



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

September 4, 2025

Administration Department

City Council Meeting Recap - September 2nd

Below are some highlights from the City Council meeting held on September 2, 2025.

Consent Calendar

Program Supplement Agreement for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 12 Project

The City Council approved a Program Supplement Agreement with Caltrans for the Highway Safety Improvement Program Cycle 12 Project. This action allows Placentia to move forward with transportation safety improvements at no direct fiscal impact to the City.

Grant of Easement to Southern California Edison for Electric Utility Systems and Approval of Conveyance Agreement for a Transformer Pad Located at 611 Jefferson St., Placentia Champion Sports Complex

The City Council approved a Grant of Easement to Southern California Edison for electric utility systems at the Placentia Champion Sports Complex, enabling installation of an electrical meter pedestal and delivery of power to the existing cell site. Council also approved a Conveyance Agreement transferring ownership of the existing transformer pad to SCE. This action supports needed infrastructure improvements with no fiscal impact to the City.

Amendment No. 1 to Put Option Agreement for Private Property at 325 Baker Street (APN 339-382-20) for Future Affordable Housing Development

The City Council approved an amendment to the Put Option Agreement with California Land Acquisition Fund Holding IV LLC for the private property at 325 Baker Street to support the future Baker Street Affordable Housing Development. The amendment outlines terms for the City's potential purchase of the property in 2028 for up to \$760,011 should the project be deemed infeasible by the developer. This action continues to advance the city's affordable housing goals within the Old Town Revitalization Plan.

Consideration of a Resolution limiting the use of the City's power of eminent domain

The City Council adopted Resolution No. R-2025-44, reaffirming constitutional requirements and formally limiting the City's use of eminent domain. The resolution restricts the City from acquiring property solely for private economic development purposes without the property owner's consent. This action responds to community input and ensures eminent domain is used only for legitimate public purposes.

Acceptance of Historical Committee Member Resignation

The City Council accepted the resignation of Historical Committee Member Natalie Ter-Nedden and expressed appreciation for her service and contributions since 2023. Council also directed that the City's master Commission/Committee vacancy list be updated to reflect the opening on the Historical Committee. This provides an opportunity for a new community member to be appointed.

Award of Contract to CO Brothers, LLC, for the Old Town Façade Improvement Project at 330 West Santa Fe Avenue

The City Council awarded an agreement for the Old Town Façade Improvement Project at 330 West Santa Fe Avenue (Mi Casita Restaurante) in the amount of \$196,608. This project is fully funded through FY 2024-25 CDBG funds. It will enhance the building's exterior with new

windows, lighting, façade treatments, and repairs, furthering the City's Old Town beautification goals.

Resolution Authorizing Application for Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for McFadden Park Improvements

The City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the submission of a \$900,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application for improvements at McFadden Park. The project, estimated at \$1.8 million and funded through Park Impact/Quimby Fees with 50% reimbursement from the grant, will include a new soccer field, picnic area renovations, a bocce ball court, walking paths with fitness features, drought-tolerant landscaping, and a public art mural.

Regular Agenda

Public Safety Communications Center 2024 Annual Report

The City Council received the Placentia Public Safety Communications Center 2024 Annual Report, which highlights call activity, accomplishments, and performance metrics from the past year. In 2024, the Center triaged 58,000 calls, including over 5,300 for fire and medical assistance, while continuing to support both Police and Fire/EMS operations. The report also outlines strategic goals for 2025, reinforcing the City's commitment to public safety and operational efficiency.

Study Session Discuss Short-Term Residential Rentals Citywide; and Consideration of an Optional Interim Urgency Ordinance Placing a Moratorium on New Short-Term Residential Rental Permits

The City Council held a study session to review the City's Short-Term Residential Rental (STR) program. Staff presented the program's history, current regulations, compliance efforts, and potential enhancements such as increased separation requirements, caps on total STRs, and additional inspection or notification requirements. Council also adopted an interim urgency ordinance establishing a temporary moratorium on new STR permits and provided input to staff to add for the next discussion.

To watch the September 2nd City Council meeting or read the agenda, visit the [City's website](#).

September is National Preparedness Month

Emergencies can happen when we least expect them, but being prepared can make all the difference. Each September, the nation recognizes National Preparedness Month, a campaign designed to encourage individuals, families, and communities to take proactive steps to prepare for disasters and emergencies. Orange County may enjoy mild weather, but like the rest of Southern California, our community is vulnerable to earthquakes, wildfires, flash floods, and landslides. In addition, man-made disasters and unexpected power outages remind us that preparedness is more important than ever.

This month is the perfect time to evaluate your household's emergency readiness. Here are a few simple but critical steps you can take:

- Build or refresh an emergency kit with enough supplies to last at least three days. Don't forget to include items for children, pets, or loved ones with medical needs.
- Make a family emergency plan, so everyone knows how to communicate and where to meet if separated.
- Sign up for local emergency alerts at placentia.org/nixle and AlertOC.com.

Stay informed by following @ReadyOC on social media and using the ReadyOC app for local preparedness tips. Preparedness is not about predicting disasters but ensuring we're ready when they happen. Small steps taken today can make a big difference tomorrow.

For more resources, visit ReadyOC.com and take action this September to protect yourself, your family, and our community.

Fall 2025 CERT Training

The City of Placentia offers free CERT training to the public several times a year. Dates for the Fall 2025 CERT training are being planned for Wednesday nights in September and October, beginning on **September 24th**. This course offers training on Emergency Preparedness, Neighborhood Watch, Fire Safety, Search & Rescue, Disaster Medical Operations, Terrorism, and Disaster Psychology. The course concludes with a Disaster Simulation where participants put their new



skills to use in real-life emergency scenarios.

Recent fires and earthquakes have shown that emergencies can arise suddenly, and our best defense is strong preparation. If you want to take the Fall 2025 CERT course, please contact (714) 993-8214, email ppowers@placentia.org, or visit www.placentia.org/cert.

Support the City's Centennial Celebration!

Restaurant Fundraisers

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. The City's next fundraiser will be with **Craft Burger** on **Wednesday, September 10th, from 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Simply present this [flyer](#) (printed or digital) to your server on September 10th, and a portion of your meal will be donated to help support the City's Centennial Celebration in 2026! These fundraisers are a perfect opportunity to support our local Placentia businesses while contributing to the City's Centennial celebrations.



Become a Centennial Sponsor!

The City is offering sponsorship opportunities at various levels to fit your goals and budget. From a formal Gala in January 2026 to a 5K, festivals, and family-friendly events, sponsorship packages include promotional benefits like billboard ads, event signage, social media recognition, website links, and more. Learn more about our Sponsorship Opportunities on the City's [website](#) or contact ndrulias@placentia.org or (714) 993-8107.

Donate Items for the Silent Auction

As part of the formal Centennial Gala in January 2026, the City will host a Silent Auction to raise funds for the year of celebrations. We are seeking donations of unique and exciting items that can be auctioned off. If you or your business wants to contribute, items can be dropped off at Placentia City Hall (401 E. Chapman Ave.) Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information or to coordinate a donation, please contact the Community Services Department at communityservices@placentia.org or (714) 993-8232. Your support will help make this Centennial Celebration a truly memorable occasion for our entire community. Thank you for being part of this historic milestone! Stay tuned to the City's website and social media for updates, event details, and more ways to get involved.

Apply for City Commissions and Committees

Get involved! The City is accepting applications for the following City Committees and Commissions: **Planning Commission, Financial Audit Oversight Committee, 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

Heritage Festival - Be a Part of the Parade!



Parade entries are now open to the public! The City of Placentia invites you to be part of the 60th Annual Heritage Festival Parade on Saturday, October 11th! Applications are now available, and the entry fee is just \$30. The parade will travel north on Kraemer Boulevard, starting at the intersection of Kraemer and Yorba Linda Boulevard. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your community spirit—join us in celebrating this exciting milestone year! [Click here to view the parade application.](#)

Symphony Under the Stars - September 13th

Be part of history at the first-ever Symphony Under the Stars event on Saturday, September 13th, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bradford Park, 136 E. Palm Circle! This brand-new community event will feature family-friendly pre-show activities, guided tours of the historic Bradford House, and delicious bites from local food trucks. Guests can also enjoy a beer and wine garden, hosted by the Placentia Community Foundation. As the evening unfolds, the highlight begins at 6:00 p.m. with a live symphony performance under the night sky. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, family, and friends for a magical evening of music and community, an experience you won't want to miss!



Development Services Department

Pending Development Projects

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

Fire and Life Safety Department

Candle Fire Safety Tips for a Cozy Fall

As we transition into the fall months and start lighting our favorite cozy scented candles, keeping fire safety in mind is essential. Here are a few simple tips to keep your home safe while you enjoy that autumn ambiance:

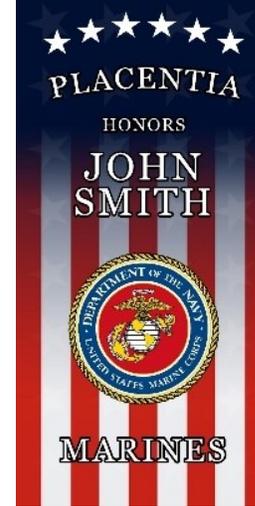
- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.
- Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Consider flameless candles, which can look and smell like real candles.
- Never burn candles in rooms with an oxygen tank.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down – snuff it out before it gets too close to the container.

Police Department

Military Banner Program

The Placentia Military Banner Recognition Program is accepting applications for the 2025 installation through October 20th. The program, known as Placentia "Hometown Heroes," honors and recognizes Placentia residents currently

serving as active-duty or honorably discharged veterans in the United States Armed Forces. Branches of service include Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, National Guard, Navy, and Space Force. Honorees must have a current place of residence in Placentia or have an immediate family member (parent, spouse, son, daughter, grandparents) residing in Placentia, employed in Placentia for at least one year, or enlisted in the military from Placentia.



The banners will be installed along Kraemer Boulevard and Yorba Linda Boulevard, at the City's discretion, and will remain on display for two years. The City will not be responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged, or destroyed due to sun, weather, vandalism, or any act of nature beyond our control, such as high winds. Upon the end of the display period, the banner will be given to the person named on the banner application. The banners are to be installed in November. The cost to display each customized banner is \$260, and each service person is allowed one banner. **Applications** can be found on our website and can be submitted to the Placentia Police Department. If you have questions, please contact Community Outreach Coordinator Kelley Kraehling (714) 993-8179.

Veterans Monument

Each year, new names are placed on the monument before our Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th. Those with names on the monument include military service veterans and active-duty personnel who were raised, educated, or entered the service in Placentia, including those who listed Placentia as their hometown when enlisting. Additionally, Placentia residents who have lived in Placentia for twenty-five years or more and currently serve or previously served in the armed forces are eligible. All monument honorees must have been honorably discharged. There is no charge to have a name placed on the monument. Applications are available at the Police Department Front Counter or by contacting kkraehling@placentia.org.

Public Works Department

Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event

The City's next free Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event will be on Saturday, October 4th, 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-sized 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.

CITY OF PLACENTIA
Free Shredding & E-Waste Event

Saturday, October 4, 2025
Placentia Civic Center, 401 East Chapman Ave
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (or until capacity is met)

DIRECTIONS	INFORMATION
<p>ALTA VISTA STREET CHAPMAN AVENUE PLACENTIA CIVIC CENTER 401 EAST CHAPMAN AVE</p>	Onsite Shredding <ul style="list-style-type: none">Paper in 3-ring binders must be removedPaper clips, staples, rubber bands or file folders are acceptedLimit of 6 banker size boxes or bags E-Waste Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none">No hazardous waste - with the exception of some batteriesAccepted: anything with a screen and most items that plug into an outlet or require batteriesThere is a service charge on major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, water heaters, etc.)

REMINDER
This is a drive-thru event. Please place items in the trunk for easy access and stay in your vehicle. Staff will unload.

Event may be subject to changes or postponement. For more information, please visit the City's event page or contact the City's Public Works Department at (714) 993-8148 or recycling@placentia.org

Automotive batteries, rechargeable tools, and electronics 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. Please visit the Orange County Hazardous Waste Collection Center to dispose of hazardous waste. 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 Library District Weekly Summary: September 5 - 11

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:

Read to the Dogs

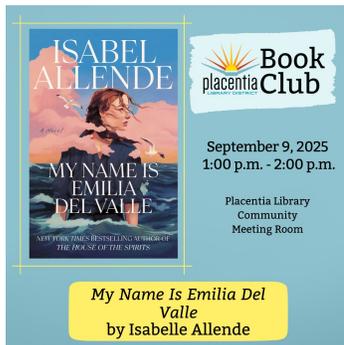
First Monday of the Month, 6:00 p.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

This Week: Monday, September 8th*

***2nd Monday of the month due to the holiday**

Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. – because even dogs like to hear a good tail-chasing tale now and then!



Featured Programs:

Adult Book Club

Second Tuesday of Each Month

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This Week: Tuesday, September 9th

You're invited to our monthly book club! Our group is always open to new members, so stop by to share or listen! Selections include a robust mix of fiction and nonfiction genres, and selected titles are available for checkout at the library. Ages 18+.

STEAM Labs

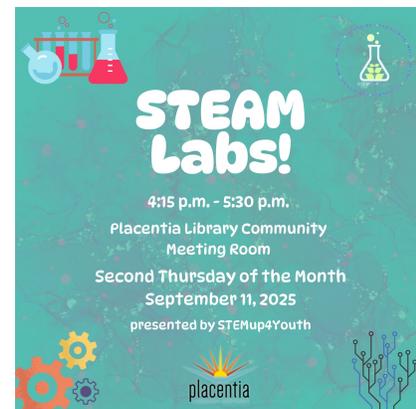
Special programs featuring STEMup4Youth

Second Thursday of the Month, 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Thursday, September 11th

Join us for a series of STEAM programs presented by STEMup4Youth. Enjoy fun, hands-on activities each month as we explore the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Each month features a new project! Space is limited, and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Open to children ages 7–12.



Featured Resource:

Passport Services

Walk-In Days

Monday-Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*



*Passport services are available until capacity is reached. The last applicant will be accepted 30 minutes before closing. Capacity may vary each day, and passport agents reserve the right to close the passport office without notice.

Orange County Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee

Fall Kids Fishing Derby

Join Supervisor Doug Chaffee for his fall Fourth District Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, September 20th, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Tri-City Regional Park located at 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd.

Residents of the Fourth District, including the cities of Stanton, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, Brea, Placentia, and Anaheim, may **RSVP** for the Kids Fishing Derby until the event capacity is reached. Kids ages 6 to 15 may participate in the Fishing Derby. Fishing rods and bait will be available at no cost while supplies last.

Fourth District Kindness Awards

Supervisor Doug Chaffee's office is now accepting nominations for the Seventh Annual Orange County Fourth District Kindness Awards. The Fourth District Kindness Awards will honor individuals who have displayed exceptional kindness or community service in the Fourth Supervisorial District Cities on November 13, 2025, which is observed internationally as World Kindness Day.

Kindness is often defined as doing something to help another person without expecting to receive anything in return. If you know anyone who works, lives, serves, and/or volunteers in the cities of Brea, Buena Park, Fullerton, La Habra, Placentia, Stanton, portions of Anaheim, and unincorporated communities in the Fourth District who has displayed exceptional kindness or community service, please nominate them for a Kindness Award. There will be one award recipient from each City.

Please note that elected officials and organizations will not be eligible to be nominated for the Fourth District Kindness Award. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, September 19, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. To nominate an individual for the Fourth District Kindness Awards, please submit an application at d4.ocgov.com/fourth-district-kindness-awards.

Yorba Linda Water District

Yorba Linda Water District will hold an Open House event featuring a variety of family-friendly activities on Saturday, October 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at its headquarters, located at 1717 E. Miraloma Avenue. Come along for a tour of the nation's largest PFAs Water Treatment Plant, meet its team of water professionals, and learn how YLWD provides high-quality, reliable drinking water every day. For more information on this event, visit www.ylwd.com/openhouse or call (714) 701-3000.

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