

City Administrator's

# Weekly Briefing



"Rich Heritage, Bright Future"

From: *Damien R. Arrula*

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## Thanksgiving Giveaway

The City's Neighborhood Services Division, in collaboration with the Friendly Center, distributed turkeys and meal boxes for their Thanksgiving feasts to 229 families in Placentia. We appreciated all of the volunteers who assisted with the distribution including Mayor Jeremy Yamaguchi, Mayor Pro Tem Green, and Council Member Wanke. We also had assistance from our City Administrator Damien Arrula, several Department Heads, Community Services and Neighborhood Services staff, OCFA Chief Mike Blawn, and Placentia Police Officer Tiffany Eiley. The day was an enormous success with over 1,000 residents in the City benefiting from today's giveaway event!



## Thanksgiving Message from the City Administrator

Dear Citizens of Placentia,

As we approach this Thanksgiving holiday, it reminds us of what we have to be thankful for and provides a renewed sense of appreciation in being a part of a great community. Recently I and several of the City Council had the privilege of attending a Community Prayer Breakfast at the Placentia Roundtable Women's Club. During the event, a pastor spoke about the little things in life to be thankful for...a loving family, a roof over our heads, to be healthy, to have a job, to have the ability to serve those less fortunate. *(continued on page 2)*

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### Upcoming Meetings and Events

11/23 -25	Thanksgiving Holiday - City Facilities Closed
11/30	Community Meeting on the Proposed Transit Oriented Development
12/6	City Council Meeting
12/13	Special City Council Meeting (Council Reorganization)
12/13	Planning Commission Meeting

For additional information or questions about this Weekly Briefing, please contact us at [administration@placentia.org](mailto:administration@placentia.org).



## ADMINISTRATION

### Thanksgiving Message (Continued)

All of these things, while simple, reminded me that we all have something to be thankful for in our lives. Now, more than ever, we are thankful and grateful for the abundance that we have; whether it is enjoying good health, the love and support of family and friends, or simply being thankful for the liberties we enjoy as Americans...it reminds us that not everyone in the world is as fortunate.



As you gather with each other and your families this Thanksgiving, please remember to be thankful for these and many other things in your lives. Also, consider those that are less fortunate and see if you can make a positive difference in the lives of others. Items such as donations, providing a Thanksgiving meal to a family in need, providing a needy family with a Christmas gift or two are all things that can make a positive impact in someone's life and make them "thankful for you". Let us also be thankful for and keep in our thoughts and prayers, those who have served or are currently serving our Country, whether at home or abroad, protecting our democracy and the freedoms we enjoy.

As your City Administrator, I am thankful to work with outstanding and dedicated public servants that desire to make a positive impact on our community each and every day.

I am also thankful and grateful to be part of such a caring, and strong family community as Placentia.

The City team looks forward to serving you, the community, with grateful hearts and a commitment to excellent service. On behalf of our City Council and City employees we wish you and your family the very best this Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely yours,

*Damien R. Arrula*, City Administrator

### General Municipal Election

The City's General Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of filling three seats on the Placentia City Council, one City Treasurer position, and Measure NN, which if passed would establish five equal, geographically based districts from which councilmembers may be elected by residents of those districts to serve a four year term. The Orange County Registrar of Voters tabulates ballots and the Certification of Election Results will be issued during the week of December 5<sup>th</sup>. The Oath of Office will be administered to the successful candidates at a Special City Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the City elections, please [click here](#).



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

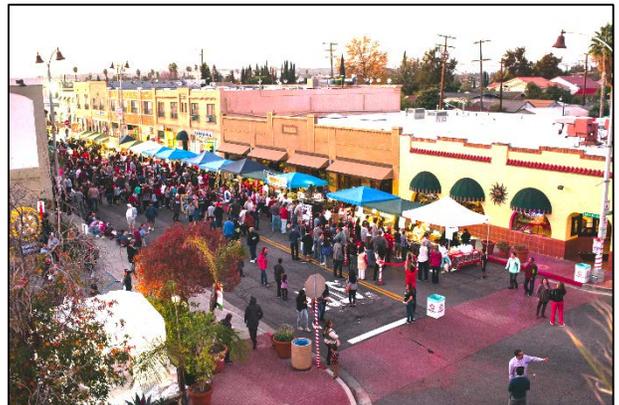
### Winter Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Save the date! The City, Placentia Library, and the community are partnering together to present the Winter Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Placentia Civic Center. Santa will make a special appearance and will be available to take photos with families. Please bring your own camera. The event will also feature crafts for the kids, light refreshments, and performances by local school groups. For more information, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### Tamale Festival and Las Posadas

The Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association and the City are proud to bring you the annual Tamale Festival and Las Posadas to be held in the Historic Old Town Santa Fe on the 100-200 blocks of Santa Fe Avenue on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will feature a procession re-enacting the travels of Mary and Joseph, live entertainment featuring the Grammy Award Winning Mariachi Divas, caroling as well as fresh and delicious tamales for individual sale. For additional information, please feel free to contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### Parks Assessment Community Meeting

On Monday, November 28, 2016 at the Whitten Center Community Center (900 S. Melrose Street), the City of Placentia in collaboration with the Public Health Advocates will host a Community Meeting focusing on the improvement of Placentia parks from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The City of Placentia is committed to improving parks around the City and your feedback is important to us. Join us on Monday evening to discuss improvement topics. The meeting will feature raffle prizes, free child care, free dinner and translation services. For more information, please contact the Neighborhood Services office at (714) 986-2333. A second Parks Assessment Community Meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Tynes Gymnasium (2101 N. Tuffree Boulevard). [Click here](#) for the event flyer.

### Holiday Toy Drive

Help us make the holidays special for our youngest residents! The City of Placentia and the Friendly Center are collecting toys to distribute during our annual Community Christmas Basket program. New toys can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center (900 S. Melrose Street) or City Hall (401 E Chapman Ave). Please [click here](#) for additional details or contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.



## Winter Happenings

The winter edition of the **Placentia Palm Quarterly** is your official guide to City news, special events and many class offerings. This edition features Holiday events like the “Santa Visits.” Santa can be scheduled to visit Placentia homes in increments of 15 minutes on December 10, 11, 16, 17, and 18 starting at 5:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Registration is now available for all your favorite winter events and classes. Visit [www.placentia.org/classes](http://www.placentia.org/classes) to register online or visit Placentia City Hall Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to register in person or call (714) 993-8232 for more details.

## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### Community Meeting on the Packing House District Transit Oriented Development

The City will be hosting a community meeting on the Packing House District Transit Oriented Development Zoning Amendment on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the Placentia Senior Center, 143 S. Bradford Avenue. The City is in the process of developing a plan to revitalize and improve the City’s historic Packing House District to bring in new development opportunities, businesses, housing, employment, and supporting services around the Metrolink Station. The Packing House District is a great asset to the City and is poised to be one of the City’s key destinations. Your input is crucial, so please attend this important community meeting. For additional information, please [click here](#) or call (714) 993-8124.

### Small Business Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

The City and the Placentia Chamber of Commerce are working with local businesses to promote Small Business Saturday on November 26<sup>th</sup>, a national event that has gained recognition in recent years and seeks to promote and celebrate the importance of small shops and restaurants across America.

Businesses throughout Placentia will be participating in this day by offering deals or other promotions for shoppers who remember to #ShopSmall. For a list of businesses that are participating in Small Business Saturday, please visit the Placentia Chamber of Commerce website by [clicking here](#). Please join us in supporting small, locally owned businesses by shopping small on Saturday, November 26.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Chapman Avenue Street Resurfacing Project

The City Council has awarded the contract to the pavement contractor to perform the street resurfacing in Chapman Avenue from Kraemer Avenue to Mission Way. The construction includes grinding the pavement surface across the entire width of Chapman Avenue two-inches deep and constructing a new asphalt concrete overlay. The new traffic striping and legends will be placed on



the newly paved roadway.

This work will be performed between the dates of November 28, 2016 through December 9, 2016 and is subject to unforeseen circumstances or inclement weather. Normal working hours will be between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. As with all street construction, public safety and traffic are a primary concern to the City. Traffic on the street will be temporally restricted or even closed during each phase of construction. However, one lane of each traffic in each direction will be maintained at all times. The construction signs and delineators will be posted on the street to control the traffic. All measures will be taken to facilitate the work in a quick and timely fashion. The city staff and contractor will take all the measures to maintain access to residents as physically possible to minimize any inconvenience while work is under construction.

## **EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION**

### **Placentia Library District Weekly Summary**