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## TEAMWORK- A CORNERSTONE TO SUCCESS

Teamwork has shown itself time and time again to be one of the sustainable pillars that makes both individuals and groups successful in whatever task they are trying to accomplish. The idea of partnerships, collaborative efforts and simply working together towards a common set of goals or objectives is what teamwork is all about. These most basic concepts are recognized in our everyday lives, in sports, school, the private sector workforce and government operations.

We here at the Placentia Police Department see the impact and benefits of a strong team building philosophy daily in our own organization as teamwork is a natural component of any paramilitary operation, but it goes much farther than simply smooth operations. Teamwork for us is a foundation for our Patrol shifts, for the Dispatch group and for Support staff to assist Operations and Operations to support Investigations. It is for Police Administration to try and do what it can to support the overall needs and goals of the organization. For some examples of this we need to only look as far as our own Detective and Special Enforcement Detail and their continuing work with other local, county, state and federal agencies on things such as the recent Homicide Task Force or our Dispatcher's being recognized as being 1<sup>st</sup> in the county in the "PSAP 2011 Volume Report" for their answering of 911 call lines in a prompt and timely manner (averaging 10 seconds or less).

While teamwork makes us more efficient and responsive internally to our operations and the community we serve, we must also recognize the fact that one pillar alone does not offer much support. We are made better because of the close partnerships that we build and enjoy with various City departments. It is when we work closely with Public Works, Community Services and Development Services that we recognize a benefit to the community. Lastly, when we team with our Council, we collectively find ourselves helping to accomplish that which they have deemed important for an overall improvement of the quality of life here in Placentia.

So the concept of "teamwork" as just a word or an idea likely means much more to each and every one of us. With that in mind, what team are you a part of and what are you making happen today and tomorrow?

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 31	Saturday	Easter Eggcitement and Spring Carnival at 8 a.m. Kraemer Park
April 2	Monday	Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m. City Hall
April 3	Tuesday	Placentia City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall
April 9	Monday	Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall
April 9	Monday	Financial Audit Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. City Hall
April 10	Tuesday	Planning Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. City Hall



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## NEWS BITS

### Wall That Heals – Opening Ceremony

The Vietnam Memorial “Wall That Heals” and museum arrived at Tri-City Park on Tuesday, March 13th. The Memorial and Museum were escorted by a motorcycle brigade with assistance from the Brea and Placentia Police Departments. The opening ceremonies were held on Wednesday, March 14th.

The ceremony was a moving and emotional tribute to those who had served and are currently serving in the armed services as well as those who paid the ultimate cost. Mayor Yamaguchi along with Mayor Schweitzer of Brea and Fullerton Mayor Pro Tem McKinley provided inspirational words to the more than 300 in attendance. The names of the fallen from Brea, Fullerton and Placentia were read by each cities elected representative.

The ceremony also included special guest speakers who had served in Vietnam. Mr. Frank Orzio Pastor and founder of the Wounded Warrior Ministries, as well as a fly over by Air Combat USA, a three volley gun salute and echo taps to conclude the event.

### Easter Eggcitement & Spring Carnival

The Community Services Department is working closely with the Placentia Library District and the Placentia Rotary Club to plan and organize the annual Easter Eggcitement event at Kraemer Memorial Park on Saturday, March 31, 2012.

The event is scheduled from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and will begin with a pancake breakfast. The event will include games, vendors, photos with the

Easter Bunny, face painting, crafts, story time and egg hunts for all the children in attendance. Hamburgers and hotdogs will also be available for a nominal fee sponsored by the Placentia Rotary Club. The Kiwanis Club in Placentia will provide volunteers to assist with the games and bounce house. For more information please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



### Golden State Water Company Construction Notification

Golden State Water Company is constructing of a new 12” water main pipe to replace an existing and aged 8” water main pipe. The construction will occur on Ruby Drive, from Placentia Avenue to Diamond Road (the crossing intersecting streets are Moonbeam Avenue, Stardust Drive, and Twilight Street).

The work is expected to take approximately nine weeks to complete. Ruby Drive will remain open to traffic during the construction period, however, traffic and parking may be restricted during working hours. Residents may expect minimal dust and an increase in the level of noise during the construction. Trash service will not be interrupted. Once completed, the construction will reduce leaks, improve water flow and enhance fire protection.

If you have any questions, please contact Golden State Water Company at (800) 999-4033 or Placentia Public Works Department at (714) 993-8131.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that garage sales may only be conducted on the first full weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of March, June, September and December? Garage sales may be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Two additional sales may be authorized in a calendar year by first obtaining a permit from the Department of Development Services located at Placentia City Hall or by visiting [www.placentia.org](http://www.placentia.org).

### Zoning Districts

To ensure that your business is compatible to those uses permitted in specific zoning districts, please contact the City Planning Commission by calling (714) 993-8124. You may need additional use permit approval(s) and other permits and clearances prior to operating your business at the proposed location.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that applications for the Cultural Arts Commission annual Photography Contest are now available? Applications are available now until Thursday, April 26, 2012. The Commission accepts applications for three main categories: Peoples and Animals, Landscape and Still Life and Life in Placentia. The photos will be publicly showcased at City Hall during Summer Class Registration day on Saturday, May 12, 2012.





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## CRIME VIEW

### Police Reports

#### March 12th

A citizen observed two male teens spray paint "La Jolla" on the walls at 424 W. Center and at 601 W. Santa Fe. A third person remained in the car and drove the vehicle, which was described as a round, not square, type burgundy van with a grey strip along the bottom portion of the vehicle. An area check was made for the suspects with negative results; however, the Placentia Police Department continues to investigate the matter.

#### March 13th

In the afternoon hours, a 5-year-old child with Downs Syndrome was reported missing from the La Jolla area. The initial cursory search of the complex did not produce the child and personnel geared up for a more extensive search. While awaiting pictures of the child and establishing a command post, Orange County Sheriff's helicopter was summoned by a Dispatcher. Shortly after arriving on scene and obtaining the description of the child, the observer located a possible match at Wallgreen and Park in Anaheim. Units responded and located the child after being gone for about one hour.

#### March 17th

There were a total of four DUI investigations and arrests, including one DUI related traffic collision. Officers working saturation patrol with the assistance of Operations staff made three DUI arrests, while a Field Training Officer made the fourth DUI arrest. The DUI related traffic collision occurred on Yorba Linda Blvd west of Valencia Ave. The suspect hit the center median and knocked down a concrete street light pole and sheared off a twenty foot section of a large palm tree.

#### March 18th

A commercial robbery occurred at the Northgate Market at about 3:23 p.m. A male entered the establishment and demanded money from the cashier. The cashier was told if she said anything that he would shoot her and grabbed his waistband simulating a handgun. No gun was ever seen and no money was taken. The suspect left on foot and a short time later an Officer located the suspect and detained him for an in-field show-up. The suspect was positively identified and was arrested for the robbery.

#### March 19th

A Placentia Police Officer made a traffic enforcement stop on a Ford pickup truck that almost caused a traffic collision with his police unit. Upon stopping the driver of the truck and conducting an investigation the driver was placed under arrest for DUI. This was the driver's fourth DUI arrest in the past eight years which included three prior convictions for DUI. This individual was later transported and booked into Orange County Jail.



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### Unincorporated Hamer Island

A City Council Study Session was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, to provide information and to discuss and receive direction from the City Council regarding potential services delivery options for the unincorporated Hamer Island area.

Staff members from the Local Agency Foundation Commission (LAFCO) briefly described the role of LAFCO in such matters and then provided an update on the recently concluded Communities Task Force on unincorporated County islands. City staff presented potential options to the City Council for the Hamer Island including pursuing a City Municipal Service Agreement with the County to provide services to this area or maintain a status quo.

The City Council directed Staff to send an informal letter to the County expressing the City's interest in a pilot program. The pilot program will open a dialog with the County to provide alternative service options including a potential agreement between the City and County to provide services.

### Code Compliance Activity

#### March 13th-March 20th

#### Year to Date 2012:

Courtesy Notices	9	Courtesy Notices	144
Administrative Citations	1	Administrative Citations	51
Building Permit Violations	8	Building Permit Violations	17

### New Business License Issued

Business Name	Address
Clayton Engineered Services	1040 Richfield Ave.
Chung J. Hsu Insurance	101 S. Kraemer Blvd. #118
Chalk Fitness	780 S. Van Buren #C
Launderland Coin Laundry	131 E. Chapman

### Battery Back-up Systems for Traffic Signals

This project will install battery backup systems at twelve (12) intersections to provide temporary operation during power outages. Sealed bids were opened at City Hall at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6th. There were eleven (11) bidders. Contract was awarded by City Council to Pelagic Engineering of Oxnard, California on March 20th. Construction information and schedule will be provided when determined.



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## 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, March 20th, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ Approved plan specifications and Award of Contract to Pelagic Engineering for the Citywide Traffic Signal Battery Back-Up project
- ◆ Approved right-of-way easement at Assessor Parcel number 341-501-64 Alta Vista St. Northwest of Swail Drive for electric utility purposes

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, March 13th, and discussed the following items:

- ◆ Use Permit 2012-02: Approved existing wireless communication side modification, located at 378 E. Orangethorpe Ave.

### Recreation and Parks Commission

Due to the late meeting that the Recreation and Parks Commission had in February, there will be no meeting held in the month of March. The next Recreation and Parks Commission meeting will take place in April.

### Cultural Arts Commission

The Cultural Arts Commission met on Wednesday, March 14th, and discussed the following items:

- ◆ Applications for the annual Photography Contest are now available through Thursday, April 26, 2012. The Commission accepts applications for three main categories Peoples and Animals, Landscape and Still Life, and Life in Placentia which are divided into a Masters Division and Amateur Division.
- ◆ The Commission finalized the bands and schedule for the Concerts in the Park series.
- ◆ Sponsorship and finding food and craft vendors for the Concerts in the Park series is tentative.

### Heritage Festival Committee

The Heritage Festival Committee met on Wednesday, March 14th, and discussed the following items:

- ◆ The Committee began their initial review of its anticipated budget for the 2012 Heritage Festival and Parade. The Committee compared and estimated the actual budget from 2011, to 2012's anticipated budget.
- ◆ The Committee began their initial review of applications for all the different segments of the event including the parade, car show, food booths, craft vendors, and non-profit display booths.
- ◆ It is anticipated that the theme and event particulars will be presented for Council consideration for approval in April.

### City Council Presentations



The City of Placentia takes pleasure in providing its citizens and organizations with the opportunity to honor and raise awareness for individuals, organizations, and special events at our City Council meetings. To assist citizens and/or organizations desiring to place a proclamation, commendation, or presentation on the City Council agenda and formally address the City Council, the City has created a Presentation Request Form. This form is available at the City Clerk's Office located at Placentia City Hall, as well as on the City's website, [www.placentia.org](http://www.placentia.org), in a fillable and printable format. If you have any questions about the application process, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (714) 993-8231.