



## City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

February 20, 2025

### Administration Department

#### Now Hiring for Community Services Summer Jobs

The City is looking for energetic people to fill part-time positions as Community Services Leaders and Lifeguard staff for summer recreation and aquatics programs. Community Services Leaders participate in various activities, including youth sports, arts and crafts, camps, special events, and City-sponsored excursions. Lifeguards have an opportunity to teach youth swim lessons and lead recreational swim activities. The City of Placentia offers competitive salaries and flexible schedules. Please [click here](#) or call Human Resources at (714) 993-8141 for more information.



#### 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](mailto:cityclerk@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8231.

#### Placentia Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce invites you to visit the Chamber of Commerce Office and Visitor Center in the heart of Old Town Placentia! Their office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or by appointment. It is located at 120 S. Bradford Avenue, Suite B. Whether you're a resident, business owner, or just passing through, their office is your go-to resource for all things Placentia. You'll find business cards, brochures, and menus from local businesses to help you discover the best products and services in town. They also have a great selection of Placentia-themed merchandise for sale, including hats, shirts, limited-edition Packing House label shirts, and more. Looking for information on upcoming events? They've got you covered! Stop by to learn about major City and Chamber events like the Taste of Placentia, Heritage Festival, Tamale Festival, and more. They also have updates on new businesses coming to town, so you can be among the first to support them! Whether you're looking to explore Placentia, shop locally, or connect with the community, the Placentia Chamber of

## Community Services Department

### Tiny Tots Program Spring Registration

Registration for the Spring Tiny Tots program is now ongoing in person and online! The program focuses on introducing youth ages 3-5 to numbers, counting, colors, shapes, letters, vocabulary development, and following directions to gain valuable socialization skills and prepare for kindergarten. It is offered in six-week sessions at the Koch Park Community Building. **To view the flyer, please click here.** For more information, please visit [www.placentia.org/tinytots](http://www.placentia.org/tinytots) or contact Tiny Tots staff at (714) 572-0467.



### Palm Quarterly Going Hybrid

The City of Placentia is transitioning the Palm Quarterly to a hybrid format to better align with our sustainability goals and reduce our environmental impact. Going hybrid allows us to cut down on printing costs and paper waste while also providing quicker access to the content. For those who prefer a physical copy, we'll have a limited number of printed versions available at City Hall, Whitten Community Center, and local parks. We're excited about this change and hope you enjoy the benefits of a more sustainable, accessible publication! The hybrid program will begin with the Spring Palm Quarterly. For additional questions, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

## Development Services Department

### Chick-fil-A Construction Underway

A new Chick-fil-A restaurant is coming soon to the southeast corner of Alta Vista Street and Rose Drive! Preliminary rough grading is already underway, bringing this eatery one step closer to serving the community. The Chick-fil-A project is part of a larger development originally approved in 2018, which included 10,500 square feet of commercial retail space with outdoor dining and a drive-thru, as well as 54 detached single-family homes. As part of the approval process, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND 2018-01) was adopted to address environmental considerations.

In 2024, Chick-fil-A, Inc. proposed modifications to the 1.99-acre commercial site, consolidating two previously approved retail buildings into a single 5,525-square-foot restaurant. While the design has been updated, the project maintains existing landscaping and hardscape elements. The updated site plan, elevations, and renderings were submitted in February 2024 and reviewed by City staff, who determined the modifications were consistent with the original approval.

The City of Placentia is thrilled to welcome Chick-fil-A and expand the dining options available to residents and visitors! For updates on the project's progress, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



## Police Department

## 100th Birthday Celebration

Last week, we were honored to be invited to help celebrate the 100th Birthday of Mr. Robert Spint, a retired Army M5 Tank Driver who served during World War II and was in the Battle of the Bulge. We were joined by Placentia Fire and Life Safety, Placentia American Legion Post 277, and many of his friends, family, and neighbors.

Sergeant Wagoner presented Mr. Spint with a Placentia Police Department Challenge Coin, and the Legion presented him with several certificates and medals of honor.

It was a privilege to be a part of such an emotional, amazing tribute to a true hero. We thank his family for including us in the celebration, Mr. Spint for his service to our country, and we wish him a very happy 100th Birthday!



## 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](mailto:ppowers@placentia.org) or [kkrahling@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahling@placentia.org).



## Police Department Citizen Academy

The Placentia Police Department is excited to announce our upcoming Citizen Police Academy for interested community members. The academy is a twelve-week non-stress course designed to help community members better understand their Police Department and foster better communication between police personnel and citizens. The Academy will include instruction in the following areas: the structure of the Placentia Police Department, investigations, traffic enforcement, accident investigations, driving under the influence investigations, gangs, narcotics, crime prevention, crime scene investigations, the police K-9 program, and volunteer programs. There will also be a tour of the police facility, patrol vehicles, and equipment used by the department. To learn more and apply, email [kkrahling@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahling@placentia.org), call (714) 993-8179, or visit our website at [www.placentia.org/police](http://www.placentia.org/police).

## Public Works Department

Shredding and E-Waste Recycling Event

The City's next free Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event will be on Saturday, March 15th, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Placentia Civic Center, 401 East Chapman Avenue. Placentia residents and businesses are invited to dispose of unwanted electronics and shred confidential documents on-site for free. A maximum of six (6) banker box size containers will be accepted from each household or business location in Placentia. Please place items in the trunk for easy access and ensure your containers are free from metals or debris that can damage the shredding equipment. If the documents are in a 3-ring binder, please remove it before shredding. Paper clips, staples, rubber bands, and file folders are acceptable. Most electronics that plug into an outlet and any items with a screen will be accepted for free, but there will be a fee for major household appliances. Automotive batteries, rechargeable tools, and electronic batteries will also be accepted, but smaller household batteries will not. No household hazardous waste such as chemicals, paint, or unused medication will be accepted. To dispose of hazardous waste, please visit the nearest Orange County Hazardous Waste Collection Center. To find the nearest location and a list of acceptable items, visit [www.oilandfills.com/hazardous-waste](http://www.oilandfills.com/hazardous-waste). For more information, contact [recycling@placentia.org](mailto:recycling@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8148.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: February 21 - 27

#### 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:

##### **Sewing 101**

*Adults and Teens*

*Saturday, February 22nd*

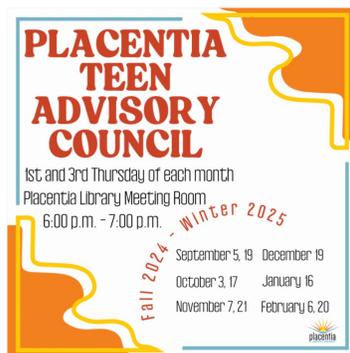
*1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.*

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

*The Hangar*

##### **This Week: Saturday, February 22nd**

Get started with this hands-on overview of the sewing machine, including winding a bobbin, sewing a straight line, and other stitches. Materials will be provided for a starter project. Space is limited - entry tickets for both timeslots will be issued starting at 12:30 p.m. the day of the program.



##### **Placentia Teen Advisory Council (PTAC)**

*First and Third Thursday of Each Month*

*6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*Placentia Library Community Meeting Room*

##### **This Week: Thursday, February 20th**

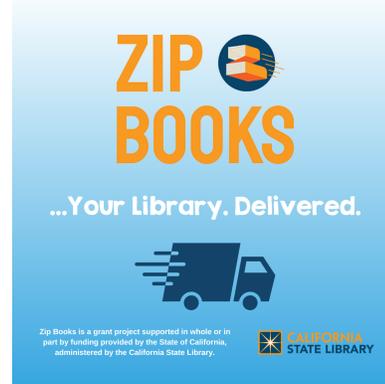
The Placentia Teen Advisory Council is open to all high school students interested in gaining community service experience, volunteer hours, and leadership skills through planning and supporting library events. For more information, contact (714) 528-1906 or [volunteers@placentialibrary.org](mailto:volunteers@placentialibrary.org).

#### Featured Resource:

##### **Zip Books**

Zipbooks is a grant funded project supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State

Library. Get books or audiobooks mailed directly to you! It's free and books ship directly to your home from Amazon! For more information, visit [www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things](http://www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things).



## Orange County Fourth District

Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee is partnering 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](mailto:a.snemt@abrazarinc.com).

## Orange Country Transportation Authority

Starting this summer, the new OCTA Wave fare payment system will use pay-as-you-go technology that lets you pay for rides on OCTA transit based on what you use versus the fixed amount on a paper pass. The new system will include a contactless reloadable smart card, a robust mobile app, and a new account-based system. As part of their ongoing effort to gather feedback from the community, they will be hosting a community meeting on **Thursday, February 20th, at 6:00 p.m. at Santa Ana College, 1530 W. 17th Street.** [Click here for more information and to register.](#)



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