

CITY NOTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mon, Jan 9 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers
 Mon, Jan 23 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Mon, Dec 19 - 7:00 p.m. - Cancelled
 Mon, Jan 2 - 7:00 p.m. - Cancelled

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

December 23, 2022 - January 2, 2022
 (Holiday Break)

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SEAL BEACH, HOME OF SURF, SUN, AND FUN

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

For more info visit: ocfa.org/toydrive

Bring a new and unwrapped toy to one of our fire stations starting the week of **November 28**

The City of Seal Beach is participating in the Spark of Love Toy Drive with community partner Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA). New, unwrapped toy donations will benefit children in need this holiday season. Donations can be dropped off at any OCFA station, Seal Beach City Hall, or the Seal Beach Tennis and Pickleball Center between November 28th – December 24th.



CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

FOR PERIOD OF DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 16, 2022

CITY CLERK

- At the December 12, 2022 City Council meeting:
 - The City Clerk's office was pleased to welcome the Los Alamitos Middle School Choir who performed Christmas carols at the beginning of the meeting.
 - Mayor Kalmick and Members of the City Council recognized the retirement of Crossing Guard Betty Camacho who has worked for the City for 28 years.
 - Community Development Director, Alexa Smittle proudly introduced Planning Manager Shaun Temple as the newest full-time member of the Seal Beach family.
- The results of the November 8, 2022 Election and Swearing-in of Council Member Joe Kalmick took place at the December 12, 2022 City Council meeting.
- On behalf of the Mayor, Members of the City Council and the Seal Beach Community, Mayor Kalmick adjourned the December 12, 2022, City Council meeting in memory of former Council Member and Mayor Morton Baum and Orange County Fire Authority Engineer Mike Tooley.

CITY MANAGER

- Onboarded new employees: Kristin Kredell, PT Aquatics Coordinator, Marine Safety Department; Shawn Jaramillo, PT Maintenance Aide, Public Works Department; and Julie Hart, PT Office Specialist, Finance Department.
- Attended the Seal Beach Historic Resources Foundation Monthly Board Meeting on December 7th.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- There are currently 1,205 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 or contact the Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 431-2527 X 1307.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- A scoping meeting, which is a part of the process for the Old Ranch Country Club Environmental Impact Report (EIR), is tentatively scheduled for January 25th. The meeting will be hosted by the Environmental Quality Control Board's regular meeting, at 6pm in Council Chambers.
- Staff participated in the Seal Beach Tennis and Pickleball Center's job walk with potential construction bidders, and is very pleased to support this joint effort with Public Works and Community Services to improve this wonderful community facility!

COMMUNITY SERVICES CONT

- As a part of the Federal response to the pandemic, additional grant funds were made available through the Community Development Block Grant program. The City has applied for these one-time funds to temporarily expand the existing bathroom renovation program the City currently offers in Leisure World to facilitate aging in place. The program converts bathtubs to allow for walk-in access, adds grab bars, shower seating, and other similar improvements. Eligible applicants for this program must be Seal Beach residents age 55 or over, and be income-qualified. Income eligibility varies by the number of residents in the household. For more information, please call (909) 364-9000 or refer to the City's website.

MARINE SAFETY

- On December 2nd, the Marine Safety Department participated in the Seal Beach Christmas parade, with about 20 of our part-time staff braving the rain to help decorate our trucks and ride in the parade. Everyone enjoyed the parade, with many of our Junior Lifeguards recognizing their instructors along the parade route.
- During the week of 12/5-12/9, Marine Safety Officer Nick Bolin attended training where he received his FAA 107 Drone Operator Certificate. This puts our department in compliance whenever he is flying our drone within city limits.



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ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

- OCFA would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and health holiday season and new year. We would like to encourage Seal Beach residents enjoying their new battery operated Christmas toys to not leave them plugged in after charging is completed. The fire service is experiencing rapidly increasing numbers of fires in the communities we serve that are being traced back to lithium-ion battery thermal runaway. For example, the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) is reporting a 230% increase in fires this year versus 2021 that were caused by battery failures. You can find additional safety information at WWW.OCFA.ORG.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- On December 10th the Seal Beach Police Department hosted a DUI/Driver License Checkpoint on Seal Beach Boulevard. Approximately 1,200 cars came through the checkpoint. The SBPD issued 20 citations, and one person was arrested for driving on a suspended license.



PUBLIC WORKS

- The Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and Public Works are scheduled to provide a water supply and drought update to the Leisure World mutual presidents meeting on January 5, 2023, 9:00a.m.
- Routine cleaning was completed by staff on two 2-inch force main lines at Sunset Aquatic Park sewer station.
- Public Works staff were called out to a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) located in Old Town. Sewer staff were able to quickly contain all discharge and clear the congested sewer line restoring.
- Staff held a preconstruction meeting for the Lampson Fiber Project. This project will run City fiber connecting the traffic signals and other facilities from Seal Beach Boulevard to a location east of Basswood Street.
- Following the recent rain event, staff thoroughly cleaned and removed all debris in the basin of West End Stormwater Pump Station located in Old Town. Cleaning of the basin is routinely performed by staff before and after every storm.

- The Public Works Department welcomes our newest Maintenance Aide, Shaun Jaramillo, to the team. Shaun is a graduate of Huntington Beach High School. He previously worked for his family's construction firm and as a mechanic at a local marine service center. Please give Shaun a warm welcome as he transitions into his new role.



- Project bids for the Tennis and Pickleball Center Improvement Project were opened on December 14th at 10 a.m.



RETIREMENT OF BETTY CAMACHO



On October 28, 2022, one of the most beloved City of Seal Beach employees retired. Betty Trudeau Camacho or “Miss Betty” was hired by the City of Seal Beach in 1994 as a crossing guard and has served tirelessly, faithfully, and selflessly for the last 28 years.

Betty started her Crossing Guard career in 1973 in her home city of Anaheim. In 1992 she decided to leave Anaheim to come to the beach and settled into a home on 8th Street where she lived for the next 30 years. In 1994, Betty’s husband suggested that she return to her passion for Crossing Guard service and apply with the City of Seal Beach. Betty was hired by Sergeant Rick Ransdell, another long-time and very much beloved Seal Beach employee (Rick retired in 2018).

Betty was a Crossing Guard for the City of Seal Beach for the past 28 years. She has worked at every school crossing guard location in the city and spent the last 22 years stationed at PCH and 12th St. When I asked Betty if she looks forward to a much-deserved retirement, she shared, “Being a crossing guard is my life. I will miss the families and the children. I don’t know if I’ll ever get over it.” I asked if maybe she could become a crossing guard in her new home city of Huntington Beach, to which she replied that there is no place like Seal Beach. Betty expressed her love for the children and families that have crossed her path at PCH and 12th over the past 28 years.

Thank you, Betty, for your service to the City of Seal Beach. We are deeply grateful and forever in your debt for your impressive tenure and unwavering dedication to the care and safety of our most important treasures, our children.

WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS



Communication Center phone calls over the last 7 days:
911 Calls - 618
Non-Emergency Calls - 2,035
Total Calls - 2,653
Calls for service handled over the last 7 days for all agencies: 1,518

SURVIVING GUN VIOLENCE

The Seal Beach Police Department hosted a presentation on Surviving Gun Violence class at the McGaugh Auditorium on Thursday, December 8th.




PLEASE JOIN THE
SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON

SURVIVING GUN VIOLENCE

MCGAUGH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1698 BOLSA AVENUE, SEAL BEACH

THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 2022- 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Although this presentation will be held at McGaugh, the topics covered are not specific to school violence or an active shooter incident at a school. There is no cost to attend this presentation. It is open to all community members and no RSVP is required. Due to the themes of violence and the graphic nature of portions of this presentation, the Seal Beach Police Department is discouraging anyone under the age of 18 from attending.



How can we help you?

Do you have any questions about the City of Seal Beach or one of the many services the City provides?

Contact us at:
AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov

We will answer your questions or route you to the appropriate resource!
(No later than two business days)



WATER CONSERVATION UPDATE

The City has had yet another great month of conserving water. In the month of November, the City had a water savings of 18% relative to November 2020. The State recently announced that Californians are turning the corner with water conservation and urges the public to continue saving water. Despite some rain and mountain snowfall in early November and early December, long-range forecasting suggests warmer and drier-than-average conditions will persist.



WATER TESTING LABORATORY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The City has opened bids for drinking water quality analyses and sampling services on PlanetBids. All bids are due by Monday, January 16th, 2023, 12:00 p.m.

CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION (CWEA) CERTIFICATION

Water Operator Joe Santoyo has completed his Collection System Maintenance Grade 1 Certification through California Water Environment Association (CWEA). This certification is for water professionals who inspect, clean, maintain, construct and repair wastewater collection systems including sanitary sewers, storm drains, pump stations, pipes, manholes and catch basins. These professionals operate a variety of light and moderately heavy power-driven equipment and play a critical role in the community ensuring public health and safety. Congratulations, Joe!

OC405 PROJECT

The OC405 Project contractor is currently working on the new Seal Beach Boulevard Bridge graphics. As part of the I-405 project, each City will have some bridge highlights including street names displayed prominently on the sides of the bridge. These city-themed graphics will be visible from the freeway and from the street. The attached pictures show the work progressing as well as what the graphics intended to be displayed. The side of the bridge facing the street will display the Seal Beach Pier, while the side facing the freeway will display the seal.

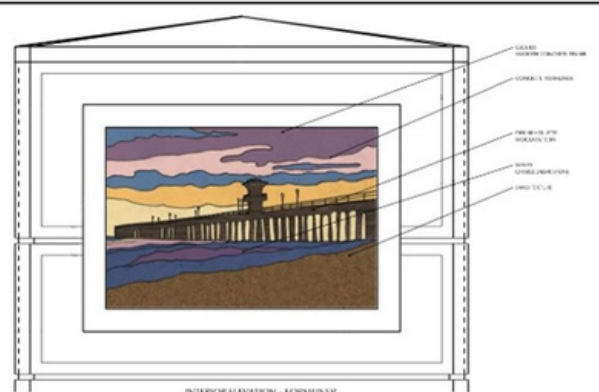


EXTERIOR ELEVATION 1B - CONCRETE FORMWORK

BRIDGE MONUMENT

Conceptual Design - Exterior Artwork

City of Seal Beach



INTERIOR ELEVATION - FORMWORK

BRIDGE MONUMENT

Conceptual Design - Interior Artwork

City of Seal Beach



SHORELINE UPDATES

WINTER 2022-2023 SHORELINE

The Winter 2022-2023 Shoreline is posted online and is available to view at www.sealbeachca.gov. Classes take place from January 3rd – March 25th and new, older adult technology classes are being offered. 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



SPRING 2023 SHORELINE

Staff began development of the Spring 2023 Shoreline which takes place from Monday, April 3rd – Saturday, June 3rd. The Shoreline will be posted online in early February with registration beginning Monday, February 13th 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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa was on Saturday, December 10th at the Marina Community Center. The event featured a free pancake breakfast provided by the Seal Beal Lions Club, photos with Santa, arts and crafts, and live music. New, unwrapped toy donations were accepted to benefit children in need this holiday season. There were over 200 individuals in attendance and four donation toy donation boxes were filled.

SENIOR LUNCH CAFE

Starting December 5, 2022, Meals on Wheels will begin serving the dine-in Senior Lunch Café five days a week, from Monday to Friday, 11:00am -12:00pm. This program was serving five meals a week before it was shut down because of the pandemic. The Senior Lunch Cafe was reintroduced earlier this year for only once a week, but will now be back to five meals per week. The lunch program is open to all adults ages 60 years and older.

This program would allow seniors to eat a nutritious meal while being able to socialize with others.



STATUS REPORT FOR THE WEEKS OF 11/14/22 - 11/29/22

Rescues: 1 Medical Aids: 8 Major Medical Aid: 1 Stingray Injuries: 4
Boat Rescues: 1 Preventative Actions: 1

- The last two weeks have given us more traditional winter weather, with cooler temperatures and precipitation. The ocean water temperature has dipped as well to about 59-64 degrees,
- On December 3, a large sea turtle washed up in Surfside. Responding lifeguards determined the sea turtle was dead and contacted the Pacific Marine Mammal Center to pick up the turtle to perform a necropsy on the animal.
- Marine Safety Staff met with the US Coast Guard to discuss the beginning of mutual aid trainings in January 2023. Rescue boat operators and deckhands took part in the online portion of the training to discuss the training strategy as well as the hazards associated with this training. The first in-person hoist training will take place on January 11, with the plan to train monthly moving forward.
- In recent weeks, we have had several contacts with people regarding tents on the beach. Under Seal Beach Municipal Code 9.05.025 A, it is illegal for anyone to erect a tent that is not fully exposed to public view on at least two sides. As we enter into cooler, wetter weather, we anticipate more homeless people setting up their tents overnight and are working to educate the public as to what is and is not allowed. So far, we have been getting a good response to our outreach.

MARINE SAFETY UPDATES



WE ARE HIRING!



To View Employment Opportunities, please visit:
<https://www.calopps.org/city-of-seal-beach>



SEAL BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE



The Seal Beach Christmas Parade was on Friday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. on Main Street and featured the theme "Under the Sea." The City of Seal Beach participated in the event with a "Grinchmas" float.



YOSA'S DOG BLOG

 @k9yosa

Here is Yosa with 9-week-old puppy Bridget the VII. Bridget is a future service dog being raised by volunteers at Canine Companions. She will grow up to do important work for people with special needs.

