



## City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

October 31, 2024

### Administration Department

#### Happy Halloween from the City of Placentia!

City staff held their annual Halloween Costume Contest at City Hall today, celebrating with creative department themes, costumes, and decor. The City wishes everyone a happy and safe Halloween! Here are some safety tips to keep in mind for a fun and worry-free night:

- Make sure you and your kids are visible while out trick-or-treating. Add reflective tape to costumes or carry a flashlight or glow stick. Always cross streets at crosswalks or corners, and never dart between cars. Stick to well-lit areas and stay with your group.
- Remember to check all candy before kids dig in. If it's unwrapped or looks tampered with, toss it.

If you have any concerns or need assistance, don't hesitate to call the Placentia Police Department.



#### Important Information for the 2024 Presidential General Election

Vote Centers began opening last week in Placentia and throughout Orange County ahead of Election Day on November 5th. As a reminder, Orange County residents can vote by mail, drop off completed ballots at secure ballot drop-off locations or vote centers, or vote in person. Vote Centers in Placentia will include:

- Backs Community Building, 201 N. Bradford Avenue (open now)
- Episcopal Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 1314 N. Angelina Drive (opening November 2nd)
- Yorba Linda Water District, 1717 E. Miraloma Avenue (opening November 2nd).

Ballot Drop Box locations include:

- Koch Park Recreation Center, 2210 Valencia Avenue
- Whitten Community Center, 900 S. Melrose Street

For more information on voting in the 2024 presidential election, visit [www.ocvote.gov](http://www.ocvote.gov).

## Apply for City Committees/Commissions



Get involved! The City is currently accepting applications for the following City Committees and Commissions: the Financial Audit Oversight Committee, the Planning Commission, and the Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission. [Click here for the Committees and Commissions Application.](#)

## Social Media Corner

Are you following the City on social media? The City encourages you to follow us on our social media platforms to enhance communication and inform the community about the latest happenings, news, events, public safety alerts, and more. The City is active on Facebook, X, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Instagram, offering a variety of channels to stay engaged with your city. Recent Instagram videos include:

- [Halloween Safety Tips from Placentia PD](#)
- [A Thank You to our First Responders](#)
- [A PSA from Placentia PD on AI Phone Scams](#)
- And more!

Click the following links to follow us on [Instagram](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

## Placentia Chamber Health Expo - Saturday, November 2nd

Join the Placentia Chamber of Commerce at the Placentia Round Table Women's Club, 901 N. Bradford Avenue, for a Health Expo on Saturday, November 2nd, from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. There will be free screenings and health information, including blood pressure checks, hearing screenings, massages, a yoga class, a composition body scan, and more. For more information, visit [www.placentiachamber.com](http://www.placentiachamber.com).



## Community Services Department

### Placentia Youth Basketball Registration Now Open

Placentia Youth Basketball provides a fun and rewarding basketball experience to youth in the community in grades Pre-K through 8th. The league is co-ed and designed for students who enjoy friendly competition. Formal basketball experience is not required. Many players have already signed up for the 2024/2025 winter session, but registration is ongoing! For more information, please call the Placentia Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or visit [www.placentia.org/pyb](http://www.placentia.org/pyb).

### Thanksgiving Basket Drive

The Neighborhood Services Office will hold a Thanksgiving Basket Drive on Wednesday, November 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The donated baskets will be given to families in need in Placentia at the annual Thanksgiving Food Distribution Event. Donations can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center. For more information on programming, please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

## Development Services Department

### 2095 E. Orangethorpe Avenue Construction Update

The City is pleased to report that construction at 2095 E.



Orangethorpe Avenue has advanced to the framing stage. Many of the project's features, such as a distinctive corner tower, are now visible. Located at the intersection of E. Orangethorpe Avenue and N. Lakeview Avenue, this multitenant commercial development will offer 4,296 square feet of commercial retail space and a drive-through aisle when completed. Future tenants are unknown at this time. Landscape and hardscape improvements will also be made on the 0.58-acre site, formerly a parking lot. The design features contemporary elements such as brick cladding, concrete panels, and the aforementioned 44'-6"-high tower element. The project is expected to be completed by the middle of 2025. For more information on this project and others in the City, contact the Planning Division at (714) 993-8124.

## Police Department

### Veterans Day Observance Ceremony

On Monday, November 11th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., the City will hold our 36th annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony. The event will be held at the Placentia Civic Center. The City is grateful for the many sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our Country. In their honor, we invite all residents, veterans, and their families to celebrate this Veterans Day with us. The event program will include special guest speakers, patriotic music, and the new Military Banner Recognition Program recipients. In addition, the added service members to the veterans monument will be honored, and their name inscriptions will be unveiled. We hope to see you there.



### Tip-A-Cop Event

The Placentia Police Department will take protect and serve to a whole new level with a Tip-A-Cop fundraiser on Wednesday, November 13th from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Craft Burger Co. Officers will serve as hosts and waiters, and all tips they receive will be donated to Special Olympics Orange County athletes. Come join us for delicious food, fun, and to support the Special Olympics! Craft Burger Co. is located at 1450 N. Kraemer Blvd.

## Public Works Department

### Compost Giveaway

**FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY**  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> | 7:30 a.m. - NOON

BEE CANYON GREENERY AT FRANK R. BOWERMAN LANDFILL  
11002 BEE CANYON ACCESS RD., IRVINE  
VALENCIA GREENERY AT OLINDA ALPHA LANDFILL  
1942 N. VALENCIA AVE., BREA  
CAPISTRANO GREENERY AT PRIMA DESHECHA LANDFILL  
32250 AVENIDA LA PATA, SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

- Residents should bring a shovel and container/bag to fill at Irvine and San Juan locations.
- Only pre-filled bags are available at Brea location with a 4-bag limit per household, while supplies last.

\*Event subject to weather. Visit [OClandfills.com](http://OClandfills.com) or scan QR code for updates.

Save the date! OC Waste & Recycling is hosting a Free Compost Giveaway on Saturday, November 2nd, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ready-to-use compost is available at three convenient locations across Orange County:

- Valencia Greenery at Olinda Alpha Landfill, 1942 N. Valencia Ave., Brea
- Bee Canyon Greenery at Frank R. Bowerman Landfill, 11002 Bee Canyon Access Rd., Irvine
- Capistrano Greenery at Prima Deshecha Landfill, 32250 Avenida La Pata, San Juan Capistrano

Only pre-filled bags are available at the Brea location, with a limit of 4 bags per household while supplies last. Residents should bring a shovel, container, or bag to fill at the Irvine and San Juan locations. Quantities are limited, and staff will be onsite to help you out. Rain

will cancel the event. Keep an eye on their social media @OCWaste on the day of the event for updates, and for more information, visit [www.oilandfills.com](http://www.oilandfills.com).

## POLL

Which version of the City's e-newsletter do you like better?

**NEW one**

**OLD one**

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: November 1-7

#### Library Programs, Books, Services, and More

Looking for something to do this week? We always have something going on at the library, from weekly storytimes and teen volunteering opportunities to book clubs and community events! Plus, check out books, video games and movies at the library or access eBooks, eAudiobooks, online learning resources free with your library card and more! Visit [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org) to get started.

#### Highlights for the Week:

##### Storytimes

Join us at the library for three amazing Storytimes for children of all ages and their caregivers!

- **Luna, Luna! Bilingual Storytime:** Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. This Week: Wednesday, November 6th
- **Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime:** Fridays at 9:30 a.m. This Week: Friday, November 1st
- **Family Storytime:** Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. This Week: Saturday, November 2nd



#### Featured Program:

##### Día de los Muertos Family Lotería Night

Saturday, November 2nd

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

Come celebrate Dia de los Muertos with us! We will play the card game Loteria, which is similar to Bingo and includes prizes!

Seating is limited; it is first come, first served. Doors will open at 2:30 p.m. for Placentia Library Friends Foundation (PLFF) members, and general entry will be at 2:45 p.m.

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