



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

December 11, 2025

Administration Department

Download the iPlacentia App

The City offers the iPlacentia app to enhance accessibility and convenience for community members. Through this user-friendly app, residents can report issues within the city, such as graffiti, potholes, dead animals on the road, and more. Residents can also access the latest news, apply for jobs, renew business licenses, and more. The iPlacentia app is a centralized hub for all things Placentia, empowering users to engage with our services efficiently. You can download the iPlacentia app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#).



Apply to Serve on a City Committee, Commission, or District

Looking to get involved in your community? The City is now accepting applications for the following Committees, Commissions, and Districts:

- Financial Audit Oversight Committee
- Heritage Committee
- Historical Committee
- Senior Advisory Committee
- Planning Commission
- Streetscape & Transportation Advisory Commission
- Public Financing Authority for the Placentia Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District

For more information or to apply, please visit the [Committees, Commissions, and Agencies webpage](#) or contact the City Clerk's Office at cityclerk@placentia.org or (714) 993-8231.

Shop Small this Holiday Season

With the holiday season here, the City of Placentia encourages residents to consider shopping at local Placentia 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 holiday season, 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 - TONIGHT!

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 **tonight, 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.



Development Services Department

Tony's Deli to Host Live Music During Tamale Holiday Event

The City of Placentia is excited to announce the opening of Tony's Deli at its new location at 132 S. Bradford Avenue, bringing fresh energy and a welcoming atmosphere to Old Town Placentia. The owner is thrilled to finally open the doors and share the revitalized space with the community during the A Very Tamale Holiday event tonight, December 11th!

Inside, guests will find a warm, eclectic interior filled with character, rustic wood beams, colorful signage, vintage décor, and a lively bar area adorned with artwork and memorabilia. The space feels inviting and full of personality, creating the perfect backdrop for enjoying great food and drinks.

To celebrate the opening and the Tamale Holiday event, Tony's Deli will host live music on the outdoor patio, offering guests a chance to relax, enjoy the evening, and experience the deli's vibrant new atmosphere.

For more information about Tony's Deli or other projects in the City, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



Police Department

Holiday Safety Tips

With the holidays upon us, we want to provide everyone with a few tips to help stay safe and make the most of the holiday season.

Home Security

- **Timers:** Use timers for lights and radios to make your home look occupied.
- **Visibility:** Keep gifts and valuables out of sight from windows.
- **Lock Up:** Always lock doors and windows, even for short trips.
- **Mail & Deliveries:** Consider having a neighbor collect your mail/packages. Be suspicious of unexpected calls and deliveries.
- **After Hours:** Break down large boxes before disposal to conceal new gifts.

Shopping & Personal Safety

- **Stay Aware:** Be alert in crowded stores and parking lots.
- **Valuables:** Avoid wearing expensive jewelry or carrying large amounts of cash.
- **Social Media:** Don't post travel plans or photos until after your return. Don't post pictures of valuables online.
- **Alcohol:** Drink responsibly and never drive while intoxicated.

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 Kraehling at kkraehling@placentia.org or (714) 993-8179.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: December 12 - 18

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:

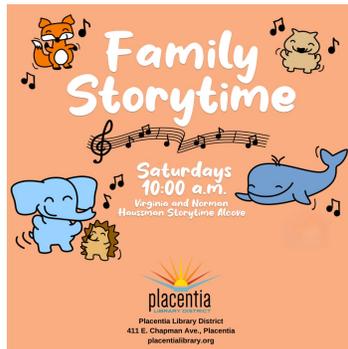
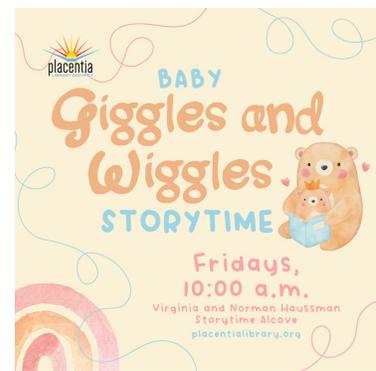
Baby Giggles and Wiggles Storytime

Fridays, 10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

This Week: Friday, December 12th

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. on the day of the program. Open to Teens and Adults.



Featured Program:

Family Storytime

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

This Week: Saturday, December 13th

Get ready to kick off the weekend with Family Storytime! All families are invited to join us on Saturday mornings. We'll read aloud fun stories, sing and dance to favorite tunes, learn new rhymes and fingerplays, and make silly crafts. All ages are welcome!

Placentia Teen Action Crew (PTAC)

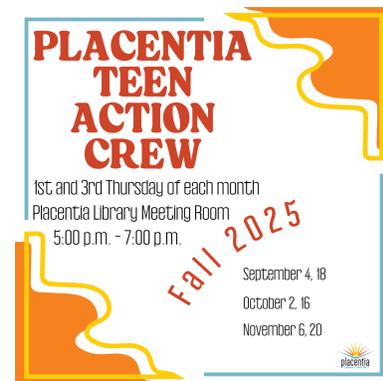
First and Third Thursday of Each Month

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

Community Meeting Room

This Week: Thursday, December 18th

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 ages of 12 and 17 are welcome to join PTAC, no application required. All prospective PTAC members must complete the volunteer orientation to receive hours for attending meetings.



Featured Resource:

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

First 5 Orange County: Kid Builders Event

Join Supervisor Doug Chaffee and First 5 Orange County for a Kid Builders Event! This free event offers hands-on activities, learning tools, family resources, interactive play stations, and opportunities to connect with local community programs designed for children ages 0 to 5.

Date: Friday, December 19, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Brea Library, 1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, CA 92821

Diaper distribution is also available while supplies last! Come enjoy a morning of play, learning, and community with your little ones!

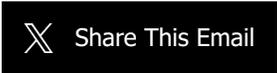
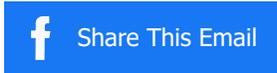
Holiday Toy Distribution

Join Supervisor Doug Chaffee for our upcoming Holiday Toy Distribution with ICNA Relief, United Across Borders Foundation, and Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) on Saturday, December 20th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Loara High School, 1765 W Cerritos Ave, Anaheim.

The walk-up event distribution will take place in the big gym.

Toys or other items will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last. A child must be present at the event to receive a toy or other item.

Registration is encouraged, but not required. To register, visit <https://bos4.oc.gov/toydrive2025>. For more information, call (714) 834-3440.



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