



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

March 6, 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!

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| | 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, email 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.

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 posts include:

- [New Business Spotlight: Peaberry Coffee](#)
- [Shred & E-Waste Recycling Event](#)
- And more!

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

Apply for City Commissions and Committees

Get involved! The City is currently accepting applications for the following City Committees and

Commissions: Citizens' Oversight Committee, Heritage Festival Committee, Historical Committee, 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.

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

Current Development Projects Now Available Online!

The City of Placentia is pleased to announce that information and status updates regarding current development projects is now available on the City's Public GIS Portal. This interactive tool allows residents, businesses, and stakeholders to track ongoing developments and stay informed about new developments throughout Placentia. [Visit our GIS website](#) and click on the [Current Development Dashboard](#) to explore project details and updates. For more information, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

Pending Development Projects List - March 2025

The City has a number of ongoing development projects around Placentia. [Click here to view the pending projects for March 2025.](#)

Fire and Life Safety Department

Read Across America



This week, our Fire Prevention Specialist and the crews from Station 2 visited Morse Elementary School to celebrate "Read Across America Day," a nationwide initiative that promotes the joy and importance of reading among children.

During the visit, our team read a story to the kindergarten classes, answered questions, and shared insights about life in the fire service. This event not only highlighted the importance of reading but also allowed us an opportunity to connect with the students.

Police Department

Vacation Home Checks

With Spring Break right around the corner, we want to remind everyone about our Vacation Home Check service offered through our Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS). If you are going out of town for more than 3 days and would like to have extra eyes on your home while you are away, please complete and submit the [online form](#) (3 days before you leave) available on our website, and our VIPS will perform regular checks of your property. For more information, contact Kelley Krahlung at kkrahlung@placentia.org or visit www.placentia.org/police.

You Are Not Alone (Y.A.N.A.)

The Placentia Police Department is pleased to introduce our You Are Not Alone (Y.A.N.A.) program to our community. One of the greatest fears of older adults is being alone and isolated. For family members who are not near their loved ones, suddenly not being able to get in touch with a relative can lead to anxiety and result in calling for a "Welfare Check," where our officers go to the residence to ensure that everything is ok.

To alleviate this, the Y.A.N.A. program, coordinated through our VIPS (Volunteers in Police Services), will regularly contact participants through phone calls, home visits, or a combination of both, depending on each participant's individual needs.

Our VIPS do not provide medical assistance but instead offer a measure of security to participants and their families, that extra, regularly scheduled attention is being paid to them.

To learn more about this program, contact Community Outreach Coordinator Kelley Krahlung at (714) 993-8179 or kkrahlung@placentia.org. [Click here for the application.](#)

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. For more information, contact recycling@placentia.org or (714) 993-8148.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Chamber of Commerce

The Placentia Chamber of Commerce will host the 5th Annual Wedding & Event Expo on Sunday, March 23rd, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Placentia Round Table Women's Club, 901 Bradford Avenue. The event will feature photographers, caterers, florists, DJs, bakeries, hair stylists, custom suits, wedding dresses, photobooths, bartenders, and much more to help elevate your event! These vendors do all types of events, large and small, not just weddings! Admission is FREE, so bring your spouse-to-be, family members, or friends and have fun planning your special event! Space is limited, so register now to save your spot! [Click here to register](#).



Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: March 7 - March 13

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:

Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Graphic Novel Club

Second Thursday of Each Month

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

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Thursday, March 13th

Discover a classic graphic novel or a trending fantasy, dystopian, or science fiction epic with our evening book club. Explore intricate sub-genres, like cozy fantasy or magical realism, which invite readers to bundle up with a cup of tea or hard sci-fi, featuring trips to faraway planets suitable for a summer blockbuster. Find these titles at the library or on our digital platforms on the Libby, Hoopla, or Palace apps. Ages 18+.



Featured Programs:

It's-a-Mario Time at the Library

Photo Op: All Day March 10th - 16th

Hangar Crafts: During Hangar Hours

Monday, March 10th and Wednesday, March 12th, 3:00 p.m.

- 6:00 p.m.

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