



City Administrator's Weekly Briefing

February 5, 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.

Call for Businesses: Celebrate Placentia's Centennial! Join the 100-Year Celebration

Placentia turns 100 this year, and we want your business to be part of this once-in-a-century milestone! We're inviting local restaurants, bakeries, cafés, breweries, retailers, and businesses of all kinds to create Centennial-themed items, specials, or experiences throughout 2026.

Get creative with ideas like Centennial Saturdays, themed donuts or desserts, Centennial drinks, limited-edition products or packaging, or retail specials inspired by 100 years of Placentia. Whether it's food, drinks, merchandise, or something totally unique, we're excited to see your ideas.

Participating businesses will receive an official "Centennial Partnership" window decal, promotion through City marketing channels, and recognition as a community partner in this historic celebration.

We'll also encourage residents and visitors to support participating businesses. Be sure to use our official hashtag #Placentia100 and tag the City so we can share your creations. Businesses may participate year-round or during select dates in 2026.

**2026 PLACENTIA
CITIZENS' ACADEMY**

Now Accepting Applications! Apply Today!

	WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM MARCH 4TH - APRIL 15TH	The 2026 Placentia Citizens' Academy is a 7-week program hosted by the City of Placentia and open to Placentia residents and business owners.
	CLASSES TAKE PLACE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT PLACENTIA	

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.

For more information and to participate, email jroberts@placentia.org.



CELEBRATE THE CITY'S CENTENNIAL!
CALL FOR BUSINESSES

JOIN THE 100-YEAR CELEBRATION
Placentia turns 100 this year and we want your business to be part of this once-in-a-century milestone! We're inviting local restaurants, bakeries, cafes, breweries, shops, and businesses of all kinds to create Centennial-themed items, specials, or experiences throughout the year.

HOW CAN YOUR BUSINESS PARTICIPATE?
Get creative! Here are just a few ideas:

- Centennial Saturdays - special menu items, treats, or discounts
- Centennial-themed cookies, cupcakes, or desserts
- Limited-edition packaging or items featuring our 100-year logo or colors

Whether it's food, drinks, merchandise, or something totally unique, we're excited to see your ideas!

WHAT YOU'LL RECEIVE
Participating businesses will receive:

- An official "Centennial Partner" window decal to proudly display
- Promotion through City website and social media channels
- Recognition as a community partner in this historic celebration

SPREAD THE WORD
We'll encourage residents and visitors to support participating businesses by looking for the Centennial Partner decal and following along on social media.
Use our official hashtag: #Placentia100
Tag the City so we can share your creations!

BE PART OF HISTORY
This Centennial is about celebrating our community, our businesses, and our shared story. Join us in making 2026 unforgettable - one cookie, donut, drink, or idea at a time. Interested in participating? Please email jroberts@placentia.org or call (714) 993-8231.
Businesses may participate year-round or during select dates in 2026.

We're excited to announce our first participating business, **Campitelli Cookies!** They will be offering a special edition Centennial Sugar Cookie for sale on **Saturdays**, with these cookies also available for advance special order.

Campitelli Cookies Saturday Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Lead. Serve. Inspire.

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
- Veterans 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.

Community Services Department

Centennial Art Contest

In celebration of Placentia's 100th Anniversary, the City is inviting the community to participate in the **Centennial Art Contest**, themed "100 Years of Placentia." Artists are encouraged to create original pieces that reflect Placentia's history, culture, people, milestones, and future.

The contest is open to Placentia residents and students attending Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District schools, with age divisions for youth, teens, and adults.

Key Dates:

- Contest Opens: February 5, 2026
- Submission Deadline: March 13, 2026 (5:00 p.m.)
- Winners Notified: Week of April 20
- Selected artwork will be recognized as part of the City's Centennial Celebration.

Learn more and **apply** today! Contact Community Services at (714) 993-8232 for more information.



Centennial Art Contest

Theme: 100 years of Placentia

Artwork should celebrate Placentia's history, people, culture, milestones, and future.

Eligibility

Participants must:
be a Placentia resident, or attend a Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District School.

Contest Opens

February 5, 2026

Submission Deadline

March 13 at 5:00 p.m.

Judging

March 17 - April 9

Winners Notified

Week of April 20

Age Divisions

5 - 12 years | 13-18 years | 18 years +

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Let's Bowl Event

The City of Placentia is excited to expand its Let's Dance program by introducing additional outings designed especially for our participants. This program is created to provide persons with disabilities the opportunity to dance, play games, and socialize in a welcoming and inclusive environment. As part of the expansion, a bowling outing was held on January 30th at Concourse Bowling. Participants enjoyed a fun-filled evening of bowling alongside friends and family. If you are interested in learning more about upcoming outings or program opportunities, please contact the Community Services Department at (714) 993-8232.



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

Pending Development Projects - February 2026

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

Fire and Life Safety Department

Flag Retirement Ceremony

On Saturday, January 31, 2026, the Placentia Fire and Life Safety Department hosted a Flag Retirement Ceremony at Kraemer Memorial Park. Boy Scout Troop 723 respectfully retired 32 U.S. flags in accordance with the U.S. Flag Code, with Cub Scout Pack 780 assisting in the retirement of an additional 40 flags. The ceremony was supported by Commander Beaver and members of American Legion Post 277 and the Legion Auxiliary.

If you have a flag to retire, please bring it to the Fire Stations, the Police Department, or City Hall. Learn more about [proper flag retirement](#).



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.

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 - Saturday!

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

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: February 6 - February 12

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, February 6th

Join us for a storytime filled with delightful stories, playful bounces, and engaging songs. Perfect for little ones and their caregivers, this is a wonderful opportunity to bond, explore, and set the stage for building early literacy skills! Open to children 0-3 years with a caregiver



Cross Stitch Creating

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

Outdoor Learning Experience Space

This week: Saturday, February 7th

Learn basic cross-stitching techniques and let your creativity flow! Join us as we complete a beginning project. Supplies will be provided. Open to Teens and Adults. Seating is limited, first-come, first-served.



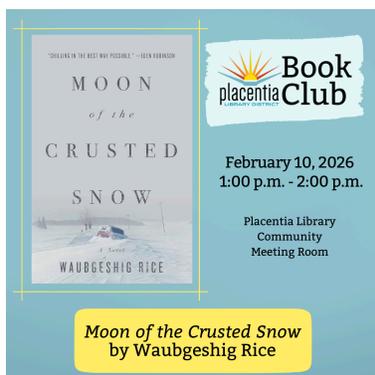
Featured Program:

STEAM Labs!

Special programs featuring STEMup4Youth
 Second Thursday of the Month, 4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Community Meeting Room

This week: Thursday, February 12th

Join us for a series of STEAM programs presented by STEMup4Youth. Enjoy fun, hands on activities each month as we explore the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Each month features a new project! Space is limited and seats are available on a first-come first-serve basis. Open to children ages 7 – 12.



Adult Book Club

Second Tuesday of Each Month
 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
 Placentia Library Community Room

This week: Tuesday, February 10th

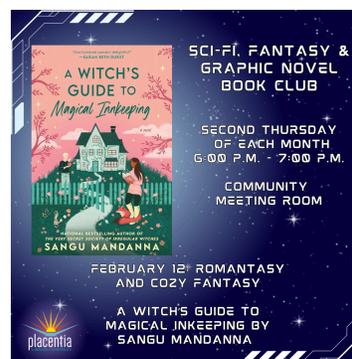
You're invited to our monthly book club! Our group is always open to new members, so stop by to share or listen! Selections include a robust mix of fiction and nonfiction genres, and selected titles are available for checkout at the library. Ages 18+.

Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Graphic Novel Book Club

Second Thursday of Each Month
 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Community Meeting Room

This week: Thursday, February 12th

Discover a classic graphic novel or a trending fantasy, dystopian or science fiction epic with our evening book club. Explore intricate sub-genres, like cozy fantasy or magical realism, which invite readers to bundle up with a cup of tea, or hard sci-fi, featuring trips to faraway planets suitable for a summer blockbuster. Find these titles at the library or on our digital platforms on the Libby, Hoopla or Palace apps. Ages 18+.



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*

NEW HOURS Effective July 1, 2025

No appointment necessary
*Walk-in line may be out of order based on number of applicants in line

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.

Orange County Supervisor Doug Chaffee

As we strive to safeguard our community, especially our seniors, from the growing threat of scams, we invite you to join Supervisor Doug Chaffee, San Diego Seniors Community Foundation, the City of Anaheim, and Wells Fargo for an important event: Elder Fraud Prevention.

Date: Thursday, February 26, 2026

Time: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Anaheim Brookhurst Community Center, 2271 Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801

This event will provide you with vital information on how to avoid becoming a victim of scams. Attendees will learn about common elder fraud schemes, signs of fraud, and how to report it.

Your safety and security are our top priority. This event is a must-attend if you want to stay informed and protect yourself from these deceptive practices. There will be an opportunity drawing at the end of the event for a chance to win a gift card.

Register via the web form, <https://tinyurl.com/SDSCF-Elder-Fraud-Sign-Up>.

If you have questions about the event, please call (714) 834-3440.

ELDER FRAUD PREVENTION

Thursday, February 26, 2026
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Anaheim Brookhurst Community Center
2271 Crescent Ave., Anaheim, CA 92801

- Free information session for seniors and caregivers.
- Seniors are increasingly targeted by scammers looking for financial gain. Learn about common elder fraud schemes, signs of fraud, and how to report it.
- How to prevent scams and protect yourself.
- Join us for a sweet treat and opportunity drawings at the end of the event for a chance to win gift cards!

Use this QR Code to register

Or Register directly at <https://tinyurl.com/SDSCF-Elder-Fraud-Sign-Up>

For More Information Please Contact: **714-834-3440** or **Info@sdsf.org**

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