



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

November 20, 2025

Administration Department

City Council Meeting Recap - November 18, 2025

Below are some highlights from the November 18, 2025, City Council meeting.

Presentations

Measure U Committee Annual Report

Consent Calendar

Measure M (M2) Expenditure Report for Fiscal Year 2024-25

The City Council approved Resolution No. R-2025-67, adopting the Fiscal Year 2024–25 Measure M2 Expenditure Report for submission to the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). This action ensures the City remains in compliance with Measure M2 requirements, which govern the use of local transportation sales tax funds. While the report is a receive-and-file document with no direct fiscal impact, its approval is necessary for Placentia to continue qualifying for current and future M2 funding that supports regional and local transportation projects.

Approval of Plans and Specifications for Playground Improvements at Jaycee Parkette

The City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Jaycee Parkette Renovation Project and awarded an agreement to PlayCore d.b.a. The project, funded through a Proposition 68 State Parks grant, will replace the existing playground, add new surfacing, landscaping, irrigation, and lighting, and incorporate key community and PARC recommendations focused on safety, visibility, and accessibility. After initial bids exceeded the budget, staff revised the project scope to stay within available funding while preserving core community priorities.

Contract Award for On-Call Fire Plan Review Services

The City Council approved a two-year Agreement with Fully Involved Fire Plan Review Services to provide on-call fire plan review services through November 5, 2027. The contract authorizes up to \$75,000 per year (fully cost-recovered through plan check and permit fees) with a total not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000. This contract supersedes the prior agreement with Dennis Grubb and Associates, ensuring the Fire and Life Safety Department can continue to perform the required fire plan reviews, inspections, and compliance activities that support safe development within the City.

Approval of Plans and Specifications and Award of Construction Contract for the Golden Avenue Bridge Replacement Project

The City Council approved the plans and specifications for the Golden Avenue Bridge Replacement Project and awarded a construction contract to CT&T Concrete Paving. With a total project cost of \$6,037,599.55 (funded through a combination of federal Highway Bridge Program funds, Community Project Funding, County contributions, and Measure U), the project will replace the 1934 bridge with a modern, wider, and safer structure that includes new sidewalks, upgraded utilities, and a completed segment of the OC Loop bikeway. These approvals clear the way for construction to begin, improving regional mobility, safety, and connectivity between Placentia and Yorba Linda.

Public Hearing

Second Reading: Adoption of Modified Building and Fire Codes

The City Council held a public hearing and adopted Ordinance No. O-2025-11, formally adopting the 2025 editions of the State-mandated Fire, Wildland-Urban Interface, and California Building-related Codes, along with the 2024 International Property Maintenance Code, including all required local amendments. The ordinance repeals outdated code chapters, updates the Placentia Municipal Code to reflect the new standards, and establishes local modifications based on Placentia's unique climatic, geological, and topographical conditions. The Council also found the action exempt from CEQA and directed staff to file the Notice of Exemption. These updates ensure continued alignment with State law and enhance public safety by regulating safe, orderly construction citywide. All associated costs will continue to be fully recovered through plan check and inspection fees.

To watch the November 18, 2025, City Council meeting or read the agenda, visit the [City's website](#).

Thanksgiving City Facilities Closure

City facilities will be closed on November 26th and November 27th. The Police Department and Fire and Life Safety Department will remain open. For non-life-threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or Public Works issues, please call (714) 993-8111. The City of Placentia wishes everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday!



Shop Small this Holiday Season

With the holidays upon us and Black Friday and Small Business Saturday approaching, the City of Placentia encourages residents to consider shopping at local Placentia businesses. Small Business Saturday, taking place on November 29th, is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and show our support for the heart and soul of Placentia, our local businesses. Our Placentia businesses are more than just places to shop; they are the essence of our community, run by friends, neighbors, and fellow residents. When you choose to shop small, you are not only finding unique treasures but also investing in the dreams of those who make Placentia a special place to live.

This Small Business Saturday, the City encourages everyone to make a conscious effort to discover the hidden gems in our own backyard. Whether it's a boutique store, a family-owned restaurant, or a local nail salon, each purchase makes a significant impact on our local economy and helps sustain the entrepreneurial spirit that makes Placentia prosper. Also, please remember that every dollar spent at a local business is an investment in the prosperity of our community. By choosing to shop small, you are contributing to the growth of Placentia and ensuring that our City continues to be a place where small businesses and families thrive.

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.

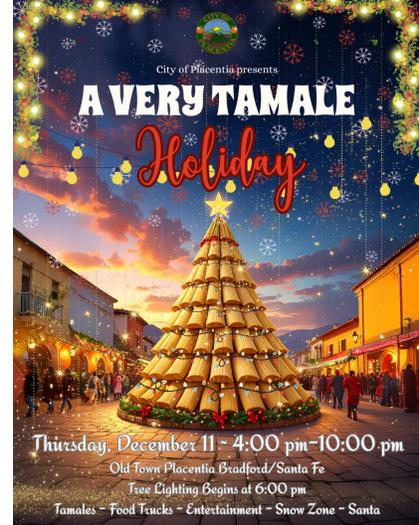
Live Entertainment

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.



Thanksgiving Food Donations Needed

Help support families in need this Thanksgiving by donating non-perishable food items! We are accepting the following donations:

- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned soups and broths
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Rice and pasta
- Canned beans
- Gravy (canned and packaged)
- Cranberry sauce
- Shelf-stable milk
- Boxed dessert mixes (brownies, cornbread, etc.)
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, etc.)

Donations can be dropped off at the Whitten Community Center, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Your generosity will help provide Thanksgiving meals to local families in need. Thank you for giving back this holiday season!

Hygiene Donations Needed!

Help support local families in need by donating new, unopened hygiene products. Items such as 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.

Placentia Youth Baseball

We are still accepting registrations for our 4th- to 8th-grade divisions for Placentia Youth Basketball. Our coed basketball league focuses on fundamentals, teamwork, and fun.

Games are held on Saturdays and some Friday evenings.

For more information, please visit www.placentia.org/pyb or call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.

Partnership with Fruitfull Inc.

Fruitfull Inc., a dedicated non-profit organization, has been an incredible partner in supporting the Whitten Community Center by providing fresh produce to families in need in Placentia. Through their collaboration with local farmers, the Placentia Farmers Market is held every Tuesday at the Placentia Town Center. They help ensure our community has access to healthy, quality food. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the following farms for their generous contributions: Garcia Farms, Scorpion Farms, Silverio Farms, and Chavez Farms. Fresh produce is available to families in need on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 11:00 a.m. at the Whitten Community Center. Thank you all for your continued support in helping us provide produce to families in need.

Let's Dance Recap

On Friday, November 14th, the Community Services Department hosted its monthly Let's Dance event. The event featured a successful potluck, with families and participants contributing a variety of delicious dishes that added to the warm, holiday atmosphere. Our live DJ kept the energy high throughout the night, playing crowd favorites that kept everyone on the dance floor. In addition to dancing, guests participated in fun, interactive games that encouraged teamwork and plenty of laughter. "Let Dance" is an inclusive dance program designed to engage people with disabilities in a safe, joyful, and welcoming environment. Dances are held every second Friday of the month. For more information, call the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



Development Services Department

Pending Development Projects - November 2025

The City has several development projects underway in Placentia. View the latest updates and [pending projects](#).

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 or (714) 993-8179.

Public Works Department

Holiday Trash Collection and Street Sweeping Schedule

Trash collection from Monday, November 24, through Wednesday, November 26, will proceed as scheduled. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, trash collection scheduled for Thursday, November 27, will take place on Friday, November 28. Collection scheduled for Friday, November 28, will occur on Saturday, November 29. Regular trash collection will resume on Monday, December 1. For any questions or concerns, please contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300.

Street sweeping services will not be provided on Thursday, November 27, or Friday, November 28, due to the holiday. If your regular sweeping day falls on either of these dates, your street will be swept on your next regularly scheduled day. Regular street sweeping will resume on Monday, December 1.

5 Tips for a Less-Waste Thanksgiving:

1. Skip the Disposables: Choose reusable utensils, dishes, and decorations to cut down on single-use waste.
2. Make the Most of Leftovers: Invite guests to bring reusable containers so they can take food home.
3. Freeze for Later: Extend the life of your leftovers by freezing them.
4. Recycle Beverage Containers: Set out clearly marked bins for CRV-eligible beverage containers and redeem them after the celebration.
5. Plan Ahead: Check your fridge and pantry before shopping, and purchase only what you need

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.

Update on Residential Street Rehabilitation Project

The Residential Street Rehabilitation Project is scheduled to begin on November 24th. This project will include concrete improvements, new driveways at Brookhaven Elementary School, sidewalk enhancements, and curb and gutter upgrades throughout the adjacent neighborhood areas.

Roadway rehabilitation work is scheduled to start on Monday, December 3rd, weather permitting, with grinding and overlay work along Brookhaven Avenue and surrounding streets, including Brower Avenue, Tahoe Avenue, Rio Grande Avenue, Tuffree Boulevard, and Livingston Avenue.

Slurry seal work on selected residential streets adjacent to Tuffree Blvd and along Sierra Bonita Drive will begin in mid-December.

For more information on this project or other ones in the City, contact Public Works at (714) 993-8148.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: November 21 - 27

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.

Library Closure

This Week: Thursday, November 27th

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving. While we're closed, you can still explore our digital resources like Hoopla and Libby for eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and more!



Adult Craft Night

Last Tuesday of Every Month

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

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Tuesday, November 25th

Join us for our monthly Adult Craft Night, held in the library Meeting Room. Come relax and try a new craft each month at this drop-in craft program! Materials provided.

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.



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>.

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.

CALIFORNIA SENIOR LEGISLATIVE UPDATES AND AN ALZHEIMER'S UPDATE RECAP: NOVEMBER 14, 2025

California Senior Legislative provided an update on the 2025-2026 legislative priorities that affect the lives of older adults, adults with disabilities, and caregivers. As a result of the State's Master Plan for Aging, priorities align with each of the Five Bold Goals to prepare the state for the growing aging population. Alzheimer's Orange County presented An Alzheimer's Update focusing on the prevalence of Alzheimer's Disease and related Dementias, importance of early diagnosis and intervention, and resources to help the individual and caregiver's support.

Learn more about the [California Senior Legislature](#).

Information on [Alzheimer's programs and services](#).

Listen to the [presentation](#).



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