



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

May 1, 2025

Administration Department

Support the City's Centennial Celebration by Dining Out in Placentia

The City of Placentia is preparing for a once-in-a-lifetime event—our 100-year Centennial Celebration in 2026! To help make this milestone truly special for our community, the City is partnering with local restaurants to host fundraisers, with a portion of the proceeds going toward the City's Centennial Celebration. To participate, community members will simply visit the participating restaurant on the day of the fundraiser and present the flyer (printed or digital) to their server. To have your business be a part of the fundraiser, contact communityservices@placentia.org or call (714) 993-8232.

For the first restaurant fundraiser, the City is partnering with FOB, located at 194 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard. The fundraiser will take place on Wednesday, May 14th, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Simply present this [flyer](#) (printed or digital) to your server, and a portion of your meal will be donated to help support the City of Placentia's Centennial Celebration in 2026. FOB will also donate a portion of the proceeds from all Meal Prep orders placed from **May 1st through May 14th**. Order meal preps online at www.fobhosp.com and use code PLACITY100 from May 1st - 14th to participate. The City appreciates the participation from our community, and we can't wait to celebrate this special milestone with everyone in 2026. A calendar of events and ways to get involved in the Centennial Celebration will be released soon. Stay tuned on the City's website and social media for more information.

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.

Community Services Department

Neighborhood Services - Prom Dress Giveaway

The Neighborhood Services Office is partnering with HIS-OC and the Princess Project for a prom dress giveaway for teens in grades 9th through 12th. The event will be held **Saturday, May 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Whitten Community Center**, located at 900 S. Melrose St. Those who wish to participate must provide a school ID, and a parent or guardian



must be present. For more information on this event, view the [flyer](#) or contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

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 this **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.

Development Services Department

Jaxon Townhomes Project Underway

The City of Placentia is excited to share that grading activities are now officially underway for the Jaxon Townhomes, a new residential development located at 440 Jefferson Street. With the grading permit issued and full grading work in progress, the site is being actively prepared for the construction of new townhomes.

Approved for development by Toffoli Investments in partnership with Landsea Homes, the project 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 transformed for residential use and will feature hardscape and landscaping improvements throughout.

Jaxon Townhomes will offer a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom floor plans, each with a private garage. Planned community amenities include a dog park, tot lot, corner park, pocket parks, and painted pickleball courts within select alleyways between buildings.

The architecture will follow a rowhouse-style design, highlighted by stone accents and a color palette inspired by California's natural landscape. Located just south of Orangethorpe Avenue and east of Jefferson Street, future residents will also benefit from the planned Atwood Trail project, which will enhance pedestrian and bike access along the Orange County Flood Control Channel. For updates on the Jaxon Townhomes and other development projects, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



Police Department

May is National Bicycle Safety Month and Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

Stay Safe and Share the Road

The Placentia Police Department reminds residents that May is both Motorcycle Safety

Awareness Month and Bicycle Safety Month—an important time to emphasize safe habits on our roadways for riders and drivers alike. Whether you're on two wheels or four, everyone shares a responsibility to help keep each other safe. Here are a few essential safety tips:

For Drivers:

- Always check your mirrors and blind spots for motorcycles and bicycles.
- Give riders plenty of space when passing—at least 3 feet for bicycles.
- Use your turn signals early and look twice before turning or changing lanes.

For Motorcyclists:

- Wear a DOT-compliant helmet and other protective gear.
- Ride defensively—assume drivers don't see you.
- Stay visible by wearing bright clothing and using your headlight, even during the day.

For Bicyclists:

- Always wear a helmet and ride with the flow of traffic.
- Use hand signals and obey all traffic signs and signals.
- Stay alert and avoid distractions like headphones or phones.

Let's work together to prevent crashes and ensure everyone arrives safely at their destination. For more tips and resources, visit:

[California Office of Traffic Safety – Motorcycle Safety](#)

[California Office of Traffic Safety – Bicycle Safety](#)

[National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#)

Stay alert, stay aware, and stay safe this May and all year round!

National Drug Take Back Event



Thank you to everyone who came out in the wind and rain to drop off their unneeded medications and needles (sharps). We had a very busy 4 hours, and our Explorers worked diligently to keep up with the constant traffic flow. We collected almost 400 pounds of medication and sharps. Ralphs Pharmacy will safely dispose of the sharps, and the Drug Enforcement Agency will transport the medications to a secure facility, where they will be destroyed. If you missed Take Back Day, you can always find a safe place to dispose of your medications on the [FDA's website](#).

2025 Spring Citizens Academy

Class #9 of our Citizen Academy was held at Fire Station #2. Students were given an overview of the Department and a station tour. Then they participated in several hands-on exercises in basic lifesaving procedures taught by Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc.

The evening ended with live demonstrations showing how Fire personnel enter and search structures. The demonstrations highlighted the challenges Firefighters face, such as visibility, unknown floor plans, and victim location. The demonstrations were informative, and our students enjoyed getting an inside look at how the Fire Department operates. Not wanting to end on a quiet note, a 9-1-1 call came in just as we started the last demonstration. Academy members got to help clear everything out of the way of the Fire Engine and Firefighters as they quickly made their way out of the station and responded to a vehicle collision. Thank you, Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department and Emergency Ambulance Service, Inc., for a very informative night!



Melrose Elementary Walk to School Event

We had a great time joining Melrose Elementary School for their annual Walk to School event this week! This event encourages students and parents to get outside and enjoy walking to school with friends, teachers, and administrators. Our Officers and VIPS enjoyed greeting the students and parents, handing out stickers, joining them as they walked, and providing an escort for everyone. Great job today, Melrose Marlins! We can't wait to see you again!



Public Works Department

Free Compost Giveaway

OC Waste & Recycling (OCWR) is excited to host a county-wide Community Compost Giveaway this **Saturday, May 3rd**, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Orange County residents are welcome to visit Bee Canyon Greenery (Frank R. Bowerman Landfill) in Irvine, Valencia Greenery (Olinda Alpha Landfill) in Brea, and Capistrano Greenery (Prima Deshecha Landfill) in San Juan Capistrano. Please note that materials are limited at some locations and will be distributed while supplies last. OCWR will be providing ready-to-use compost at no cost. At Bee Canyon Greenery and Capistrano Greenery, residents are encouraged to bring their own containers or heavy-duty yard waste bags and a shovel to collect the compost. At Valencia Greenery, pre-filled compost bags will be available, with a limit of 4 bags per household, while supplies last. This compost, recycled from residential green waste at County landfill greeneries, helps conserve landfill space, protects the environment, and supports our communities. It has been certified with the Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) by the US Composting Council, ensuring top-notch quality. This event aims to provide residents with nutritious compost perfect for backyards and home gardens. The compost pickup locations are:

FRB / Bee Canyon Greenery, 11002 Bee Canyon Access Road, Irvine
OA / Valencia Greenery, 1942 N. Valencia Avenue, Brea
PD / Capistrano Greenery, 32250 Avenida La Pata, San Juan Capistrano

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: May 2 - May 8

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:

Tech Help Fridays

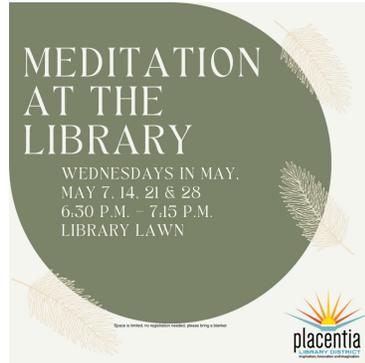
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The Hangar

This Week: Friday, May 2nd

Get assistance with technology and computer questions from our librarians. Learn how to format a resume, get started on the computer, create an email account, use Chat GPT and other AI services, and more. Stop by with your device or learn about a selected topic.

This drop-in, basic technology use workshop is not intended for in-depth, individualized assistance. Ages 14+.



Featured Program:

Meditation at the Library

Wednesdays in May

6:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Library Lawn*

This Week: Wednesday, May 7th

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Join certified meditation instructor Amy Rutledge in a meditation series learning the power of mindfulness and its positive impact on all aspects of life. These science-backed tools can help release anxiety, tension, and stress; cultivate compassion, focus, and concentration; and promote connection and peace to all. Sessions will be 45 minutes long and include guided practice suitable for both beginning and returning meditators. Space is limited; no registration is needed. Ages 14+.

*Please bring a blanket or yoga mat with you as this program will be held on our Library lawn. Yoga mats and blankets will not be provided.

Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Graphic Novel Book Club

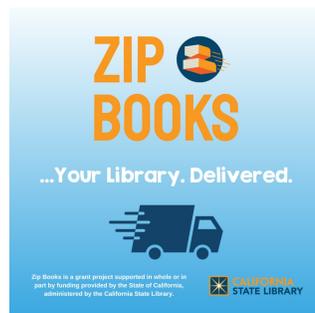
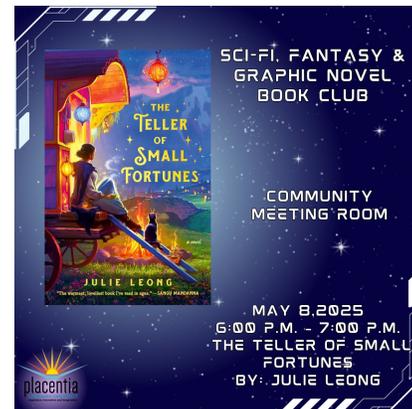
Second Thursday of Each Month

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

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Thursday, May 8th

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 Resource:

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. The last applicant will be accepted 30 minutes before closing. Passport agents reserve the right to close the passport office without notice.

Help Keep California Gardens and Farms Pest-Free this Spring

As gardening season kicks off, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is urging residents to take steps to prevent the spread of invasive fruit flies—tiny pests that can destroy over 250 types of produce and threaten both home gardens and California’s agriculture. After a rise in fruit fly detections in 2023 and 2024, several quarantine areas were established across the state, including parts of Alameda, Santa Clara, and Orange counties. Residents are encouraged to:

- Avoid bringing produce or plants into California from other states or countries.
- Buy plants and produce from licensed local retailers.
- Inspect homegrown produce and report pests to the CDFA Pest Hotline: 1-800-491-1899.
- If you live in a quarantine area, don’t move homegrown produce or soil off your property. Properly dispose of fallen fruit by double-bagging and placing it in your regular trash, not green waste.

Together, we can protect our gardens and California’s agriculture. Learn more at CAFruitFly.com or StopInvasivePests.com.



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