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## CITY PARKS AND COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

Over the last several months the City has made improvements and upgrades to several parks and community centers.

The recently completed renovation at Kraemer Memorial Park located at 201 N. Bradford Avenue have greatly enhanced safety, accessibility and created additional recreational opportunities for the public to enjoy. Specific improvements include: a brand new restroom facility, basketball court, volleyball court, and additional lighting both in the renovated park area and around the Backs Community Building.



A project that is nearing completion is a renovation to the Gomez Community Center at 1701

Atwood Avenue. Improvements include floors, doors, windows, kitchen, restrooms, activity rooms and creating approximately 1,000 square feet of additional space in the facility. The primary goal of this project is to provide a safe and structured environment for families, children, and individuals to participate in recreation, social service, and community programs.

The City is also moving forward with a Park Lighting Improvement Project scheduled to be completed during this calendar year. The project focuses on improvements to Koch Park, Goldenrod Park, Tuffree Hill Park, Arroyo Verde Park, and Los Vaqueros Park. The goal of the project is to upgrade antiquated light fixtures and install additional light fixtures where needed to provide a safe and secure environment for park visitors and hopefully discourage graffiti and vandalism.



All of these project are funded entirely through State and Federal Grants and developers fees received specifically for park development throughout the City.

To further improve our park facilities, on July 1, 2011, the City submitted a grant application for the Proposition 84, Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program. The grant application identified additional park improvements at Kraemer Memorial Park and includes the renovation and expansion of the Backs Community Building. The applications are currently under review and the award announcement is scheduled for Spring, 2012.

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb. 28	Tuesday	Placentia Historical Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall
March 6	Tuesday	Placentia City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall
March 12	Monday	Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall
March 13	Tuesday	Cultural Arts Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m. City Hall
March 13	Tuesday	Planning Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. City Hall
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## NEWS BITS

### Citywide Street Improvement Project

The design process for the Citywide Street Improvement Project is underway. Construction is expected to take place during the summer of 2012. Design criteria for the project are based on Placentia's entire roadways system condition. The City's primary goal is to preserve as much roadway as possible within the project budget. This project will focus on residential neighborhood streets with the majority of work

being a variety of surface treatments such as slurry seal. Staff will also be recommending some arterial work and total reconstruction where appropriate such as a small stretch of Rose Drive at Imperial Highway and the segment of Madison Avenue between Kraemer Boulevard and Windflower Lane, where center median trees were recently removed.



### Grand Re-Opening of Kraemer Memorial Park and Neighborhood Conversation

On Thursday, March 22, 2012, at 5 p.m. the City will host a Grand Re-Opening Ceremony for the newly renovated Kraemer Memorial Park. The renovations include a full-size basketball court, ADA upgrades and walkways, volleyball court, new restroom facility and new park lighting. Following the ceremony, a Neighborhood Conversation Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Backs Community Building. The meeting will provide information about available programs from the Community Services Department, upcoming Public Works Projects, the OC Bridges Project and various service programs. The neighborhood meeting will also provide residents a forum to ask questions directly to City Staff.

### Volunteer Program

Does your child need volunteer service hours? Tell them to be a Placentia Volunteer!

High School and Jr. High School students ages 13 - 16 that need volunteer service hours for graduation and service organizations are encouraged to assist our Community Services staff with multiple activities conducted throughout the City.

Participants will have the opportunity to receive on the job training and develop friendships.

Come help out with the Community Services Department Youth Sports and P.A.R.K.'s Programs.

Applicants must be 13 years of age by June 1, 2012 and reside within Placentia. Applications are available at the City of Placentia Community Services Department located in City Hall. The application deadline is Thursday April 5, 2012, at 5 p.m. For information please call (714) 993-8184 or click [here](#).

### State Board of Equalization Statewide Compliance and Outreach Program

Beginning Thursday, March 1, 2012 through May 2012, the State Board of Equalization (SBOE) will be visiting Placentia businesses as part of their Statewide Compliance and Outreach Program. The purpose of the visit is to ensure businesses are in compliance with all permits and licenses administered through the SBOE. The SBOE's goal is to educate business owners about Board of Equalization tax laws that may apply to their business. For additional information, please contact the City of Placentia Finance Department at (714) 993-8237 or visit the Board of Equalization's website by clicking on the link below. Publication 164, Statewide Compliance and Outreach.

[Statewide Compliance and Outreach Program](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know about the City's learn-to-swim program? The learn-to-swim program will be back this summer and is designed to offer swimming instruction for youth ages nine months through 12 years old. All water safety instructors are trained and certified by the American Red Cross. The program is offered at Valencia and El Dorado High Schools. A detailed course schedule will be available in the upcoming summer quarterly.

### Free Used Oil Recycling

Placentia residents are eligible for FREE recycling of their used engine, transmission and gear oil, plastic motor oil bottles, air filters and oily rags from their homes. The household collection program is FREE via a grant from CalRecycle. To schedule a pickup or for more information please call 1-800-449-7587 or click [here](#).



### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know about the City's annual Photography Contest? The photography contest is sponsored by the Cultural Arts Commission and is open to Placentia residents only. Photographs may be taken with any type of camera and submissions may not exceed 8" x 10." The contest is open for all ages with separate judging categories based on age and skill level. The deadline to enter is Thursday, April 26, 2012. For complete contest rules and information, please click [here](#).



## CRIME VIEW

### Placentia Police Monthly Traffic Report – January 2012

	This Month	This Year	This Month Last Year	Last Year to Date	Percent Change
Total Accidents	40	39	40	28	43%
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0%
Personal Injury	16	8	16	8	100%
Property Damage	24	31	24	20	20%
Total Citations	879	878	879	1129	-22%
Parking Cites	524	479	524	686	-24%
D.U.I. Accidents	1	3	1	3	-67%
D.U.I. Arrests	23	29	23	13	77%



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### Code Compliance Activity

#### Feb. 8th-14th

#### Year to Date 2012:

Courtesy Notices	15	Courtesy Notices	84
Administrative Citations	0	Administrative Citations	21
Cumulative Fines	\$0	Building Permit Violations	5

### New Business License Issued

Business Name	Address
Cali Auto Body	1049 Melrose St.
GP Brown Insurance	1360 Kraemer Blvd.
Investor Real Estate	516 Chapman Ave.

### Police Reports

#### February 11th

A first degree burglary occurred in the 100 block of Wilson. A male suspect entered a garage window adjacent to Kraemer Memorial Park and ransacked the garage interior. The suspect threw items out of the open window. The suspect then entered the living room area through the service door and contacted the female resident in the bathroom, who later provided a rough description. No physical contact was made and the suspect walked out of the house by way of the front door. A CSI responded, processed the scene and collected evidence along with the discarded property for further processing.

#### February 11th

A power outage occurred due to a transformer explosion in the area of Alta Vista and Carnation. The outage affected the geographical area north of Alta Vista, south of Palm, east of Kraemer Blvd. and west of Rose Drive, including the intersections of Kraemer Blvd. at Alta Vista and Madison and Melrose. Southern California Edison was notified and responded. Public Works was also notified and immediately responded with traffic control devices, as well as Placentia Police Department traffic cadets for monitoring.

#### February 16th

Police Officers made two car stops resulting in narcotic arrests of two suspects. An Officer arrested a man for possessing more than one ounce of Marijuana. Two other Officers arrested a man for possession of Marijuana, Methamphetamine and a schedule III prescription opiate.

### Disaster Preparedness

The Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) class is a 20-hour course that will teach you how to prepare prior to a disaster and to know what to do during and immediately after a disaster. The program is free to all participants and you are not required to be a resident of Placentia to enroll. Applications and schedules are available online by clicking [here](#) or contacting the City of Placentia at (714) 993-8117.





## MEETING NOTES

The following is an annotated summary of key actions taken by the City Council and various City Commissions/Committees. For additional details including the full agenda for the City Council and Commissions, please visit the City's website at [www.placentia.org](http://www.placentia.org). Live and recorded City Council meetings or individual agenda items can be viewed [here](#).

### City Council

The City Council met on Tuesday, February 21st, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ Approved Professional Services Agreement with Albert Grover and Associates, Inc. for Professional Traffic Engineering Services Relative to Upgrading the City's Traffic Signal Control System
- ◆ Approved request for City Council to change the meeting date of the Historical Committee

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, February 14th, and discussed the following items:

- ◆ Use Permit 2012-01: To construct a new wireless communication facility (monopine) at Kraemer Park. This application was unanimously approved by the Planning Commission. There were no protests offered during the meeting or prior in the form of letters or phone calls.

### Recreation and Parks Commission

The Recreation and Parks Commission met on Monday, February 27th, and discussed the following items:

- ◆ Parks and facility project updates on Kraemer Memorial Park Grand Re-Opening, Gomez Community Center and Backs Community Building Lighting Project and Park Lighting Project
- ◆ Review of proposed fee schedule as it relates to recreation classes, use of facilities and field use.
- ◆ To consider the inclusion of Tri-City Park into the County of Orange Regional Park System.

### Cultural Arts Commission

The Cultural Arts Commission met on Tuesday, February 14th, and discussed the following items:

- ◆ Presentation of the C.A.P.E.S. Awards at the February 7th council meeting. They are looking forward to next year's programs again.
- ◆ Planning the annual Photo Contest and possibly changing some of the categories. The Photo Contest Subcommittee will be meeting to finalize the flyer and application.
- ◆ The Commission also continued its discussion on the 2012 Summer Concert Series. The Commission has narrowed down their selection to sixteen bands, and they will be contacting them to check availability for our Thursday concert days. Following the Commissions' initial contact, the bands Community Services staff will develop contracts with the bands and will be the main contact for the rest of the process.

### State of the City Address

On Thursday, February 23, 2012, the Placentia Chamber of Commerce held their 12th annual State of the City Address at the Alta Vista Country Club. The event was well attended with over 140 people. A brief presentation was given by Pam Walrod, Marketing and Community Relations Manager of the Placentia-Linda Hospital. Mrs. Walrod highlighted important improvements, events, and services provided by Placentia-Linda Hospital. Following Mrs. Walrod speech was Mayor Jeremy Yamaguchi's State of the City Address. The Mayor discussed sustainability through economic, environmental, business, and public safety factors. The Mayor's speech will be aired on the City's Government Access Channel (Channel 3 on Time Warner and Channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse) every Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, March 5, 2012 through Wednesday, May 30, 2012. For additional information on the 2012 State of the City Address, please click [here](#).