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## TRI-CITY PARK AUTHORITY TRANSFERS PARK TO COUNTY

The Tri-City Park Authority, which includes members representing each of the cities of Placentia, Brea and Fullerton, and the County of Orange, has unanimously approved the transfer of Tri-City Park to the County's Regional Park System effective January 1, 2013.

Residents can expect the continuation of community events like Concerts in the Park on summer evenings and the annual Heritage Festival and Parade held in October. The many park amenities that include fishing, jogging, walking, and family picnic areas, will continue to be available to the community.



County Park Rangers have begun regular patrols of the park and will be working closely with the Placentia Police Department in an effort to ensure that the highest level of public safety and enforcement is maintained.

County maintenance contractors have also started working on the day-to-day maintenance of the park.

The primary reason the Tri-City Park Authority decided to transfer the park to the County was to ensure the completion of much needed capital improvements and to raise the level of park maintenance. These improvements include the restoration of the lake's edge, replacement of picnic shelters and benches and repairs and/or replacement of the antiquated irrigation system. The County of Orange is committed to maintaining its parks to the highest standards and park users should be assured that Tri-City Park will be no exception.

Commencing February 1, 2013, picnic shelter reservations should be directed to the County by calling (714) 973-3180 or you may visit their website at <http://ocparks.com/parks/tri-city-park> or in person by visiting Craig Regional Park, 3300 State College Blvd. Fullerton, CA 92835. For more information, you may call the Placentia Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

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## UPCOMING COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Jan 22	Tuesday	Placentia Historical Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm. at City Hall
Jan 27	Sunday	Chamber Concert Series at 3:00 p.m. at Bradford House
Jan 29	Tuesday	Placentia City Council Study Session at City Hall at 6:00 p.m.
Feb 5	Tuesday	Placentia City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall



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## Solar Energy Systems = Simple Permits

Solar energy systems are quickly becoming commonplace in residential neighborhoods. Typical installations include twenty or more solar panels placed on south facing roofs to soak up the sunlight and convert it into energy for your home electrical needs. The City of Placentia helps make residential solar projects feasible through reduced permitting costs and expedited review of solar applications. In 2009 the City reduced its solar permit review fee to \$99 to encourage solar installations. Together with normal electrical and building permits, the overall permitting cost is one of the lowest in the County. It is important to remember that as the property owner you are required to make sure your installer pulls all necessary permits and seeks City review prior to any work taking place. The City's processing time is only a few days and it ensures that solar panels are arranged in such a way as to fit in with the neighborhood and reduce potential glare issues affecting neighbors. Make sure your solar installer visits the City first for review and permits to ensure that all legal requirements are complied with and that your solar system can start generating savings for you in the quickest timeframe. So if you go solar, go to the City first, then start your savings!



## City Services Academy Scheduled to Begin on March 6, 2013

The City Services Academy offers Placentia residents an opportunity to interact with City management staff, tour City facilities, learn about City operations, participate in lively discussions, and recognize the challenges facing municipal government today. A total of six consecutive weekly sessions will be offered commencing **Wednesday, March 6, 2013 to Wednesday, April 10, 2013** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For additional information or to register for the Academy, please visit the City's website at [www.placentia.org](http://www.placentia.org).

## Earthquake Safety Tips: Water Heater Bracing

Since July 1, 1991, California Health & Safety Code Sections 19210-19217 requires any new or replacement water heater sold be braced, anchored or strapped when installed to resist falling or horizontal displacement due to earthquake forces. This movement can result in gas line or water line leaks and electrical wiring damage. If you have a standing water heater you should examine it to make sure that it is properly braced. Water heater replacement requires a permit from the Building Department, so please always make sure that you obtain (or have your contractor obtain) this low cost permit to ensure your home is safe!

Additionally, to ensure your water heater functions properly and is not a fire danger, do the following: 1) Remove paper, accumulated dust or other combustibles from the heater enclosure; 2) Extinguish the pilot light before using flammable liquids or setting off aerosol bug bombs near the unit; 3) If the water heater is in the garage, raise it so the pilot light is 18 inches above the floor (this can help prevent ignition of gasoline vapors that collect near the floor); 4) Inspect the flue for breaks or gaps that could leak deadly exhaust gas; and, 5) Ask your service technician to check the temperature pressure-relief valve, a faucet-like device mounted on the top or side of the heater. Excessively high temperature or pressure causes this valve to open, relieving pressure and preventing a steam explosion. For more information, go to the Building Department at [www.placentia.org](http://www.placentia.org).

## City Urges Due Diligence on Company Offering Service Line Insurance

American Water Resources Insurance Services recently notified the City that they will begin mailing letters of solicitation to residential homeowners offering their water and sewer line insurance protection coverage. Residents should be advised that this company is not affiliated with the City, and the City neither sponsors nor encourages this solicitation. Residents who receive this solicitation are encouraged to thoroughly review the list of exclusions in the company's service agreement, as well as check out the company's website at [www.awrusa.com](http://www.awrusa.com) prior to purchasing any insurance coverage.

Although property owners are responsible for maintaining the lateral sewer line that runs from the main line in the street to their house foundation, homeowners should be aware that the insurance coverage offered by American Water Resources Insurance Services includes a number of exclusions and is intended for repairs due to normal wear and tear only. Homeowners should contact their water company to determine who is responsible for maintaining their water lines. For further information concerning water lines, please contact Golden State Water Company ([www.gswater.com](http://www.gswater.com)) or Yorba Linda Water District ([www.ylwd.com](http://www.ylwd.com)). Prior to purchasing additional insurance protection, homeowners should always review their existing homeowner's insurance policy to determine whether or not their water and sewer lines are covered.



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## CRIME VIEW

### Orange County Auto Theft Task Force

The 2011 Orange County Auto Theft Task Force (OCATT) Annual Report was released. The report stated that in 2011, vehicle thefts statewide decreased by 1.3% from the previous year. Following the statewide trend, Orange County vehicle thefts decreased by 4.05%. In 2011, OCATT recovered 220 stolen vehicles valued in excess of \$4,000,000 and arrested a total of 49 suspects. In addition, investigators conducted 57 business inspections, inspecting approximately 1,357 vehicles.

### Police Reports

#### December 22, 2012

At 5:20 a.m., the Police Department received multiple calls of gun shots heard in the 600 block of Center Street. It was discovered that a male in his 20's had been shot at least one time in the chest. Police Officers rendered first aid and conducted CPR until paramedics arrived. The man was pronounced dead by the paramedics and the Police Department's Investigations Division was notified of the homicide.

#### December 25, 2012

At 8:45 p.m., Police Officers responded to 600 block of Jefferson Street for reports of a suspicious person who was possibly attempting to steal a jet ski. When the officers arrived, they found a male adult standing next to a jet ski on a boat trailer in front of a business. Multiple officers ordered the suspect to drop the items that were in his hands, but he refused to cooperate and later resisted arrest. The man was taken into custody and charged with attempted burglary, possession of burglary tools, and resisting arrest. No injuries were reported by the suspect or any officers involved.

#### December 30, 2012

Police Officers were sent to contact a male adult digging through a trash dumpster in the 100 block of Van Buren. When officers made contact with the subject, the subject dropped a methamphetamine pipe. Police Officers detained the subject, and as they began to pat the subject down, the subject took off running. A foot pursuit ensued, and the subject picked up a large clay pot and threw it at a Police Officers' heads. The subject then ran into a dumpster surround and hid below some mattresses. The subject was taken into custody with minimal difficulty.

#### January 6, 2013

Police Officers responded to the Fairway Ford Fleet Truck Center in the 1200 block of E. Yorba Linda Boulevard for a male seen entering the business with a backpack. Police Officers search the building and apprehended two male adults intending to steal a video arcade game from inside the building.



## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

### Get Fit – Go Crunch!

The City is happy to have Crunch Fitness open in the Sierra Vista Shopping Center located at Placentia Avenue and Bastanchury Road. Crunch labels itself a "different kind of gym." They are the originators of the "No Judgment" philosophy which invites all types of people to experience exercise. Crunch designs the workouts to be fun so going to the gym is never a drag. You can learn more about Crunch by visiting them at 1882 N. Placentia Avenue or by calling (714) 996-8000. Visit their website at [www.crunchplacentia.com](http://www.crunchplacentia.com) to learn more about their affordable workout plans. After visiting Crunch, please visit long time center



occupants Tony's Little Italian Pizza and B&C Burgers (it's ok – you can work off the great food at Crunch!) and other shops, including Tuesday Morning and Jo'Ann Fabrics. Remember to shop local and help Placentia!

### State of the City Address

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce will host Mayor Scott Nelson's State of the City Address on Thursday, February 28, 2013, at 11:15 a.m. at the Alta Vista Country Club 777 E. Alta Vista St. For more information or to purchase tickets for this event, please contact the Placentia Chamber of Commerce at (714) 528-1873.

### Bradford House Concert Series

The Founders Society will kick off their annual Concert Series on Sunday afternoon January 27th at 3:00 p.m. in the Historic Bradford House. The Bunnell Strings will open the 22nd concert season. The concert is free to the public. For more information, please click here [www.thebradfordhouse.info](http://www.thebradfordhouse.info)

### New Business License Issued

Business Name	Address
Brian Sutton	1804 Placentia
Jackson Hewitt	1917 Placentia
2 D Imaging	1121 Richfield
Sigma 6 Electronics	1890 Mira Loma
Papa Murphy's Pizza	119 Yorba Linda



## 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, January 15th, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ Approved the 2013 Heritage Festival Date, Location, Theme, and Parade Route.
- ◆ Approved Amendment No. 3 to the Lease Agreement between the City of Placentia and the Founders Society for Use of the Bradford House
- ◆ Approved the Authorization to Execute all Necessary Documents for Securing Grant Funds from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for the Watersmart: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2013-14.
- ◆ Approved the Release of Labor and Materials Bond and Performance Bond for Tract No. 16839 Orangethorpe at Van Buren (ETCO Homes)
- ◆ Approved the Acceptance of Construction Work by VT Electric, Inc. for the Park Lighting Improvement Project Phase I
- ◆ Approved a Resolution for Paying and Reporting the Value of Employer Paid Member Contributions to CalPERS.
- ◆ Held a Public Hearing and Approved the Proposed Public Facility Improvement Project Grant Application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Process for Fiscal Year 2013-14.
- ◆ Approved the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget Amendments.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, January 8th, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ Held a Study Session to consider a 112 unit residential and mixed use development at 1128 N. Kraemer Boulevard. The residential component of the proposed project will include 50 townhome units, 50 duplex units (two units in a single building), and 12 units located above the ground floor commercial. The commercial component of the proposed project will consist of 5,550 square feet. No action was taken.

### Recreation and Parks Commission

The Recreation and Parks Commission met on Monday, January 14th, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ City Staff provided an update of current Capital Improvement Projects and upcoming CIP Development for FY 2013-14.
- ◆ City Staff provided an update on the Tri-City Park transfer process into the County of Orange Regional Park System.
- ◆ City Staff provided an update on cell site proposals.
- ◆ City Staff and Commission discussed the Boys and Girls Club programming in Placentia and the former Boys and Girls Clubs site.

### Senior Advisory Committee

The Senior Advisory Commission met on Wednesday, January 9th, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ City Staff and Committee discussed updates on programs and operations at the Senior Center and discussed suggestions for improvements.
- ◆ City Staff and Committee discussed excursion opportunities for 2013.

### Heritage Festival Committee

The Heritage Festival Committee met on Wednesday, January 9th, and took action on the following items:

- ◆ Committee members provided a Treasurer's Report.
- ◆ City Staff and Committee discussed the 2013 event budget.
- ◆ City Staff and Committee discussed the terms and guidelines for the 2013 Memorandum of Understanding for the Pancake Breakfast, Business Showcase, and Beer Garden Area.
- ◆ City Staff and Committee discussed possible fundraising and sponsorship opportunities for the 2013 event.