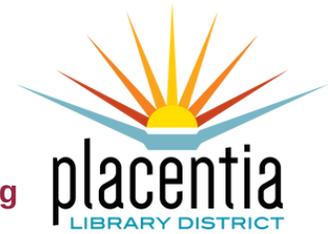
EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

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Weekly Summary: March 15-21, 2024

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



Swiftie Crafternoon

Crafting will never go out of style! Calling all creative Swifties to create your own buttons, bookmarks, and friendship bracelets at our Swiftie Craft Program. We're making the friendship bracelets, taking the moment, and tasting it! ("You're On Your Own, Kid!" - Taylor Swift).

Saturday, March 23
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

Space is limited. Visit 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
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.



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