



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

September 11, 2025

Administration Department

Remembering September 11, 2001

Today, the City of Placentia pauses to honor and remember the lives lost and forever changed on September 11, 2001. Twenty-four years later, the memory of that day continues to unite our nation in reflection and resilience. We remember the nearly 3,000 individuals who lost their lives, the first responders who courageously rushed toward danger, and the families and communities who continue to carry their legacy. September 11th reminds us not only of the tragedy but also of the strength, unity, and compassion that emerged in its aftermath.



As we reflect on the aftermath of that tragic day, the City of Placentia extends gratitude to all who serve in uniform, our firefighters, police officers, and military members, who dedicate themselves to protecting our community and our country.

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!

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](https://www.placentia.org) 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.

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!



After School Enrichment Program

Our After School Enrichment Program provides children ages 6–12 with a safe and supportive environment to learn, grow, and thrive after the school day ends. The program features a variety of activities, including homework help, STEM projects, arts, sports, and leadership development, all designed to support academic growth, build social skills, and spark creativity. Offered at three

convenient locations, Whitten Center (900 S. Melrose St.), Cathy Torrez Center (116 N. Walnut Ave.), and Gomez Center (1701 Atwood Ave.), the program runs Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Senior Lunch Program

The City of Placentia Senior Center, in partnership with Meals on Wheels Orange County, offers a daily lunch program for older adults Monday through Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. A monthly schedule of meals is available at the Placentia Senior Center Front Desk. A suggested donation per meal is \$3.00 per individual 60+. Meal costs for individuals under 60 are \$5.00. Participants must register for the program on their first visit and can do so on-site at the Placentia Senior Center. For more information on the Senior Lunch Program, please contact the Placentia Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.

Let's Dance - September 12th



The City of Placentia will host its monthly Let's Dance event on Friday, September 12th, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. These dances are designed to offer persons with disabilities the opportunity to dance, play games, and socialize. The Community Services Department provides supervision at all dances, and dinner is provided. Please use the [QR code](#) to register; pre-registration is required. If you have any questions, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Development Services Department

Veterans Way Development Nearing Completion

The Veterans Way development, located at 1952 and 1958 E. Veterans Way, has officially entered its final phase of construction. All necessary building permits for the remaining units have been issued, signaling a major milestone for the project as it nears completion.

Led by Toffoli Investments, this 1.3-acre infill development will bring 39 for-sale, three-story residential townhomes to Placentia. Each unit will feature modern design elements, including second-story patios, exterior facade pop-outs, and a contemporary color palette. The site also includes new hardscape and landscaping enhancements to complement the adjacent Veterans Village housing community and the surrounding area.

The development will provide vehicular access from Lakeview Loop and will connect to the future Atwood Trail, which is planned to run along the Orange County Flood Control Channel, enhancing east-west pedestrian and bike connectivity.

The City of Placentia is proud to support quality housing opportunities that strengthen and diversify the community. The Veterans Way project is on track for completion by 2026.

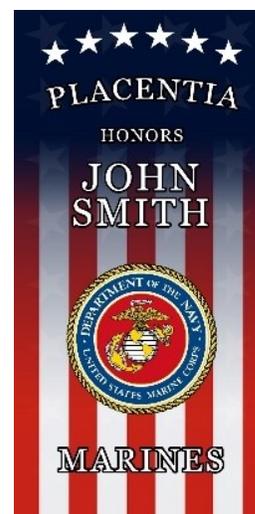
For more information, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



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

Map showing route from Alta Vista Street to Chapman Avenue, passing Placentia Civic Center.

REMINDER

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

INFORMATION

Onsite Shredding

- Paper in 3-ring binders must be removed
- Paper clips, staples, rubber bands or file folders are accepted
- Limit of 6 banker size boxes or bags

E-Waste Recycling

- No hazardous waste - with the exception of some batteries
- Accepted: anything with a screen and most items that plug into an outlet or require batteries
- There is a service charge on major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, water heaters, etc.)

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 12 - 18

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

*Appointments available on select Fridays and Saturdays
The Hangar Makerspace*

This Week: Friday & Saturday, September 12 & 13

Book a 30-minute session with our librarians to get assistance for technology, computer, and library reference questions. Learn how to format a resume, get started on the computer, create an email account, use Chat GPT and other AI services, and more. Ages 18+. It's recommended to bring your own device.



TECH HELP

Book a 30-minute session with our staff to get assistance for technology, computer and library reference questions.

VISIT:
PLACENTIALIBRARY.ORG/TECH-HELP

AGES 18+. BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE RECOMMENDED.



Featured Programs:

Outdoor Garden Painting

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Outdoor Learning Experience Space

This Week: Saturday, September 13

Join artist Flór Campos for an afternoon of nature painting in the library's new outdoor butterfly garden space. This acrylic painting tutorial will demonstrate how to paint butterflies and flowers. Supplies will be provided, and participants can take home their canvas at the end of the afternoon. Entry tickets will be issued starting at 12:30 p.m. for Placentia Library Friends Foundation (PLFF) members and at 12:45 p.m. for Library patrons. No registration needed, space is limited. First-come, first-served. Check the website for updates. Ages 14+.

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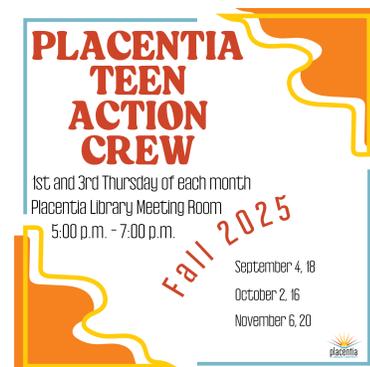
Second Thursday of Each Month

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Placentia Library Community Room

This Week: Thursday, September 18

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.



PLACENTIA TEEN ACTION CREW

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
Placentia Library Meeting Room
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fall 2025

September 4, 18
October 2, 16
November 6, 20

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.

For more information, visit www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things.

Orange County Fourth District Supervisor Doug Chaffee

Cancer Awareness Community Bike Ride Event

Join Supervisor Doug Chaffee for his 3rd Annual Cancer Awareness Community Bike event on Saturday, September 27th. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. and the event will start at 8:00 a.m. There will also be a resource fair and health screenings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This event will take place at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd.

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, and the Office of Supervisor Doug Chaffee is raising awareness and supporting those affected by prostate and other forms of cancer by hosting this fun, family-friendly community bike ride or run through Tri-City Park and a resource fair with government organizations and nonprofits.

How to participate:

Register in advance of the event here and sign the online [waiver form](#).

For questions about the event, call (714) 834-3440 or email D4.Bikeevent@ocgov.com.

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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