



# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

October 2, 2025

## Administration Department

### 2025 Great ShakeOut

This year's Great ShakeOut Day is October 16th at 10:16 a.m., when millions of people worldwide will participate in earthquake drills at work, school, or home! The ShakeOut is our opportunity to practice how to protect ourselves during earthquakes. Your past experience with earthquakes may give you a false sense of safety; you didn't do anything, or you ran outside, yet you survived with no injuries. Or perhaps you got under your desk, and others thought you overreacted. However, you likely have never experienced the kind of strong earthquake shaking that is possible in much larger earthquakes: sudden and intense back-and-forth motions of several feet per second will cause the floor or the ground to jerk sideways out from under you, and every unsecured object around you could fall or become airborne, potentially causing serious injury. This is why you must learn to immediately protect yourself after the first jolt. Don't wait to see if the earthquake shaking will be strong! In most situations, if you feel shaking or get an earthquake alert, immediately **DROP** where you are onto your hands and knees. This position protects you from being knocked down and reduces your chances of being hit by falling or flying objects. **COVER** your head and neck with one arm and hand. **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops. For more information on the Great ShakeOut, visit [shakeout.org](https://www.shakeout.org). To learn more about preparing yourself and your loved ones for an earthquake, visit [readyoc.com](https://www.readyoc.com).

### 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](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

## 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, visit [placentiaheritagefestival.org](http://placentiaheritagefestival.org) or 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.

### Let's Dance

“Let’s Dance” is an inclusive program that invites people with disabilities to enjoy a safe, joyful, and welcoming space on the dance floor. Our energetic staff love dancing alongside participants, sparking creativity, and building genuine connections. With a live DJ and fun themed nights, every dance feels like a party!

Our next event is scheduled for Friday, October 17th, with a Halloween theme. We encourage participants to come dressed in their best costumes and be ready for a magical evening filled with music, movement, and community spirit. For more information or to register, please contact us at (714) 993-8232.

### Neighborhood Services Food Program

The City of Placentia hosts a food distribution program every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 2:00 p.m. until supplies last. Families receive canned and dry goods, bread, vegetables, and meat/poultry when available. These food distributions are held at the Whitten Community Center, located at 900 S. Melrose St. For more information on the food programs,

please contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.

## 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 meal schedule is available at the Placentia Senior Center Front Desk. A suggested donation per meal is \$3.00 for individuals 60 and above. 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 about the Senior Lunch Program, please contact the Placentia Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.

## Development Services Department

### Chick-fil-A Restaurant Grand Opening

Construction of the new Chick-fil-A restaurant at the southeast corner of Alta Vista Street and Rose Drive is now complete, and the restaurant is preparing to open its doors to the public! The site is fully paved and landscaped, with newly planted trees and planters installed throughout the parking areas.

All of the site's infrastructure is finished, including perimeter sidewalks and interior walkways. Drive-thru canopy structures are in place, and the building's exterior finishes have been finalized. This restaurant is part of a larger project approved in 2018 that included both a commercial center and a residential neighborhood. The revised development features a 5,525-square-foot Chick-fil-A with a drive-thru and outdoor seating area, while retaining many of the original landscape and hardscape elements.

The grand opening will take place on **Thursday, October 9th**, offering the community a new dining option. Operating hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. As with all Chick-fil-A locations, the restaurant will remain closed on Sundays.

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



### Pending Development Projects

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

## Fire and Life Safety Department

### Fire Station Open House! - October 4th

Join us as we kick off Fire Prevention Week with an Open House! The community is invited to visit our Fire Stations this 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

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 - 1 PM**

**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 OR CALL: (714) 993-8135**

## Fire Prevention Week - October 5th - 11th

Join us as we celebrate Fire Prevention Week with this year's National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) theme: "Charge into Fire Safety!"

This year's campaign focuses on raising awareness about the safe purchase, charging, and disposal of lithium-ion batteries, used in many of today's everyday devices. Whether you're a resident or a business owner, understanding battery safety is crucial to preventing fires in your home or workplace.

Here are a few important tips to keep in mind:

- Look for safety certification marks such as UL, ETL, or CSA when buying products. These indicate the product meets recognized safety standards.
- Always use the charger that came with your device. If a replacement is needed, only purchase chargers from the device's manufacturer or one they've approved.
- Never throw batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins. Lithium-ion batteries can spark fires. Instead, take them to a certified battery recycling center for safe disposal.

Let's work together to keep our community safe, one battery at a time!

## Police Department

### Pink Patch Program

The Placentia Police Department is proud to support breast cancer awareness by helping raise funds for cancer research. We will be offering our official uniform shoulder patch with pink highlights and the breast cancer awareness ribbon, as well as a keychain with a smaller version of the badge, as collector's pieces to show solidarity with cancer survivors and those fighting this horrible disease.

In affiliation with the Pink Patch Project, all proceeds from this program will be donated to the non-profit organization Susan G. Komen of Orange County, which supports their efforts to save lives by addressing the most critical needs in our communities and investing in breakthrough research to prevent and cure breast cancer. The pink patches and key chains are available for sale at the front counter of the Placentia Police Department for \$5 and \$10, respectively. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Kelley Krahling at (714) 993-8179 or [kkrahling@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahling@placentia.org).



### Trunk or Treat Event - October 23rd

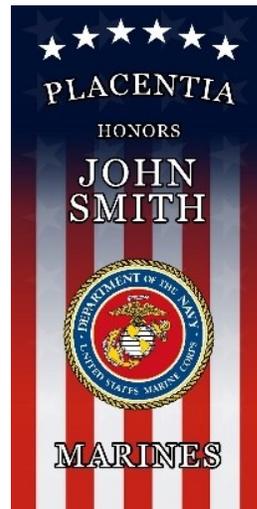
The Police Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, Community Services Department, and the Public Safety Communications Center are excited to host our annual Trunk or Treat event at the Placentia Civic Center on Thursday, October 23rd, from 3:30 p.m.

to 6:00 p.m. All children aged 12 and under, accompanied by an adult, are invited to wear a costume and join us for candy, tricks, and treats! For more information on this event, call (714) 993-8179 or email [kkrahling@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahling@placentia.org).



## 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 [kkrahling@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahling@placentia.org).

## Public Works Department

### Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event - October 4th

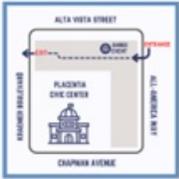
The City's next free Shredding & E-Waste Recycling Event will be on Saturday, October 4th, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Placentia Civic Center, 401 East Chapman Avenue. Placentia residents and businesses are invited to dispose of unwanted electronics and

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><b>REMINDER</b>            This is a drive-thru event. Please place items in the trunk for easy access and stay in your vehicle. Staff will unload.</p>	<p><b>Onsite Shredding</b></p> <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> <p><b>E-Waste Recycling</b></p> <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>

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.oilandfills.com/hazardous-waste](http://www.oilandfills.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: October 3 - October 9

#### 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:

##### Read to the Dogs

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

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

**This Week: Monday, October 6th**

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!



**Read to the Dogs**

© PLACENTIA LIBRARY!  
**1ST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH 6:00 P.M.**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Second Monday**  
**October 6**  
**November 3**

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc.

Placentia Library District  
 411 E. Chapin Ave., Placentia  
 92676-1000 | [placentialibrary.org](http://placentialibrary.org)



**BABY Giggles and Wiggles STORYTIME**

**Fridays, 10:00 a.m.**

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove  
[placentialibrary.org](http://placentialibrary.org)

#### Featured Programs:

##### Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

**This Week: Friday, October 3rd**

Join us for a storytime filled with delightful stories, playful bounces, and engaging songs. Perfect for little ones and their caregivers, this is a wonderful opportunity to bond, explore, and set the stage for building early literacy skills! Open to children 0-3 years with a caregiver

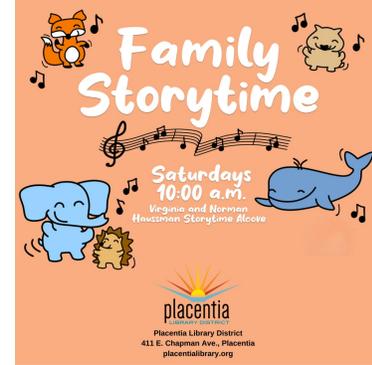
#### Family Storytime

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

### This Week: Saturday, October 4th

Get ready to kick off the weekend with Family Storytime! All families are invited to join us on Saturday mornings. We'll read aloud fun stories, sing and dance to favorite tunes, learn new rhymes and fingerplays, and make silly crafts. All ages are welcome!



Placentia Library District  
**Passport Services**

**WALK-IN DAYS**  
**MONDAY - THURSDAY**  
11 a.m. - 7 p.m. or until capacity is reached\*

**FRIDAY - CLOSED**

**Saturday**  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. or until capacity is reached\*

**Sunday**  
1 p.m. - 4 p.m. or until capacity is reached\*

**NEW HOURS**  
Effective July 1, 2025

No appointment necessary  
\*Hours may be cut off early based on number of applicants on line.

### 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.

## Yorba Linda Water District

Yorba Linda Water District will hold an Open House event featuring a variety of family-friendly activities this **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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