



## STORM PREPAREDNESS: SANDBAG LOCATIONS



Strong winds, high surf and significant rainfall are anticipated for remainder of the week and will last into the weekend. In preparation of the storms, staff has restocked the self-filled sandbag stations. Sandbags are available to the public free of cost and can be found at the 8th Street beach parking lot, Fire Station #44, Marina Park (Old Town), and Arbor Park (College Park East).

## VOLUNTEERING WITH FOOD FINDERS

Several staff members volunteered at Food Finders as part of the City Staff Engagement Team. Staff filled bags for local families in need of extra food. If you are interested in volunteering with Food Finders please contact Carly Bragg, Director of Operations, [cbragg@foodfinders.org](mailto:cbragg@foodfinders.org).



## CITY NOTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mon, Feb 27 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

Mon, Mar 13 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Tue, Mar 6 - 7:00 p.m. - Cancelled

Mon, Mar 20 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

City Council and Planning Commission meetings can be viewed on SBTV-3 and on the City's YouTube Channel. A recording of the meeting will be posted within 24 hours.

### UPCOMING HOLIDAY/CITY HALL CLOSURES

May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day)

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Want to keep up with City events, news, and programs? Follow our Lifeguard, Recreation, K9, Police Department, and Public Works Departments.



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- @ SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
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# CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

**FOR PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 24, 2023**

## **CITY CLERK**

- Outgoing Mayor Pro Tem Mike Varipapa, District 3; and, outgoing Council Member Sandra Massa-Lavitt, District 5, has termed out after serving two consecutive four (4) year terms, and will be recognized at the City Council Meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00pm.
- The City of Seal Beach Municipal All Mail Ballot Run-Off Election for Districts 3 and 5 was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. The Registrar of Voters Office certified the official results on February 16, 2023, declaring Lisa Landau as the City Council Member for District 3 and Nathan Steele as the City Council Member for District 5. The new Council Members will be sworn in at the City Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00pm.
- At its Regular Meeting held on February 13, 2023, Mayor Kalmick and Members of the City Council proclaimed the month of February as National Black History Month.
- At the February 13, 2023, City Council meeting, Cypress College Foundation Executive Director Howard Kummerman presented on the 48th Annual American Awards scheduled for March 11, 2023, at the Disneyland Hotel. He also introduced and recognized Kori and Daren DeLeon as the Citizens of the Year for Seal Beach.
- Mayor Kalmick and Members of the City Council adjourned the February 13, 2023, City Council meeting in memory of former Orange County Fire Authority Division 1 Chief Ron Roberts, who passed away on Thursday, February 9, 2023.

## **CITY MANAGER**

- Provided Seal Beach Historic Resources Foundation update to Council on February 13th and attended the monthly Board Meeting on February 16th

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- Staff is preparing to send an updated draft of the Housing Element to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to request a formal review and advance toward certification. This draft will not be adopted by the Council prior to HCD's review, but will be available on the City's website for a minimum of seven days prior to submittal. Upon receiving feedback from HCD, staff will continue to refine the draft as directed and prepare to bring it to the City Council for adoption.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- There are currently 1,251 users registered for the Senior Transportation Program. The program is available for Seal Beach residents ages 60 years and older and consists of a pre-fixed shuttle route and Yellow Cab Taxi service. To register for the program, please visit [www.sealbeachca.gov](http://www.sealbeachca.gov) or contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 431-2527 X 1307.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Captains Nicholas and Ezroj met with Beverly Hills PD to discuss parking management.
- Attended Regional Traffic Safety Meeting with Office of Traffic Safety to discuss e-bikes and street racing. <https://www.octa.net/Bike/E-Bikes/>
- CERT Team and VIPS assisted with the neighborhood canvass for video surveillance related to the felony hit and run. Suspect arrested.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Public Works' ongoing sewer maintenance program continues in Old Town with a total of 19,000 feet of sewer pipeline cleaned/CCTV'd since the beginning of the month.
- Staff installed a new water meter, meter box and backflow device for the median landscape at Westminster Avenue and Seal Beach Boulevard.
- Staff removed palm fronds, tree branches and other debris that accumulated in the streets from the recent high winds.

## **WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS**

- Communication Center phone calls over the last 7 days:
  - 911 calls - 611
  - Non-Emergency Calls - 2,125
  - total Calls - 2,736
- Calls for services handled over the last 7 days for all agencies - 1,462



### FREE TAX ASSISTANCE WITH AARP

The City of Seal Beach in partnership with AARP is offering free tax assistance for taxpayers ages 50 and over. Appointments take place every Monday from February 6 – April 10 from 8:30am – 10:45am at OCFA Fire Station 48 located at 3131 N Gate Road, Seal Beach 90740. Appointments are 45 minutes in length and can be made by contacting the Seal Beach Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 431-2527 X 1307 or [communityservices@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:communityservices@sealbeachca.gov).



**Free Tax Assistance**

TAXPAYERS AGES 50+ | FEBRUARY 6 - APRIL 10

MONDAYS | 8:30AM - 10:45AM | FIRESTATION 48

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

To schedule an appointment, contact (562) 431-2527 X 1307 or [communityservices@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:communityservices@sealbeachca.gov)

### SENIOR LUNCH CAFE

Senior Lunch Café - The Seal Beach Lunch Program is provided by Meals on Wheels Orange County (OC) at the North Seal Beach Center located at 3333 St. Cloud Drive. The Dine-In Lunch Café takes place Monday - Friday from 11:00am- 12:00pm. The Dine-In Lunch Program is open to adults ages 60 years and older. A suggested donation for lunch is \$3.00. For any additional questions, please contact Anthony at (562) 431-2527 ext. 1344 or visit [www.sealbeachca.gov/city-services/senior-services](http://www.sealbeachca.gov/city-services/senior-services).

### SENIOR CARD GAMES

The Seal Beach Recreation and Community Services Department hosts the Senior Card Games at the North Seal Beach Community Center located at 3333 St. Cloud Drive every Thursday from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Games can include: Pinochle, Bridge, Rummy, or any other card games participants may want to play. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other players. For more information, please contact Anthony at (562) 431-2527 ext. 1344, or email [anguyen@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:anguyen@sealbeachca.gov).



*Ages 60+!*

**Seal Beach**  
*Senior Card Games*

EVERY THURSDAY NORTH SEAL BEACH CENTER  
3333 ST. CLOUD DRIVE  
12:30PM-2:30PM

Enjoy BUNCO - RUMMY - BRIDGE - PINOCHLE - AND MORE!

**FREE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
CALL: (562) 431-2527 X 1344  
EMAIL: [ANGUYEN@SEALBEACHCA.GOV](mailto:ANGUYEN@SEALBEACHCA.GOV)

### SPRING 2023 SHORELINE

The Spring Shoreline will be posted online on Friday, February 10 with registration beginning Monday, February 13 at 8:00am. Registration takes place in person at City Hall, by mail with check payable to the City of Seal Beach, or online at [register.sealbeachca.gov](http://register.sealbeachca.gov). The Spring 2023 season takes place from April 3 - June 3.

### SUMMER 2023 SHORELINE

Staff began production of the Summer 2023 Shoreline covering the dates of June 12 – August 26. The Summer Shoreline will be posted online at the end of March with registration opening in early April. Specialty camps, classes, surf, swim lessons, and Junior Lifeguard information will be included in the Summer Shoreline. Registration takes place in person at City Hall, by mail with check payable to the City of Seal Beach, or online at [register.sealbeachca.gov](http://register.sealbeachca.gov).

### 2022 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL ACTION PLAN AWARD

The Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program was established as a discretionary program that funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent deaths and serious injuries. Eligible entities such as Counties, cities and towns must develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan. They also plan, design and develop activities in support of that action plan and then carry out projects and strategies identified in that action plan. The City of Seal Beach was selected as a recipient of this grant and was awarded \$200,000. The funding will allow the City to develop a comprehensive Safety Action Plan (SAP). The Sap will be used to identify, analyze, and prioritize safety improvement projects in depth with the goal of eliminating the multitude of serious injuries and fatalities on our local roadways.



**CERT TRAINING**

On February 11, 2023 Orange County Sheriff's Academy held a CERT All-Day Multi-Team Interoperability training.

- 117 total CERT members from a dozen or so OC CERT teams participated in five hands-on skills stations, including damage assessment, interior search, and medical triage & treatment.
- The ten members in this photo are affiliated with our WEST COUNTY CERT Organization.

A huge thanks to our CERT members for volunteering 8 hours!



**YOSA'S MCGAUGH VISIT FOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

Police Facility Dog Yosa visited a McGaugh Elementary classroom for the Los Alamitos Unified School District Teacher of Year recipient Mrs. Smith. Congrats Mrs. Smith!



**STATUS REPORT FOR THE WEEKS OF 02/08/23 - 02/21/23**

Rescues: 1 Medical Aids: 2 Major Medical Aid: 0 Stingray Injuries: 1 Boat Rescues: 1 Preventative Actions: 4

- Cooler weather and winter crowds have allowed Marine Safety Staff to focus on recruiting for our upcoming tryout dates (3/25 @ 1200 and 4/2 @ 0800). On Wednesday 2/15, we hosted our first "Tryout Open House" for potential candidates who had questions about the hiring process. The event was well attended with approximately 25 attendees who were all engaged and planning on attending one of the upcoming dates. There will be two more on site events to help candidates get physically prepared for the competitive nature of the tryouts as well as the winter conditions we have been experiencing.
- We continue to come across debris from the pier, seawall and seawall fence washing up on the beach after the January storms. On 2/15, a large section of pipe was partially submerged in the waterline from the seawall fence. Marine Safety staff was unable to remove the material using a truck, so Public Works was contacted who utilized their larger equipment to take away the rusty material. There have been subsequent meetings with Public Works and we are working together to make sure we are getting to the hazards before there are any impacts to the public.
- On 2/16, Lifeguard Nate Thompson launched our Rescue Water Craft to rescue two kayakers in distress approximately 3 miles off shore. Working with the USCG, HB Marine Safety as well as the OC Sheriff's Harbor Patrol, Nate was able to locate the distressed parties and assist them in to the calmer water near the entrance to Alamitos Bay. The quick and professional response by all agencies let to the best possible outcome in this scenario.
- On 2/19, a large wooden dock section (not part of our pier) was floating near the surf line. Seeing the hazard as it approached, lifeguards launched the RWC and was able to tow the section to a safe part of the beach away from beach goers. The section was approximately 17' x 8' with multiple screw and metal flashing exposed. Due to the large crowds on the holiday weekend, on-call Public Works staff was notified and used the tractor to move the debris to a safer location away from the public.
- 2/20- Notified by PD of a sea lion on the beach in Surfside. Responding lifeguards sent photos to Friends of the Sea Lions who advised us to monitor its actions as it appeared healthy. We are entering the time of year when our sea lion encounters tend to rise. This is typically the result of algae blooms in the water that cause health concerns for the animals. The public is advised to always give these animals their space as their behavior can be erratic and aggressive. Anyone who encounters a sea lion on the beach is requested to call Marine Safety HQ at (562-430-2613).

**MARINE SAFETY UPDATES**



# Bathroom Accessibility Grant

The Seal Beach Bathroom Accessibility Program is an innovative City Program designed to provide residents aged 55+ with a more convenient and safe method to access the bathroom shower. This grant program modifies units to make them more accessible and the improvements are 100% free.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Seal Beach resident
- Homeowner age 55+
- Gross annual household income less than the area median income

### Example Projects

- Walk-in shower unit
- Grab bars
- Shower seating
- Tall toilet installation

### How to Apply

- Visit [www.civicstone.com](http://www.civicstone.com)
- Funding must be allocated by August

### Additional Information

- Email [monique@civicstone.com](mailto:monique@civicstone.com)
- Call (909) 364-9000

Visit <https://www.sealbeachca.gov/City-Services/Senior-Services>

**FREE!**



# DUMP DAY SEAL BEACH

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

### LOCATION:

Public Works Yard  
1776 Adolfo Lopez Dr., Seal Beach, CA

**TIME:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

or until intake capacity is reached.

**NO hazardous waste will be accepted.**

Questions? Email [AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov)



REPUBLIC SERVICES



@k9yosa

## YOSA'S DOG BLOG

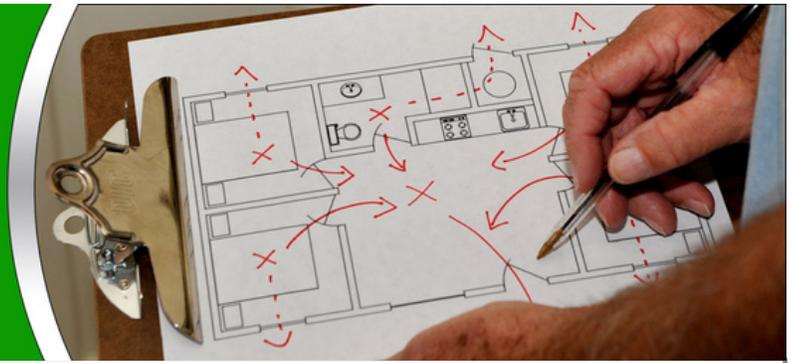
Police Facility Dog Yosa just celebrated her two year work anniversary with the Seal Beach Police Department. Prior to being placed at the SBPD, Yosa went through two years of professional training through Canine Companions for Independence, a nationwide non-profit organization that breeds and trains service dogs. For more information about Yosa and the important work she does for the Seal Beach community, please visit [www.instagram.com/k9yosa](http://www.instagram.com/k9yosa)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2023	
1 - 5	NASHVILLE ON THE COAST MAIN STREET
18	DUMP DAY PW YARD



# HOME ESCAPE PLAN



**Every second counts during a fire. Create and practice a home escape plan so you and your family can get out quickly if the smoke alarm sounds.**

## Plan Ahead



***Fires can spread quickly once the smoke alarm sounds, leaving only a minute or two to escape.***



**Orange County  
Fire Authority**

**(714) 573-6200  
ocfa.org**



- Make a home escape plan showing two ways out of every room. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- Choose an outside meeting place in front of and a safe distance from your home.
- Practice your home escape plan at least twice a year. During your drills, practice escaping from different exits and teach children to escape on their own.
- Make sure someone is assigned to assist with small children, older adults, or family members with disabilities.
- Slow the spread of fire in your home by closing doors while you sleep.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month with your children so they recognize the sound.

## Respond Safely if a Fire Occurs

- Smoke and heat rise, so crawl low as you follow your home escape plan.
- Test doors before opening. Use the back of your hand to feel the door for heat, starting at the bottom and working your way up. If the door feels warm, don't open it. Use your secondary exit to escape.
- Close doors as you evacuate to slow the spread of smoke and fire.
- Once you're out, stay out. Go immediately to your outside meeting place and NEVER go back inside for any reason.
- Call 9-1-1 once you are safely outside of your home.

## If Trapped by Fire

- Close the door between you and the fire.
- Use towels, blankets, or clothing to seal door cracks and help prevent smoke from entering the room.
- Call 9-1-1 and tell the dispatcher where you are in the home.
- Signal for help from a window when firefighters arrive.

