



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

January 16, 2025

Administration Department

Apply for City Commissions and Committees

Get involved! The City is currently accepting applications for the following City Committees and Commissions: Financial Audit Oversight Committee, Heritage Festival Committee, Planning Commission, Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission, and the Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District. For more information on City Commissions and Committees, visit the [Committees and Commissions webpage](#) or contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@placentia.org or (714) 993-8231.

City Facilities Holiday Closure

City facilities will be closed on Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. City Hall and other City facilities will reopen on Tuesday, January 21st. The Police and Fire Departments will remain open. For non-life-threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or other public works issues, please call (714) 993-8111. **Please note that trash pick-up will proceed as normal, but street sweeping will be cancelled.**



Level Up! Restaurant and Retail Edition

Ready to "Level Up" your restaurant or retail business here in Placentia? Join the OCIE SBDC Network, the City of Placentia, and the Placentia Chamber of Commerce to refine your growth approach, avoid costly missteps, and build a solid foundation for expansion. Whether you want to open a new location, expand your customer reach, or strengthen your team, this FREE program is your next step forward. Sessions will be held Monday afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. from January 27th through February 24th. There will be two in-person and two virtual sessions, maximizing learning and flexibility. For more information and to register, visit LevelUpYourBusiness.eventbrite.com.

Community Services Department

La Placita Parkette Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City is excited to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, January 29th, at 3:00 p.m. at La Placita Parkette to unveil the newly renovated playground equipment! In following the Parks Initiative Plan, the La Placita playground highlights a citrus theme. The playground features a new, ADA ramped 5-12 year age playground, 2-5 year age play elements, a shaded play structure, two slides, an ADA accessible rocker, flower talk tubes, a mule spring rider, a tractor climber, play house, a Merry-Go-All spinner, and orange and lemon tree climbers. In addition, new benches, BBQs, picnic tables, a walking path, improved lighting, and beautiful new landscaping have been installed. The City extends a sincere thank you to the California Department of Parks and Recreation Office of Grants and Local Services, which administers the Proposition 68 grant that funded the La Placita Parkette renovation. For more information on the event, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



Development Services Department

Primecut Taqueria is Now Open in Placentia



The City is excited to welcome Primecut Taqueria (Primecut) to Placentia! Primecut, located at 1804 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard, serves a variety of Mexican classics, such as tacos, burritos, loaded baked potatoes, nachos, and more Mexican specialties.

With its emphasis on premium cuts of meat, Primecut brings a modern twist to traditional Mexican cooking and is the newest addition to the Town Center area. Primecut Taqueria first opened in 2022 in Huntington Beach, where it quickly developed a reputation for being one of the best-regarded taquerias in Orange County. Their Placentia location is the business' second location.

This new Placentia eatery, which sports a contemporary aesthetic highlighted by a full-wall-length mural, has been completely remodeled and features new signage and outdoor seating. The City of Placentia proudly welcomes the restaurant to the neighborhood! For more information on Primecut Taqueria and other new businesses in the City, contact Development Services at (714) 993-8124.

Fire and Life Safety Department

Preparing for Emergencies

The Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department wants to remind residents to stay informed and prepared for emergencies by signing up for Nixle alerts, the City's official communication platform for critical alerts and updates. To sign up, simply text 98270 to 888-777 to start receiving

notifications directly to your phone. Nixle is the fastest and most reliable way to stay updated on important information in Placentia, including:

- Evacuations: Be aware of any areas requiring immediate evacuation.
- Severe Weather Patterns: Get notified about dangerous weather conditions like high winds, heavy rain, or extreme heat.
- Road Closures: Stay informed about construction or emergency road closures that might impact your commute.
- Construction Updates: Receive the latest information on City projects.

The Fire and Life Safety Department is continuously monitoring weather conditions and is prepared to respond to emergencies should they arise. However, community preparedness is essential to ensure safety during critical situations. Emergencies can happen anytime, and having a “Go Bag” ready can make a significant difference. A Go Bag should include essentials like:

- Copies of important documents (ID, insurance, medical records).
- A three-day supply of non-perishable food and water.
- Flashlights, batteries, and a phone charger.
- A first aid kit and necessary medications.
- Clothing and sturdy shoes.
- Cash in small bills.
- Comfort items like snacks or toys for children.

Being prepared and informed can help protect yourself and your loved ones during emergencies. Don't wait until it's too late—sign up for Nixle alerts and make sure your Go Bag is stocked and ready.

Police Department

Spring 2025 CERT Training

We are excited to announce our Spring 2025 Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training. This training focuses on Emergency Preparedness and Neighborhood Watch, Fire Safety, Search and Rescue, Disaster Medical Operations, Terrorism, and Disaster Psychology. The course concludes with a Disaster Simulation, where participants use their newly acquired skills in real-life emergency scenarios. As recent fires have shown, emergencies arise suddenly, and our best defense is strong preparation. We encourage everyone to attend this valuable, FREE course. Spring 2025 CERT training dates are planned for Tuesday nights in February and March 2025. For more information, email ppowers@placentia.org or kkrahling@placentia.org.



Placentia PD Welcomes Officer Gutierrez

On Wednesday, January 8th, we were pleased to welcome Officer R. Gutierrez to the Placentia Police Department. Officer Gutierrez comes to us from the Brawley Police Department. We are excited to have him on our team and wish him the best of luck in his continued law enforcement career!



Placentia PD Honors K9 Ace

It is with profound sadness that we share that our retired K9 Ace suffered health complications last weekend and was laid to rest on Monday, January 13th. K9 Ace served the City of Placentia from November 13, 2015, through November 13, 2021. During his time with Placentia, Ace helped keep the men and women of the Placentia Police Department safe by assisting in locating numerous violent suspects. He also helped take hundreds of pounds of illegal drugs off the streets. K9 Ace will always be remembered as a partner who loved to give hugs. We are grateful to K9 Ace for everything he did for us and the City of Placentia. We also offer heartfelt thanks to the surrounding agencies who came out to honor Ace and support him, his handler, and the entire Placentia family at this difficult time.



Public Works Department

Free Compost and Mulch

OC Waste & Recycling has opened the Valencia Greenery at Olinda Alpha Landfill in Brea for public pick-up of free compost and mulch. Free STA-certified compost and mulch are available for pick-up. Visit the Valencia Greenery at 1942 Valencia Ave, Brea, and bring your own tools! For more information, please visit oclandfills.com/compost.



2025 Compost Giveaway Event

The City of Placentia and Republic Services will be giving away compost on Saturday, February 1st, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (or until compost runs out) at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd. Please bring your own containers or buckets for Republic Services staff to fill with compost, as bags are not allowed. There is a limit of 60 gallons of compost per household. You must provide proof of residency (California driver's license or utility bill). This event may be subject to

changes or postponement. This event is a big "thank you" to Placentia residents for diverting yard waste from landfills! Composting is recycling organic materials into a useful soil product that can be used in gardens or on potted plants. It can save money and time and reduce your garden's watering and weeding needs. It also benefits the environment by recycling valuable organic resources and extending the life of our landfills. This compost is a rich, organic soil amendment that consists of composted, recycled green waste collected as part of the City's residential green waste recycling program. A new state-mandated organics recycling program is being developed that will require the community to recycle food scraps and yard waste. For more information on this event, contact (714) 993-8123 or recycling@placentia.org.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: January 17 - 23

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:

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, January 22nd

Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime: Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

- This Week: Friday, January 17th

Family Storytime: Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

- This Week: Saturday, January 18th



Featured Program:

Maker Labs! Cosplay Corner

Third Saturday of the Month

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

The Hangar

This Week: Tuesday, January 18th

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

Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee

The County of Orange, in partnership with Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee and the Brea Mall, a Simon Center, invites you to attend a career fair on Thursday, January 30th, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Brea Mall, 1065 Brea Mall. Attendees will be able to:

- Connect with top businesses
- Submit resumes directly

- Interview on the spot
- Streamline the job hunt

For questions, contact (866) 500-6587 or info@ocworkforcesolutions.com.
Click here for more information and to register.





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Free registration and parking.



Register by scanning the QR code or visit bit.ly/2025CareerFairBrea

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This WETA Title I financially assisted program or activity is an equal opportunity employment program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. If you need special assistance to participate in the program, please call (866) 500-6587. COUNTY guests, please call the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2282, or TDD: (949) 440-1111, or call 48 hours in advance to make reasonable arrangements to be made to ensure accessibility to the program.

Orange County Office on Aging

The Orange County (OC) 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.

OC Office on Aging Services Recap: January 10, 2025:

The OC Office on Aging offers many services and resources to help older adults stay independent, healthy, and active. Whether you need help with transportation, meals, caregiver support, or educational workshops, they are here to connect you with the right support. To learn more about how to get support for you or your loved ones, call the OC Office on Aging Information & Assistance Call Center at (714) 480-6450 or visit officeonaging.ocgov.com.

[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.



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