



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

November 26, 2024

Administration Department

Happy Thanksgiving from the City of Placentia

As we gather with loved ones to celebrate Thanksgiving, the City of Placentia extends warm wishes to our community members. Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on the blessings in our lives. This year, we've seen significant achievements and progress throughout our city. Our progress would not be possible without the dedication and contributions of our residents, businesses, and community partners. Your commitment to making Placentia a wonderful place to live, work, and play is what makes our city so special. The City thanks you for your support and collaboration as we continue working together to build a bright future for our community. Wishing you and your families a joyous, safe, and memorable Thanksgiving filled with love and gratitude.



Shop Small Placentia



This holiday season, let's come together to support our local businesses. The City is excited to announce our partnership with the Placentia Chamber of Commerce on our 'Shop Small Placentia' campaign, starting November 29th through December 25th! During this time, the community is encouraged to snap a photo while shopping at participating Placentia businesses and share it on Instagram for a chance to win a grand prize! For full details on the contest, please visit www.shopsmallplacentia.com. Happy Holiday Shopping, Placentia! Let's keep our community thriving by shopping at our local businesses.

City Facilities Thanksgiving Closure

All City facilities will be closed on November 27th and

November 28th. The City of Placentia Police Department, Fire and Life Safety Department will remain open. For non-life threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or Public Works issues, please call (714) 993-8111. The City of Placentia wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!



Community Services Department

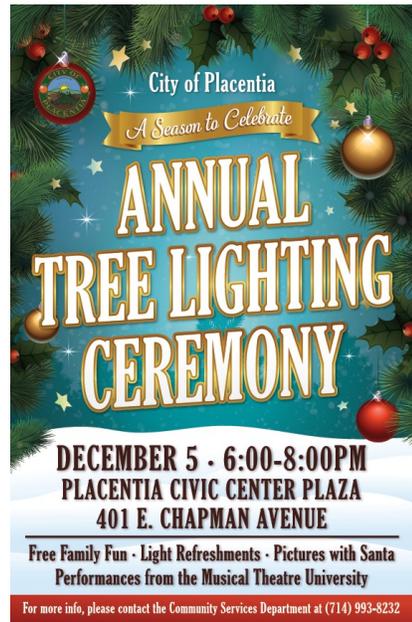
Placentia Toy Drive



The Community Services Department, Police Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, and the Placentia Library are hosting a Holiday Toy Drive. Donations of toys are being accepted now through December 12th. Gifts will be distributed to families in need in Placentia and surrounding communities. For those interested in donating, please drop off new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0-18 at one of the locations listed on the flyer. [Click here to view the Toy Drive flyer.](#) For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

Holiday Tree Lighting Event

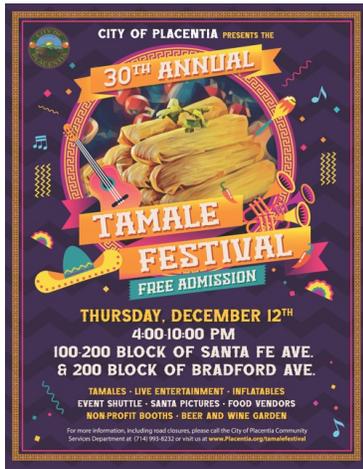
On Thursday, December 5th, the City will host the annual Holiday Tree Lighting event at the Civic Center Plaza from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will feature performances by the Musical Theatre University and the Freckled Frog Dance Group, the lighting of the Menorah by the Chabad Beth Meir Hacoheh, holiday crafts, and the lighting of the Holiday Tree! OC Tacos Truck will have Latin cuisine. Please visit the following link to view the menu: www.foodsmackdown.com/oc-tacos. Sweets Stop will also have treats available for purchase. Photos with Santa Claus will be available between 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Please bring your own camera for photos. The Holiday Tree will be lit every evening throughout the Holiday Season. For more information on City events, contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.



Holiday Movie Night

The Community Services Department is inviting everyone to attend our Holiday Movie Night on Friday, December 6th, featuring the movie Elf! This family-friendly event is open to all ages and will be held at Oberle Gym, 974 S. Melrose St., at 6:30 p.m. Lights snacks will be available. For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Placentia Tamale Festival 2024



The City of Placentia is pleased to announce the 30th annual Tamale Festival to be held in Old Town Placentia on the 100 and 200 blocks of Santa Fe and the 200 block of Bradford Ave on Thursday, December 12th, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Each year, the event draws large crowds of 8,000 to 10,000 attendees, and the City is excited to kick off the Holiday season with this beloved festival. The event will feature live entertainment, food and tamale vendors, non-profit booths, business booths, two beer vendors and a craft beer garden, pictures with Santa Claus, a Holiday Tree Lighting, and a kid's game area. Additionally, a free event shuttle will be available throughout the evening to and from nearby off-site parking locations. If you are interested in being a vendor, or for more information about the event, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or visit www.placentiatamalefestival.org.

Development Services Department

PhoNatic is Now Open in Placentia!

The City is pleased to welcome PhoNatic to Placentia! PhoNatic, located at 1804 N. Placentia Avenue, opened on November 15th and serves pho (Vietnamese noodle soup) and other Vietnamese specialties. PhoNatic is the newest addition to the Sierra Vista Shopping Center. With the temperatures cooling in time for the upcoming winter holiday season, PhoNatic and its wide selection of pho is sure to be a welcome addition to the area. The location has been completely remodeled and will soon feature new signage. The City of Placentia proudly welcomes the restaurant to the neighborhood! For more information on PhoNatic and other new businesses in the City, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



Fire and Life Safety Department

10 Ways to Prevent Home Fires this Thanksgiving

While the Thanksgiving holiday is synonymous with delicious food and gatherings with family and friends, it's crucial to prioritize fire and life safety, especially in the heart of our homes – the kitchen. To ensure that your Thanksgiving is filled with joy and not unexpected emergencies, the Fire and Life Safety Department encourages you to be smart about how you cook by following these essential safety tips:

1. Stand by your pan: Always keep a close eye on your cooking. If you need to step away from the kitchen, be sure to turn off the burner to prevent potential hazards.
2. Keep an eye on what you fry: Frying food can lead to cooking fires. Stay vigilant and attentive when frying to avoid accidents.
3. Roll up your sleeves: Reduce the risk of accidents by rolling up your sleeves while cooking to minimize the chance of clothing catching fire.
4. Supervise children and pets: Ensure the safety of your loved ones by keeping children and pets away from the stove and cooking areas.
5. Watch what you're cooking: If you notice smoke or grease starting to boil, turn off the

- burner immediately to prevent a potential fire.
6. If there's an oven fire, keep the door closed: In the event of an oven fire, keep the door closed, turn off the oven, and wait until it cools before opening.
 7. Move flammable items away from the stove: Keep items such as dishtowels, bags, boxes, paper, and curtains away from the stove to prevent accidental fires.
 8. Turn pot handles toward the back: Position pot handles towards the back of the stove to avoid accidental bumps or pulls that could lead to spills.
 9. Use turkey fryers outdoors: If you're planning to use a turkey fryer, do so outdoors on a sturdy surface, away from anything that could potentially catch fire.
 10. Check smoke alarms: Ensure that your smoke alarms are in working order, especially those located near sleeping areas. Regularly test and replace batteries as needed.

Taking these precautions will help create a safer environment for you, your family, and our community during this festive season. We wish you a Thanksgiving filled with warmth, joy, and, most importantly, safety.

Structure Fire

On Sunday, November 24th, at approximately 7:40 p.m., Placentia Fire & Life Safety Department personnel responded to a possible structure fire in the 1200 block of Hacienda. The first fire crew arrived within 3 minutes of dispatch and found a two-story, single-family residence with smoke and fire showing from the roof. The fire was upgraded to a working assignment. Fire units from Anaheim, Brea, and Fullerton assisted Placentia Fire & Life Safety with the extinguishment. The home was not occupied by residents at the time of the fire, and there were no reported injuries to civilians or firefighters. The cause of the fire is under investigation at this time. Placentia Fire & Life Safety is working to support the family during their time of loss.



Police Department

TOPSoccer Recognition

Last weekend we were happy to join JUSA Soccer and Cal South to recognize all of the amazing athletes from TOPSoccer! We enjoy meeting these inspiring families, playing soccer with the athletes, and seeing their progress every season. Thank you for including us in this very special night. We can't wait to see everyone again!



OC GRIP Recognition



We were pleased to join the OC Gang Reduction and Intervention Partnership (GRIP) to congratulate students at Ruby Drive Elementary, Topaz Elementary, and Melrose Elementary Schools on meeting their goals in Academics, Accountability, and Attendance. Students from each school were awarded \$100 in gas gift cards and Achievement Certificates in recognition of their hard work and accomplishments. Congratulations on your success. We can't wait to see what you do in 2025!

Public Works Department

Holiday Trash Collection and Street Sweeping Schedule

Trash collection from Monday, November 25th, through Wednesday, November 27th, will proceed as scheduled. However, due to the Thanksgiving holiday, trash collection on Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th, will be delayed by one day. Collection scheduled for Thursday, November 28th will occur on Friday, November 29th, and collection scheduled for Friday, November 29th will be moved to Saturday, November 30th. Regular trash collection will resume on Monday, December 2nd. For any questions or concerns, please contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300.

Street sweeping services will not be provided on Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th, due to the holiday. If your regular sweeping day falls on one of these dates, your street will be swept on your next regularly scheduled day. Regular street sweeping will resume on Monday, December 2nd.

Public Input Requested for Americans with Disabilities Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

In keeping with its ongoing efforts to serve all members of the public, the City of Placentia is updating its Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) self-evaluation and transition plan. The accessibility plan provides a comprehensive plan for accessibility for persons with disabilities to City facilities, programs, services, activities and events. The City is seeking input from the community and organizations assisting persons with disabilities. Your feedback will assist in addressing and prioritizing current and future accessibility needs. Your comments and opinions are important to us and will provide valuable information regarding how the City can better serve persons with disabilities. [Surveys for the public and for organizations are available here](#) and more information can be found by visiting www.placentia.org/ADA. You can also send an email or call the ADA/504 Coordinator with your comments and suggestions without completing a survey.

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Please contact Kyra Tao, ADA/504 Coordinator, if you have questions or comments or would like to request a survey in an alternate format. Information regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act can be obtained from the ADA/504 Coordinator. The City of Placentia complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Public Law 101-336, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. The City of Placentia will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Library Programs, Books, Services, and More

Looking for something to do this week? We always have something going on at the library, from weekly storytimes and teen volunteering opportunities to book clubs and community events! Plus, check out books, video games and movies at the library or access eBooks, eAudiobooks, online learning resources free with your library card and more! Visit www.placentialibrary.org to get started.

Highlights for the Week:

Read to the Dogs

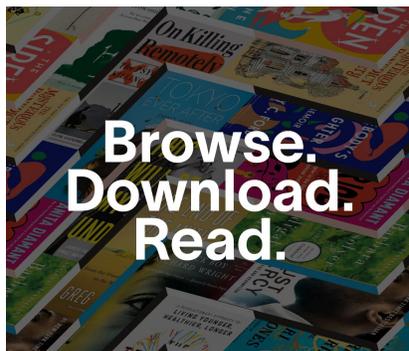
First Monday of the Month

6:00 p.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

This Week: Monday, December 2nd

Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. – because even dogs like to hear a good tail-chasing tale now and then!



Featured Online Resource:

The Palace Project

Download thousands of eBooks and Audiobooks on the Palace app!

To get started, download the Palace app from the App Store or Google Play, select Placentia Library District as your library, and sign in with your library card and PIN, which are usually the last four digits of your phone number.



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