



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

January 29, 2026

Administration Department

Apply for the 2026 Citizens' Academy!

The City is excited to announce the return of the Citizens' Academy! The Placentia Citizens' Academy is a seven-week educational program designed to empower residents and businesses to learn more about the City, including how our City governance works, how decisions are made, how City resources are allocated, and how departments operate. During this Academy, participants can tour City facilities, ask questions of City leaders, and become more informed and involved citizens.

The Citizens Academy will begin on March 4th and run every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. through April 15th. To participate, you must:

- Be a Placentia Resident or Business Owner.
- Be 18 years of age or older.
- Be interested in enhancing the community and developing your leadership skills.
- Commit to attending all sessions.

All meetings will be in person, and class size will be limited to ensure a great experience. The City is accepting applications through Thursday, February 26th, at 5:00 p.m. View the [application](#) and apply today! For additional information, please call (714) 993-8107 or email ndrulias@placentia.org.

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 or (714) 993-8231.

**2026 PLACENTIA
CITIZENS' ACADEMY**

Now Accepting Applications! Apply Today!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
MARCH 4TH - APRIL 15TH

CLASSES TAKE PLACE AT
VARIOUS LOCATIONS
THROUGHOUT PLACENTIA

The 2026 Placentia
Citizens' Academy is a
7-week program hosted
by the City of Placentia
and open to Placentia
residents and business
owners.

Ask Questions • Meet City Leadership
Tour City Facilities • Become an Informed, Involved Citizen

For more information and to apply, visit www.placentia.org/citizensacademy, email ndrulias@placentia.org or call (714) 993-8107. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26th, via email or at City Hall.

Community Services Department

After School Enrichment Program

The City of Placentia's After School Enrichment Program provides a safe, fun, and engaging environment for children ages 6–12! Held Monday–Thursday, this program offers homework help, STEM activities, arts & crafts, physical fitness, and more. Programs are available at the Cathy Torrez Learning Center (116 N. Walnut Ave.) and the Gomez Community Center (1701 Atwood Ave.). Join us for enriching activities that support learning, creativity, and active play after school! For more information, call (714) 993-8232.

Coming Soon: Placentia Spring Quarterly

The Placentia Spring Quarterly will be available mid-February and is your go-to guide for everything happening this season! Inside, you'll find the latest City news, a full lineup of spring classes and programs, and details on upcoming spring events for all ages. From recreation opportunities to community happenings, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to keep an eye out for the upcoming quarterly and visit the City's website to view it online and stay connected with all that's happening in Placentia.

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.

Development Services Department

Café 86 Now Open in Placentia!

The City of Placentia is pleased to welcome Café 86 to the community! Café 86, located at 1241 E. Imperial Highway, opened this past weekend, bringing a vibrant, culturally inspired dessert destination to Placentia.

Established in 2014, Café 86 is known for its Filipino-inspired desserts and beverages that highlight the rich and unique flavors of Purple Yam (Ube). The menu features a variety of signature desserts and specialty drinks, including ube cheesecakes, cupcakes, halo-halo–inspired beverages, and other creative treats that blend traditional flavors with modern culinary techniques.

Founded by Ginger and James, Café 86 was created with a mission to celebrate culture, creativity, and connection through food. The café serves as a welcoming space where guests can gather, share stories, and enjoy flavors influenced by cultures from around the world, while also giving back through community partnerships and cultural events.

The City of Placentia proudly welcomes Café 86 and wishes them great success! For more information on Café 86 and other new businesses in the City, please contact the Development Services Department at (714) 993-8124.



Pending Development Projects - January 2026

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

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 or contact Kelley Krahlung at (714) 993-8179 or 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 or (714) 993-8179 to learn more about the Y.A.N.A. program and how you can sign up.

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 Krahlung at kkrahlung@placentia.org or (714) 993-8179.

Public Works Department

Temporary Full Closure of Golden Avenue Bridge Begins Feb. 19

The City will begin construction on the Golden Avenue Bridge Replacement Project on Thursday, February 19, requiring a full closure of the Golden Avenue Bridge in both directions through Friday, September 11. This closure is necessary to safely complete significant infrastructure improvements to the bridge and surrounding roadway.

The closure will affect only the bridge. Access to homes and properties along Golden Avenue will not be affected.

Location: Golden Avenue Bridge

Detour Routes: Valencia Avenue, McCormack Lane, Bastanchury Road, and Rose Drive

Schedule Note: Construction schedules are subject to change due to weather or other operational factors.



This project will modernize the existing bridge and includes the addition of two 12-foot vehicular lanes, new sidewalks, bike lanes, a striped median center, hand railings, and comprehensive

grading, drainage, utility, and roadway improvements, resulting in safer and more efficient travel for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.

To provide residents with more information and answer questions about the project, the City will host a **Community Outreach Meeting** on:

Wednesday, February 5 at 5:00 p.m.
Golden Avenue Elementary School – Multi-Purpose Room
740 Golden Avenue, Placentia

For additional information, contact Gabriel Guerrero-Gabany at (714) 993-8250 or gguerrero-gabany@placentia.org.

The City appreciates the community's patience and cooperation as we invest in critical infrastructure improvements that will benefit Placentia for generations to come.

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.

EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION

American Legion Post 277 - Placentia

Four Chaplains Day Commemoration

The community is invited to gather for a special memorial service honoring the heroic Four Chaplains on Sunday, February 1st, at 2:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 277, located at 230 S. Bradford Avenue in Placentia.

This annual remembrance commemorates the extraordinary sacrifice of four military chaplains who lost their lives on February 3, 1943, aboard the SS Dorchester during World War II. When the ship was torpedoed, the chaplains demonstrated profound courage and selflessness by giving their life jackets to others and going down with the ship arm in arm, united in faith and service.

The Four Chaplains' legacy stands as a powerful symbol of unity, compassion, and devotion to others, transcending faith and background.

Community members are invited to attend and pay tribute to their heroism and enduring legacy. All are welcome.

BINGO Night - Supporting our K9 Heroes

Join the American Legion Post 277 for a fun and meaningful evening at BINGO Night on Sunday, February 22, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 277 (230 South Bradford Avenue, Placentia). This special fundraiser will benefit the Placentia Police Canine Foundation, which supports the K9 teams of the Placentia Police Department. Proceeds help offset the ongoing costs of the K9 program and ensure these teams have the training, equipment, and resources they need to stay mission-ready and serve the community safely. The evening is made even

more special through a community partnership with Sham-Paw's Self Service Dog Wash, generously supporting and running BINGO Night at the Post.

Event highlights include:

- \$20 for 10 games of BINGO
- Raffle tickets: \$1 each or \$20 for 25
- Food available for purchase (No Host Bar)
- Great prizes, community spirit, and lots of fun!

Everyone is welcome (18+ preferred). Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for a night of excitement while supporting the four-legged heroes who serve alongside Placentia PD every day.

For more information: americanlegion.placentia@gmail.com or (714) 996-2190.

Let's pack the house and show our appreciation for the K9 teams who help protect our community!

Placentia Round Table Women's Club

Attention graduating seniors from Placentia Yorba Linda School District high schools! The Placentia Round Table Women's Club is offering scholarships to help you pursue your dreams in trade school or college.

Why Apply? With a simple application process and a minimum GPA requirement of 2.0, this scholarship is accessible to students pursuing a variety of educational paths, whether trade school, community college, or a four-year university.

How to Get Started: Pick up an application from your school counselor or download it from PlacentiaWomensClub.org.

Deadline: March 27, 2026.

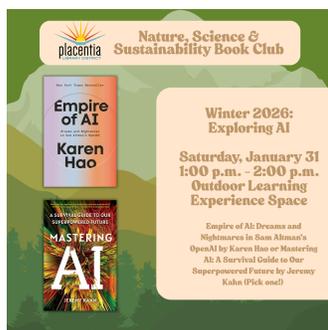
The Placentia Round Table Women's Club is committed to supporting local students as they take the next step in their education. The straightforward process makes it easy to apply for financial support that can make a real difference in achieving your goals.

For more information, visit PlacentiaWomensClub.org. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. Apply today!

Placentia Library District Weekly Summary: January 30 - February 5

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:

Nature, Science, and Sustainability Book Club

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Outdoor Learning Experience Space

This week: Saturday, January 31st

Join us in the library's new outdoor learning experience space for a quarterly nonfiction book club exploring nature, science, sustainability, and the environment. Books are available in the Book Club section or on Libby, Hoopla, and Palace. Ages 18+. No registration needed.

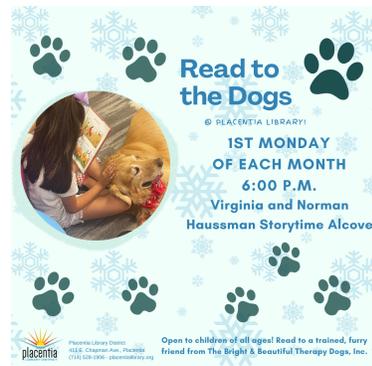
Read to the Dogs

First Monday of the Month, 6:00 p.m.

Virginia and Norman Haussman Storytime Alcove

This week: Monday February 2nd

Open to children of all ages! Read to a trained, furry friend from The Bright & Beautiful Therapy Dogs, Inc. – because even dogs like to hear a good tail-chasing tale now and then!



A graphic for Passport Services. It features a blue and yellow circular design with a passport icon. The text includes: 'Placentia Library District', 'Passport Services', 'WALK-IN DAYS', 'MONDAY - THURSDAY 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. or until capacity is reached*', 'FRIDAY-CLOSED', 'Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. or until capacity is reached*', 'Sunday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. or until capacity is reached*', and 'NEW HOURS Effective July 1, 2025'. A small note at the bottom states: 'No appointment necessary. Hours are subject to change based on number of applicants at each location.' The Placentia logo is also present.

Featured Resource:

Passport Services

Walk-In Days

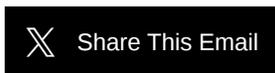
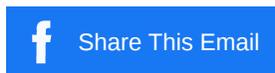
Monday-Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

*Passport services are available until capacity is reached. The last applicant will be accepted 30 minutes before closing. Capacity may vary each day, and passport agents reserve the right to close the passport office without notice.



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