



## City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

February 27, 2025

### Administration Department

#### Sign Up for the 2025 Citizens' Academy!

The City is excited to announce the return of the Citizens' Academy! The Placentia Citizens' Academy is a seven-week educational program designed to empower residents and businesses to learn more about the City, including how our City governance works, how decisions are made, how City resources are allocated, and how departments operate. During this Academy, participants can tour City facilities, ask questions of City leaders, and become more informed and involved citizens. The Citizens Academy will begin on March 19th and run every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through April 30th. To participate, you must:

- Be a Placentia Resident or Business Owner.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be interested in enhancing the community and developing your leadership skills.
- Commit to attending all sessions.



#### 2025 PLACENTIA CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Now Accepting Applications! Apply Today!

	WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM MARCH 19TH - APRIL 30TH	The 2025 Placentia Citizens' Academy is a 7-week program hosted by the City of Placentia and open to Placentia residents and business owners.
	CLASSES TAKE PLACE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT PLACENTIA	

Ask Questions • Meet City Leadership  
Tour City Facilities • Become an Informed, Involved Citizen

For more information and to apply, visit [www.placentia.org/citizensacademy](http://www.placentia.org/citizensacademy), email [ndrulias@placentia.org](mailto:ndrulias@placentia.org), or call (714) 993-8107. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 13th via email or at City Hall.

All meetings are in-person, and class size will be limited to ensure a great experience. The City is accepting applications through Thursday, March 13th, at 5:00 p.m. [Click here to view the application and apply](#). For additional information, please call (714) 993-8107 or email [ndrulias@placentia.org](mailto:ndrulias@placentia.org).

#### 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:

- [Placentia Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center](#)
- [Community Services Summer Jobs](#)
- And more!

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

#### 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.



## Community Services Department

### Senior Lunch Program

The Placentia Senior Center, in partnership with Meals on Wheels Orange County, offers a daily lunch program for older adults Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A monthly schedule of meals is available at the Placentia Senior Center Front Desk. A suggested donation per meal is \$3.00 per individual 60+. Meal costs for individuals under 60 are \$5.00. Participants must register for the program on their first visit and can do so on-site at the Placentia Senior Center. For more information on the Senior lunch program, please contact the Placentia Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.

### 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

### Peaberry Coffee House Now Open in Placentia!

The City is excited to welcome Peaberry Coffee House to Placentia! Peaberry Coffee House, located at 1804 N. Placentia Avenue, Unit B, recently opened its doors and celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week. Peaberry Coffee House offers a wide selection of blended drinks, coffees, smoothies, teas, specialty lattes, and handcrafted pastries. With a focus on quality and creativity, Peaberry serves unique and aesthetically crafted beverages designed to delight coffee lovers and casual visitors alike. The café's warm and inviting atmosphere makes it an ideal spot for students, professionals, and families to gather, study, or unwind. The City wishes Peaberry Coffee great success! For more information on Peaberry Coffee House and other new businesses in the City, contact Development Services at (714) 993-8124.



## 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](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

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: February 28 - March 6

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

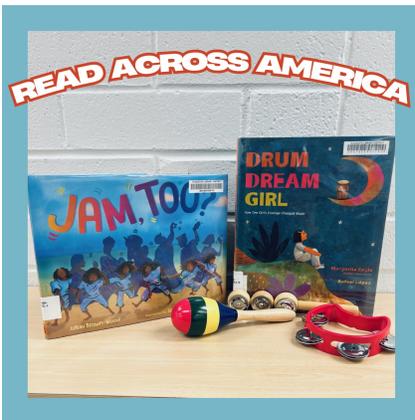
Looking for something to do this week? We always have something going on at the library, from weekly storytimes and teen volunteering opportunities to book clubs and community events! Plus, check out books, video games and movies at the library or access eBooks, eAudiobooks, online learning resources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

#### Highlights for the Week:

##### Tiny Art Show

**Last day to vote: Friday, February 28th**

The creativity in our Tiny Art Show is incredible, and now it's your turn to vote for your favorite piece! Stop by the library to view the amazing miniature masterpieces and cast your vote online. Every vote counts, so come support our talented artists!



#### Featured Program:

##### Read Across America Special Storytime

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

**This Week: Saturday, March 1st**

Get ready for a special storytime as we Read Across America! Join us on Saturday, March 1st, at 10:00 a.m. in the Storytime Alcove as we read fun stories, dance, and sing songs to highlight our theme of community. Then, stay afterward for a fun craft that will get you moving, shaking, and dancing to the rhythm! We hope to see you there!

#### Featured Service:

##### Passport Services

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. Last applicant accepted 30 minutes before closing. Passport agents reserve the right to close the passport office without notice.

Placentia Library District  
Passport Services

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Placentia Library District  
413 E. Chapman Ave.  
Placentia, CA 92670

**WALK-IN DAYS**  
**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
11 a.m. - last check-in half an hour prior to closing\*

No appointment necessary  
\*walk-in line may be cut off early based on number of applicants in line.

Saturday and Sunday  
appointment only  
Learn more or schedule an  
appointment at  
[placentialibrary.org/passports](http://placentialibrary.org/passports)

### 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.

## FOOD RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS IN OC RECAP: FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Food insecurity among older adults is on the rise, with many facing challenges in preparing meals due to health or mobility limitations. If you or someone you know needs support, programs are available to access nutritious meals, from home-delivered meals to grocery assistance, helping older adults stay healthy and independent. Learn more about these resources by listening to the presentation or visiting [officeonaging.ocgov.com](https://officeonaging.ocgov.com). [Listen to the presentation here.](#)

### JOIN OAAC

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 or to join the Commission.](#)

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