



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

March 27, 2025

Administration Department

A Message from Interim City Administrator Tom Hatch

As we move through the first quarter of 2025, I wanted to provide you with some updates on city operations, specifically regarding our budget process and citywide infrastructure improvement. Right now, City staff is diligently working on preparing next year's budget. The budgeting process is how we allocate resources to provide the services you rely on every day, from public safety and street maintenance to parks and community programs. The City of Placentia operates on a fiscal year cycle from July 1 to June 30, and budget development is a key focus at this time of year. This process involves careful planning, collaboration among City departments, and thoughtful consideration of community priorities. While Placentia is not immune to budget challenges—such as rising costs, economic uncertainties, and the increasing demand for essential services—we remain committed to presenting a balanced budget to the City Council that continues to effectively serve our residents. We plan to present the budget to the City Council in May, and we welcome community members to attend the meeting in person or watch it live on channel three or the City's website.

One of our top priorities remains improving our streets and roads. Our Public Works team continues to make significant progress on several key projects. Here are some updates from the last couple of weeks:

- **Residential Streets Project** – Last week, we finished the final slurry seal application of our FY 23/24 Residential Streets Project, covering nearly 1.8 million square feet of streets throughout Placentia. Slurry sealing is a vital preventative maintenance measure that helps extend the life of our roads. We appreciate the community's patience during the temporary road closures required for this process.
- **Sewer Repairs** – Sewer point repairs are in progress at Lawrence and La Jolla Street and multiple other locations throughout the City as part of our FY 23/24 Street Rehabilitation Project. These repairs address significant pipe offsets identified in our Sewer Master Plan, helping prevent blockages and reducing the risk of overflows. The next step will be lining the pipes to extend their longevity.
- **Arterial Street Rehabilitation** – On Melrose Avenue between Orangethorpe and Crowther, the contractor is performing full-depth asphalt reconstruction in areas where pavement failure was identified. Once these repairs are complete, the entire roadway will receive a new overlay to improve drivability and safety.

Take a look at some of our recent video updates:

[Residential Slurry Seal Update](#)

[Sewer Rehab Update](#)

Another critical infrastructure improvement is the Golden Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. The bridge, which spans the Carbon Canyon Channel, was originally built in 1934 and has been rated as functionally obsolete by Caltrans since 2005. Currently, it provides only two lanes of traffic with no sidewalks or bike lanes, requiring motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists to all share the road. The total project cost is \$5.5 million, and while the City had previously secured \$2.2 million in federal earmark funding, we were still facing a \$3.3 million funding gap. However, thanks to recent efforts by City staff, we successfully secured approximately \$2.4 million in grant

funding from Caltrans, significantly reducing the City's funding obligation to around \$935,000. This means more funds can now be directed toward other critical road and infrastructure improvements throughout Placentia. City staff will take this into consideration when preparing the budget for the City Council to review and approve in the coming months.

As I reflect on my past three months here, I'm honored to be serving as Interim City Administrator. Even though my role is temporary, I take this responsibility seriously and remain fully committed to supporting our dedicated staff, City Council, and residents. Placentia is a special community, and I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to its continued success. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement.

I look forward to keeping you informed as we move through the budget process and beyond.

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!](#)

Community Services Department

Easter Eggcitement



The Community Services Department is excited to announce this year's Easter Eggcitement Event on Saturday, April 12th, 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.



CITY OF PLACENTIA
SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
APPLY NOW

To apply, candidates should be 13-16 years of age by June 1, 2025, and live within the City limits of Placentia or attend a PYLUSD school. Application forms are accessible at the City of Placentia Community Services Department in City Hall or online at www.placentia.org/volunteer.

Deadline to apply is Thursday, May 8th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTED BENEFITS:

- Arts & Crafts
- Field Trips
- Outdoor Activities
- Pool Days & More

CITY OF PLACENTIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

For more information, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

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.

Tiny Tots Spring Registration

Spring registration for the Tiny Tots program will begin in person and online on Friday, March 28th. This program introduces youth ages 3-5 to numbers, counting, colors, shapes, letters, vocabulary development, and following directions to gain valuable socialization skills and prepare for kindergarten. The program is offered in 6-week sessions at the Koch Park Community Building. To view the flyer, please **click here**. For more information, please visit www.placentia.org/tinytots or contact Tiny Tot staff at (714) 572-0467.

Development Services Department

Chick-fil-A Restaurant Construction Progressing in Placentia



Precise grading is underway for the new Chick-fil-A restaurant at the southeast corner of Alta Vista Street and Rose Drive. In addition to grading, the vertical building framework is currently being installed, marking a significant milestone in the construction process.

The Chick-fil-A project is part of a larger development approved in 2018. The development initially included 10,500 square feet of commercial retail space with an outdoor dining area, a drive-thru, and 54 detached single-family homes. A Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND 2018-01) was adopted to address environmental considerations.

Chick-fil-A, Inc. later proposed modifications to the 1.99-acre commercial lot, consolidating the two previously approved retail buildings into a 5,525-square-foot restaurant. The updated design retains existing landscaping and hardscape elements with minimal changes. Updated site plans, elevations, and renderings were submitted and reviewed in early 2024 and were determined to be consistent with the original project approval.

The City of Placentia is excited to welcome this popular restaurant and looks forward to the added dining options it will bring to residents and the surrounding community. For updates on the project's status, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

Police Department

Breakfast with the Blue - April 13th



We are thrilled to announce our first Breakfast with the Blue event! Members of our Department will be at The Donut Chain, 901 E. Yorba Linda Blvd., on April 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to meet with the community, answer questions, address concerns, and provide opportunities to see our equipment and enjoy some delicious donuts (and more)! We invite everyone to stop by, say hi to our officers, and enjoy a relaxing morning.

Visit from Morse Elementary

This week, we had a great visit from the 3rd-grade students, staff, and parents from Morse Elementary School! The students are learning about civics, being a good citizen, and how city governments operate. We were pleased to partner with Placentia Fire & Life Safety to answer questions about being First Responders. The students also got to try our equipment, use the fire hose, and tour our vehicles, both the motors and the patrol units. We thank the Morse Wildcats for their visit and wish them all the best in the future!



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

Streets and Roads Update

The City continues to make significant progress on our ongoing infrastructure improvement projects, ensuring safer and more reliable streets for residents and visitors. Below is an update on the latest developments:

FY 23-24 Arterial Streets Rehabilitation Project

The Arterial Streets Rehabilitation Project is advancing steadily, with significant improvements taking place throughout the City:

- All 10 concrete bus pads on Chapman Avenue have been successfully installed. Paving for Chapman is scheduled to take place in mid-April.
- Two catch basins and an upsized storm drain line have been installed at the intersection of

- Center and Walnut to mitigate historical flooding issues.
- On Melrose Avenue, localized full-depth pavement reconstruction has been completed. Paving for this section is scheduled for the end of April.
- The contractor will begin sewer point repairs in the southern part of the City during the week of March 31st, followed by sewer lining the following week.

FY 23-24 Residential Slurry Seal Project

The Residential Slurry Seal Project is nearing completion, with over 1.8 million square feet of residential streets receiving preventative maintenance. The final stages of the project include:

- Reinstallation of street striping throughout the affected neighborhoods.
- Final inspection and punch list review, where staff will work closely with the contractor to ensure all work meets the expected quality standards.
- Residents may notice temporary appearance issues such as power steering marks or light tire tracks on freshly applied slurry. These marks will gradually fade as the material cures over the next several months.
- The curing process depends on environmental factors like air moisture and temperature. Increased traffic on newly slurred streets will help smooth out any minor imperfections over time.

FY 23-24 Residential Curb Ramp Project

Significant progress has also been made in improving accessibility throughout the City:

- 10 new curb ramps have been installed along Tuffree Boulevard.
- 2 new curb ramps have been installed along Bradford Avenue.
- Staff is conducting a final inspection to address any outstanding punch list items before officially closing out the project.

The City of Placentia remains committed to enhancing local infrastructure through strategic road improvements and maintenance efforts. We appreciate the community's patience and cooperation as we work to provide smoother, safer, and more accessible streets for all.

For more information on these projects, contact the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8131.

Proper Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

As spring approaches and we begin our annual cleaning routines, it is essential to remember how to properly dispose of household hazardous waste. While tidying up, you may come across old paints, cleaners, oil, batteries, and pesticides. These products can contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive substances, which require special care during disposal. To protect our environment, it is crucial not to throw these items in the trash, pour them down the drain, or discard them in the street. Doing so allows harmful chemicals to enter storm drains, which ultimately carry them untreated to our creeks, rivers, and oceans.

You can safely dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste for FREE through OC Waste and Recycling. The nearest disposal location to Placentia is at 1071 N. Blue Gum Street, Anaheim. Please visit oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste or call (714) 834-4000 for more information, including locations, hours, and a list of accepted items.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: March 28 - April 3

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:

Get Hooked! Crochet and Knitting Circle

Last Sunday of Every Month

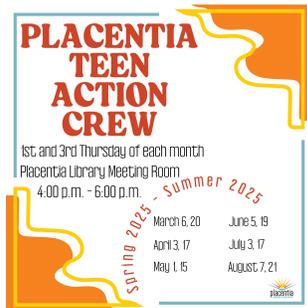
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The Hangar

This Week: Tuesday, March 30th

Do you love knitting and crocheting, or would you like to learn? Whether you are a beginner or an

expert, we join the fun as we knit, crochet, and learn patterns together. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your own needles, crochet hooks, and yarn. For Adults.



Placentia Teen Action Crew

First and Third Thursday of Each Month

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

Placentia Library Community Meeting Room

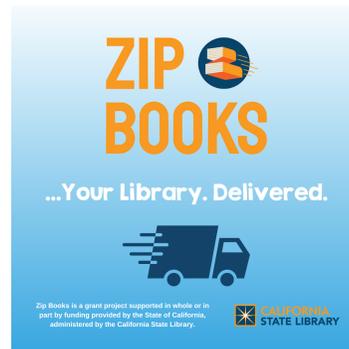
This Week: Thursday, April 3rd

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:

Zipbooks

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!



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.

Free Gun Lock Program

Keeping your family and community safe is simple. The OC Free Gun Lock Program provides free firearm locks to Orange County residents, helping prevent unauthorized access and reduce the risk of accidents. This program is open to all residents, with priority given to households in the Fourth District.

Orange County residents can now request free gun locks through an online form at d4.ocgov.com/FreeGunLocks, with locks mailed directly to their homes. Each package includes a QR Code linking to a video tutorial on safe firearm storage and information about California's evolving gun laws, including SB 53, which requires secure storage for all firearms starting in 2026.

For more information or to request a free gun lock, visit d4.ocgov.com/FreeGunLocks.

District 4 Future Leaders Program

The Office of Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee is now accepting applications for the District 4 Future Leaders Program. The Future Leaders Program is designed for high school sophomores and juniors who reside in the 4th Supervisorial District. Students who participate will

be able to develop their leadership skills, explore different career opportunities, and learn how local government works. Sessions run from Saturday, June 7th to Saturday, June 28th. To apply, please visit d4.ocgov.com/form/futureleaderapp2025. Applications are due by Thursday, April 10th, at 5:00 p.m. For questions, please contact Andrea Dima-Smith at (714) 834-3440 or email D4.FutureLeaders@ocgov.com.

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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