

# P-TOWN INFORMER

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**PLACENTIA**  
California

*"The People Are The City"*

## VOLUNTEERISM - THE ULTIMATE GIFT TO GIVE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Looking for a way to give back to the community and feel good in the process? If so, the City is looking for citizens to get involved and participate in the development and enhancement of the City and the community in which they live and work. Participation on a City Commission or Committee as well as serving as a volunteer will not only enhance your knowledge about the City, but also enrich your life and greatly benefit our community.

If you are interested in a new volunteer position, but aren't sure where to begin, try asking yourself the following questions to determine what kind of volunteer opportunities will be best suited to you:

- ◆ What community issue would you like to see addressed; what program or service would you change; or what would you create? Your answer will tell you what matters the most to you.
- ◆ What kind of time commitment are you willing to make? Are you looking for a regular/weekly volunteer commitment or a short-term/one-time opportunity?
- ◆ Would you like to volunteer with other

people or by yourself?

- ◆ Do you have specific skills or talents you would like to share with others or offer to the community?
- ◆ Would you like to develop a specific skill or learn more about your community?
- ◆ What are your personal goals? Would you like to give back to the community? Meet new people?

Whether you are interested in amateur radio communications, disaster preparedness, tutoring youth, distributing bulk food to the less fortunate and preserving the City's history, the City has different volunteer positions available in many departments including the Police Department through its Volunteer in Police (VIP) Program, Neighborhood Services and Administrative Services. If you would rather work with others in advising the City Council on various issues that may shape the future of the community, the City has several vacancies on different commissions and committees including the Cultural Arts Commission and the Historical Committee.

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec 11	Tuesday	Cultural Arts Commission Meeting at 6 p.m. at City Hall
Dec 11	Tuesday	Planning Commission Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall
Dec 12	Wednesday	Heritage Festival Committee Meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall
Dec 18	Tuesday	Placentia City Council Meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall



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## NEWS BITS

### Volunteerism - The Ultimate Gift to Give This Holiday Season (Continued)

As a volunteer or through service on a City Commission or Committee, you will not only learn more about your City and its functions, but you will experience numerous benefits such as:

- Achieve new skills
- Networking with others
- Stay active after retirement
- Build teamwork skills
- Fulfill a sense of responsibility
- Explore new areas of interest
- Share your talents and abilities
- Gain new experience
- Help shape your community's future
- **Have fun!**

For more information about the opportunities to give back to the community as a volunteer or to serve on a City Commission or Committee, please contact City Hall at (714) 993-8171 or visit our website at [www.placentia.org](http://www.placentia.org).

"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Gandhi

### Holiday Tree Recycling Program

Placentia Disposal provides free Holiday tree collection or drop off to the residents of Placentia. Below is specific information for single family homes and multi-family homes. In addition, residents are able to drop off the trees at the location below.

#### Single Family with Automated Collection

Free holiday tree collection is provided during the two-week period following Christmas Day, beginning Wednesday, **Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** through Monday, **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>**. Holiday trees are picked up in a special collection truck, not the regular automated truck. Please have trees out by 7:00 a.m. and remove the stand and all decorations. Please do not put trees in a plastic bag and any trees larger than six-feet must be cut-in-half. Flocked trees are not recyclable, and therefore, are not eligible for the free collection. Flocked trees may be disposed of in the regular **trash** container or by scheduling a bulky item pickup.

#### Multi-Family with Bin Service

Large volume multi-family customers with bin service are encouraged to rent a roll-off to recycle holiday trees. Placentia Disposal will be offering a discounted rate for green waste roll-offs during the months of December and January - \$230 per load, up to 6 tons, over 6 tons \$43.04. Two week maximum rental. Bin is for green waste only; if the container is found to contain trash the rate will be adjusted to the regular disposal rates. Commercial customers are not eligible for this discounted rate. Smaller complexes may instruct residents to place trees off to the side of the bin for collection, NOT in front or in the bin (*same regulations as single-family*).

#### Drop-Off at Placentia Disposal's Anaheim Facility - (January 8-31) - 1131 N. Blue Gum Anaheim, CA

Placentia Disposal will be offering FREE drop-off at their facility, to accommodate residents that may have missed their tree collection opportunity. Residents may drop-off their tree at the green waste roll-off located in the north/east employee parking lot at Blue Gum and La Palma, entrance off White Star. Limit one tree per customer and not for commercial use. Hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In observance of the holidays, Placentia Disposal will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 and Tuesday, January 1. Collection will be delayed by one day the remainder of the week. For additional information, please call (714) 238-2444.

### Sand Available for the Rainy Season



Are you ready for the rain? During the rainy season, sand will be available to Placentia residents at the City's Corporation Yard at 2999 La Jolla Street. Residents must bring their own bags. Sand bags can be purchased at Home Depot or Lowe's. A limited number of free sandbags can be picked up at Fire Station 34 located at 1530 N. Valencia Avenue. Sand bags can be very useful in diverting water, protecting slopes and structures, and assisting in erosion control. For storm-related questions, please contact the City of Placentia Public Works Department at (714) 993-8149.

### City Council Reorganization



On December 4, 2012, the City Council held its annual reorganization and unanimously voted Councilmember Scott W. Nelson as Mayor and Councilmember Joe Aguirre to the position of Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Placentia. Newly reelected Council Members were sworn into office, as well as Craig Green as City Treasurer.

The City Council meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Meetings are broadcasted live on AT&T U-Verse (channel 99) and Time Warner Cable (channel 3). Viewers can also click [here](#) to view the City Council meeting live on the internet, access past archived meetings, and view specific portions of a council meeting.



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## CRIME VIEW

### Police Reports

#### November 21, 2012

A state parole agent requested assistance in contacting one of his parolees in the 200 block of Rose Drive. The subject was located at his residence, and after searching the house, he was taken into custody for violation of his parole terms.

#### November 22, 2012

A resident in the 400 block of Rumsey Place called to report that two subjects were seen entering a neighbor's backyard. Officers responded and detained one of the subjects. After inspecting the residence, it was determined that a residential burglary had occurred. Jewelry and other stolen items were located nearby.

#### November 23, 2012

Shortly after 8:00 a.m., two suspects forcibly entered a residence on Lawanda. One of the suspects was armed with a handgun. The un-armed suspect demanded money, and was identified as an acquaintance by victims. The un-armed suspect physically assaulted one of the victims, and both suspects fled after obtaining over \$700 in cash.

#### November 23, 2012

Police Officers conducted a foot patrol of the railroad tracks and construction site near the 57 Freeway and Placentia Avenue. They located an encampment where at least three people were living. One of the occupants was arrested for an outstanding felony warrant, and the other two were issued a municipal code citation.

#### November 25, 2012

A solo-vehicle traffic collision occurred on Kraemer Boulevard at Swanson. The driver, who was determined to be driving while under the influence, collided with a light pole and sheered the pole from the ground. Southern California Edison was called to the scene to remove the pole.

#### November 26, 2012

A Field Training Officer followed a vehicle southbound on the 57 Freeway from Yorba Linda Boulevard, and determined that the vehicle was traveling at speeds in excess of 100 mph. Officers were able to conduct a traffic stop at State College Boulevard, just north of the 91 Freeway. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence.



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### 2012 City Residential Street Rehabilitation Project

In June, 2012 the City began a comprehensive construction and street rehabilitation of 41% of the City's residential roadways. Based on the construction contract and final bid prices, it was deemed prudent to reduce the desired scope of work in order to fit the project cost with the project budget. Due to the actual project cost savings and the availability of additional funds, the City Council has recently able to add Zones 5 and 7 back into the project. Construction work in these two zones has already started and is expected to last approximately 27 working days.

For more information, please call the Project Engineer, David Sloan at (714) 533-3050. For additional information, please visit [www.placentia.org/streetrehab](http://www.placentia.org/streetrehab).



### Public Parking Directional Signs

Public Parking directional signs were recently installed in the downtown area. The signs provide directional arrows to the public parking lot on Crowther Avenue. The signs are intended to direct business patrons to the alternate parking lot if needed.

### New Business License Issued

Business Name	Address
Orange Link Foster Family	1525 Placentia
Ardent Direct	440 Crowther
Numonde Inc.	630 Jefferson
Cool Inc.	187 W. Orangethorpe



## 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, December 4, 2012 and took action on the following items:

- ◆ Oath of Office was administered to Craig Green for City Treasurer and Scott W. Nelson, Constance M. Underhill, and Jeremy B. Yamaguchi for City Council.
- ◆ Appointed Scott W. Nelson as Mayor and Joe Aguirre as Mayor Pro Tem.
- ◆ Approved the recommendation to establish and add eight contractors to a pre-qualification list for on-call concrete repair and replacement services.
- ◆ Approved the renewal of Measure M (M2) expenditure report for Fiscal Year 2011-12.
- ◆ Approved a contract change order and contract amendment for construction management of the 2012 City Residential Street Rehabilitation Project.
- ◆ Approved negotiations with Habitat for Humanity of Orange County for the purpose of reaching an agreement to develop up to four single family residences on City-owned property in the Atwood community.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ Held a public hearing to permit the construction of approximately 600 square foot pump house structure at 202 Wilson Ave.
- ◆ Held a public hearing to modify a wireless communication facility on an existing high freestanding "monopine" and related ground equipment.
- ◆ Held a public hearing to amend the municipal code adding a new section requiring specified signs utilizing non-latin/roman alphabet characters.

### Recreation and Parks Commission

The Recreation and Parks Commission for the month of November was cancelled due to lack of business.

### Senior Advisory Commission

The Senior Advisory Commission met on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 and took action on the following items:

- ◆ The Committee discussed updates on programs and operations at the Senior Center.
- ◆ The Committee also discussed the Heritage Festival.
- ◆ The Committee also discussed the Concerts in the Park excursions for summer 2012 and other excursion opportunities.
- ◆ The next Senior Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2012.

### Heritage Festival Committee

The Heritage Festival Committee met on Wednesday, November 14th, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ The Committee reviewed theme and date for the 2013 Heritage Festival and Parade.
- ◆ The Committee also discussed possible fundraising and sponsorship opportunities for the 2013 event.

## Happy Holidays from the City of Placentia

City offices will be closed from December 24, 2012 through January 1, 2013.

City offices will re-open on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. For non-life threatening emergencies, please call (714) 993-8151.