



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

April 17, 2025

Administration Department

City Council Meeting Recap

City Council Meeting Highlights – April 15th

Below are some highlights from the City Council Meeting held on April 15, 2025.

Presentations

The City Council Proclaimed April 13 – 19, 2025, as 9-1-1 Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

The City Council presented members of our Public Safety Communications team with a proclamation and thanked them for the hard work they do each and every day to help keep the Placentia community safe.

The City Council Proclaimed April 2025 as Donate Life Month

The City Council presented a proclamation to resident Rene Sorrentino, who encouraged everyone to become an organ donor.

The City Council recognized the Spring 2025 CERT Program Participants

The Council thanked the Spring 2025 CERT Program participants for their dedication to the program and the City and encouraged them to stay involved with the City.

Consent Calendar

Agreement with Cities and HOPE Center of Orange County for National Opioid Statement Funds

The Placentia City Council approved a partnership with Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, and the HOPE Center of Orange County to address the opioid crisis using National Opioid Settlement Funds. Through this agreement, \$15,000 of Placentia's allocated funds will support a Street Outreach Case Manager to provide opioid and substance use treatment services to vulnerable residents. Placentia has received and expects to receive a total of \$151,924 in settlement funds, which will be used for high-impact prevention and treatment efforts at no cost to the City.

Public Hearings

Amending the Municipal Code for City Special Events on Public Property

The City Council held a public hearing and amended the Municipal Code to establish a comprehensive regulatory framework for city special events on public property. The new ordinance creates a clear permitting process for hosting events in Placentia's parks, streets, and public spaces, and allows for alcohol at events when approved through a special event permit. It also streamlines outdated codes, supports cost recovery for city resources used during events, and offers flexibility for nonprofit and community groups seeking financial assistance. This effort is part of the City's ongoing commitment to making community events easier to plan, safer to manage, and more accessible for everyone.

Adoption of Proposed Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2025/26

The City Council held a public hearing and adopted the Proposed Comprehensive Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2025/26. The updated schedule includes a 3.1% fee adjustment based on inflation and introduces new fees to better recover the City's costs for services such as fire prevention, building inspections, and address issuance. Updates also include a new, lower-cost appeal fee for short-term rental permit revocations and changes to technology fee use for broader Citywide tech upgrades. These changes aim to ensure fair cost recovery while

maintaining high-quality services for Placentia residents and businesses.

Regular Agenda

Annual Financial Report and Audit of Federally Assisted Grant Programs for the Period Ending June 30, 2024

The City Council received an update from an independent auditing firm that reviewed the City's finances and confirmed they are accurate and in good standing. While a few reporting adjustments were needed, they were corrected, and the City received a "clean" audit opinion. Additionally, the City passed its audit of federally funded programs—like Community Development Block Grants—with no findings. This annual review helps ensure transparency and responsible financial stewardship of public funds.

9-1-1 Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services

The City Council voted to approve an agreement with Emergency Ambulance for 9-1-1 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Services, ensuring that Placentia residents continue to receive uninterrupted emergency medical care after the current contract with Lynch EMS expires on June 30, 2025. The new agreement with Emergency Ambulance is for one year at \$740,000, with the option for a second year and up to a 10% increase. Emergency will provide two ALS units staffed by four paramedics stationed in Placentia 24/7. This short-term solution allows the City time to thoroughly evaluate its long-term emergency medical services model.

To view the agenda, video, and minutes of previous City Council Meetings, please visit www.placentia.org/667/City-Council-Meeting-Archives.

Apply for City Commissions and Committees

Get involved! The City is still accepting applications for the following City Committees and Commissions: **Heritage Committee, Senior Advisory Committee, and Streetscape and Transportation Advisory Commission**. 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.

Download the iPlacentia App

The City's mobile app, iPlacentia, empowers citizens to easily report non-emergency issues within City limits to City Staff. It also provides on-the-go access to the latest City news and information. The app allows users to quickly submit a description, picture, and location of a City neighborhood issue, such as a streetlight outage, graffiti, or pothole. The report is then submitted to the respective division or department for review. iPlacentia is available for download on all iPhone and Android devices. Simply search "iPlacentia" on the Apple App Store and GooglePlay.



Community Services Department

Easter Eggcitement



The City hosted the annual Easter Eggcitement event on Saturday, April 12th, at Kraemer Memorial Park, 201 N. Bradford Ave., from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This event featured story time, crafts, games, treats, photos with the Easter Bunny, egg hunt areas for youth ages 0-10, inflatables, and a magic show for all in attendance.

For more information on community events, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Love Placentia Day of Service - May 3rd

Love Placentia is a Service Day opportunity for community members to volunteer for various service projects throughout the City. This is a great event where churches, local government, businesses, nonprofits, and residents partner together for the betterment of the community. This year, Love Placentia will take place on Saturday, May 3rd. The event will kick off at 8:00 a.m. with a rally at El Dorado High School (1651 Valencia Avenue). Then, volunteers will receive their t-shirts and breakfast and meet their fellow project volunteers before heading to sites throughout the City from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer for a project, visit www.loveplacentia.com or contact (714) 993-8232.

Youth Pledge of Allegiance Program

The City of Placentia offers a unique opportunity for local youth to participate in a long-standing civic tradition through the Youth Pledge of Allegiance Program. This initiative invites local youth civic groups to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of a Placentia City Council Meeting, providing an engaging way for students to connect with their community and learn about local government.

City Council meetings are typically held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, located at 401 E. Chapman Avenue. Participating groups are recognized during the meetings, giving students a chance to experience civic engagement firsthand.

Participation is open on a first-come, first-served basis, and interested groups must submit a request at least two weeks before their desired meeting. Once confirmed, City staff will provide additional details to help groups prepare for their visit.

To sign up or learn more, please visit our website and complete the Youth Pledge of Allegiance sign-up form. For questions, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or email communityservices@placentia.org.

Development Services Department

Jaxon Townhomes Project Underway

The City of Placentia is excited to share that site preparation is now in progress for the Jaxon Townhomes, a new residential development located at 440 Jefferson Street. A grading permit has been issued, and initial construction activities have begun.

The project, approved for development by Toffoli Investments in partnership with Landsea Homes, will include 140 for-sale townhome units across twenty, three-story multi-family buildings on approximately 4.98 acres. Previously used for oil production, the site is being prepared for residential use and will include hardscape and landscaping improvements.

Jaxon will offer a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom floor plans, each with a private garage. Planned community features include four small open space areas—a dog park, tot lot, corner park, and pocket park—as well as painted pickleball courts in select alleyways between buildings.

The architecture will follow a rowhouse-style design, with stone accents and a color palette inspired by California's landscape. The development is located just south of Orangethorpe Avenue, on the east side of Jefferson Street. As part of future infrastructure improvements, the City's planned Atwood Trail project will provide pedestrian and bike access along the Orange County Flood Control Channel, improving connectivity for future residents.

For updates on the Jaxon Townhomes and other development projects, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



Fire and Life Safety Department

Fire and Life Safety Citizens Academy Session

On Wednesday, April 16th, the Fire and Life Safety Department hosted the Placentia Citizens' Academy at Fire Station 2, where participants were presented with information on all components of the City's Fire and Life Safety Department, including the Department divisions, equipment and apparatus, and the daily life of our fire personnel. Academy participants also received a fire station tour and a detailed overview of Engine 2. They were then provided a live demonstration of a simulated traffic accident where crews utilized specialty tools like the jaws of life to perform an auto extrication demonstration.



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 three 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. Our VIPS will perform regular checks of your property. For more information, contact Kelley Krahlung at kkrahlung@placentia.org, or you can find the form by visiting www.placentia.org/police.

April is Autism Acceptance Month



In honor of April being Autism Acceptance Month, the Placentia Police Department is offering our Autism Awareness Patch for sale. The patches are \$10 (cash only) and can be purchased at the front counter of the Placentia Police Station. Autism Acceptance Month celebrates and honors the experiences and identities of Autistic individuals. It emphasizes understanding, inclusion, and support, moving beyond awareness towards meaningful acceptance.

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

Street Improvement Projects Update: Melrose Street and Chapman Avenue

The City of Placentia is moving forward with important street improvement projects to enhance road conditions and improve your driving experience. Starting the week of April 21st, crews will begin asphalt grinding on:

- Melrose Street from Orangethorpe Avenue to Crowther Avenue
- Chapman Avenue from Kraemer Boulevard to Placentia Avenue

During this time, the top 2 inches of pavement will be removed, resulting in a temporarily rougher driving surface. Please expect minor traffic delays while work is in progress.

The following week, a new 2-inch layer of asphalt will be applied, followed by traffic striping to complete the improvements.

The City appreciates your patience as we work to keep Placentia's streets smooth, safe, and well-maintained. For more information on street improvement projects in the City of Placentia, please contact the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8131.

April is Earth Month

Each year, Earth Month is the entire month of April, culminating in Earth Day on April 22nd. This year marks the 55th anniversary of this celebration! Join us in celebrating Earth Month by making eco-friendly choices every day. One of the simplest ways to help the environment is to recycle. Materials like paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass, and plastic bottles can all be recycled. Before you throw your recyclables into the bin, please make sure to rinse them out. This small step helps keep the recycling process efficient and reduces contamination. Place your clean, empty recyclables loosely in the curbside recycling container and avoid using plastic bags, as they can interfere with recycling. For more information on recycling, visit www.placentia.org/Recycling. We can all contribute to a cleaner, healthier planet by recycling properly!

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: April 18 - April 24

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:

Yoga at the Library

Saturdays in April and May

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Saturday, April 19th

Discover yoga for your body and mind with Good Moodra Yoga. Space is limited, and no registration is required. Bring your own mat. Ages 14+.

Spring 2025 Schedule

April 5, 12, 19, 26

May 3, 10, 17, 31*

(*No session on May 24)



Featured Program:

Maker Labs! Cosplay Corner

Ages 12 - 18

Third Saturday of the Month

April 19th

1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The Hangar

This week: Saturday, April 19th

Join us for a series focusing on creating your own cosplay props using EVA foam! Learn the materials, tools, and techniques needed to create your very own cosplay props as we recreate some of your favorite props from movies, video games, and pop culture. Materials will be provided. Space is limited; first come, first served. Open to ages 12 - 18.

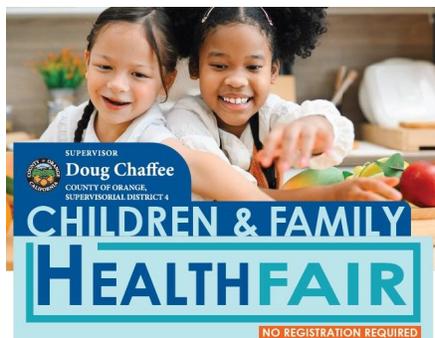
Featured Resource:

Library of Things (LOTs)

Check out a sewing machine, popcorn machine, guitar, Nintendo Switch, and more from your library—for free! Our Library of Things collection has a range of items, including household tools, arts and craft items, laptops, and more, that you can check out for a free two-week period with your adult Placentia Library card.



Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee



Children and Family Health Fair

The Office of Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee will host a Children's and Family Health Fair on Saturday, April 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Magnolia High School, 2450 W. Ball Road, Anaheim. Residents can receive health screenings and food while supplies last, apply for food, health insurance, and monetary benefits, and visit participating partners to find out more about other services and resources available to them.

SSA will bring its Mobile Response Vehicle and a team of eligibility professionals to assist attendees in applying for public assistance benefits or to answer questions recipients may have about their current benefits. In-language services will be available.

Local folklorico groups will provide entertainment during the event. Celebrity Chef Tue Nguyen will also give a live cooking demonstration and class. For more information on this event, visit d4.ocgov.com/2025-children-and-family-health-fair, call (714) 834-3440, or email fourth.district@ocgov.com.

SR-91 (SR-57 to SR-55) Improvement Project

OCTA, in partnership with Caltrans, has started construction on Segment 1 (SR-55 to Lakeview Avenue) of the SR-91 Improvement Project. This project aims to reduce congestion, improve merging conditions, and enhance overall traffic flow. Drivers will see crews working on the SR-91 and surrounding streets and interchanges. These upgrades will improve mobility and safety for everyone traveling through the area. Plan ahead and stay informed – visit [OCTA.net/91improvements](https://www.octa.net/91improvements).

Ride Free on Earth Day - April 22nd

Ride OC Bus FREE on April 22nd to support Earth Day! Every trip on their near zero emission buses helps reduce pollution and traffic. Together, we can make a positive impact! For more information, visit www.ocbus.com/earthday.

Youth Ride Free Bus Passes

OCTA's Youth Ride Free Bus Passes provide youth aged 6 to 18 with free travel on safe, clean, and reliable buses. Youth Ride Free passes are available from your child's participating Orange County school. A parent or guardian's signature is required. If your child's school is not distributing the Youth Ride Free pass, you may request a pass on their website at www.octa.net/youthridefree.

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.

Helping Older Adults Thrive Through Virtual Classes Recap: April 11th

GetSetUp is an easy-to-use online platform created for older adults. Classes are led by peers—older adults who understand your interests and learning style. You'll find live, interactive classes on topics like using technology, staying active, supporting mental wellness, and building social connections. With over 40 classes offered daily and 24/7 access, you can learn on your schedule and connect with a global community of more than 650,000 older adult learners. [Click here for more information on GetSetUp](#). [Listen to the April 11th 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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