



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

October 9, 2025

Administration Department

City Council Meeting Recap - October 7th

Below are some highlights from the October 7, 2025, City Council meeting.

Presentations

Proclamation of October 5 - 11 as [Fire Prevention Week](#)

Consent Calendar

Approval of Plans and Specifications and Award of Construction Contract to R.J. Noble Company for the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Residential Street Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. 26-104.

The City Council awarded a contract to R.J. Noble Company for the FY 2024-25 Residential Street Rehabilitation Project. The project will rehabilitate approximately one million square feet of residential roadways bounded by Bastanchury Road, Valencia Avenue, Placentia Avenue, and Yorba Linda Boulevard, including new pavement, concrete repairs, and updated striping. The total project cost is \$2.25 million and will be funded through Measure U, Measure M, State Gas Tax, and Traffic Impact Fee revenues.

Reject All Bids for Jaycee Parkette Renovation Project and Authorize the Initiation of a New Procurement Process by Staff

The City Council voted to reject all bids received for the Jaycee Parkette Renovation Project after costs exceeded the available budget due to market escalations. The project, funded through a \$610,000 Proposition 68 grant, includes new playground equipment, rubberized surfacing, water-efficient landscaping, irrigation, and lighting upgrades. Council's action allows staff to reassess the project scope and identify potential additional funding before initiating a new procurement process to ensure the renovation moves forward within budget and grant timelines.

Authorization for the Submittal of Application for the Rubberized Pavement Grant Program and All Other CalRecycle Grants for the Next Five (5) Years for Which the City of Placentia is Eligible

The City Council authorized staff to apply for all CalRecycle grants for which the City is eligible over the next five years, including the Rubberized Pavement Grant Program. This authorization allows the City Administrator to submit applications and execute necessary grant documents to secure funding for projects that promote recycling and sustainable road improvements. The first application will seek up to \$165,000 to support the Palm Avenue and Rose Drive Arterial Roadway Rehabilitation Projects, helping fund environmentally friendly pavement using recycled tire materials with no fiscal impact to the City.

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Q1 Financial Report

The City Council approved the FY 2025-26 First Quarter Financial Report and adopted a resolution amending the City's budget and position allocation plan. The approved adjustments include \$713,276 in General Fund expenditure reductions through position eliminations, operating savings, and departmental reorganizations aimed at improving long-term fiscal sustainability. The report also carries forward funding for ongoing capital improvement projects totaling \$21.4 million.

Tentative Parcel Map No. TPM 2023-143 pertaining to the subdivision of an +/- 0.803 acre lot into two parcels located at 200 Orange Grove Avenue within the R-1 (Single-Family

Residential) Zoning District

The City Council approved Tentative Parcel Map No. TPM 2023-143, allowing the subdivision of a 0.803-acre property at 200 Orange Grove Avenue into two single-family residential parcels. The subdivision, previously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission, supports the City's Housing Element strategies by promoting orderly residential development consistent with the R-1 zoning district.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for 2025 Sewer Rate Adoption

The City Council received a presentation from staff, conducted a public hearing, and approved (5-0) a six-year sewer rate adjustment following completion of the Proposition 218 process. The updated rate structure includes both a usage fee and a flat capital improvement fee to ensure sufficient funding for system maintenance, operations, and long-term capital needs identified in the City's 2018 Sewer Master Plan. The new rates, effective November 20, 2025, will generate dedicated revenue within the Sewer Enterprise Fund to support critical rehabilitation and capacity improvement projects.

Public Hearing to Consider Ordinance No. O-2025-10, an Ordinance of the City of Placentia, California, Extending an Urgency Ordinance Establishing a Moratorium on Short-Term Rental Permits in Placentia, California

The City Council received a presentation from Development Services Director Joe Lambert, conducted a public hearing, and approved (5-0) Ordinance No. O-2025-10, extending the existing moratorium on new Short-Term Rental (STR) permits through September 1, 2026, or until updated regulations are adopted, and recommended a temporary select Committee of Mayor Pro Tem Wanke and Council Member Hummer to assist with proposing additional amendments to the STR ordinance. The extension allows staff additional time to review and propose amendments to the City's STR ordinance, including potential caps, spacing requirements, and enhanced operational standards. Existing STR permits will remain valid, continuing to generate approximately \$235,000 annually in Transient Occupancy Tax revenue while the City evaluates long-term regulatory options.

Continued Public Hearing Consideration of Chapman Corridor Revitalization Plan

The City Council received a presentation from Development Services Director Joe Lambert, conducted a public hearing, and took the following action: approved (3-2) the Chapman Corridor Revitalization Plan, adopted the Chapman Corridor Streetscape Master Plan, and enacted related land use actions (GPA 2025-01, ZCA 2025-03, SPA 2025-01) establishing the Chapman Corridor Specific Plan. This action adopted new development and design standards, and incorporated refinements such as reduced building heights near neighborhoods and requiring a Use Permit for any hospitality use in the Gateway West subarea. The plan positions the corridor for reinvestment, mixed-use and multifamily opportunities, and streetscape upgrades with no direct fiscal impact to the City, while supporting long-term economic vitality and urban design goals.

To watch the October 7th City Council meeting or read the agenda, visit the [City's website](#).

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](#). To learn more about preparing yourself and your loved ones for an earthquake, visit [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](http://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 - 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 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 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.

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!

The City of Placentia is excited to announce that construction of the new Chick-fil-A restaurant, located at the southeast corner of Alta Vista Street and Rose Drive, is now complete. The restaurant is officially open for business as of Thursday, October 9th! To commemorate the occasion, a soft opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on Tuesday, October 7th, featuring city officials, elected representatives, and community dignitaries. The event celebrated not only the arrival of a new dining destination but also the continued revitalization of this important city intersection. The newly constructed 5,525-square-foot Chick-fil-A features a modern design, complete with a drive-thru and an outdoor seating area, offering guests a welcoming and convenient dining experience. The site is beautifully landscaped and fully paved, with new trees, decorative planters, and pedestrian-friendly sidewalks and walkways throughout. Distinctive drive-thru canopy structures and high-quality exterior finishes complete the restaurant’s polished look. This project represents the final phase of the Alta Vista and Rose corner development, initially approved in 2018, which combines both commercial and residential uses while preserving many of the site’s originally approved landscape and hardscape features. The restaurant will operate Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and, in keeping with Chick-fil-A tradition, will be closed on Sundays. For additional information, please 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 October 2025.

Fire and Life Safety Department

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 Krahlung at (714) 993-8179 or kkrahlung@placentia.org.



Trunk or Treat Event - October 23rd

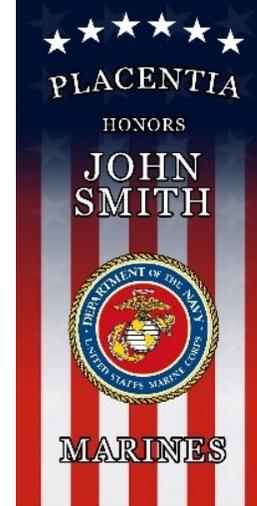
The Police Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, Community Services Department, and the Public Safety Communications Center are excited to host our annual Trunk or Treat event at the Placentia Civic Center on Thursday, October 23rd, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All children aged 12 and under, accompanied 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 kkrahlung@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 kkraehling@placentia.org.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Bradford House

Visit the Bradford House for their annual Halloween Haunt & Treats event on Saturday, October 25th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Children aged 6-12, accompanied by a guardian, are invited to walk around the exterior of the historic Bradford House and view the spooky scenes. Costumes are welcome.

For more information, visit thebradfordhouse.org, call (714) 993-2470, or email bradfordhouse@yahoo.com.



Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: October 10 - October 16

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:

Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Graphic Novel Book Club

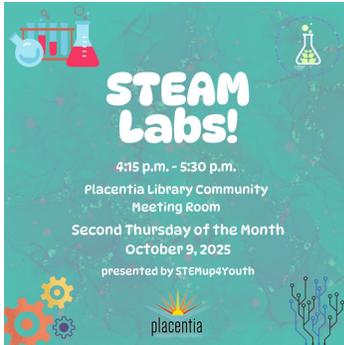
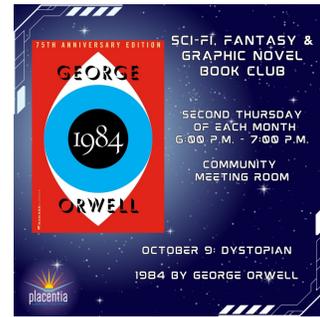
Second Thursday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Thursday, October 9th

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. Ages 18+.



Featured Programs:

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, October 9th

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-serve basis. Open to children ages 7 – 12.

Wire & Wonders: Jewelry Creations

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Saturday, October 11th

Join us for a fun and creative jewelry-making program! From earrings to bracelets and more, each month features a new and exciting project for you to work on. Materials will be provided. Space is limited. Entry tickets will be issued starting at 12:30 p.m. the day of the program. Open to teens and adults.



Featured Service:

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 2-week checkout with your adult Placentia Library card. For more information, placentialibrary.org/library-of-things.

South Coast Air Quality Management District

Go ZERO Pilot Incentive Program

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) launched its \$21 million **GO ZERO** Pilot Incentive Program on September 3, 2025. GO ZERO is designed to help residents and businesses switch to heat pumps for space and water heating.

Update on Available Rebates

Single Family Rebates and Small Business Rebates: Funds are currently available for single-family homes and small businesses. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served

basis while funds last. To apply for rebates, please visit the [GO ZERO webpage](#). For more information, please visit the [GO ZERO Frequently Asked Questions](#) page. The program includes application assistance. Please contact GOZEROapply@energycoalition.org to schedule a call or meeting and have your questions answered.

Multifamily Rebates: Multifamily rebate funding has been fully reserved for the pilot phase. An announcement will be made soon when additional funding becomes available for the multifamily pilot phase.

Upcoming Training Webinars for Installers

The GO ZERO Pilot Incentive Program provides free installer training sessions. Check the [GO ZERO Training](#) page for upcoming sessions and registration details. Two free webinars are currently scheduled for October 21st and October 28th, with additional sessions planned for the future covering various topics and formats.

New Link to Additional Funding Matrix

GO ZERO rebates may be combined with other incentive programs. A list of other incentive programs can be found on the [South Coast AQMD webpage](#). If you need support with personalized recommendations, send a message to GOZEROapply@energycoalition.org.



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