



## City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

December 18, 2025

### Administration Department

#### 2025-26 Placentia City Council Reorganization and Meeting Recap

The Placentia City Council held its annual reorganization meeting on Tuesday, December 16th. The new City Council for 2025-26 is as follows:

Mayor Chad P. Wanke  
Mayor Pro Tem Jeremy B. Yamaguchi  
Councilmember Thomas Hummer  
Councilmember Kevin Kirwin  
Councilmember Ward L. Smith

The next City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 401 E. Chapman Avenue.



In addition to the annual reorganization, the City Council took the following action:

- The City Council adopted an Ordinance approving a Disposition and Development Agreement to allow construction of a four-story, 86-room hotel at 450 S. Placentia Avenue. The action authorizes the sale of a portion of City-owned property, provides limited relief from development standards, and finalizes previously approved entitlements, all of which were found to be categorically exempt from CEQA as an infill development project. The project aligns with the City's General Plan and economic development goals. It is expected to generate approximately \$306,963 in one-time revenues and an estimated \$378,305 annually in Transient Occupancy Tax, in addition to creating construction and long-term hospitality jobs.
- The City Council accepted the resignations of Manpreet Chadha from the Senior Advisory Committee, Carole Nixon and Patti Martin from the Heritage Committee, and Molly Kurzbard, Denise May, and David Radlauer from the Placentia Community Foundation Board of Directors. The Council also directed staff to update the City's master Commission and Committee vacancy list to reflect the resulting openings. The vacancies will be filled in accordance with the City's standard recruitment process and, for the Foundation, its adopted bylaws.

To watch the December 16th City Council meeting online or to view the agenda, visit the [City's website](#).

#### 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 District:

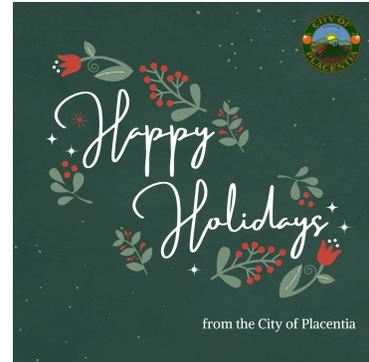
- Financial Audit Oversight Committee
- Heritage Committee

- 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](mailto:cityclerk@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8231.

## Happy Holidays from City Administrator Lampman

As we approach the holiday season, I would like to take a moment to thank our residents, businesses, and community partners for their continued collaboration and support over the past year. This time of year offers an opportunity to reflect on what makes our community special, from neighbors helping neighbors, to the local businesses and organizations that strengthen our local economy, to the City Council and City staff who work every day to serve Placentia with care and dedication.



Please note that Placentia City Hall will be closed for the holiday season beginning Monday, December 22nd, and will reopen on Monday, January 5th. During this time, essential public safety services remain available. For service updates and announcements, residents are encouraged to visit the City's website and follow the City of Placentia on social media. For non-emergency police and fire matters during the closure, please call (714) 993-8111. Residents may also use the iPlacentia mobile app to report issues around the city at any time.

As we look ahead, 2026 will mark a truly special milestone, the City of Placentia's Centennial. We are excited to begin celebrating 100 years of history, community, and growth, and we look forward to sharing more details about Centennial events and opportunities to participate in the coming months.

On behalf of the City of Placentia, we would like to wish our community a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Lampman  
City Administrator

## 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.

## Development Services Department

Seasons Greetings from the Development Services Department

As the year comes to a close, the Development Services Department, including Planning, Building, Code Enforcement, Economic Development, and Geographical Information Systems, extends warm holiday wishes to our community. This season is a time for reflection and gratitude, and we sincerely appreciate the continued engagement and pride shown by our residents and business community in making Placentia a wonderful place to live, work, and grow.



Over the past year, our department has issued more than 1,600 building permits and assisted dozens of new businesses in opening throughout the city. These accomplishments reflect the strong partnerships we share with our community and our ongoing commitment to supporting thoughtful growth and economic vitality.

In observance of the holidays, City Hall will be closed from Monday, December 22nd, to Thursday, January 1st, and will reopen on Monday, January 5th. During this time, building permits and inspections will not be available, and some project processing timelines may be paused. We encourage residents, contractors, and business owners to plan accordingly.

Code Enforcement services will be available on a very limited, part-time basis during the closure. Public safety remains a priority, and emergencies should be reported by calling 9-1-1. For non-emergency police or fire matters, please contact (714) 993-8111.

We appreciate your patience during this seasonal closure, which allows staff time to spend the holidays with their families and return refreshed in the New Year. Looking ahead to 2026, we look forward to assisting you with your planning, permitting, and development needs.

On behalf of the Development Services Department, we wish you a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

## Fire and Life Safety Department

### Spark of Love Toy Drive

Through the Spark of Love toy drive, the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department was honored to bring joy to children by donating toys to LOT318, HIS-OC, the Community Services Department, and surrounding communities. Donations are still being accepted through December 25th at Fire Station 1 and 2, and every contribution helps ensure more children experience the joy and magic of the holiday season.

The Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department wishes everyone a happy and safe holiday!

## Police Department

### Police Department Front Counter Holiday Hours

The Police Department will have modified front counter hours during the holiday season. The holiday schedule is as follows:

- Monday, December 22nd - Friday, December 26th, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, December 25th, CLOSED
- Saturday, December 27th, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, December 29th - Friday, January 2nd, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 1st, CLOSED
- Saturday, January 3rd, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

As always, if you need immediate assistance, call 9-1-1 for emergencies, or (714) 993-8111 for non-emergency issues. The Police Department wishes everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

### 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 Krahlung at [kkrahlung@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahlung@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8179.

## Public Works Department

### Recycle your Holiday Tree

Real holiday trees will be accepted at your curb by Republic Services starting Friday, December 26, 2025, through Friday, January 9, 2026. Be sure to take off all lights, ornaments, tinsel, and garlands, as well as the metal or plastic stand. Set the bare tree at the curb. If your tree is more than 6 feet tall, please cut it in half for safe and easy collection. No flocked trees will be accepted for recycling. If you take your tree down after January 9, 2026, please cut it into pieces that will fit into your yard waste cart or dumpster with the lid closed. You can also recycle holiday wreaths and greenery in your yard waste cart or dumpster. The wreaths and greenery must also be bare, so please remove all wires, hooks, bows, and other decorations. Collected trees and greenery are turned into mulch, compost, and ground cover. If your family enjoys an artificial tree, pack it up for next year. If you no longer find a use for your artificial tree and it is still in good condition, consider donating it to a nearby organization or second-hand store. If you are discarding an artificial tree, wreath, or flocked tree, please place it into the waste cart or dumpster, or schedule a bulky item pickup. Artificial trees, artificial wreaths, and flocked trees are not recyclable. Contact Republic Services at (714) 238-3300 for more information.

## Holiday Schedule for Trash Collection and Street Sweeping

There will be no trash collection services on the following holidays:

- Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25, 2025
- New Year's Day – Thursday, January 1, 2026

If your weekly trash pickup is on or after the holiday, your pickup that week will be delayed by one day. For instance, when the holiday falls on a Wednesday, the Wednesday collection will take place on Thursday, the Thursday collection on Friday, and so on, with the Friday collection on Saturday. For additional information, please call Republic Services at (714) 238-3300.



Street sweeping services will be temporarily suspended starting December 24, 2025, through January 1, 2026. Street sweeping services will resume on January 5, 2026. For additional information, please visit the [City's website](#).

## Eco-Friendly Gift-Wrapping Ideas

Did you know that between Thanksgiving and New Year's, trash increases by nearly 25% as holiday shopping, gift wrapping, and packaging ramp up? Traditional wrapping paper often contains plastic, glitter, or metallic finishes that can't be recycled. Luckily, there are creative and sustainable alternatives that look just as festive, without the waste.

- Create reusable gift bags by using tote bags, cloth drawstring bags, or a pillowcase (great for larger gifts)
- Utilize jars, tins, and boxes you already have for small gifts or baked goods.
- Repurpose brown paper grocery bags as wrapping paper. Plus, they are fully recyclable!
- Wrap gifts in fabric, like scarves, bandanas, or tea towels, using simple knotting techniques.

Choosing reusable and recyclable wrapping options is a simple way to reduce holiday waste and support more sustainable celebrations.

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: December 19 - 25

#### 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.



#### Featured Program:

##### **Holiday Puppet Show!**

Saturday, December 20th

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

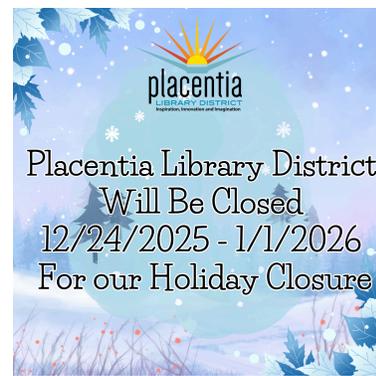
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**This Week: Saturday, December 20th**

What happens when Santa takes a spur-of-the-moment vacation and ends up in Halloweentown? A zany, musical mash-up of Halloween and Christmas magic! Join us for Noteworthy Puppets "Holiday Hijinks," a puppet show full of laughter, music, and holiday surprises. Perfect for children of all ages. Best of all, no tickets required!

## Library Closure: Holiday Closure

The Placentia Library District will be closed from Wednesday, December 24, 2025, through Thursday, January 1, 2026, for our Holiday Closure. While we're closed, you can still explore our digital resources, including Hoopla and Libby, for eBooks, audiobooks, movies, and more!



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

## Orange County Transportation Authority

Ring in the New Year with free OC Bus rides! Celebrate safely by taking advantage of complimentary bus service from 6:00 p.m. on December 31st through 2:30 a.m. on January 1st. Enjoy the festivities without worrying about the drive home.

Happy New Year from OCTA! For more information, visit [OCbus.com/NYE](http://OCbus.com/NYE).



## 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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