



## City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

September 25, 2025

### Administration Department

#### 2025 Mayor Kevin Kirwin's State of the City Address

On Thursday, September 25th, Mayor Kevin Kirwin delivered his 2025 State of the City Address, "Back to Basics," at the Alta Vista Country Club. The annual event, hosted by the Placentia Chamber of Commerce, brought together community leaders, residents, and business partners to hear highlights of the City's progress and accomplishments over the past year and upcoming projects and initiatives.



Mayor Kirwin emphasized the City's commitment to maintaining fiscal responsibility while investing in core services such as public safety, infrastructure, and community programs. He highlighted recent improvements to streets and sidewalks, ongoing economic development efforts, and key public safety initiatives designed to enhance the quality of life for residents. The Mayor also outlined plans for future projects that will continue to strengthen Placentia's neighborhoods and support long-term growth.

For those unable to attend in person, the address was livestreamed on the City's [YouTube Channel](#), where it remains available for the entire community to watch.

#### Tony's Little Italy in Placentia Voted #1 Pizza in Orange County

The City is excited to share that Tony's Little Italy Pizza in Placentia has been voted Best Pizza by the Orange County Register's Best of Orange County 2025 readers' poll. This recognition highlights not only the restaurant's dedication to authentic Chicago-style deep-dish and thin-crust pizza but also the loyalty of its customers, who have supported the family-owned business for decades.

Located in the heart of Placentia at 1808 N. Placentia Avenue, Tony's Little Italy has built a reputation for hearty flavors, generous toppings, and a welcoming atmosphere that makes guests feel like family. The award underscores how beloved Tony's has become in the local community and beyond, attracting pizza lovers from across Orange County and even outside the region.

We are proud to celebrate this recognition for one of Placentia's most iconic restaurants. Congratulations to the Tony's Little Italy team for earning this well-deserved honor!

Read the full [article](#).

#### 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](http://www.placentia.org) or contact [ndrulias@placentia.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 - October 11th



Join us on Saturday, October 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd., Placentia, for the 60th Annual Heritage Festival and Parade. This long-standing tradition brings the community together to celebrate six decades of history and culture. The milestone event will feature a vibrant parade, live entertainment, community group performances, food and craft vendors, and family-friendly activities. For more information, please call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

## Placentia Youth Basketball

Placentia Youth Basketball is Back! Our coed basketball league focuses on fundamentals, teamwork, and fun. Divisions run from PreK to 8th grade. Games are on Saturdays and some Friday evenings. Skills evaluations are at Oberle Gym (Melrose Elementary, 974 S. Melrose St.) on October 18th or 25th. All players must attend one session, except Division D (PreK–Kindergarten), which has no evaluations. For more information, please visit [www.placentia.org/pyb](http://www.placentia.org/pyb) or call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



## Hygiene Donations Needed!

Help support local families in need by donating new, unopened hygiene products. Items like shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene products are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Your contribution will make a meaningful difference in promoting health and well-being in our community. For more information, please call the Whitten Community Center at (714) 986-2333.

# Development Services Department

## A Better Buzz is Brewing in Placentia

The City of Placentia is excited to announce that Better Buzz Coffee will soon join our community! Better Buzz, located at 1285 E. Imperial Hwy, the former Carl's Jr. location, is currently under construction and is anticipated to open in late 2025.



Better Buzz Coffee is a Southern California favorite known for its "Best Drink Ever," specialty espresso beverages, cold brews, teas, and acai bowls. In addition to craft coffee and teas, the café will offer a selection of fresh pastries and breakfast items in a vibrant, modern setting.

Founded in San Diego in 2002, Better Buzz has expanded to more than 20 locations throughout Southern California, each designed to bring an energetic and welcoming atmosphere to the neighborhood it serves. The Placentia location will feature a contemporary design with indoor seating, drive-thru service, and Better Buzz's signature black-and-gold branding.

The City of Placentia proudly welcomes Better Buzz Coffee to our growing business community. Stay tuned for opening details, and welcome to Placentia, Better Buzz! For more information on Better Buzz Coffee and other new businesses in the City, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

## Fire and Life Safety Department

### Fire Station Open House!

Join us as we kick off Fire Prevention Week with an Open House! The community is invited to visit our Fire Stations on Saturday, October 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to learn more about this year's theme: "Charge Into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home." Meet your Placentia Firefighters at both of our Stations, ask questions, tour the Stations, and see the equipment and apparatus we use when responding to calls.

Station 1: 110 S. Bradford Avenue

Station 2: 1530 Valencia Avenue

For more information, contact [fire@placentia.org](mailto:fire@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8135.



**THE FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY DEPARTMENT  
INVITES YOU TO OUR  
OPEN HOUSE!**

**SATURDAY | OCT 4TH | 10 AM - 1PM**

**WHAT:**  
To kick off Fire Prevention Week, join us at the Fire Stations for our Open House! We'll have demonstrations, tours, and fun for all!

**WHERE:**  
Placentia Fire Station 1: 110 S. Bradford Ave  
Placentia Fire Station 2: 1530 Valencia Ave

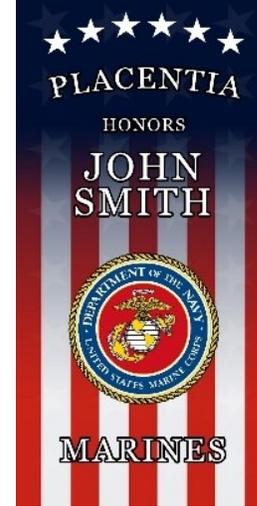
FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
EMAIL: [FIRE@PLACENTIA.ORG](mailto:fire@placentia.org) OR CALL: (714) 993-8135

## 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](mailto: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 REAR PARKING LOT</p>	<b>Onsite Shredding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Paper in 3-ring binders must be removed</li><li>Paper clips, staples, rubber bands or file folders are accepted</li><li>Limit of 6 banker size boxes or bags</li></ul> <b>E-Waste Recycling</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No hazardous waste - with the exception of some batteries</li><li>Accepted: anything with a screen and most items that plug into an outlet or require batteries</li><li>There is a service charge on major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, water heaters, etc.)</li></ul>

**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](mailto: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.oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste](http://www.oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste). For more information, contact [recycling@placentia.org](mailto:recycling@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8148.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: September 26 - October 1

#### 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](http://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 26th & 27th**

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+, bring your own device recommended.



**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.



**Sewing 101**

Adults and Teens  
Saturday, September 27  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Featured Programs:

##### **Sewing 101**

*1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

*September 27th*

*Community Meeting Room*

##### **This Week: Saturday, September 27th**

Get started with this hands-on overview of the sewing machine, including winding a bobbin, sewing a straight line, and other stitches. Materials will be provided for a starter project. Entry tickets will be issued starting at 12:30 p.m. the day of the program. Open to teens and adults.

#### **Get Hooked! Crochet and Knitting Circle**

*Last Sunday of Every Month*

*2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.*

*Community Meeting Room*

##### **This Week: Sunday, September 28th**

Do you love fiber arts? Do you have a tough pattern you can't crack? Or do you just want to spend time with people who love what you love? Bring your current projects and relax at the library's crochet and knitting circle. Supplies, projects, and formal instruction are not provided by the library, so please bring your own crochet hooks, knitting needles, and yarn.



**Get Hooked!**

JOIN OUR CROCHET AND KNITTING CIRCLE!  
LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
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\*SUPPLIES AND INSTRUCTION NOT PROVIDED\*

#### **Adult Craft Night**

*Last Tuesday of Every Month*

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

*Community Meeting Room*

##### **This Week: Tuesday, September 30th**

Join us for our monthly Adult Craft Night, held in the library Meeting Room. Come relax and try a new craft each month at

this drop-in craft program! Materials provided.  
This month's craft: Pom Pom Jack O'Lantern Coasters



## Featured Service:

### 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

### 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](mailto:D4.Bikeevent@ocgov.com).

## 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](http://www.ylwd.com/openhouse) or call (714) 701-3000.



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