



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

December 12, 2024

Administration Department

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 happening now 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.



Level Up! Restaurant and Retail Edition



Ready to "Level Up" your restaurant or retail business here in Placentia? Join the OCIE SBDC Network, the City of Placentia, and the Placentia Chamber of Commerce to refine your growth approach, avoid costly missteps, and build a solid foundation for expansion. Whether you want to open a new location, expand your customer reach, or strengthen your team, this FREE program is your next step forward. Sessions will be held Monday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from January 27 through February 24, 2025. There will be two in-person and two virtual sessions, maximizing learning and flexibility. For more information and to register, visit LevelUpYourBusiness.eventbrite.com.

Community Services Department

Placentia Toy Drive

The Community Services Department, Police Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, and

the Placentia Library is 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.



Placentia Tamale Festival 2024



The City of Placentia is pleased to announce the 30th annual Tamale Festival in Old Town Placentia on the 100 and 200 blocks of Santa Fe and the 200 block of Bradford Ave **tonight, December 12th, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** The event draws large crowds of 8,000 to 10,000 attendees each year, 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, a craft beer garden, pictures with Santa Claus, a Holiday Tree Lighting, and a kid's game area. A free event shuttle will also be available throughout the evening to and from nearby off-site parking locations. For more information about the event, including parking and a shuttle map, please visit the Festival website at www.placentiatamalefestival.org.

Development Services Department

Hudson Townhomes Nearing Completion

The City of Placentia is happy to announce that construction on the Hudson Townhomes development is nearing completion. The gated townhome development is located in the City's Atwood neighborhood at 443 and 455 S. Van Buren Street, just south of the intersection of Orangethorpe Avenue and Van Buren Street. When completed, the 139-unit residential development will consist of 22 separate three-story buildings. The townhomes have six floor plans: 25 one-bedroom units, 52 two-bedroom units, and 62 three-bedroom units. The unit types will measure between 762 square feet and 1,349 square feet in overall floor area, and each unit will feature an attached one- or two-car garage. Each unit boasts a contemporary design and prominently features clean lines, earth-hued color palettes, and several community amenities. Amenities include a tot lot, gated entry and neighborhood, dog park, basketball court, BBQs and fire pits, and a central location adjacent to the 57, 91, and 55 Freeways. The project developer, a partnership between Toffoli Investments and Landsea Homes, is constructing the townhomes. For information on Hudson and other projects in the City, contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



Fire and Life Safety Department

Holiday Decorating Safety

Decorating homes and businesses is a long-standing tradition during the holiday season. Unfortunately, these decorations may increase your chances of a fire. Follow the tips below to help prevent fires during the holidays:

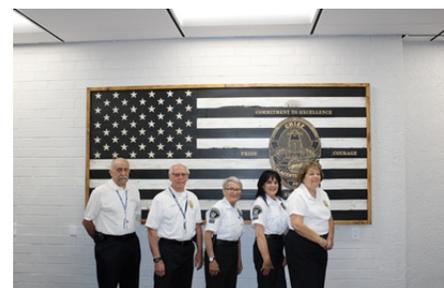
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree can burn fast and hot.
- Make sure your tree is at least three feet away from heat sources (like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles, or heat vents). Make sure your tree doesn't block exits.
- Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.
- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- Read the manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect together.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles instead of real candles.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns. Ensure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.



Police Department

Vacation Home Checks for the Holidays

With the holidays upon us, we want to remind everyone that our Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS) are performing Vacation Home Checks in the community! Whether you are going out of town for a few days or an extended period over the holidays, you can submit an online request to have our VIPS keep an extra set of eyes on your home while you are away. Visit www.placentia.org/vacationchecks and complete the online request form at least 5 days before your departure. Our VIPS will regularly stop by your home to ensure everything is as it should be. If you run into our VIPS this holiday season, stop and say hello!



Angel Tree Program

Over the past month, City staff have participated in the Crittenton Services Angel Tree program. This program offers a chance to make a difference by fulfilling a holiday wish for a child, teen, or young adult in need. Each wish is given a 'tag,' which we place on two Christmas trees, one in City Hall and one in the Police Department. City employees then get to select a tag or tags to shop for. This year, we had 150 tags, and every



single one was chosen and its wish fulfilled. This is a project everyone looks forward to, and we are happy to have been able to participate in it again this year. Thank you, Crittenton Services, for your important work and for inviting us to be a part of it.

Public Works Department

Recycle Your Holiday Tree

Real holiday trees will be accepted at your curb by Republic Services starting Thursday, December 26, 2024, through Thursday, January 9, 2025. Remove all lights, ornaments, tinsel, garlands, and metal or plastic stands to recycle your tree. Set the bare tree at the curb on your regular trash collection day. If your tree is over 6 feet tall, please cut it in half for safe and easy collection. No flocked trees will be accepted for recycling. If you take your tree down after January 9, 2025, please cut it into pieces that will fit into your yard waste cart or dumpster with the lid closed. You can also recycle holiday wreaths and greenery in your yard waste cart or dumpster. The wreaths and greenery must also be bare, so please remove all wires, hooks, bows, and other decorations. Collected trees and greenery are turned into mulch, compost, and ground cover. If your family enjoys an artificial tree, pack it up for next year. If you no longer have a use for your artificial tree and it is still in good condition, consider donating it to a nearby organization or second-hand store. If you are discarding an artificial tree, wreath, or flocked tree, please place it into the waste cart or dumpster or schedule a bulky item pickup. **Artificial trees, artificial wreaths, and flocked trees are not recyclable.** Contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300 for more information.

Holiday Schedule for Trash Collection and Street Sweeping Services

There will be no trash collection services on the following holidays:

- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2024
- New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1, 2025

If your weekly trash pickup is on or after the holiday, your pickup that week will be delayed by one day. For instance, when the holiday is on a Wednesday, Wednesday's collection will take place on Thursday, Thursday's collection on Friday, and so on, with Friday's collection on Saturday. Please call Republic Services at (714) 238-3300 for additional information.

Street sweeping services will be temporarily suspended from December 23, 2024, through January 3, 2025. They will resume on January 6, 2025. For additional information, please visit www.placentia.org/streetsweeping.

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

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: December 13 - 19

Library Programs, Books, Services, and More

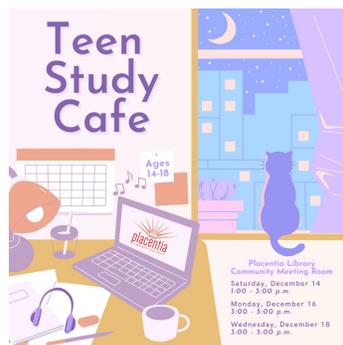
Looking for something to do this week? We always have something going on at the library, from weekly storytimes and teen volunteering opportunities to book clubs and community events! Plus, check out books, video games and movies at the library or access eBooks, eAudiobooks, online learning resources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

Highlights for the Week:

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. *This Week: Wednesday, December 18th*
- Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime: Fridays at 9:30 a.m. *This Week: Friday, December 13th*
- Family Storytime: Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. *This Week: Saturday, December 14th*



Featured Program:

Teen Study Cafe

Saturday, December 14th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 16th, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18th, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

Prepare for final exams at our Teen Study Cafe, which is open to all teens! Drop by for a snack and study with your classmates to get ready for the end of the year.

OC Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee Holiday Toy Drive

Join Supervisor Doug Chaffee for the Annual Holiday Toy Drive Event

Orange County Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee will host his annual Toy Drive on

December 14th at Loara High School, 1765 W Cerritos Avenue, Anaheim. This is a drive-thru event only; no walk-ups are allowed. All items are on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Registration is encouraged but not required. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)



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