



## Press Release

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City Opens AJ Padelford Park Teen Center with New Technology, Resources, and More

On Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, the City of Artesia welcomed the community to AJ Padelford Park for the opening of the AJ Padelford Park Teen Center, showcasing a great new community resource to give teens a safe space to learn, play, and spend quiet time after school.

Mayor Ali Taj welcomed the guests in attendance, which included many kids and teens from the community, to mark the momentous occasion. Mayor Taj noted that the City Manager recently proposed opening the Teen Center with new resources, technology, and programming to provide a space for teens to hang out with friends, work on homework, learn, and simply enjoy a safe, fun place after school. In the last few weeks, City staff cleaned and re-furnished the inside of the teen center, and purchased new books and other materials for the teens to use.

Additionally, the Teen Center has been outfitted with six computers, equipped with Internet access and Microsoft Office software so the teens can use them to do homework and do research online for school projects, as well as six tablets for the teens to use to read and watch videos. Staff also stocked the Teen Center with books to read and access to a TV with music streaming and video games. During the opening event, teens were already using the computers and other resources to work on homework and school projects. Teens are also welcome to use the Teen Center to simply hang out in a safe place after school, or to take advantage of the outdoor space at AJ Padelford Park.

The City is grateful for the support of the Southeast Community Development Corporation in getting the Teen Center open as well as for the hard work of City staff and support of the community. The AJ Padelford Park Teen Center is located at 11870 169<sup>th</sup> Street, Artesia, CA 90701, and is open Monday-Friday from 3PM-6PM. To learn more, visit [www.cityofartesia.us](http://www.cityofartesia.us) or call (562) 407-1723. The City looks forward to welcoming teens to the Teen Center and is excited to have this resource available to the community.

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*Located in southeast Los Angeles County, Artesia is a diverse, vibrant city with nearly 18,000 residents and a dynamic business community. The City of Artesia, a leader in sustainability practices and winner of three Beacon Spotlight awards in 2018 and 2019, is focused on serving the community with sound governance, 21st century infrastructure, and a commitment to public safety. To request services or share a question, visit our [Service Request page](#). To stay updated on our projects and events, visit us at [CityofArtesia.us](http://CityofArtesia.us), like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram @OfficialCityofArtesia, and subscribe to our YouTube channel @CityofArtesia.*