



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

November 14, 2024

Administration Department

Congratulations to Rotarian Alice Shiozawa for Receiving the 2024 Fourth District Kindness Award

Vice Chairman Doug Chaffee, Orange County Fourth District Supervisor, announced the 6th Annual Fourth District Kindness Awards honorees during a ceremony held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at the Elher's Event Center. Vice Chairman Chaffee recognizes Kindness Award honorees from each City in the Fourth District who have made significant contributions to their communities through kindness. The Kindness Awards ceremony is hosted annually on November 13th, which is internationally observed as World Kindness Day. Kindness is simply helping someone else without any expectation of getting something in return. The honoree for the City of Placentia is Alice Shiozawa. Alice Shiozawa has been a Rotary Club of Placentia member since 2015 and is serving her second term as president of Placentia Rotary. Her involvement with Rotary has kept her active and expanded her awareness of community issues. Through the Rotary, she has been involved in neighborhood clean-ups, organizing the “stuffing” of and distributing school backpacks, preparing hygiene kits and holiday gift packs, and other important community projects. Alice believes the little things count and are the most meaningful to those in need. The City of Placentia congratulates Alice for her countless contributions to the community and for receiving this acknowledgment from Orange County Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee.

Resident Rebate Program

Placentia residents purchasing or leasing a new vehicle from Fairway Ford or Audi North OC are eligible to receive a \$500 rebate with proof of residency. Vehicle price must exceed \$25,000 or more to qualify.

Visit the following participating dealerships for more information on this program:

- Fairway Ford - 1350 E. Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870 (714) 579-3800
- Audi North OC - 1275 E. Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870 (657) 452-6940

The Resident Vehicle Rebate Program will expire on April 30, 2025.

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:

- [A Veterans Day Event Recap](#)
- [Tamale Festival Coming Soon](#)
- And more!

Community Services Department

Placentia Toy Drive

The Community Services Department, Police Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, and the Placentia Library are hosting a Holiday Toy Drive. Donations of toys are being accepted now through December 12th. Gifts will be distributed to families in need in Placentia and surrounding communities. For those interested in donating, please drop off new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0-18 at one of the locations listed on the flyer. [Click here to view the Toy Drive flyer](#). For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.



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.

Holiday Tree Lighting Event

On Thursday, December 5th, the City will host the annual Holiday Tree Lighting event at the Civic Center Plaza from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will feature performances by the Musical Theatre University and the Freckled Frog Dance Group, the lighting of the Menorah by the Chabad Beth Meir Hachohen, holiday crafts, and the lighting of the Holiday Tree! Kala Truck will have Latin cuisine, and Sweets Stop will have treats available for purchase. Photos with Santa Claus will be available between 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Please bring your own camera for photos. The Holiday Tree will be lit every evening throughout the Holiday Season. For more information on City events, contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232.

Development Services Department

Pending Development Project List - October 2024

The City has a number of ongoing development projects around Placentia. [Click here to view the pending projects for October 2024](#).

Fire and Life Safety Department

Threat Liaison Officer Basic Training

Preparation is critical to performance during an emergency, and this week, Placentia Fire and Life Safety personnel participated in a Threat Liaison Officer (TLO) Basic training at our Fire Admin Headquarters. This training, provided by the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center, shared methodology and intelligence-gathering methods used regionally to deter terrorism threats.



Police Department

Veterans Day Observance Ceremony

On November 11th, we were honored to host the 36th annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony at the Placentia Civic Center. The ceremony included guest speakers, including three students from El Dorado High School, Jaden Lum, Logan Alcazar, and Mia Demonte, music performed by the Tuffree Middle School Concert Choir, and Yorba Linda Middle School Vocal Ensemble, Keynote Speaker Retired Staff Sergeant James Richardson and the display of the new Military Banners being installed this year as well as the re-dedication of the Veterans Monument and the new names inscribed on it. Additionally, POW and MIA service members were recognized with the 'Missing Man' table, and Taps was performed by Aidan Garza. It was amazing to see so many citizens come out to recognize and honor all of our Veterans. We thank the Veterans for their service and everyone for participating in this significant ceremony.



Public Works Department

American Recycles Day - November 15th

Join the City of Placentia and communities nationwide in celebrating America Recycles Day on November 15th! This day is about educating and motivating ourselves and others on how to recycle right. Here are three simple steps to reduce waste and keep Placentia clean:

Reduce

Buy only what you need and use it efficiently. This is especially important with food, as organic waste is a significant part of the waste stream.

Reuse

Before throwing something away, think if it can be reused or repurposed. Donating gently used items is a great way to keep them out of landfills.

Recycle

You can recycle paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass, and plastic bottles in your curbside container. For more tips on recycling correctly, visit [Republic Services' Recycling Simplified Page](#) for easy-to-follow instructions.

Visit one of OC's Household Hazardous Waste Centers to safely dispose of paints, batteries, e-waste, and more. For more information on recycling, visit www.placentia.org/Recycling. Let's all do our part to recycle right!

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: November 15-21

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 to get started.

Highlights for the Week:

Boys and Girls Club: Smart Moves

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Tuesday, November 19th

Join us on Tuesday afternoons as The Boys and Girls Club staff host “Smart Moves,” a wellness program featuring fun games and activities designed to build the skills youth need to make healthy choices. Open to children ages 9 – 12.



Featured Program:

Maker Labs! Cosplay Corner

Saturday, November 16th

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Hangar

Join us for a series focusing on creating your own cosplay props using EVA foam! Learn the materials, tools, and techniques needed to make cosplay props as we recreate some of your favorite props from movies, video games, and pop culture. Materials will be provided, and space is limited; it will be first come, first served. Open to ages 12 - 18.

Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission

The Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission (OAAC) advises the County on matters affecting older adults in OC. OAAC comprises 40 volunteer members, including local elected officials, healthcare professionals, supportive service providers, community leaders, and the general public. OAAC hosts a monthly presentation during commission meetings to share information on services and resources for older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers.

“AS OUR COMMUNITIES AGE” RECAP: NOVEMBER 8, 2024:

Dr. Laura Trejo’s presentation, “As Our Communities Age,” highlighted the importance of creating intergenerational connections to build supportive, inclusive communities for older adults. As the population ages, public policies and community programs need to foster engagement and understanding between different age groups. Older adults have diverse needs, and agencies must collaborate to address their health, social, and community needs, ensuring they are valued and supported at every stage of aging. [Listen to the presentation here.](#)

The Commission meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, except in July and December, at Easterseals (1063 McGaw Ave. #100, Irvine). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. [Click here for more information.](#)



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