



## City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

January 15, 2026

### Administration Department

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day - City Facilities Closure

City facilities will be closed on Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. City Hall and other City facilities will reopen on Tuesday, January 20th. The Police and Fire Departments remain open during holidays. For non-life-threatening emergencies, such as a fallen tree, street flooding, or other public works issues, please call (714) 993-8111.

**Please note that trash pick-up will proceed as normal, but street sweeping will be cancelled.**

#### Celebrating Placentia's Centenarians

This year, the City of Placentia will proudly celebrate a historic milestone, 100 years since incorporation. As part of this Centennial Year, the City is honoring not only its past, but the people who have helped shape its story over the last century. To commemorate this occasion, the City is inviting the community to help us recognize Placentia centenarians, individuals who are 100 years old or who will turn 100 this year.

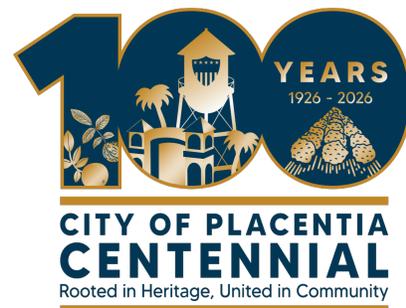
Centenarians represent a living connection to our City's history, carrying with them decades of memories, experiences, and contributions that have helped make Placentia the community it is today. Recognizing these individuals is a meaningful way to honor a lifetime of stories while celebrating the resilience and spirit of our community.

Residents are encouraged to submit information about themselves or a family member, friend, or neighbor who has reached this milestone. Those recognized may be acknowledged through public channels such as the City's website, social media, or other channels as part of the Centennial celebration.

If you know a centenarian in our community, or will be celebrating your own 100th birthday in 2026, we would love to hear from you and include them in this special recognition.

To participate, please complete the [Centenarian Recognition form](#). For questions or additional information, contact the City at (714) 993-8107.

Together, let's celebrate 100 years of Placentia by honoring the people who have lived through, and helped shape, its history.



#### Shape the Future of Placentia - Serve Your Community!

Ready to make a difference? The City of Placentia is inviting residents to apply for Commissions, Committees, and District Boards. Your ideas and leadership can help shape the decisions that will guide our city's future.

### Open Opportunities:

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

### Take the Next Step:

Apply now by visiting the [Commissions, Committees, and Agencies webpage](#) or contact the City Clerk's Office at [cityclerk@placentia.org](mailto:cityclerk@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8231.

## Community Services Department

### Volunteers Needed - Placentia Senior Center

The Placentia Senior Center is seeking volunteers to support our senior community. Opportunities include assisting with activities, special events, and programs, as well as providing friendly support to participants. Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back, meet new people, and make a difference. Flexible schedules are available.

For more information, please contact the Placentia Senior Center at (714) 986-2332 or visit the Center in person at the front desk.

### Youth Pledge of Allegiance Program

The City of Placentia offers a unique opportunity for local youth to participate in a long-standing civic tradition through the Youth Pledge of Allegiance Program. This initiative invites local youth civic groups to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of a Placentia City Council Meeting, providing an engaging way for students to connect with their community and learn about local government. City Council meetings are typically held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, located at 401 E. Chapman Avenue. Participating groups are recognized during the meetings, providing students with a firsthand opportunity to experience civic engagement. Participation is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and interested groups must submit a request at least two weeks prior to their desired meeting. Once confirmed, City staff will provide additional details to help groups prepare for their visit. To sign up or learn more, please visit our website and complete the Youth Pledge of Allegiance sign-up form. For questions, contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232 or email [communityservices@placentia.org](mailto:communityservices@placentia.org).

### Neighborhood Services Food Program

The City of Placentia hosts a food distribution program on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, beginning at 2:00 p.m., while 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.

## Development Services Department

### New Neighborhood Takes Shape at Sumner Village Townhomes

Construction activity continues at the future site of the Sumner Village Townhomes, located at 440 Jefferson Street. In addition to ongoing grading activities, crews are now installing new curb and gutter infrastructure and are beginning construction of the model homes.

Entitled by Toffoli Investments in partnership with Landsea Homes, the development will deliver 140 for-sale townhome units across twenty, three-story multi-family buildings, on approximately 4.98 acres. The site, formerly used for oil production, is being transformed into a vibrant residential neighborhood featuring modern amenities and landscaped open spaces.

The Sumner Village Townhomes will offer a variety of one, two, and three-bedroom floor plans, each with a private garage. Planned community amenities include a dog park, a tot lot, walking pathways, and a corner park with a cornhole game area designed to enhance neighborhood livability.



Architecturally, the development will feature a rowhouse-style design with stone accents and a warm, nature-inspired color palette. Its prime location, just south of Orangethorpe Avenue and east of Jefferson Street, also provides convenient access to the future Atwood Trail, which will improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity along the Orange County Flood Control Channel. The City of Placentia is pleased to see continued progress on this important development, which will expand local housing opportunities and contribute to the vitality of the community. For updates on the Sumner Village Townhomes and other development projects, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.

## Police Department

### Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS)

The Volunteer In Police Service (VIPS) program is a valuable asset to the Placentia Police Department, local businesses, residents, and the community as a whole. By volunteering, VIPS provide the community with their unique experience, wisdom, and talents. They also provide police officers with additional eyes and ears to keep neighborhoods family-friendly, safe, and clean. Volunteers perform non-hazardous tasks both in the field and in police facilities. VIPS are required to commit to a minimum of 16 hours per month and be able to attend the Citizens' Academy. For more information or to apply, go to our website [www.placentia.org/police](http://www.placentia.org/police) or contact Kelley Krahlung at (714) 993-8179 or [kkrahlung@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahlung@placentia.org).

### You Are Not Alone (Y.A.N.A.)

Y.A.N.A. is a free service offered by the Police Department for residents in Placentia.

If you or someone you know is a senior citizen, disabled, lives alone, is homebound, or needs someone to check in on you, you can register for our Y.A.N.A. program, and our VIPS will work with you to create a regular schedule to contact you. This program offers peace of mind and a sense of security for those who enjoy their independence but need someone to check in on them from time to time. Email or call Community Outreach Coordinator Kelley Krahlung at [kkrahlung@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahlung@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8179 to learn more about the Y.A.N.A. program and how you can sign up.

### Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Observance Hours

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Police Department front counter will be closed. For non-emergencies, please call (714) 993-8111. In case of emergencies, always dial 9-1-1.

## Vacation Home Checks

If you are planning to travel, 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 Krahling at [kkrahling@placentia.org](mailto:kkrahling@placentia.org) or (714) 993-8179.

## Public Works Department

### 2026 Compost Giveaway Event

The City of Placentia and Republic Services will be giving away compost on Saturday, February 7th, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (or until compost runs out) at Tri-City Park, 2301 N. Kraemer Blvd. Please bring your own containers or buckets for Republic Services staff to fill with compost, as bags are not allowed. There is a limit of 60 gallons of compost per household. You must provide proof of residency (a California driver's license or a utility bill). This event may be subject to changes or postponement.

This event is a big "thank you" to Placentia residents for diverting yard waste from landfills! Composting is the recycling of organic materials into a useful soil product that can be used in gardens or for potted plants. It can save money and time, and reduce your garden's watering and weeding needs. It also benefits the environment by recycling valuable organic resources and extending the life of our landfills. This compost is a rich, organic soil amendment made from composted, recycled green waste collected through the City's residential green waste recycling program. A new state-mandated organics recycling program is being developed that will require the community to recycle food scraps and yard waste.

For more information on this event, contact (714) 993-8123 or [recycling@placentia.org](mailto:recycling@placentia.org).

## EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

### Placentia Chamber of Commerce

Looking for a responsible way to get rid of old electronics after the holidays? The Placentia Chamber of Commerce is hosting an E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday and Sunday, January 17–18, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Placentia Town Center, located at the southwest corner of Yorba Linda Boulevard and Kraemer Boulevard, between Bank of America and Mr. D's. This community event provides a convenient opportunity to recycle unwanted electronic items while supporting local education initiatives. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the event will benefit the PYLUSD Grant Fund, which provides grants to local schools. Thanks to community support, the program has been able to award more than \$10,000 to deserving classrooms this year. Residents are encouraged to bring any electronics that have reached the end of their useful life, whether working or non-working. E-waste includes most consumer electronics or electric appliances that contain a cord or circuit board, such as computer monitors, televisions, desktop computers, printers, laptops, copiers, scanners, fax machines, toner cartridges, UPS systems, power supplies, networking equipment, home entertainment systems, DVD/VCR players, landline and cellular phones, and other small portable devices. Please note that major appliances, including cooling units and microwaves, are accepted for a service charge. Recycle responsibly, support local schools, and make room for the new year by participating in this worthwhile community event.



### Orange County Sanitation District

## Flush with Curiosity? Discover Wastewater 101 with OC San

OC San is hosting a free, virtual Wastewater 101 Citizens' Academy starting January 29th, and you're invited! This four-session program provides community members with a behind-the-scenes look at how OC San safely collects and treats approximately 185 million gallons of wastewater daily for 2.6 million people across Orange County. Participants will learn about OC San's operations, environmental programs, and infrastructure projects, with an optional in-person facility tour at the end of the program. The Academy is open to adults 18 and older. Sessions take place every two weeks on Thursdays, starting on January 29th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Learn more and register at [www.ocsan.gov/wastewater101](http://www.ocsan.gov/wastewater101).

## Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: January 16 - 22

### 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:

#### Sewing 101

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

January 17

Community Meeting Room

**This Week: Saturday, January 17th**

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 fabric gift bags! Entry tickets will be issued starting at 12:30 p.m. the day of the program. Open to teens and adults.

### Creating with Cricut

Third Sunday of Every Month

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

Community Meeting Room

**This Week: Sunday, January 18th**

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 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).

## Volunteers Needed for the 2026 Point In Time Count!

Everyone Counts OC is gearing up for the 2026 Point In Time (PIT) Count, a vital part of a national effort to better understand homelessness and improve services for people experiencing it in our community.

Taking place this year, January 27–29, 2026, the PIT Count is a federally mandated biennial effort to estimate how many people in our area are experiencing unsheltered homelessness on a single night. The data gathered helps the County of Orange, our cities, service providers, and community partners plan programs and secure funding that directly support those in need.

Volunteers are the heart of the Point In Time Count, and they need more than 1,000 volunteers to make it possible. Whether you prefer helping out at a deployment center, assisting in the field, or supporting teams behind the scenes, there's a role for you.

Volunteer Roles Include:

- Field Surveyor Team Captains – Lead teams to canvass assigned areas and help collect surveys.
- Field Surveyors – Work with a team to count and survey individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- Deployment Center Volunteers – Assist with setup, check-in, materials distribution, and cleanup at designated sites across Orange County.

Shifts are available during the early morning and evening hours from January 27 through January 29, and volunteers are asked to complete a short training, either online or in person, before the count.

Ready to help? Visit [EveryoneCountSOC.org](https://EveryoneCountSOC.org) to learn more and register as a volunteer.



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