

City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

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“Rich Heritage, Bright Future”

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

KTLA Features Tony’s Little Italy Pizza in Placentia

Tony’s Little Italy Pizza in Placentia has been recognized by Yelp as having one of the best Chicago -style pizzas’ in the Country. On April 25, 2024, KTLA featured the owner Tony Manzella Jr. and his mom Rosalie to talk about their small business and their success for having one of the best Chicago -style pizzas. To view the KTLA clip, please [click here](#). To read the Yelp article, please [click here](#).

Tony’s Little Italy Pizza is located at 1808 N. Placentia Avenue.

Old Town LIVE! - Tonight with Vaughn Fahie Jazz Experience!

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 Vaughn Fahie Jazz Experience!** 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.

Plasencia, Spain Sister City Visit

Last week, the City of Placentia was honored to host delegates from our Sister City, Plasencia, Spain! The day started off with introductions and presentations from our City Council and staff to share with them about our government and operations. Then, we held a ceremonial flag-raising ceremony, and City staff took them to lunch and drove them around the City to tour our beautiful parks and facilities. The day ended with the presentation of gifts and a dinner.



This was a monumental moment for the City of Placentia, and we are excited to continue strengthening our ties with our new Sister City. We look forward to continued collaboration and partnership between our two cities.

[Click here](#) to watch a video from the visit.

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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



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2023 Tree City USA Designation

The City of Placentia has earned recognition as a 2023 Tree City USA! The Tree City USA designation honors the City's commitment to effective urban forest management. The program provides communities with a four-step framework to maintain and grow their tree cover. The City achieved the Tree City USA recognition for meeting the program's four requirements, which include having a designated tree board or department, adopting a tree-care Ordinance, having an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and proclaiming and observing Arbor Day. The program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the US Forest Service and National Association of State Foresters. Through this partnership, their organizations aim to inspire communities to plant trees, properly care for trees, and celebrate trees. Trees are valuable assets in our communities due to the many benefits they provide, including providing cleaner air, providing wildlife habitats, reducing home cooling costs, and improving the aesthetics in our neighborhoods. The City has 6,734 trees, with 157 unique species in Placentia's tree inventory. By becoming a Tree City USA, Placentia joins a dedicated network of more than 3,600 Tree City USA communities nationwide. Visit the Arbor Day Foundation to learn more about the [Tree City USA program](#).

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 prefilled bags available at Brea location, (4) bag limit per household.
- Prefilled bags are limited and will be distributed while supplies last.

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







FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Tynes Preschool Visit

On Wednesday, April 24th, Engine 1 and Truck 2 visited Tynes Preschool to teach the students about fire safety and to learn about the tools on the apparatus.

The crews demonstrated how their Personal Protection Equipment works, and encouraged the students to talk about fire safety in their homes with their parents.

To schedule a fire tour with Placentia Fire and Life Safety, please email your request to fire@placentia.org.





COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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 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

Parque del Arroyo Verde Available for Reservations

Parque del Arroyo Verde is newly renovated and now features several expanded play lots, a new walkway layout, picnic pavilion, bocce ball court, and a zip line apparatus. As part of the Placentia Parks Initiative, the park features a custom "adventure" theme, making it a destination park for families to enjoy.

The new renovations make the park the perfect space for birthday parties, social gatherings, and other special events. The City encourages residents and groups to rent the picnic pavilion for their next event. As a reminder, please help us keep our park beautiful by ensuring dogs are kept on a leash when utilizing the park.

For information on how to rent the space and for rental fees, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEA Drug Take Back Day—This Saturday!

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. this **Saturday, 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."

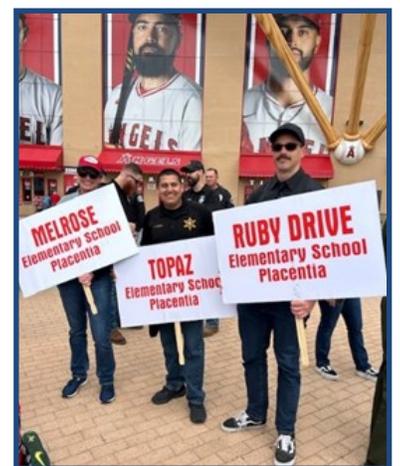


Currently the Hope Dispatch Center, (657) 243-1884, is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and takes messages during times they are not open. Individuals can call the Hope Center Dispatch line to report non-emergent homeless concerns.

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.

Angels Game with G.R.I.P. Team

This week we were pleased to join the Orange County District Attorney's Office G.R.I.P. (Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership) Team, to celebrate all the Orange County G.R.I.P. students who successfully met or exceeded their goals in Academics, Attitude and Attendance for this school year. We joined students, faculty, and parents from Melrose and Ruby Elementary schools at Angels Stadium to listen to motivational words from Angels players



Aaron Hicks and Jo Adell, OC DA Todd Spitzer, OC Sheriff Don Barnes, and many others. After the speeches, the students were treated to a hot dog lunch in the Rose Gardens and then were led to their seats to enjoy the game between the Angels and the Baltimore Orioles.



Great job, students! Keep up your hard work and commitment to making good choices for your future. We can't wait to see what you accomplish next!



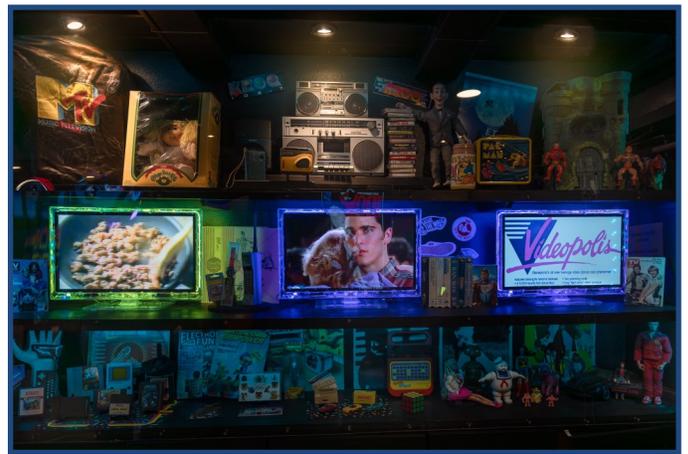
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The 80s Bar and Grill Grand Opening

The City of Placentia is excited to introduce an exciting addition to our City's nightlife! The 80s Bar and Grill will have their grand opening this **Saturday, April 27, 2024**, at the former Rembrandt's location at 909 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard.

The 80s Bar will feature '80s-themed' cocktails and drinks, fresh food, as well as music and live entertainment. The bar will also hold events, such as karaoke, dance parties, fundraisers, social mixers, and artist tribute nights. The hours of operation will be Wednesday to Sunday, from 5:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

This new establishment is sure to be a hit with Placentia residents and visitors alike. The 80s Bar is no stranger to the region, with locations in Corona, Montclair, and Fullerton. Come show your support for this stellar addition to our local nightlife scene!



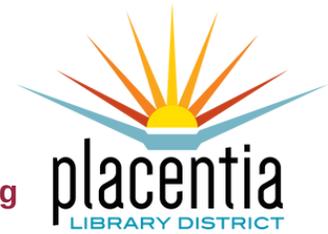
EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary

Placentia Library District

Weekly Summary: April 26 - May 2, 2024

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



California State Library Parks Pass Hiking Backpacks

Now available for free 7-day checkout!



Just in: California State Library Parks Pass Hiking Backpack Kits! The backpack kits are available for a free 7-day checkout with no holds and include hiking supplies and a Parks Pass to allow free day-use entry to more than 200+ state parks and beaches.

Stop by the library to see if it's your lucky day!

placentialibrary.org/parks-pass

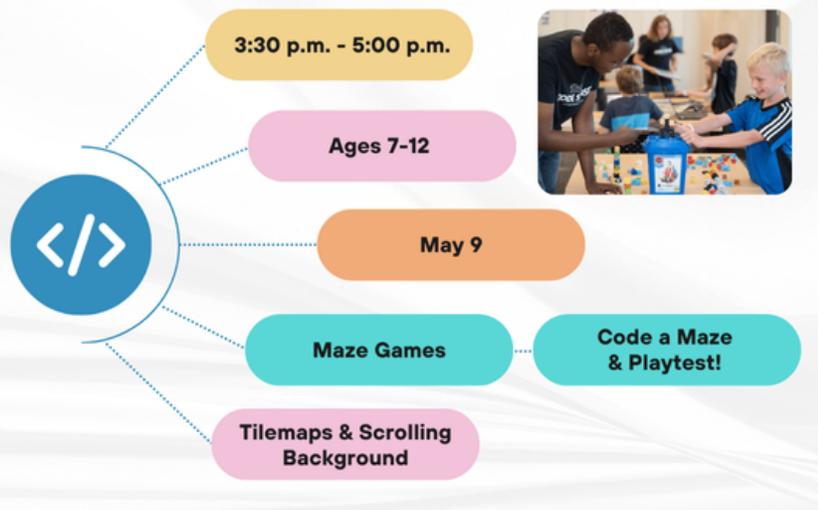
Storytimes

Storytimes are back! Join us on Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m. for Luna Luna!; Friday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m. for Baby Giggles and Wiggles; and Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m. for Family Storytime

¡Vuelven los cuentos! Únase a nosotros el 1 de Mayo a las 6:30 p.m. para Luna, Luna!; 3 de Mayo a las 9:30 a.m. para Baby Giggles and Wiggles; y el 4 de Mayo a las 10 a.m. para la hora del cuento en familia.



STEAM Labs! Presented by Code Ninjas!



STEAM Labs!

Second Thursday of the Month
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

First session: Thursday, May 9

Join us for a series of programs focusing on coding concepts presented by Code Ninjas! Learn about sequencing, loops and arrays to plan and build mazes and games. Space is limited, first come first served. Open to children ages 7 – 12.