

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing



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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION

◆ Memorial Day Ceremonies

The Placentia Linda Unified School District will be hosting their annual Memorial Day Ceremony on Friday, May 22th at 10:00 a.m. at Valencia High School, 500 N. Bradford Avenue. The ceremony will take place in the Memorial Garden located on the north side of campus between the Library and the Math Building. The event will feature special performances from Valencia High School Tiger Regiment and the Valencia High School Choir. A keynote address by Chief Ward Smith will also take place to pay tribute to the courageous men and women of the American Armed Forces. For additional information, please contact (714) 996-4970.



The Veterans Advisory Committee would like to cordially invite the community to attend our first raising of a Burial Flag. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Placentia Civic Center adjacent to the Veterans Monument, 401 E. Chapman Avenue. For more information about the Burial Flag Program, please contact (714) 993-8264 or click on the following link, [Burial Flag Program](#).

◆ First Indication of West Nile Virus in 2015

The first indication of West Nile virus in 2015 has been detected in a sample of mosquitoes collected in the City of Tustin. The mosquitoes were captured on May 13, 2015 near the intersection of Prospect Ave. and Beneta Way. The Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District (District) routinely tests groups of adult female mosquitoes for the presence of West Nile virus. The District urges the public to conduct routine property inspections for mosquito-breeding sources. Look for any standing water around the house or neighborhood and either remove the water source, or contact the District to inspect and treat the source. Remember, mosquitoes can complete their life cycle in just one week in a water source as small as a bottle cap. For more information, please call (714) 971-2421 or www.ocvcd.org.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 5/25 Memorial Day - City Facilities Closed
- 5/26 Historical Committee
- 5/26 Economic Development Committee
- 6/1 Veterans Advisory Committee
- 6/2 City Council Meeting

For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please contact us at administration@placentia.org.



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ADMINISTRATION

◆ Public Meeting on Golden State Water Company's Mandatory Water Conservation Filing

Golden State Water Company (GSWC) filed an Advice Letter with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to add Schedule 14.1-PL Staged Mandatory Water Conservation and Rationing to its tariffs. On Thursday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m., GSWC will host a public meeting to discuss this filing. The public meeting will be held at the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District, District Office Board Room, 1301 E. Orangethorpe Avenue. The meeting will specifically discuss the mandatory water use restrictions, enforcement mechanisms, conservation rebates and other programs to help customers reduce their water usage.

For additional information, please click on the link below or visit GSWC's website at www.gswater.com or call the GSWC's Customer Service Center, toll free, at (800) 999-4033, TTY (877) 933-9533, 24 hours a day.

[Information on Golden State Water Company's Public Meeting](#)

◆ OC Register Article "Council Hears Recommendations for Balancing Budget" By Denisse Salazar

The Citizens Fiscal Sustainability Task Force presented recommendations for balancing the city's finances to the City Council on Tuesday. The seven-member task force, which was selected in March by the City Council, met seven times and spent nearly 30 hours reviewing financial information to find ways for the city to reduce expenditures and increase revenues. The operational budget for 2015-16 is projecting a \$25,000 surplus, which includes spending on things such as police and public works services, but the city is facing a \$4 million deficit in its budget for infrastructure needs, Acting City Administrator Damien Arrula said during a study session.

To read the entire article please click on the following link www.ocregister.com

◆ "Drowning is Preventable: Never Swim Alone"

Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death in Orange County for children under the age of five and last year an influx of adult drownings occurred at an alarming rate requiring everyone's help. The Orange County Fire Authority in partnership with CHOC Hospital in Orange County are partnering together to increase public awareness.

Action Step #1: Protection. Use layers of barrier protection between children and water to warn and impede.

Action Step #2: Supervision. Adults must establish and communicate responsibility for child supervision.

Action Step #3: Preparation. Learn how to swim. Learn proper rescue techniques. Learn CPR. Mount rescue equipment by the pool.

Never leave a child alone near a pool or spa, bathtub, toilet, water-filled bucket, pond, or any standing water in which a child's nose and mouth may be submersed. For more information please visit www.choc.org.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

◆ Placentia Community Foundation's Community Summit

On Monday, June 1st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the Placentia Community Foundation (PCF) will be hosting a Community Summit at the Placentia Library Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Avenue. The event will include discussion of effective ways to empower a stronger Placentia and will feature a keynote speaker from the Orange County Community Foundation. They will demonstrate how effective communication, fundraising and shared network resources are important for a successful community organization. In addition, the PCF will kick-off the 2015 grant cycle. Placentia community organizations are encouraged to attend and receive information on how to apply for grants of up to \$5,000. To RSVP, please click on the following link www.eventbrite.com or call (714) 993-8227.

PUBLIC WORKS

◆ 2015 Save Water Expo

On Saturday, June 6th at 10:00 a.m., the Municipal Water District of Orange County will be hosting the 2015 Save Water Expo at the ARTIC, 2626 E. Katella Avenue in Anaheim. This free family event will have several water conservation workshops, demonstrations, giveaways, raffles, and rides. Admission is free! For additional information, please visit www.anaheim.net/savewater.

◆ SCE's Solar Connection Event

On Monday, June 15th at 5:00 p.m., Southern California Edison will be hosting a Solar Connect Event at Embassy Suites in Brea, 900 E. Birch Street. The event will discuss the environmental benefits of solar energy, solar photovoltaic, and solar water heating systems. Several licenses solar energy and solar water heating contractors will be in attendance.

For more information or to register online please visit www.sce.com/solartrainingBREA or register by phone at (866) 970-9221.

ENGINEERING AND CIP

◆ Request For Proposal – Design-Build for the Metrolink/Downtown Parking Structure

The request for proposals (RFP) for designing and building a parking structure for the Metrolink Station and Downtown area was published on Thursday, April 22, 2015. Proposals were originally due on Tuesday, May 26th, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. However, City Staff has issued Addendum #1 to the RFP to extend the deadline to submit proposals. The new date to submit proposals is Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. In addition, the budget for the project has been adjusted from \$6 million to \$4.4 million. Once proposals are received, City Staff will review and rank them. The Acting City Administrator will take the proposals to the City Council for consideration and discussion in June 2015.

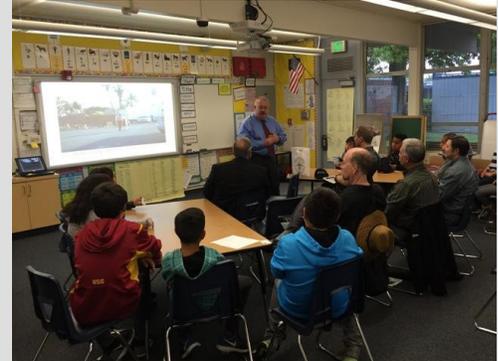
[RFP for Design-Build for the Metrolink/Downtown Parking Structure](#)



POLICE DEPARTMENT

◆ Safe Routes to School

The Placentia Police Department and Orange County Health Agency have been working together with a student leadership team at Ruby Drive Elementary School. The student team at Ruby Drive has been accessing the walking routes to school and documenting what is right and wrong with their walking path to school as part of the Safe Routes to School Grant.



The students presented their findings to City officials from Placentia and Fullerton on Thursday, May 14th and requested officials' assistance in fixing key issues. As the students presented issues City officials could directly respond to the problem and give further information to the students. The students at Ruby Drive were extremely respectful and very constructive in their findings. The students should see some of the changes they suggested being implemented very soon. Most importantly the students learned that their voice is important and felt empowered to be proactive members of the community. The program was a perfect example of citizens and the City working together to solve the issues that affect the public. The Police Department hopes to continue the program at other schools throughout the City.

◆ Significant Events

May 13, 2015

A Placentia resident was cleaning out his garage and located a grenade. He brought it into the front counter of the Police Department to have it disposed of, prompting the evacuation of the Placentia Civic Center. Orange County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad was called out and they determined the grenade was a live World War II era "Illumination" grenade. The bomb squad removed the device and the evacuation was lifted without further incident.

A woman attempted suicide by lying across the railroad tracks at Orangethorpe and Van Buren as an eastbound train was approaching. A witness coaxed her off the tracks and Police Officers detained her for a mental evaluation.

May 14, 2015

A residential burglary on Tomko was interrupted when the homeowners returned. The burglar was not seen, but heard fleeing the residence on the roof from an upstairs window. There was no property stolen and the suspect was not located.

May 15, 2015

At approximately 12:59 p.m., two Police Officers conducted an occupied vehicle check at Orchard and Caliente. As a result, a notorious package thief was caught in the act of stealing packages from a nearby residence on Harrison Ct. She, along with an accomplice were arrested for conspiracy, theft, and narcotics charges.



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May 15, 2015

At 1:27 p.m., a transformer exploded at the intersection of Richfield and Orangethorpe causing the signals, railroad crossing arms, and surrounding businesses to go dark. As a result, Placentia Police personnel responded with barricades to assist with monitoring vehicle and train traffic. Temporary full power was restored by TSM and BNSF with the use of generators. Edison estimates the power to be out for a minimum of 15 hours.

May 19, 2015

An adult male student at El Dorado High School became enraged and refused to abide by school administration directions. Placentia Police was called and the student refused to listen to the Police Officer's commands to come down off a wall he had climbed upon. The student was arrested, booked at Placentia Police Department and was subsequently booked into the Orange County Jail.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

- ◆ [Development Services Project List](#)
- ◆ [Orange County Fire Authority Weekly Executive Summary](#)