

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

April is Earthquake Preparedness Month

April is Earthquake Awareness Month in California, an important time for reflection that earthquakes are unpredictable in size and location. Placentia encourages residents, visitors and our employees to take the time now to update their emergency plan, share any emergency preparedness lists with friends and family, and download free resources to take protective life-saving actions. Many things in life may catch us off guard, but earthquakes don't have to!

Recently, a 7.4 magnitude earthquake shook Taiwan and the effects, like a tsunami, had the potential to impact California's coastline. While rare, most Tsunamis are caused by earthquakes and the State of California continues to monitor these events around the clock for potential impacts to communities across the State.

STEPS TO PREPARE:

Know your risks: visit www.myhazards.caloes.ca.gov to learn about local risks; Prepare your home like securing furniture, appliances, home fuel systems and more;



Make a plan: Create a customized emergency plan for your specific needs; Build an emergency contact list; Build an emergency supply kit with copies of important documents

Sign up for alerts: [Local Alerts](#); [MyShake App](#); Keep Wireless Emergency Alerting (WEA) notifications turned on

Know how to protect yourself during an earthquake: DROP to the ground, COVER your head with your arms, and HOLD ON to your neck until shaking stops. Remain vigilant for aftershocks

Check in on family and friends after shaking stops: Reach out to your emergency contacts; Check-in with those in your community who may need additional assistance



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Upcoming Meetings and Events	
4/27/24	DEA National Drug Take Back Day
5/2/24	Koch Park Ribbon Cutting
5/6/24	Veterans Advisory Committee
5/7/24	City Council Meeting
5/14/24	Planning Commission

For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please email: CAWeekly@placentia.org



ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Old Town LIVE! - Tonight with Suemy G. Violin!

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. through June 20th. **Tonight's live band will be Suemy G. Violin!**

Come by the 100 Block of Santa Fe Avenue to enjoy a variety of music genres from different artists each week. The lineup for the rest of the series includes Prime Time Music, Darden, One Last Shot, and much more! We hope to see you there! For more information, please contact klouie@placentia.org.

The City Recognizes the Placentia Chamber of Commerce for 100 Years

The City was honored to recognize the Placentia Chamber of Commerce for their 100th Anniversary! The Placentia Chamber of Commerce was established in 1924 and their mission is to provide leadership for the advancement of economic vitality and quality of life for the total community. Providing programs and services that will expand and nurture investments, job opportunities and economic activity in Placentia. The Chamber is a vital role in our community and serves as a catalyst for economic recovery and growth, convener of business and community leaders, and champion for the needs of local businesses.



The City Celebrates 9-1-1 Telecommunications Week

This week, the City recognized our Public Safety Communications Center in honor of 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services. These dedicated men and women are the first responders and are more than anonymous voices on the telephone line. They are local police, fire, and medical professionals who use public safety telecommunications to quickly respond to emergency calls.

Telecommunicators at the Placentia Public Safety Communications Center have assisted with the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients. The work of these "unseen first responders" is invaluable in emergency situations, and each of these dedicated men and women deserves our heartfelt appreciation.

The City designated April 14th – 20th, 2024 as "911 Public Safety Telecommunications Week" in the City of Placentia in recognition of the dedicated dispatchers whose diligence and professionalism keep our City and citizens safe.





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 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.

Summer Volunteering Program

Join the Community Services team this summer! The Department is pleased to announce the Summer Volunteering Program. Junior High and High School students, aged 13-16, who need volunteer service hours for graduation are encouraged to apply to assist Community Services staff with activities throughout the City. Participants gain valuable on-the-job training skills, while being apart of a dynamic team this summer! Volunteers assist with youth sports, P.A.R.K.'s programs, special events, senior programs, and excursions. Applicants must be 13 years of age by June 1, 2024 and reside within the City limits of Placentia or attend a Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School District school. The deadline to apply is May 1, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please [click here](#) to view the flyer or contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Koch Park Phase II Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City is excited to announce that we will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 2nd at 4:00 p.m. at Koch Park to unveil the newly renovated playground equipment!

In following the Parks Initiative Plan, Phase II of the Koch Park playground completes the first responders' theme by complementing the previously installed Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department play structure and highlighting the Placentia Police and Public Works Departments.

The Police themed structure includes a Police Station, police car spring rider, and police SUV. The Public Works themed structure includes a slide, backhoe with monkey bars, dump truck, and excavator spring riders. The new rubberized surfacing features the same road design from the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department structure.

For more information on the event, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

The City of Placentia Presents

Koch Park

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday, May 2nd • 4:00 p.m.
2210 N. Valencia Ave, Placentia, CA 92870

Join us for the unveiling of Phase 2 for the Police & Public Works themed playground and celebrate the renovation of our seventh park, as part of the Placentia Parks Initiative!

Light refreshments will be available!

For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232

Placentia Parks Initiative Plan



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Orange County Compost Giveaway Event

FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY

MAY 4* | 7:30 a.m. - NOON

BEE CANYON GREENERY AT FRANK R. BOWERMAN LANDFILL
11002 BEE CANYON ACCESS RD., IRVINE

VALENCIA GREENERY AT OLINDA ALPHA LANDFILL
1942 N. VALENCIA AVE., BREA

CAPISTRANO GREENERY AT PRIMA DESHECHA LANDFILL
32250 AVENIDA LA PATA, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

- Residents should bring a shovel and container/bag to fill at Irvine and San Juan locations.
- Only pre-filled bags available at Brea location, (4) bag limit per household.
- Pre-filled bags are limited and will be distributed while supplies last.

*Event subject to weather. Visit OCLandfills.com or scan QR code for updates.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEA Drug Take Back Day

The Placentia Police Department is pleased to be participating again in the DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day 2024! This is a Drive-Thru event in the Civic Center parking lot from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 27th.

Drug Take Back Day is a free event for communities nationwide to properly dispose of old and unneeded medications safely and anonymously.

Bring your old and unneeded medications to the Placentia Civic Center parking lot for proper disposal. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue. Proper disposal of unneeded drugs saves lives and protects the environment and our overall community.



Partnership with the Hope Center



The Police Department continues to grow our partnership with the Hope Center. The Hope Center aligns homeless outreach efforts and strategies to increase efficiency and provide more reliable relief and consistent support to individuals experiencing homelessness in North Orange County and assist them from the street to housing. This will also reduce calls to 9-1-1 and allow our Officers to respond to the calls that are true emergencies and require a police response. The Hope Center mantra is, "Right People, Right Resources, Right Now."

Currently the Hope Dispatch Center, (657) 243-1884, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and takes messages during times they are not open. Individuals can call the Hope Center Dispatch line to report non-emergent homeless concerns.

You may begin seeing the Hope Center outreach vans and Homeless Liaison Officers in Placentia as we work with them to have non-emergent homelessness issues solved by them. We encourage everyone to utilize this valuable resource and report non-emergent homeless concerns to the Hope Center Dispatch line at (657) 243-1884.



FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

CERT Program

On Thursday, April 11th, Placentia Fire and Life Safety hosted the CERT program at Station 2 to teach participants about the Fire Department and the Department's operations. Participants were able to tour the station, learn about the equipment and apparatus that firefighters use every day, and participate in a hands-on fire extinguisher demonstration.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Veterans Way Development Update

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce that a grading permit has been issued and site preparation is currently underway for Placentia's newest housing development, Veterans Way. The developer, Toffoli Investments, has received approval to develop a 1.3-acre vacant lot for the construction of four, three story, multi-family buildings consisting of 39 for-sale residential townhome units and associated hardscape and landscaping improvements.

The upcoming development will replace an existing parking lot and will be in proximity to a previously established adjacent development along Veteran's Way, known as Veterans Village. Veterans Village, which opened in 2020, serves as a supportive housing development for military veterans. The new homes will showcase a contemporary design aesthetic marked by sleek lines, a subdued color palette of whites and grays, exterior façade pop-outs, and second-story patios.



The property is located at 1952 and 1958 E. Veterans Way. Access to the site will be provided from Lakeview Loop. A future City trail system project, referred to as Atwood Trail, will provide future residents with access along the Orange County Flood Control Channel.

The project is expected to be completed by 2026. To receive updates on the project's status, as well as other developments in the City, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

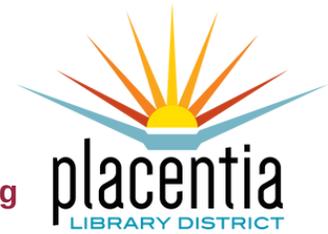
EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary: April 19-25, 2024

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



National Volunteer Week

April 21-27

Thank you to all our library volunteers! We are incredibly thankful for all our teen and high school volunteers who help us at library events, our adult Literacy volunteers who assist with English tutoring, and our bookstore volunteers who help stock the Placentia Library Friends Foundation's bookstore.



Looking to volunteer at the library? Contact us at volunteers@placentialibrary.org or visit placentialibrary.org/volunteering.

Thank you to the Placentia Library Friends Foundation for their generous support of library programs!

Storytimes

Join us at the library for three amazing storytimes for children of all ages and their caregivers:

- Luna, Luna! Bilingual Storytime: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 - On break: Returning in May!
- Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
 - This week: Friday, April 19
- Family Storytime: Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
 - This week: Saturday, April 20

View our full storytime schedule and learn more on at calendar.placentialibrary.org

Yoga at the Library

Saturdays in April and May

This Week: Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Placentia Library Lawn

Discover yoga for your body and mind with Good Moodra Yoga. Relax and flow into each pose as you enjoy the sunshine from our library lawn. Ages 14+. Space is limited, first come, first served. Bring your own mat. Check website for cancellation notices.

Virtual Meditation

Registration is now open for our Virtual Meditation series happening this May. Learn more at placentialibrary.org/meditation. Ages 14+.