



# City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

November 13, 2025

## Administration Department

### Now Hiring: Join the City of Placentia Team!

The City of Placentia is now recruiting for several full-time and part-time positions across multiple departments. If you're looking to make a meaningful impact in your community, we encourage you to explore these exciting career opportunities. Current open positions include:

#### Community Services Department:

##### **Community Services Supervisor**

The Community Services Supervisor organizes recreational programs, activities, and events, monitors programs and budgets within the Community Services Department, and serves as a liaison to community groups, schools, and other departments for specific programs.

#### Public Works:

##### **Part-Time Administrative Intern**

Assist with ongoing public works projects, research, fieldwork, and administrative support while gaining valuable hands-on experience in local government.

#### Public Safety Dispatch:

##### **Part-Time Public Safety Communications Dispatcher**

##### **Public Safety Communications Dispatcher (Full-Time)**

Serve as the vital link between the community and emergency services by providing professional, compassionate, and efficient dispatch support.

#### Police Department:

##### **Police Academy Graduate**

##### **Police Academy Trainee (Academy Enrolled)**

##### **Police Officer (Lateral)**

Join the Placentia Police Department and help uphold the highest standards of public safety, community policing, and service to our residents.

Whether you're starting your career, seeking part-time work, or looking to bring your experience to a new agency, the City of Placentia offers rewarding roles that contribute directly to the well-being of our community. For full job descriptions, qualifications, and application deadlines, please visit [www.placentia.org/jobs](http://www.placentia.org/jobs).

### 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

### 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.

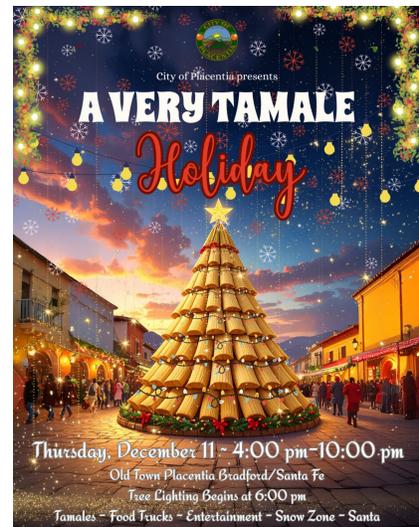
##### Live Entertainment

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](http://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.

**The City of Placentia Presents**  
**PLACENTIA TOY DRIVE**

In partnership with the Placentia Police Department, the Placentia Fire and Safety Department, and the Placentia Library, let's spread holiday cheer to families in Placentia and the surrounding communities! To participate, please drop off new and unwrapped gifts for children aged 0 to 18.

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**

**DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:**

<b>NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES OFFICE</b> 900 S. Melrose St. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday	<b>PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT</b> 411 E. Chapman Ave. 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday
<b>PLACENTIA POLICE DEPARTMENT</b> 401 E. Chapman Ave. 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Saturday	<b>PLACENTIA CITY HALL</b> 401 E. Chapman Ave. 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
<b>FIRE STATION 1</b> 110 S. Bradford Ave. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Sunday	<b>FIRE STATION 2</b> 1530 Valencia Ave. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Sunday

## Development Services Department

### Have You Heard the Buzz? Better Buzz Coffee Opening Soon!

The City of Placentia is excited to welcome Better Buzz Coffee to the community! Located at 1285 E. Imperial Highway, on the former Carl's Jr. site, Better Buzz Coffee has completed construction and is preparing to open its doors, with a grand opening scheduled soon.

Better Buzz Coffee is a Southern California favorite, best known for its "Best Drink Ever," specialty espresso beverages, cold brews, teas, and acai bowls. The café also offers a variety of pastries, breakfast sandwiches, and other fresh items in a modern and inviting atmosphere.

Founded in San Diego in 2002, Better Buzz Coffee has expanded to over 20 locations across Southern California, each designed to create a welcoming space for guests to enjoy great coffee and good company. The Placentia location will feature indoor seating, a drive-thru, and the company's signature black-and-gold branding.

The City of Placentia proudly welcomes Better Buzz Coffee and wishes them great success! 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

### Thanksgiving Cooking Safety

Did you know, Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for U.S. home cooking fires? With the holiday season upon us, keep these cooking safety tips in mind for safe and enjoyable gatherings:

1. Stay in the kitchen while cooking – especially when frying or broiling.
2. Keep pot handles turned inward and keep kids and pets at least three feet away.
3. Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that come in contact with a heat source.
4. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Only open the door once you're confident the fire is completely out, standing to the side as you do. If you have any doubts or concerns, call 9-1-1 for assistance.



## Police Department

## Police Department Safe Exchange Zone

As the holidays approach, we would like to remind you that the Placentia Police Department has established a Safe Exchange Zone. We are aware that transactions on Craigslist, OfferUp, and other online marketplaces can sometimes go awry.

To provide the public with a safer environment in which to conduct business, the Police Department has designated the front entrance to the police station as a Safe Exchange Zone.

The area is well-lit, under 24-hour video surveillance, and is clearly marked with signage. The public may use this area to conduct child custody exchanges, engage in private property transactions, and facilitate E-Commerce transactions, such as those found on Craigslist, OfferUp, and similar platforms.

This Safe Exchange Zone should help deter potential scammers and other criminal activities associated with online purchasing, as well as make child custody exchanges less challenging.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



## Vacation Home Checks

If you are planning to travel during the holidays, don't forget that our Volunteers in Police Service are available to perform Vacation Home Checks for Placentia residents. To request this FREE service, please complete and submit the [online form](#) available on the City website at least FIVE days before your trip. Alternatively, the forms are available at the front counter of the Police Department. One of our VIPs will contact you to finalize the arrangements.

If you are interested in becoming a VIPS or would like further information, please contact Kelley Krahlung at [kkrahlung@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahlung@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8179.

## Public Works Department

### Sand and Sandbags Available for Residents

With rain in the forecast, the City of Placentia is encouraging residents to prepare for wet weather conditions. To help safeguard homes and property, sand and sandbags are available to Placentia residents at two locations:

- **City Corporation Yard, 2999 E. La Jolla Street**
- **Fire Station No. 2, 1530 Valencia Avenue** (daily, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

Sandbags can be very useful in diverting water, protecting slopes and structures, and assisting in erosion control during heavy rain events. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

As the community prepares for the incoming storm, the City also reminds all drivers to exercise caution on the roads. Please slow down, allow for extra travel time, and stay alert, as rain can create slick conditions and reduce visibility.

The City appreciates residents' efforts to stay safe and prepared as we move into the rainy season. For questions, please contact the Public Works Department at (714) 993-8131.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: November 14 - 20

#### 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:

### Creating with Cricut

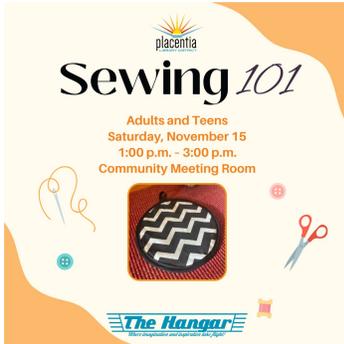
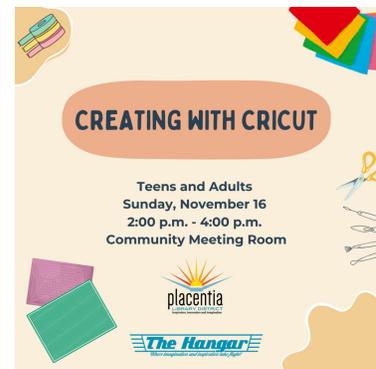
Third Sunday of Every Month

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

Community Meeting Room

### This Week: Sunday, November 16th

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.



## Featured Programs:

### Sewing 101

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

Community Meeting Room

### This Week: Saturday, November 15th

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. This month we will be making hot pads! Entry tickets will be issued starting at 12:30 p.m. the day of the program. Open to teens and adults.

## Placentia Teen Action Crew (PTAC)

First and Third Thursday of Each Month

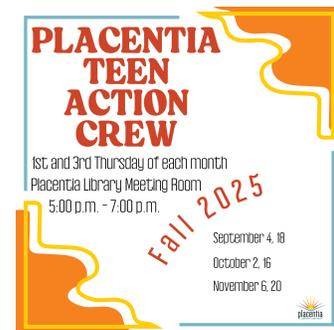
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Community Meeting Room

### This Week: Thursday, November 20th

The Placentia Teen Action Crew is open to all high school students interested in gaining community service experience, volunteer hours, and leadership skills through planning and supporting library events.

All teens between the age of 12-17 are welcome to join PTAC, no application required. All prospective PTAC members will need to complete the volunteer orientation in order to receive hours for attending meetings.



## 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, visit

[www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things](http://www.placentialibrary.org/library-of-things).

## Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee

### 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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