

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

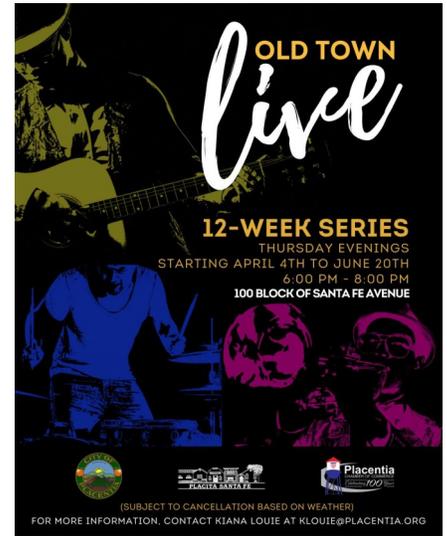
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

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.



Spring 2024 CERT Training—Last Call for Applicants!

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.

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, [click here](#). To apply, [click here](#) to view the application. For questions, contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 993-8231.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 3/23/24 Easter Eggcitement
- 3/25/24 Placentia Community Foundation
- 3/26/24 Historical Society
- 4/2/24 City Council Meeting
- 4/6/24 Coffee With A Cop

For additional information or

questions about this

Weekly Briefing, please email:

CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Larry de Graaf Honored at City Council Meeting

At Tuesday's City Council Meeting, the Council recognized Placentia resident Larry de Graaf for his 37+ years of service as a member of the Placentia Historical Committee. Larry served as Chair for many years, providing leadership and guiding the committee's work. He retired from the committee in 2023, ending his long tenure. Over the years, Larry's broad understanding of a community's various roles in history helped guide the Historical Committee in developing new goals and projects and continuing the work of preserving Placentia's history. The City thanks Larry for his many years of service to the community!



Miss Placentia and Miss Placentia Outstanding Teen Recognized at City Council Meeting

At Tuesday's City Council Meeting, the Council recognized Miss Placentia 2024 Madeline Smith and Miss Placentia Outstanding Teen 2024 Julieanne Roche. Madeline Smith is passionate about her community service initiative, Compassion In Action: Changing Lives, One Act at a Time and looks forward to sharing it with the City of Placentia. Julieanne Roche's passions include serving her community through her community service initiative called "Helping Hands."

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.oclandfills.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.

Please note: Should inclement weather occur, the event will be held inside the Backs Building at Kraemer Memorial Park.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Madres Brunch, Now Open!

The City of Placentia is thrilled to introduce an exciting addition to our culinary scene! Madres Brunch has opened its doors, occupying the former Duke's location in Cobblestone Village at 2099 E. Orangethorpe Avenue.

Madres Brunch is your go-to destination for a delightful breakfast experience! With a menu infused with Latin

flavors, they offer an array of enticing options including birria omelets, chilaquiles, strawberry

shortcake pancakes, and French toast. And that's not all – indulge in over 20 varieties of lattes, micheladas, mimosas, and margaritas.

This new establishment is sure to be a hit with Placentia residents and visitors alike. Madres Brunch welcomes you every day from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come show your support for this fantastic addition to our local dining scene!



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Smoke Alarm Safety

With the recent time change, it's time to check your smoke alarms!

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you an early warning so you can get outside quickly. Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Safety Tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



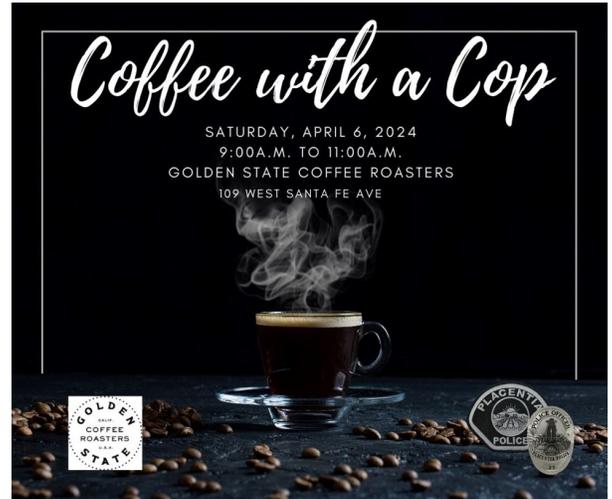
POLICE DEPARTMENT

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!



Third Grade Visits

This week, we were pleased to be visited by the 3rd-grade students from Wagner Elementary School.

Sergeant Garza, Officer Trejo, and Parking Control Officers



Chapman and Flores-Etkin spoke with the students about their jobs and responsibilities. They also answered many questions and gave the students a tour of their vehicles. The kids were incredibly excited to sit on Sergeant Garza's motor!



Our Department had a great time and looks forward to upcoming visits from the other 3rd-grade students in Placentia.

Vacation Home Checks are Back!

We are pleased to announce that our Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) are now available to perform Vacation Home Checks for Placentia residents. To request this FREE service, please complete the online form on our website at www.placentia.org/police at least five days before your trip. One of our VIPs will contact you to complete the arrangements.

For further information or any questions, contact Kelley Krahlung at kkrahlung@placentia.org or (714) 993-8179.

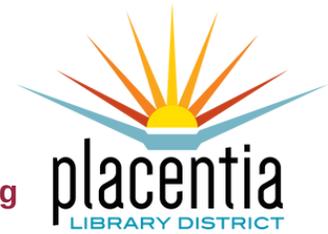
EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary: March 22-28, 2024

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



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.



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.

SOLAR ECLIPSE

Eclipse Glasses Pickup
Starting Monday, April 1
While supplies last
Information Desk

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party
Monday, April 8, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Placentia Library Lawn

While supplies last! Info:
placentialibrary.org/eclipse