



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

January 30, 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.

We're Hiring!

The City is currently hiring for a variety of jobs. At the City of Placentia, we strive to make a difference by continually developing our progressive and innovative workforce. Our team works together to foster an environment that promotes diversity, creativity, and respect for everyone's opinions to ensure a better result for the community we serve. If you are interested in a public sector career with an established agency dedicated to improving the way its employees work, develop, and thrive, a position with us would be an excellent opportunity for you. Don't wait; apply today! We are currently hiring for:

- City Administrator
- Administrative Assistant - Fire and Life Safety Department
- Associate Civil Engineer/Senior Civil Engineer
- Human Resources Analyst/Senior Human Resources Analyst
- Police Officer (Lateral)

For more information on open positions, please visit www.placentia.org/jobs.

Placentia Chamber of Commerce New Member and Significant Anniversary Reception



The Placentia Chamber of Commerce held its New Member and Significant Anniversary Reception on Wednesday, January 29th, at the SpringHill Suites in Placentia. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate new and longstanding business community members. Mayor Kevin Kirwin presented certificates to the following Chamber members commemorating significant milestones:

5 Years: By The Book Tax & Accounting Inc., Face Painting by Tiffany, Martir Financial Group, Nightingale Senior Care, OC Sculpt Spa LLC, Park Lane Jewelry, and Perimeter Protection and Surveillance Systems Inc.

25 Years: Homeless Intervention Services of Orange County



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40 Years: Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District
The City congratulates all businesses and organizations for their continued growth and success. We thank the Placentia Chamber of Commerce for hosting this meaningful event and for providing a platform to honor those in our community.

Community Services Department

La Placita Parkette Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The City held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, January 29th, at 3:00 p.m. to unveil the newest park playground renovation project at La Placita Parkette. The renovation project was part of the Placentia Parks Initiative and included removing and replacing the existing playground structure and new park amenities. In following the City Council's goal to create "destination parks," the new playground features a colorful citrus theme. The playground features a new, ADA-ramped 5–12-year age playground, two slides, an ADA-accessible rocker, flower talk tubes, a mule spring rider, a tractor climber, a 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 playground renovation. For more information on park projects, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



Senior Transportation Services

The City of Placentia, in partnership with Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), provides a free, door-to-door, wheelchair-accessible transportation program for Placentia Seniors aged 60 and older. From January 27th until February 28th, the Placentia Senior Center will offer additional rides to the Placentia Senior Center and to select medical offices and shopping centers within the area from their Placentia residence. These will be available to Seniors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. There will be six locations, including:

- Placentia Senior Center - 143 S. Bradford Ave. Placentia, CA 92870
- Medical Offices in Yorba Linda - 16615 E. Yorba Linda Blvd. Yorba Linda, CA 92886
- St. Jude Medical Center - 2767 E. Imperial Highway, Brea, CA 92821
- Kaiser Permanente - 3430 E. La Palma Ave. Anaheim, CA 92806
- Village Center at Rose - 710 N. Rose Dr. Placentia, CA 92870
- Placentia Town Center - 150 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia, CA 92870

For more information on using these additional rides, locations, and registering, contact the Placentia Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.

Development Services Department

PhoNatic is Now Open in Placentia

The City is pleased to welcome PhoNatic to Placentia! PhoNatic, located at 1804 N. Placentia Avenue, opened in November 2024



and serves pho (Vietnamese noodle soup) and other Vietnamese specialties. PhoNatic is the newest addition to the Sierra Vista Shopping Center. With some cold temperatures upon us, PhoNatic and its wide selection of pho is a welcome addition to the area. The City of Placentia proudly welcomes the restaurant to the neighborhood! For more information on PhoNatic and other new businesses in the City, contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

Fire and Life Safety Department

El Dorado High School Career Fair

On Thursday, January 30th, Placentia Fire and Life Safety attended the Career Fair at El Dorado High School. The crew from Station 2 brought the engine to demonstrate the tools and equipment used in the fire service. Deputy Chief Weinert, Fire Marshal Horner, and Battalion Chief Davis made presentations highlighting their fire service careers and education. To book a station tour or learn more about Placentia Fire and Life Safety, email fire@placentia.org.



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.



Visit from LOT318 Music Group

On Tuesday, January 28th, the Music Group from LOT318 surprised our Night Watch shift with a concert! The LOT318 students are learning to play piano and sing, and we are so grateful that they took time out of their day to perform for us. We wish everyone at LOT318 continued success in everything you do and hope you will come to visit us again!



Public Works Department

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 31 - February 6

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:

Tiny Art Show

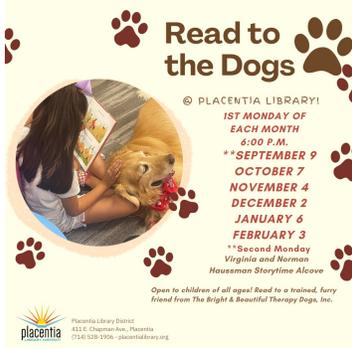
General Kit Pickup: Begins Saturday, February 1st, while supplies last

Painting Drop Off: By Saturday, February 15th, by 5:00 p.m.

Exhibit and Voting: February 19th - 28th
Winners will be announced the first week of March.

Display your artistic talents at our Tiny Art Show! Pick up one of our Tiny Art Kits to create your entry. Kits include a 3" x3" canvas, an easel, acrylic paint, and a brush. Let your inner Picasso or Van Gogh free and create your tiny masterpiece. Once you've finished, return it to the library by February 15th to be part of the exhibit and have a chance to win exciting prizes! Ages 2+





Featured Program:

Read to the Dogs

First Monday of the Month

6:00 p.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

This week: Monday, February 3rd

Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained furry friend from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. – because even dogs like to hear a good tail-chasing tale now and then!

Featured Service:

Passport Service

WALK-IN DAYS:

Monday-Friday starting at 11:00 a.m.

Walk-in Passport Hours*

Monday-Thursday 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

*Capacity will vary each day. The last applicant will be accepted 30 minutes before closing. Passport agents reserve the right to close the passport office without notice.



Orange County Sanitation District

Dive into the World of Wastewater with OC San's Wastewater 101 Citizen Academy

OC San is excited to invite you to join the Wastewater 101 Citizens Academy, where you'll explore how over 190 million gallons of wastewater is collected, treated, and recycled every day for 2.6 million residents across central and northwest Orange County.

The Academy features four virtual workshops over two months, hosted and presented by dedicated OC San staff. Learn the ins and outs of the OC San wastewater treatment process. This free Citizens Academy is available for adults 18 and over to register. The first session begins on March 6th! Register today at www.ocsan.gov/wastewater101.

SoCalGas - Billing Assistance Information

With the rising costs of utilities, SoCalGas offers a variety of assistance programs to help residents manage their natural gas bills. Whether you need a one-time grant, monthly discounts, or past-due bill forgiveness, there are options available to provide relief.

Financial Assistance Programs

SoCalGas has several programs tailored to help customers reduce their financial burden:

- Gas Assistance Fund – A one-time bill grant of up to \$200 for eligible customers. Applications for this grant will be opening soon.
- Past Due Bill Forgiveness (AMP) – The Arrearage Management Plan (AMP) allows qualifying customers to have eligible past-due bills forgiven over time.
- Level Pay Plan (LPP) – This program helps stabilize monthly gas bills by averaging annual gas usage, so customers pay a set amount each month.
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) – A federally funded program that assists income-qualified customers in paying their utility bills. For more information, call 1-866-675-6623.
- California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) – Provides eligible customers with a 20% discount on their monthly bill.

Additional Assistance Options

Beyond financial aid, SoCalGas offers programs to help customers better manage their energy use and payment schedules:

- Medical Baseline Allowance – Offers additional gas usage at a lower rate for medically qualified individuals.
- Extended Payment Due Date – Allows more time to pay your bill when needed.
- Third-Party Notification – Enables a trusted friend or family member to receive notifications about overdue bills.
- 211 Referral Services – Connects residents with statewide assistance programs by dialing

2-1-1 or visiting [211.org](https://www.211.org).

- [Low Income Household Water Assistance Program \(LIHWAP\)](#) – Helps income-qualified customers with water and wastewater bills.

For more information on these programs, visit the [SoCalGas website](#) or call (800) 427-2200 to speak with a representative.

Orange County Fourth District

Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee is partnering with OC Health Care Agency and Cal State Fullerton on Wednesday, February 5th, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. to host an Opioid Town Hall at the Cal State Fullerton Titan Student Union. The forum will raise awareness of the dangers of illicit opioid misuse and fentanyl overdose deaths and provide information about how fentanyl deaths are preventable and where to access available resources. There will also be a brief training on administering Naloxone and an opportunity to ask questions to an expert panel. [Click here to register for this event.](#)

The Fourth District will also partner with the City of Stanton, the Orange County Sheriff's Department, the Council on Aging Southern California, and the United States Postal Service on a Senior Fraud Prevention event. The event will occur on Thursday, February 27th, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Free transportation is provided to Placentia residents. Call or email Israel Alvarez by February 20th to reserve a spot at (714) 479-8125 or a.snemt@abrazarinc.com.

Yorba Linda Water District Waterline Replacement in Placentia

The Yorba Linda Water District (YLWD) owns and maintains existing 6-inch waterlines that are located within McKenzie Drive, Lute Avenue, Roxborough Drive, and Cedarlawn Drive in the City of Placentia, which have been prioritized for replacement this winter. This project will enhance fire flow reliability in the area to align with YLWD's commitment to providing reliable water services to protect public health and the environment. The total project construction for the waterline replacement may take up to four months, starting in February 2025. All work at the project site will be performed Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. YLWD is committed to minimizing inconveniences for nearby residents while ensuring a safe and secure work environment. Every effort will be made to reduce disruptions during the construction period. Residents may experience minimal traffic impacts and hear construction noise. Please exercise caution while near all construction activities by observing all traffic controls and instructions from flagmen. Customers who may be impacted by a water service interruption will be notified in advance, with disruptions lasting several hours during regular working hours. For the latest updates regarding this project, please visit www.ylwd.com/projects. If you'd like to speak to YLWD's Project Manager, contact Yvette Hanna at (714) 701-3000 or yhanna@ylwd.com.

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

OCTA is introducing the Wave program, designed to make your commuting experience more convenient, affordable, and eco-friendly. Starting in Summer 2025, the Wave program will replace traditional bus passes with a contactless, pay-as-you-go fare system that works through a smart card or mobile app. It eliminates the need for paper passes and cash, making boarding and paying for your trip easier than ever. With Wave, you can tap your card or scan your phone when you board, and you're all set to ride.

How Does It Work?

Wave uses a reloadable account-based system that ensures you always get the best fare. If you use Wave multiple times in a single day, you'll never pay more than the cost of a day pass. Similarly, frequent riders will automatically cap out at the cost of a monthly pass, saving money without the need for advance planning.

To Get Started:

Sign Up: Create an account through the Wave app or at select retail locations.

Load Funds: Add money to your account through the app, website, or in-person locations.

Tap and Go: Use your Wave card or app to tap and board OCTA buses.

Who Can Benefit?

The Wave program is perfect for students, commuters, and occasional riders alike. Whether

you're traveling daily or just for special events, Wave provides a hassle-free option for navigating Orange County.

Wave cards and accounts are now available for all OCTA riders. Visit octa.net/wave to learn more about Wave, take a community survey to provide your feedback, or participate in a community meeting to ask questions.



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