



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

November 6, 2025

Administration Department

City Council Meeting Recap - November 4, 2025

Below are some highlights from the November 4, 2025, City Council meeting.

Presentations

Recognition of the 2025 Pony Baseball World Series Champions

Consent Calendar

Approval of Resolution Affirming the City's Commitment to the Atwood Multipurpose Trail Project Submitted in the 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

The City Council adopted a Resolution affirming Placentia's commitment to the Atwood Multipurpose Trail Project and authorizing the carryover of project funding into the 2027 Federal Transportation Improvement Program. This action certifies that the City has the resources to fund and implement the project through 2027, ensuring continued eligibility for \$2.75 million in OCTA grant funding for design and construction. The 0.6-mile trail along the Atwood Channel will connect Lakeview Avenue to Van Buren Street, providing a safe, ADA-accessible Class I path for pedestrians and cyclists. Design is scheduled for FY 2025–26, with construction anticipated to begin in FY 2026–27.

Approval of Professional Engineering Design Services Agreement for the Atwood Multipurpose Trail Project

The City Council approved an Engineering Design Services Agreement for the Atwood Multipurpose Trail Project in the amount of \$334,531. Funded through County Grants, Traffic Impact Fees, and Quimby In-Lieu Fees, this agreement covers design and engineering services over 17 months to prepare plans, specifications, and estimates for the project. The project will construct a one-mile multipurpose trail along the Atwood Channel, from the BNSF/Metrolink tracks to Lakeview Avenue, with ADA-accessible crossings, a trailhead at Parque de Los Niños, signage, landscaping, and potential bridge and trail extension near Jefferson Street. This effort will expand the City's bikeway network and improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity.

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Approving a Zone Change and Specific Plan Amendment Adding the Chapman Corridor Specific Plan to the Placentia Municipal Code and Adopting the Chapman Corridor Specific Plan

The City Council adopted an Ordinance formally approving the Chapman Corridor Specific Plan, Zone Change (ZCA) 2025-03, and Specific Plan Amendment (SPA) 2025-01. This action adds Chapter 23.113, "Chapman Corridor Specific Plan," to the Placentia Municipal Code, establishes the Chapman Corridor District, and updates the City's official zoning map to rezone the project area under the new plan. The Specific Plan provides tailored development standards and design guidelines to revitalize the Chapman Avenue corridor, promote mixed-use redevelopment, enhance connectivity to Cal State Fullerton, and strengthen the visual and economic identity of one of Placentia's key gateways. The ordinance is consistent with the City's 2019 General Plan and is exempt from CEQA under Section 15061(b)(3).

Public Hearing

Adoption of Modified Building and Fire Codes

The City Council held a public hearing and introduced Ordinance No. O-2025-11 to adopt the 2025 editions of the California Building, Fire, Residential, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical,

Green Building Standards, Energy, and related codes, along with the 2025 Wildland-Urban Interface Code and the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code. The ordinance repeals outdated sections of the Placentia Municipal Code and adds Chapter 18.05 to adopt the updated codes with local amendments based on Placentia's specific climatic, geographic, and geological conditions. These updates ensure that all construction and development projects comply with the most current state and national safety standards, improving building safety, energy efficiency, and fire resilience. The City Council also adopted Resolution No. R-2025-66, making the required findings to justify the local amendments. There are no anticipated fiscal impacts, as related costs will be recovered through standard plan check and inspection fees.

Regular Agenda

Review of Public Member Composition and Selection Process for the Placentia EIFD Public Financing Authority

The City Council reviewed the composition and selection process for the public members serving on the Placentia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) Public Financing Authority (PFA). Established in partnership with the County of Orange in 2019, the EIFD supports the revitalization of Old Town Placentia through infrastructure investments, housing improvements, and transportation enhancements. The PFA, which governs the EIFD, is composed of two City Council Members, one County Supervisor, and two public members appointed by the City Council. Public members serve four-year terms and must meet at least one eligibility criterion: owning property within the EIFD, residing in the EIFD, or operating a business or nonprofit in Placentia. Since state law does not prescribe term limits or a selection process, the Council discussed and provided direction to staff on the future appointment process. Staff will bring back a resolution to open the residency requirement to all residents in the entire City, not just those living within the EIFD, and to have the selection process conducted by the elected officials serving on the PFA.

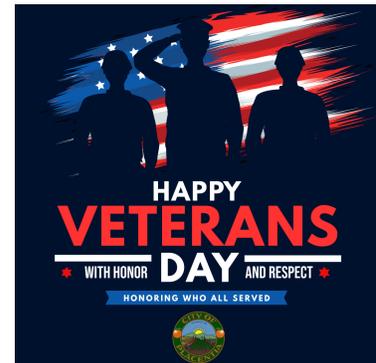
To watch the November 4th City Council meeting or read the agenda, visit the [City's website](#).

Veterans Day City Facilities Closure

City facilities will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans Day. **Street sweeping and trash pickup will proceed as normal.** The Police Department and Fire and Life Safety Department will remain open.

As we observe this important day, the City of Placentia extends our deepest gratitude to all veterans for their courage, dedication, and service to our nation. We honor the men and women who have selflessly defended our freedoms and continue to inspire us through their sacrifice and commitment to country.

As a reminder, for non-life-threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or Public Works issues, please call (714) 993-8111 or report it on the iPlacentia mobile app.



Apply for City Commissions and Committees!

Get involved! The City is accepting applications for the following City Committees and Commissions: Financial Audit Oversight Committee, Heritage Committee, Historical Committee, Senior Advisory Committee, Park Arts and Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission. For more information, please visit the [Committees and Commissions webpage](#) or contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@placentia.org or (714) 993-8231.

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](#) or contact



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

A Very Tamale Holiday

Get ready to celebrate the season Placentia style! The City of Placentia is thrilled to present A Very Tamale Holiday — a joyful blend of our cherished Tamale Festival and Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. Join us in Old Town Placentia for an evening filled with delicious food, lively entertainment, and festive holiday fun! Bring your family, friends, and holiday spirit for a magical evening of community celebration on Thursday, December 11th, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Event Highlights

North Pole Playground

Experience the magic of real snow in Old Town Placentia! Enjoy sledding, sliding, and building your very own snowman in the North Pole Playground, a winter wonderland for all ages!

Photos with Santa

Snap a holiday photo with Santa himself and make memories that last all season long.

Tamale Vendors

Enjoy an incredible selection of tamales from local vendors!

Food & Dessert Vendors

Savor a wide variety of food and sweet treats to keep you fueled for a night of fun.

Craft Vendors

Shop for one-of-a-kind handmade gifts and holiday décor from local artisans.

Live Entertainment

Dance the night away with live performances from The Vibes and our grand finale act, The Selena's, a tribute to the Queen of Tejano Music!

Beer Gardens

Sip and celebrate the season! Enjoy beer gardens hosted by the Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association, the Placentia Chamber of Commerce, and the Placentia Rotary Club.

Additional details, including entertainment schedules, parking, and shuttle routes, will be announced as the event date approaches. For more information, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or visit www.placentiatamalefestival.org.



Placentia Toy Drive

The Community Services Department, Police

Department, Fire and Life Safety Department, and the Placentia Library are hosting a holiday toy drive. Donations of toys are being accepted now through December 11th. Gifts will be distributed to families in need in Placentia and surrounding communities. For those interested in donating, please drop off new, unwrapped toys for children ages 0-18 at one of the locations listed on the [flyer](#). Locations include the Fire Stations, City Hall, the Police Department, the Placentia Library, and the Neighborhood Services Office.

For more information, contact the Neighborhood Services Office at (714) 986-2333.



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. and continuing 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 Center Transportation

The City of Placentia, in partnership with the Orange County Transportation Authority and California Yellow Cab, offers a no-cost, door-to-door, wheelchair-accessible transportation program for Placentia seniors aged 60 and older. It is not available on weekends and federal holidays. **Trips are limited to and from the Placentia Senior Center only, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., trips to the following locations are available:

- Yorba Linda Physical Therapy - 16615 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard, Yorba Linda
- St. Jude Medical Center - 2767 E. Imperial Highway, Brea
- Kaiser Permanente Anaheim Kraemer Medical Offices - 3430 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim
- Village Center at Rose - 710 N. Rose Drive, Placentia
- Placentia Town Center - 150 Yorba Linda Boulevard, Placentia

For more information on using these additional rides, locations, and registering, contact the Placentia Senior Center at (714) 986-2332.

Join the After School Enrichment Program

The City of Placentia invites children aged 6-12 to join our free, drop-in After-School Enrichment Program! Enjoy a safe and fun environment filled with homework help, STEM activities, arts & crafts, physical fitness, and more. The After-School Enrichment Program takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the following locations: Cathy Torrez Learning Center (116 N. Walnut Ave.) and Gomez Community Center (1701 Atwood Ave.). Learn more at www.placentia.org or call (714) 993-8232.

Let's Dance - Thanksgiving Celebration!

Let's Dance is an inclusive program that brings people with disabilities together in a fun, welcoming, and energetic environment. Our enthusiastic staff love dancing alongside

participants, encouraging creativity, and building genuine connections. Each event features a live DJ and themed attire to keep the excitement high!

Join us on Friday, November 14th, for our Thanksgiving Dance! It will be an evening filled with great music, delicious food, and wonderful company. Bring your favorite ready-to-serve dish or drink to share, and get ready for a magical night of music, movement, and community!



Placentia Senior Center Halloween Party

The Placentia Senior Center recently hosted its annual Halloween Party, offering participants a fun and festive morning. Guests enjoyed a themed lunch, pumpkin decorating, and a lively costume contest that encouraged creativity and participation. The event created a warm, inclusive atmosphere where seniors could socialize and celebrate the holiday together. The Halloween Party was well-received and supported the Center's mission to promote community connection and seasonal celebration.



Development Services Department

Building Division Attends CALBO Conference and Celebrates Staff Achievement

The City of Placentia's Building Division recently attended the annual California Building Officials (CALBO) Education Week Southern Conference, where building professionals from across the state gathered to share best practices, discuss emerging trends, and strengthen their technical expertise in building safety and code compliance, significant changes for the new code cycle, and state laws. This valuable training opportunity allowed our team to enhance their knowledge of the latest building codes, permitting processes, and inspection standards, assuring Placentia continues to provide efficient, customer-focused service to the community.

In addition to attending the CALBO Conference, the Building Division is proud to recognize Senior Building Permit Technician Heidi Morgado for completing the 024–2025 Permit Technician Career Advancement Academy. This intensive professional development program focuses on advanced permitting processes, customer service excellence, and regulatory compliance.

Heidi's achievement reflects her commitment to understanding and upholding building codes and regulations that ensure safety and quality in development. Through the Academy, she deepened her expertise in state and local permitting procedures, building standards, and the California Building Code, while also strengthening leadership and customer service skills.



Police Department

Veterans Day Observance Ceremony

The City of Placentia will host the 37th Annual Veterans Day Observance Ceremony on **Tuesday, November 11th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Placentia Civic Center**. The City is grateful for the many sacrifices made by the men and women who have served our Country. In their honor, we invite all residents, veterans, and their families to join us in celebrating this Veterans Day. Special guest speakers, patriotic music, and the new Military Banner Recognition Program recipients will be included in the event program. In addition, the added service members to the Veterans monument will be honored, and their name inscriptions will be unveiled. For more information, please call Kelley Krahlung (714) 993-8179.

Public Works Department

Compost Giveaway - America Recycles Day Edition

Celebrate America Recycles Day with OC Waste & Recycling's FREE Compost Giveaway on Saturday, November 15th, from 7:30 a.m. to noon!

Visit one of the following locations to pick up compost and support a cleaner, greener Orange County:

- Bee Canyon Greenery (Irvine)
- Valencia Greenery (Brea)
- Capistrano Greenery (San Juan Capistrano)

Don't forget to bring a shovel and a container to the Irvine or San Juan Capistrano location!

Please note: rain will cancel the event, so visit OCLandfills.com for updates.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Chamber of Commerce

Health and Wellness Expo 2025

Please join the Placentia Chamber of Commerce for a day dedicated to you at the upcoming Health and Wellness Expo! This exciting community event offers you the opportunity to explore a wide range of health resources, discover new ways to enhance your well-being, and connect with local wellness professionals, all in one place.

What to Expect:

- Free Health Screenings – Get valuable insights into your current health.
- Nutrition & Wellness Information – Learn from experts about smart eating, healthy habits, and holistic living.
- Healthy Foods & Products – Sample nutritious foods, discover natural products, and find new favorites to support your wellness goals.
- Complimentary Massages & Chiropractic Evaluations – Relax, unwind, and feel your best.
- Mental & Financial Wellness Resources – Explore tips for reducing stress, boosting mindfulness, and achieving greater financial balance.
- Trapeze Yoga Demonstrations – Experience the fun and benefits of this unique fitness activity.
- And so much more!

Whether you're looking to jumpstart a new health journey, improve your mental clarity, or simply treat yourself to a rejuvenating day, the Health & Wellness Expo offers something for everyone.

The event will take place on Sunday, November 9th, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Alta Vista Country Club; admission is free!



<https://2025healthandwellnessexpo.eventbrite.com>

Come join for a day and night of education, and inspiration, because your health matters! Visit the website for a comprehensive list of [vendors](#).

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: November 7 - 13

Library Programs, Books, Services, and More

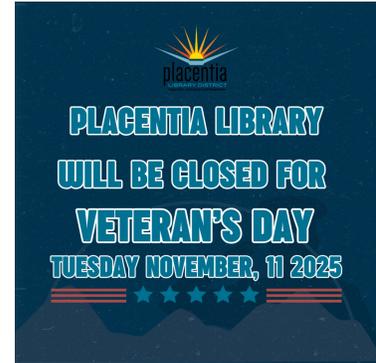
Looking for something to do this week? We always have something going on at the library, from weekly storytimes and teen volunteering opportunities to book clubs and community events! Plus, check out books, video games and movies at the library or access eBooks, eAudiobooks, online learning resources free with your library card and more! Visit www.placentialibrary.org to get started.

Highlights for the Week:

Library Closure: Veterans Day

This Week: Tuesday, November 11th

The library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, in observance of Veterans Day. While we're closed, you can still explore our digital resources, including Hoopla and Libby, for eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and more!



Featured Programs:

Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

This Week: Friday, November 7th

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

STEAM Labs!

Special programs featuring STEUp4Youth
Second Thursday of the Month, 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Community Meeting Room

This Week: Thursday, November 13th

Join us for a series of STEAM programs presented by STEUp4Youth. 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! This month, we will be making sparkly ornaments. Space is limited and seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Open to children aged 7-12.



A blue and yellow poster for "Passport Services". It features a passport icon and a starburst that says "NEW HOURS Effective July 1, 2025". The text lists: "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*". At the bottom, it says "No appointment necessary *Hours may be cut off early based on number of applicants in line." and the Placentia logo.

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.

Gun Buyback Event

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.

Thanksgiving Food Distribution

Join Supervisor Doug Chaffee for their Free Drive-Thru Holiday Food Distribution on Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Fullerton Free Church, 2801 Brea Blvd. Fullerton.

A \$25 grocery card will be provided, along with a food box containing fruits and vegetables. All items are available on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Supplies are limited to one box per car.

Registration is encouraged, but not required. For any questions or more information, please call (714) 834-3440. To register, visit <https://d4.ocgov.com/thanksgivingfooddrive>.



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