

City Administrator's

Weekly Briefing



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"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

ADMINISTRATION

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

The Spring edition of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training concluded on Saturday, April 30th. The training was offered by the cities of Placentia, Brea, and Yorba Linda, in conjunction with the Orange County Fire Authority. The final drill was conducted at the Placentia Corporation Yard and Placentia's Mayor Pro Tem Craig Green and elected officials from Brea and Yorba Linda attended the CERT Ceremony to recognize the graduates. A special thanks to the CERT volunteers that came back to assist on the final day.

CERT is a training program that prepares you to help yourself, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a disaster. During an incident, emergency service personnel may not be able to reach everyone right away. By getting trained in CERT, you will have the skills to help emergency responders save lives and protect property. As a member of a CERT team, you can respond to disasters, participate in drills and exercises, and take additional training. CERT teams are known and trusted resources to emergency responders and their communities. The next CERT class will be held in September and will be hosted by the City of Placentia. For additional information about emergency preparedness programs, please [click here](#).



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

- 5/16 Traffic Safety Commission Meeting
- 5/17 City Council Meeting
- 5/24 Economic Development Committee Meeting
- 5/24 Historical Committee Meeting
- 5/30 Memorial Day – City Facilities Closed

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



ADMINISTRATION

Local History Lecture Series: *Placentia Then and Now: A Photo History of the City*



The Placentia Library Friends Foundation and the Placentia Historical Committee hosted the featured lecture in the Local History Lecture Series entitled, “*Placentia Then and Now: A Photo History of the City*” on Monday, May 2, 2016 in the Placentia Library Community Meeting Room. To view “*Placentia Then and Now*” as well as previous presentations, please [click here](#). For additional information, please visit the Placentia Library [website](#) or call (714) 528-1906.

Website Established for DA Investigation

The City has established the following website page www.placentia.org/DAinvestigation to provide residents with updates on efforts to recover funds that are alleged to have been misappropriated by a City employee. The new webpage also includes information on the ongoing independent investigations that are currently taking place and outlines the immediate steps taken by the City to strengthen its internal financial controls.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

May 21 Community Walk and Open House

On Saturday, May 21st at 8:00 a.m., the Community Services Department will be hosting the first of monthly-themed Community Walks for summer. The theme for the first month is “Walk with the Mayor”, where residents will have the opportunity to walk and speak with Mayor Yamaguchi in an informal setting. Residents will meet in front of the City Hall fountain and make three laps (or 1.1 miles) around the Civic Center. In addition, City Hall will host an Open House by inviting the public to tour City Hall, the Placentia Library, and the Police Department facility. City staff will have booths set up in the outdoor plaza area with a variety of information to provide to our residents about resources available to them in Placentia. Community Services will also be accepting registration for summer programs. The May 21st Community Walk will kickoff a series of monthly Community Walks in support of the City’s health and wellness initiatives, which will be held at various parks during the summer months. Each walk will have a particular theme, including “Walk with a Doc” (June 9, 6:30 p.m. at Kraemer Park) where a local physician goes on the walk and speaks to the benefits of walking, a “Pack Walk” with a dog parade and costume contest, and other themes that are to be announced. The walks will include free giveaways to participants as the City strives to engage the community in healthy activities. Please [click here](#) for more information.





Summer Class Registration Event 2016

The Summer Recreation Program kickoff event is scheduled on **Saturday, May 21, 2016** at City Hall from **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Registration numbers will be handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 7:00 a.m. Only Placentia residents will be permitted to register on this day and proof of residency will be required. Online registration will start at 12:01 a.m. for all classes and activities by logging on to www.placentia.org/classes (*Learn to Swim classes are not available to register online, only in person*). Non-residents will be able to register starting on **Monday, May, 23, 2016** at City Hall during regular business hours, Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. or online starting at 12:01 a.m. on the 23rd. For more information please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232

Gerontology Banquet at CSU Fullerton



The Community Services Department was invited to attend the Annual Gerontology Banquet held at California State University, Fullerton on Thursday, May 5, 2016. This was an opportunity to socialize with faculty, students, and community members that share a passion for helping and improving the quality of life of the older adult population. Gerontology students rely on partnerships with community organizations such as the City of Placentia in order to receive professional experience through volunteering, service learning, and internships. Sandra Gonzalez, Director of Community Services, spoke to the group about potential

internship opportunities at the Senior Center. We hope that this partnership can benefit students with hands-on-experience while increasing the services available at our Senior Center.

Recreation Leader Training

On May 14, 2016, thirteen Community Services Leaders will be attending the Summer 2016 Recreation Leader Training Consortium. It will be held at the Cerritos Park East Community Center. Some of the session topics include Summer Safety, Sports in Day Camps, Music Makers, and Gap Fillers 101. Staff will learn creative activities that can be implemented at our P.A.R.K.'s Program sites. P.A.R.K.'s Program sites include: the Whitten Community Center, Gomez Center, Koch Park and the Cathy Torrez Learning Center. For more information on our P.A.R.K.'s Program, please visit www.placentia.org/parks or follow us on [Instagram](#).

Movies in the Park 2016

The summer 2016 Movies in the Park series will begin soon! The Community Services Department is currently looking for local nonprofits who would like to participate in this fundraising opportunity by selling food to the movie goers. Movies will be on Friday nights at Placentia Champions Sports Complex, starting July 8th and ending August 19th. The City of Placentia is proud to offer this movie experience to its residents and neighbors. In addition, the City of Placentia is also very grateful to Republic Services for sponsoring the summer movies and making them possible. For more information on becoming a food vendor, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232. [Click here](#) to view the movie schedule.



Dog Manners Crash Course

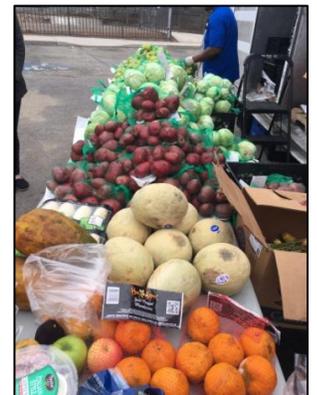
The Dog Manners Crash Course class is geared for dog-owners who seek to get pet behavior issues under control. During the 75 minute lesson, several new obedience skills will be introduced and behavior problems will be discussed. Visit www.placentia.org/classes to register online or call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 for more information.

Gomez Community Center

Last week at the Gomez Community Center was Super Hero week! P.A.R.K.'s Program participants had the opportunity to make and decorate their very own superhero masks, capes, swords and shields! Staff and participants also enjoyed playing handball, freeze tag, basketball, soccer and musical chairs during the week. Come out and enjoy all the fun activities we have to offer at your local parks. For more information on this program and other active programs offered through the Community Services Department, please contact us at (714) 993-8232.

Mobile Pantry

The Friendly Center and the Neighborhood Services office host a monthly Mobile Pantry food distribution through Second Harvest Food Bank. The pantry is held the first Wednesday of every month at the Whitten Community Center 900 S Melrose St. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information on this program, please contact the Friendly Center at (714) 771-5300 or the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.



Summer 2016 Excursions

The Community Services Department is offering three of the most popular excursions this summer:

Wine Tasting in Temecula—Come explore three of Temecula's unique wineries offering superb wine tasting experiences. The fee of \$25 includes transportation to all three wineries and lunch will be available for purchase at your leisure. This excursion is scheduled on Saturday, June 11 departing at 10:00 a.m. and returning at 6:00 p.m.

Hollywood Bowl Fireworks Spectacular—Chicago the Band is a great way to celebrate Independence Day and party with the Grammy rock 'n' roll band "Chicago". The show ends with a spectacular fireworks display and patriotic music. Come join us on Saturday, July 2 departing at 5:00 p.m. and returning at 11:30 p.m. for a fee of \$50 per person.

Pageant of the Masters—Live re-creations of artworks in this presentation of "Partners" will be featured. This excursion is on Sunday, August 7 departing at 5:00 p.m. and returning at 11:30 p.m. Ticket and transportation is only \$60 per person. Registration for all summer activities and programs begins on Saturday, May 21 at City Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. You can also visit www.placentia.org/classes to register online. For more information, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



Save the Date!

The Friendly Center and Neighborhood Services Office are coordinating a Community Health and Resource Fair to be held **June 1st** at McFadden Park, 900 S Melrose St. The event will be held in conjunction with the monthly Mobile Pantry food distribution. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the great resources in Orange County. For more information please contact the Friendly Center at (714) 771-5300 or the Neighborhood Services office at (714) 986-2333.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Coastal Spa and Patio Store Now Open!

Coastal Hot Spring Spas, now known as Coastal Spa and Patio Store, has moved to Placentia and is now open! The new location at **735 West Orangethorpe** features a massive showroom of spa products, patio furnishings, fireplaces, saunas and barbeques. With the move, the 28 year establishment will be re-branding itself as Coastal Spa and Patio Store to better reflect the business. Follow them on [Facebook](#) or [visit their website](#) for more information and be sure to attend their official Grand Opening kickoff celebration **this weekend (May 13-15)!**

Extensive Renovations to the Residence Inn in Placentia

The Residence Inn at 700 W. Kimberly Avenue in Placentia has just completed extensive renovations to their guest rooms and outdoor pool area. The suites at the Placentia hotel received a floor-to-ceiling makeover that includes refreshed décor, a refined color palette and new furniture amenities, including floor lamps, accent chairs, drapery, carpet, and kitchen and bathroom floors. In addition to the room renovations, the Placentia hotel has upgraded its outdoor pool furniture with jet black loungers and chairs, weather-resistant black aluminum tables, and stylish black umbrellas. To read the entire article published on PR Newswire, [please click here](#).

PUBLIC WORKS

Orange County Sanitation District's Newhope Sewer Replacement Project

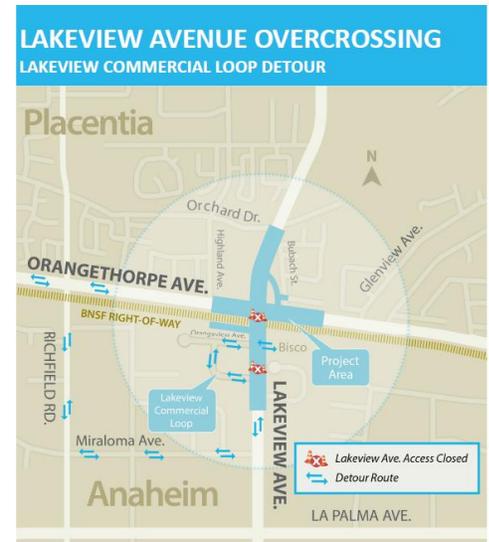
Construction is about to begin on Phase A of the Orange County Sanitation District's (OCSD) Newhope Sewer Replacement Project. The replacement of the sewer line will be done in several segments on State College between Chapman and Nutwood in the City of Fullerton to relocate a city water line. As construction progresses, a new sewer line will be constructed where the water line was previously located. Starting as early as May 23, work will take place adjacent to the Cal State University Fullerton campus.

During the summer months, the construction schedule will be expedited with extended work hours. Work hours vary by location with most taking place Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., with some night, and Sunday work. For additional information, please [click here](#).



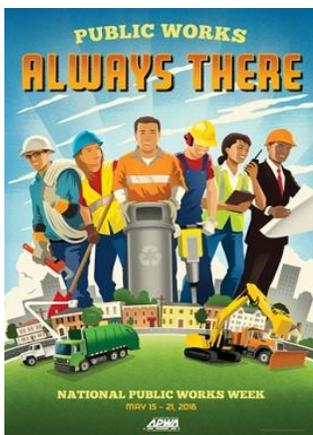
Lakeview Avenue Overcrossing New Loop Road

As part of the OC Bridges Lakeview Avenue Overcrossing Project, a new and permanent loop road opened to motorists on Thursday, May 12. The new loop road will allow direct access to the business park at the southeast corner of Lakeview Avenue and Orangethorpe Avenue. Access to the buildings will no longer be available via Orangethorpe Avenue. However, while the Lakeview Avenue Overcrossing is under construction, motorists can access the loop road by traveling south on Richfield Avenue, east on Miraloma Avenue, north on Lakeview Avenue and west onto the new Lakeview Commercial Loop roadway. When the Lakeview Avenue Overcrossing opens to motorists in 2017, access to the Lakeview Commercial Loop will be available from both northbound and southbound Lakeview Avenue.



During construction of the Lakeview Avenue Overcrossing, traffic control measures will be in place and efforts will be made to minimize impacts to the business park. The Orange County Transportation Authority apologizes in advance for any inconvenience this may cause. Please find above a map showing the Lakeview Commercial Loop. For more information on the project, please contact Tresa Oliveri, OC Bridges Outreach Manager at (714) 560-5374 or toliveri@octa.net.

National Public Works Week



At the Placentia City Council Meeting on May 3, 2016, the City Council proclaimed the week of May 15 – 21, 2016 as National Public Works Week (NPWW) in Placentia. NPWW is a celebration of the tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain the infrastructure and services collectively known as public works.

Instituted as a public education campaign by the American Public Works Association in 1960, NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life. NPWW seeks to enhance the prestige of the often-unsung heroes of our society—the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication. NPWW is observed each year during the third full week of May.

The theme for 2016's NPWW is "Public Works: Always There." This theme recognizes the pervasiveness of public works' impact on our everyday lives. It also honors the public's reliance on public works as a daily presence in our communities, and that public works professionals are always there ready to serve their neighbors. During NPWW, please join us in recognizing the contributions of our public works professionals, engineers, managers, and employees.



Message from the California Public Utilities Commission

As you may be aware, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Independent System Operators (CAISO) released a report, [Aliso Canyon Action Plan to Preserve Gas and Electric Reliability for the Los Angeles Basin](#), on their action plan regarding the supply of natural gas and its impact on electrical generation for this coming summer. As a result of potential natural gas shortages, the CAISO believes Southern California could experience electrical service interruptions this summer.

Southern California Edison (SCE) will do [everything they can](#) to minimize the impact of natural gas storage issues on the reliable delivery of power for customers. SCE will be doing that in two ways:

- Expand customer programs to reduce the use of electricity when needed. Customers can help the situation too by participating in these programs.
- They are also exploring contracts for electricity resources outside of Southern California.

SCE has programs in place to address potential electrical system emergencies, which can be found [here](#). Additionally, customers can help reduce the demand for electricity by participating in energy conservation and efficiency programs click [here](#).

Maintenance Division

This past week, our staff performed various maintenance activities throughout the City. The Graffiti Crew removed graffiti per work order requests Citywide. The Sign Shop repaired and replaced several signs per work order requests. The Patch Crew filled in pot holes on Melrose Avenue and La Jolla Street and. The Paint Crew painted traffic legends in zones 8 and 9. The Ball Field Maintenance Crew worked on the infields at the Sports Complex, Tuffree Park and Torii Hunter field. The Facility Maintenance Crew completed several work orders for City buildings. The Irrigation Crew checked and repaired irrigation systems per work order requests. The Maintenance crews cleaned the downtown area and performed weed abatement in assigned areas.

In addition, Public Works personnel responded after hours to address maintenance and public works issues city-wide.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Significant Events

May 8, 2016

At 7:05 p.m., a three car traffic collision occurred in the 900 block of Yorba Linda as a result of driving under the influence. Two victims were transported to the UCI Medical Center for moderate traumas and another to Placentia Linda Hospital with a complaint of pain. The suspect had a blood alcohol level of .33. In the early morning hours a transformer blew in the area of Placentia



and Ruby. Power lines were down at residences on Ruby, Ruby Drive School, and Twilight. Edison was notified.

May 9, 2016

A residential fire occurred in the 500 block of Michel. The fire was contained in the attic by OCFA and assisting fire agencies. The cause is unknown at this time but no foul play appears to have occurred. An OCFA arson investigator was also on scene. Placentia building inspector also arrived on scene to assist. The dollar amount of damage is unknown. No one was injured by the incident.

May 10, 2016

At 1:03 a.m., Officers responded to the 800 block of West La Jolla regarding a truck intentionally ramming another vehicle. Upon arrival, officers found security was able to detain the suspect. Investigation revealed the estranged husband intentionally rammed his truck into his wife's vehicle several times. The female was transported to Placentia Linda Hospital with minor injuries. There was structural damage to several garages for the apartment complex. The male suspect was booked for domestic violence, assault with a deadly weapon, and making criminal threats.

Significant Events

Special Games CSUF

A Placentia Police Officer and two Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) attended the CSUF Kathleen E. & Jack Faley Memorial Special Games held Friday, May 6, 2016. Developmentally disabled athletes from across Orange County were escorted at the event with a high school volunteer buddy. Athletes received Placentia police sticker badges and visited with the Officer. The children really enjoyed asking questions about the car and equipment inside the vehicle. Many students took pictures with the Officer and inside the vehicle. It was a great experience for the Placentia Police Department to spend the day with the developmentally disabled athletes.

Dog Walker Watch Meeting Cancelled

The Dog Walker Watch Meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2016 has been cancelled. Another meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 15, 2016** at 6:30 p.m. at Tri-City Park. More information about the upcoming meeting will be in the Fall Placentia Quarterly Magazine.



BUILDING AND PLANNING DIVISIONS

1. On May 2nd, architectural and structural plans for a room addition project located at Brunswick Avenue were reviewed and approved by the Planning and Building divisions. The scope of work includes a 374 sq. ft. of living room addition and demolition of existing, outdoor patio cover. The cost of the construction is \$45,576.
2. On May 2nd, building plans for a residential addition and remodeling project located at Rashford Drive were submitted and reviewed by the Planning and Building divisions. This project involves roof line changes, a new patio cover, removing structural walls removals; and installing new beams, posts and shear wall construction. The cost of the construction is \$40,000.
3. On May 3rd, building plans and structural calculations for eleven (11) solar panel installation projects were reviewed and approved by the Building Division. These solar panel installation projects are for residential detached homes.
4. On May 4th, tenant improvement plans for a new dental office located at 1320 N Kraemer Boulevard were submitted to the Planning and Building Divisions for review and approval. The scope of work includes new offices, restrooms with ADA compliance; and new plumbing, electrical and mechanical fixtures. The cost of the construction is \$78,000.
5. On May 4th, a preliminary tentative parcel map (TMP 2015-181) application for a property located at 1644 La Paloma Avenue was submitted for review and approval. This project includes subdivide a parcel into two (2) single-family residential lots. These two new residential homes will each be 1,700 sq. ft. with an attached garage of 450 sq. ft.