



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

March 13, 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, 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 Monday, March 17th, at 10:00 a.m. [Click here to view the application and apply.](#)** For additional information, please call (714) 993-8107 or email ndrulias@placentia.org.

SBDC Webinar - Trademark Basics: What Every Small Business Should Know Now, Not Later

Are you looking to learn more about trademarking your business? Join the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in a FREE webinar to understand what all entrepreneurs, small businesses, and startups should know about trademarks. The webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 9th, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will discuss what trademarks are, the benefits of federal trademark registration, and the basics of the registration process. SBDC will also talk about why it's so important for any new business to select a trademark that is both federally registrable and legally protectable. The discussion will conclude with a Q&A session and free resources from the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). [Click here to register!](#)

Apply for City Commissions and Committees

The City is still accepting applications for the following City Committees and Commissions: Citizens' Oversight Committee, Financial Audit Oversight Committee, Heritage Festival Committee, Historical Committee, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Committee, Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission, and the OC Mosquito Vector Control District Board. **The interview selection process will take place on March 25, 2025.** 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

Easter Eggcitement



The Community Services Department is excited to announce this year's Easter Eggcitement Event on Saturday, April 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hop on over for a fun, family, and festive Easter Eggcitement! Whether you're searching for hidden treasures in our massive egg hunt, enjoying treats, or snapping photos with the Easter Bunny, there's something for everyone! [Please click here for more information!](#)

If you are a non-profit, craft, food, or business vendor wanting to participate in the event, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 for more information.

Summer Volunteering Program

Do you need volunteer service hours and want to be a part of a dynamic team while helping the community? Apply to be a Placentia Volunteer! High School and Junior High School students aged 13-16 who need volunteer service hours for graduation are encouraged to apply to assist our Community Services Staff with activities throughout the City. Service organizations are also encouraged to participate. Participants will have the opportunity to receive on-the-job training and develop friendships. Come help out with one of the

many Community Services Department programs, such as Youth Sports, P.A.R.K.'s., or special events.



Participant Requirements

Applicants must be 13 years of age by June 1, 2025, and reside within the city limits of Placentia or attend a PYLUSD school. **Applications are available here** or at the City of Placentia Community Services Department counter in City Hall. The deadline to apply is Thursday, May 8th, at 5:30 p.m.

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.

Fire and Life Safety Department

Fire Safety Habits

Daylight Savings time is here, so let's get into the habit of practicing Fire Safety! Spring and Fall are when we must adjust the clocks, which is also a great time to consider incorporating Fire Safety into our routine. Here are a few items that you might want to consider checking when you're adjusting your clocks:

- Test smoke alarms
- Change out the batteries in smoke alarms
- Practice your Home Escape Plan
- Update your Emergency Disaster Kit
- Look at your Defensible Space - Trim trees, bushes, and empty gutters.

Consider adding these few simple things to your Spring and Fall routine to help in an emergency. For more information, contact FireCRR@placentia.org.

Police Department

Rest in Peace Ron Bartz

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Mr. Ron Bartz, a longtime Volunteer In Police Service (VIPS) with the Placentia Police Department. Ron started with the VIPS program in 2009 and only



recently submitted his resignation on October 2, 2024. During his time with our VIPS, Ron worked in the Records and Property Departments, performed Vacation Home Checks, and worked at National Night Out and the Heritage Parade.

Ron was so passionate about his volunteer work that, in one year, he donated over 500 hours of his time to our program!

In addition to his dedication to volunteering, Ron was an active member of his church and shared much of his time with his fellow parishioners. Ron was a longtime resident of Placentia, making his home here with Earline, his wife of 43 years. Ron and Earline shared four daughters: Ron's daughter, Rhonda, and Earline's three daughters, Cindy, Kristy, and Sharon. They also have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He started his own business, One Way Painting, in 1976. In 2001, Ron retired from the painting business, handing the reins over to Jeff McCabe, whom he considered a son.

We are grateful for every moment of his time that Ron so generously donated to the Placentia Police Department, and we send our heartfelt condolences to his wife and his family.

Rest in Peace.

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 Krahling at (714) 993-8179 or kkrahling@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 **THIS 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 14 - March 20

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.

Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime:

- Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
- *This Week: Friday, March 14th*

Family Storytime:

- Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.
- *This Week: Saturday, March 15th*



Featured Programs:

Sewing 101

Children and Adults
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
The Hangar

This week: Saturday, March 15th

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, and preregistration is required for entry into the event. Registration will open one week before the program's date. Visit placentialibrary.org/makerspace one week prior to the program to register.

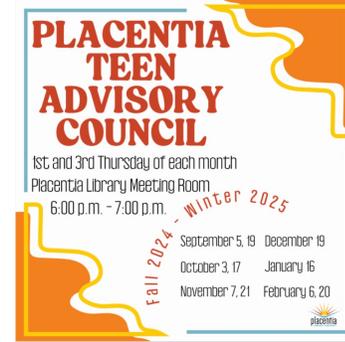
First and Third Thursday of Each Month

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

This week: Thursday, March 20th

The Placentia Teen Action Crew is open to all high school students interested in gaining community service experience, volunteer hours, and leadership skills through planning and supporting library events.



Featured Resource:

Library of Things (LOTS)

Did you know your Placentia Library card provides you with free access to some of the best digital resources, apps, and websites available today? Find eBooks and digital music, audiobook, and movie resources, as well as digital lifelong learning and student resources. Many of our online resources are available through web or mobile apps.

For more information: placentialibrary.org/library-of-things.

Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee

Join Supervisor Doug Chaffee for the spring Fourth District Kid's Fishing Derby on Saturday, March 29th, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Ralph B. Clark Regional Park located at 8800 Rosecrans Ave., Buena Park, CA 90621. Residents of the Fourth District, including the cities of Stanton, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, Brea, Placentia, and portions of Anaheim, may RSVP for the Kids Fishing Derby until event capacity is reached. [To RSVP, please click here](#). Kids ages 6 to 15 may participate in the Fishing Derby. Fishing Rods and bait will be available at no cost while supplies last.

Orange County Transportation Authority

Swallows Day Parade & Mercado

Take Metrolink to the 65th Annual Swallows Day Parade and Mercado, which celebrates the return of the swallows each year from Argentina. This event attracts visitors from throughout the area, so parking will be impacted. Metrolink drops you off within a short walk from the parade route, with plenty of time for you to pick the perfect spot to enjoy this event. [For more information, visit OCTA's website.](#)

Volunteer to Monitor Measure M (also known as OC Go) and Be Part of a Legacy

OCTA is seeking qualified volunteers to serve on the OC Go [Taxpayer Oversight Committee \(TOC\)](#). Applications are due by May 4th. Interviews will be held in person and conducted between May 12th – 16th, with the final selection taking place at the OCTA Board of Directors meeting on June 23rd.

The TOC is an independent 11-member committee that monitors OCTA's use of revenue collected through OC Go, the county's half-cent sales tax, for transportation improvements. For more than a decade, the TOC has ensured that all OC Go funds are spent on voter-approved transportation projects.

Orange County residents living in the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts are eligible to apply for current open positions. The Fourth District consists of the cities of Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, **Placentia**, Stanton, and portions of Anaheim.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and willing to serve a three-year term. Potential candidates should also demonstrate a history of participating in community activities and knowledge of transportation in their application. Elected or appointed city, district, county, state, or federal officials are not eligible to serve.

The Grand Jurors Association of Orange County (GJAOC) is conducting the TOC recruitment and will recommend qualified candidates for membership. For additional information, please call (714) 560-5643 or visit octa.net/Member-Recruitment.

SoCalGas - Scholarship Program

The SoCalGas Scholarship Program encourages students to pursue higher education and supports their academic endeavors. The objective is to create a diverse pool of future scientists, mathematicians, technology experts, and engineers who can help address the complex issues our communities face today and tomorrow. The 2025 Scholarship application is open through **April 1st**. Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Live in the SoCalGas service territory.
- Demonstrate financial need
- Be a high school senior with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Plan to enroll in an eligible science, technology, engineering, math, finance, or accounting major. *Medical-related fields are not eligible.*
- Plan to attend a full-time undergraduate course at an accredited four-year college or university in the U.S. for the 2025-2026 academic year.

To learn more about the scholarship program, visit socialgas.com/scholarship.



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