

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing



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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION

City Holiday Closure

All City facilities will be closed from December 18th through January 3rd. City Hall and other City facilities will reopen on Monday, January 4th. The Police Department will remain open during the holidays. For non-life threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or other public works issues, please call (714) 993-8100.

City Council Meeting Rescheduled

Please be advised that the City Council Meeting scheduled for January 5, 2016 is anticipated to be cancelled due to a lack of business and adjourned to January 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The January 19, 2016 meeting will remain unaffected.

Republic Services Holiday Schedule

Free holiday tree collection is provided for single family residents with automated collection beginning Monday, December 28th through Friday, January 8th. Holiday trees are picked up in a special collection truck, not the regular automated truck. Residents are reminded to:

- Have trees out by 7:00 a.m.
- Remove stand and all decorations.
- Do not put trees in a plastic bag.
- All trees larger than six-feet must be cut-in-half.
- Flocked trees are not recyclable, and therefore, are not eligible for this collection.
- Flocked trees may be disposed of in the regular trash container or by scheduling a bulky item pickup.

Please visit www.republicservices.com or call (866) 238.2444 to request a free bulky item collection for flocked trees.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

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| 12/18 -1/3 | City Hall Holiday Closure |
| 1/11 | Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting |
| 1/12 | Planning Commission Meeting |
| 1/12 | Cultural Arts Commission Meeting |
| 1/12 | Special City Council Meeting |

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



Local History Lecture Series: *The House That Bradford Built*

The Placentia Library Friends Foundation and the Placentia Historical Committee will be hosting the next lecture in the series entitled, "The House that Bradford Built" on **Monday, January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room, 411 E. Chapman Avenue. For additional information, please call (714) 528-1906. To catch up on previous lectures, [click here](#) for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Christmas Baskets

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015, the City's Neighborhood Services Division and the Friendly Center hosted the annual Community Christmas Basket Program. The event provided gifts and food to 172 local families. Children in attendance participated in arts and crafts activities sponsored by Valencia High School's Interact Club and had the opportunity to take a photo with Santa. All children also received a new book thanks to a generous donation by the Placentia Roundtable Woman's Club. The City would like to thank the Placentia Police Department, volunteers, organizations and individuals who donated food, gifts, as well as their time and effort to help make this event as successful as it was!



Grand Opening of Outdoor Exercise Equipment



A Grand Opening Ceremony was held at Kraemer Memorial Park on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 for the newly installed outdoor exercise equipment designed to promote and improve health and reduce obesity in low income neighborhoods. The equipment was made possible through a new St. Jude Hospital Grant at both Kraemer Memorial Park (201 North Bradford Street) and McFadden Park (900 South Melrose Street). This new equipment is designed to promote more opportunities for parents and families for outdoor physical activities and to maximize use of available open space.



P.A.R.K.'s Programs

This week at the PARKs Program, all the Community Centers celebrated the holidays with an end of the year party. Children had the opportunity to enjoy making crafts and holiday snacks. The Gomez Community Center, Cathy Torrez Learning Center and Koch Park will be closing on Thursday, December 17, 2015 and the Whitten Community Center will close on Friday, December 18, 2015. All Community Centers will reopen on Monday, January 4, 2016 to resume school year programming.

City of Placentia Futsal League



The Community Services Department offers adult sports leagues year round. The start date for the Adult Futsal season is scheduled for January 21, 2016. The first eight teams who register for the league are guaranteed a spot. The team registration cost is \$200 plus a \$12 per game cash fee to be paid to the referees. For more information, please visit www.placentia.org/sports, or call (714) 993-8232. If you would like to register a team online, go to www.placentia.org/classes. The team registration deadline is January 14, 2016 at the mandatory team managers

meeting at 7:00 p.m. located at Placentia City Hall, 401 East Chapman Avenue. The meeting will include discussion of the upcoming season and any possible rule changes.

PUBLIC WORKS

Southern California Edison

Southern California Edison would like to remind residents that during heavy rain events, power outages, downed power lines or dangling wires may occur. Residents are advised to not touch or approach downed power lines. Please call 911 immediately. To report a power outage, please call Southern California Edison at (800) 611-1911 or click on the Edison logo.

Storm Season Preparation

The City and the Public Works Department are preparing for the upcoming storm season. Public Works crews cleaned a total of 536 storm drains to minimize potential flooding issues due to clogged storm drain lines. In the upcoming weeks, they will be performing tests and inspections of the City's water pump stations. Residents may pick-up sand bags at the City's Corporation Yard located at 2999 La Jolla St. from Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Residents will need to show identification to prove City residency and bring their own shovel to fill up the bags with sand. Each resident is allowed up to 10 sand bags. The Orange County Fire Authority also offers sandbags to residents at Fire Station 34 located at 1530 N. Valencia Avenue.



OC Bridges at Rose and Tustin Avenue is Now Open



On Sunday, December 6, 2015, the contractor constructing the grade separation bridge overpass on Rose/Tustin Avenue began the process to transfer traffic from the temporary bypass road on Rose/Tustin Avenue to the bridge. Traffic signals and temporary lighting were energized and operational prior to opening the bridge to traffic.

Although additional work around the project area is ongoing, the opening of the bridge to thru-traffic was an important milestone in this project. Many years of planning, design and construction aimed

at easing traffic congestion, and improving traffic safety culminated with the opening of this bridge alongside other recently completed grade separation projects on Kraemer and Placentia Avenues.

The grade separation project at Orangethorpe and Chapman is also nearing completion. This intersection is scheduled to be opened to traffic by the end of the year with the overall project completed by May 2016. Work is ongoing at the Lakeview Avenue project site and the bridge is anticipated to be opened to traffic by November 2016, with a project target completion date of February 2017. For additional information regarding the City's grade separation projects, please visit www.ocbridges.com.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Shop Locally for the Holidays

Tis the season! The holidays are well under way and as you shop for that perfect gift or for a place for family gatherings, remember to shop and/or dine locally here in Placentia. There are many advantages to supporting local retailers and businesses. When shopping locally, you support local jobs, assist in funding city services through sales tax, invest in our neighborhood retail centers and promote economic development. Enjoy the season and don't forget to shop locally at your favorite Placentia retailers!





POLICE DEPARTMENT

Significant Events

December 11, 2015

At 3:38 p.m., the City experienced a large power outage. As a result, 4 juveniles were trapped in the north elevator of the pedestrian bridge downtown. Orange County Fire Authority responded and rescued them. There were no reported injuries. The City stand-by personnel and the elevator repair contractor responded and shut down the elevators until the repairs were made.

December 12, 2015

At 4:10 p.m., four male suspects entered LV apparel at 222 W Santa Fe and began taking clothing items on display. They were confronted by the male owner who struggled with one of the suspects. The suspects ran out the front door and were last seen in a newer unknown model black Nissan driving north on Bradford. Loss was approximately 300 dollars in miscellaneous clothing items.

A fight occurred outside of a party in Atwood, on Vincente. A group of Yorba Linda residents, who had been at the party, reported that a male pulled a handgun while they were sitting in a car. The male was located and arrested for brandishing a firearm to vehicle occupants.

December 13, 2015

An alcoholic female with several prior arrests for alcohol related offenses pushed her grandmother. She was arrested for elder abuse and kicked a Public Safety Officer who was placing the suspect in the car. She was booked into Orange County Jail.

December 14, 2015

Two males were arrested for attempting to pass a fraudulent check that belonged to one of the suspect's grandfather. Both were book into the Orange County Jail.

At 8:32 p.m., Fullerton Police Department broadcast a "Be on the Lookout" for a vehicle that was involved in an assault with a deadly weapon from the Kohl's on Yorba Linda Blvd. At 8:44 p.m., Placentia Police Officers located the vehicle traveling S/B on Rose Drive from Palm and conducted a felony traffic stop. Fullerton Police responded to the location and continued their investigation.

December 15, 2015

A vehicle theft occurred early this morning, after the owner started the vehicle and left it running while she went back inside her home.

Commercial burglary window smash occurred on Orangethorpe; two males were arrested for weapons violations after an argument occurred at the Placentia Town Center along with numerous other calls.



Crime Prevention

Holiday Volunteer Luncheon

On Wednesday, December 15, 2015 the Placentia Police Department hosted a Holiday Volunteer Luncheon. 22 volunteers were recognized for their service to the City. Currently the Police Department has two volunteer organizations: Chaplains and Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS.) A long time Placentia volunteer, Ed Alvarez was recognized for his 10 years of volunteer service. Ed Alvarez has volunteered as a VIPS serving in many areas and he is currently patrolling the City documenting graffiti for prosecution and removal.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Development Services Project List

Building Division Activity



1. Architectural and structural plans to remodel an existing cell tower site (AT & T) located at Koch Park located at 2210 Valencia Ave. was reviewed and approved by the Planning and Building divisions on 12/7/15. This remodeling project involves electronic modules, new electrical control panels, and switches.
2. Tenant improvement plans for a new brewing company (Stereo Brewing) located at 950 South Via Rodeo have been submitted to the Planning and Building divisions as well Orange County Fire Authority and Orange County Health Department for review and approval on 12/8/15. The scope of work includes manufacturing facilities, beer tasting area, cold storage, offices, ADA in compliance restrooms, new electrical, mechanical, and plumbing fixture units. The cost of the construction is \$200,000.00
3. Architectural and structural plans for the new ten (10) unit condo project located at 1548 Spruce Street were submitted to Planning and Building divisions as well Orange County Fire Authority for review and approval on 12/9/15. This project consists of two independent buildings; each building will have five (5) condo units. Each condo unit has three bedrooms, two and half bath with two attached garages. The total living area for each unit is approximately 1,900 sq. ft. and garage has approximately 500 sq. ft of space. Cost of the construction is \$1,200,000.00 for each building.
4. Solar panel installation plans for thirteen (13) homes were reviewed and approved by the Building Division on 12/10/15. These are for residential single family detached homes.
5. The Building Division was evaluated by the Insurance Solutions Office (ISO) on 12/7/15. ISO does the quality evaluation for all local building departments of each jurisdiction in California every five (5) years. The evaluation report includes the following:
 - Building inspection & plan check processes
 - Budget
 - Staff training
 - Experience, required certificates and education information for personnel.Evaluation results will determine the rating of each local building department which will be related to the insurance premiums (commercial & residential buildings), future FEMA assistance, government grant applications, etc.

Number of Permit Checks



| PERMIT TYPE | # PERMITS |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Residential Alteration | 4 |
| Solar | 15 |
| Block Wall/Fence | 2 |
| Storage Racks | 0 |
| Patio | 0 |
| Commercial Tenant Improvement | 0 |
| Sign | 1 |
| Roof | 6 |
| Pool | 3 |
| Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical | 26 |
| TOTAL | 57 |

Number of Plan Checks

| PLAN CHECK TYPE | # SUBMITTED |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Commercial Tenant Improvement | 2 |
| Residential Alterations | 0 |
| New Residential | 0 |
| Solar | 13 |
| Signs | 0 |
| B & Z (Building & Zoning Application) | 0 |
| Home Occupation Permits | 0 |
| TOTAL | 8 |