



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

October 16, 2025

Administration Department

Statewide Special Election - November 4th

The 2025 State Election is quickly approaching! Placentia residents can vote early, drop off their ballots, or cast their vote in person at several convenient locations.

Vote Center

Aguirre Community Building

505 Jefferson Street

Open: October 25th – November 4th

Hours:

- October 25th – 31st: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- November 1st – 3rd: 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Election Day, November 4th: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ballot Drop Box Locations

- Koch Recreation Center – 2210 Valencia Avenue (Walk-Up)
- Whitten Center – 900 South Melrose Street (Walk-Up)

Remember, registered voters can vote at any Vote Center in Orange County. To find the location most convenient for you, use the [Orange County Registrar of Voters Mapping Tool](#).

For more information on voter registration, ballots, and election details, please visit the [Orange County Registrar of Voters website](#).

Meet the Mayor

Meet the Mayors



2025 – 2026

The 5th edition of [Meet the Mayors of Orange County](#) is now available! Read this year's edition to learn more about Placentia Mayor Kevin Kirwin and the other mayors in Orange County.

2025 Great ShakeOut

This year's Great ShakeOut earthquake drill took place today,

October 16th, at 10:16 a.m. The City of Placentia joined millions of people worldwide to participate in this earthquake drill! Each year, the ShakeOut is an 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.



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 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

2025 Heritage Festival Recap

The 60th Annual Placentia Heritage Festival took place on Saturday, October 11th, and brought the community together for a day filled with tradition, pride, and celebration. The event featured a classic car show, a vibrant parade, live music, family-friendly games, arts and crafts, local vendors, a BMX show, delicious food, and a beer garden. Residents, community groups, and organizations proudly showcased their creativity through floats, walking groups, and decorated bicycles along the parade route. The Heritage Festival remains the City's largest community event of the year, celebrating Placentia's rich history and strong community spirit. For information on future events, vendor opportunities, or volunteer involvement, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



Senior Center Exercise Class

The Placentia Senior Center is excited to kick off a brand-new partnership with Cal State Fullerton! Together, we've launched an exercise and stretching class designed to help seniors stay active, healthy, and connected.

The first class took place on Monday, October 13th, and will continue every Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. through December 8th. This beginner-friendly class is suitable for all fitness levels and focuses on developing balance, mobility, flexibility, and strength to support overall health and well-being.

This program also serves as an internship opportunity for CSUF students, who assist in leading the sessions as part of their hands-on learning experience. It's a wonderful way for students to gain professional skills while making a positive difference in the lives of our senior community. For registration or any other questions, please contact the Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.



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.

Development Services Department

Have You Heard the Buzz? Better Buzz Coffee is Coming to Placentia!

There's a new buzz brewing in town! The City of Placentia is excited to announce that Better Buzz Coffee will soon be joining our vibrant community at 1285 E. Imperial Highway, the site of the former Carl's Jr.

Known for its famous "Best Drink Ever" and a menu full of handcrafted espresso beverages, cold brews, teas, and acai bowls, Better Buzz is a Southern California favorite that has built a loyal following since its founding in San Diego in 2002. With over 20 locations across the region, each café brings its own fresh, modern energy to the neighborhoods it serves—and Placentia is next! The new location will feature a sleek contemporary design, indoor seating, and drive-thru service for coffee lovers on the go. Guests can also look forward to fresh pastries and breakfast items served in Better Buzz's signature black-and-gold style.

We're thrilled to welcome Better Buzz Coffee to Placentia's growing business community. Stay tuned for grand opening details later this year, and get ready to catch the buzz!

For more information about Better Buzz Coffee and other exciting new businesses in Placentia, contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



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

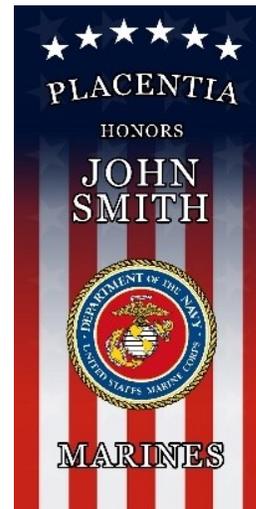
The Police Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, Community Services Department, and the Public Safety Communications Center are excited to host our annual Trunk or Treat event at the Placentia Civic Center on Thursday, October 23rd, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. All children aged 12 and under, accompanied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

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 17 - October 23

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.

Featured Programs:

Garden Game Night

Update: Program moved to the Community Meeting Room

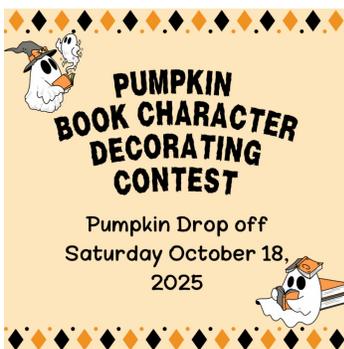
Thursday, October 16th

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Outdoor Learning Experience Space

This Week: Thursday, October 16th

Celebrate nature and sustainability in the library's new outdoor space with a selection of themed board and video games for adults. Become a bird-watching naturalist with the strategy board game Wingspan, experience a breath-taking (but dying) world with the Nintendo Switch game Neva, or learn about conservation of resources with the classic game Catan, and more. Ages 18+, no registration needed.



Pumpkin Book Character Decorating Contest: Pumpkin Drop-Off

This Week: Saturday-Tuesday, October 18th - 21st

Get ready for Halloween by showing off your favorite book character, in pumpkin form! This fun-filled contest is open to all ages! Decorate a pumpkin with non-perishable items to resemble your favorite book character for a chance to win exciting prizes!

Entries must not be carved in any way to prevent rotting while on display. Visit our website for entry rules and details.

October 18-21: Pumpkin Drop-Off

Creating with Cricut

Third Sunday of Every Month

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Sunday, October 19th

Unlock your creative potential with our Creating with Cricut program! Perfect for beginners who want to learn how to use a Cricut machine and Design Space, but don't know where to start. Each class will feature a new project as we work with different materials to get you started on your Cricut journey. All materials will be provided. Space is limited. Entry tickets will be issued



starting at 1:30 p.m. the day of the program. Open to
Teens and Adults.

Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee

Chair Doug Chaffee, Supervisor Janet Nguyen, and Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento, in partnership with the City of Garden Grove and the Garden Grove Police Department, will be hosting a gun buyback event with the support of local law enforcement agencies.

Date: November 8th

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: Garden Grove Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove

How it works:

- Bring your unwanted firearms: Firearms must be unloaded and in the trunk of your car or otherwise secured in the back of a vehicle in a bag, box, or case.
- Get gift card: Gift cards are based on the type of firearm, in the amount of \$100 for complete/operable handguns, shotguns, ghost guns, and rifles, and \$300 for complete/operable assault weapons as classified by the State of California. Gift cards are limited and subject to availability.
- No questions asked: Turning in firearms is anonymous with no identification or other documentation required.

For more information, contact Garden Grove Police Department Sergeant Josh Olivo at JoshO@ggcity.org.

Orange County Office on Aging

Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission

The Orange County Older Adults Advisory Commission (OAAC) advises the County on matters affecting older adults in OC. OAAC comprises 40 volunteer members, including local elected officials, healthcare professionals, supportive service providers, community leaders, and the general public. OAAC hosts a monthly presentation during commission meetings to share information on services and resources for older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers.

[Orange County Social Service Agency Programs and Services Recap October 10, 2025:](#)

The County of Orange Social Services Agency (SSA) provides vital programs for older adults and individuals with disabilities, including Medi-Cal for comprehensive health benefits, CalFresh for monthly food assistance, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) to help those who are aged, blind, or disabled live safely at home, and, Adult Protective Services (APS) to investigate reports of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation for vulnerable adults, which can be reported to the APS Hotline at (800) 451-5155.

Apply for Medi-Cal and CalFresh: www.BenefitsCal.com or call (800) 281-9799.

Apply for IHSS: www.ssa.ocgov.com/IHSS/Apply or call (714) 825-3000.

Information on all services: <https://ssa.ocgov.com/> or email ssaoutreach@ssa.ocgov.com.

Listen to the [presentation](#).

[Join OAAC](#)

The Commission meets at 9:30 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, except in July and December, at Easterseals (1063 McGaw Ave. #100, Irvine). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please note: Meeting locations are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [OAAC webpage](#) or check their [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) before attending.

For more information or to join the Commission, visit the [OAAC webpage](#).



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