



# OFFICIAL CITY MANAGER newsletter

September 21, 2023

## city notes

### City Council Meetings

Mon, Sept 25 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers  
Mon, Oct 9 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

### Planning Commission Meetings

Mon, Oct 2 - 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

November 9, 2023 (Veteran's Day)  
November 10, 2023 (Veteran's 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 Marine Safety Department  
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## NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



The Seal Beach Police Department Honor Guard was proud to participate in the 9/11 Council meeting on "National Day of Remembrance" to honor and remember those who lost their lives in the horrific terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. SBPD pays tribute to and carries on the legacy of the selfless heroes who served our nation.

## WE ARE HIRING

If you are interested in working for the City of Seal Beach, we are currently hiring. To view employment opportunities please visit: <https://www.calopps.org/city-of-seal-beach> or scan the QR code:



# CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

FOR PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 10 - SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

## MARINE SAFETY

- Over the last two weeks Lifeguards have made 17 rescues, 8 boat rescues and performed 28 medical aids including 5 major medical aids. Much of this action happened during the weekends due to nice weather.
- As summer winds down and we move into the “shoulder season” our staffing is slowly decreasing. We are seeking applications from our lifeguards for “winter crew” or Marine Safety Specialist positions. These lifeguards work year-round and are often times our best trained lifeguards. We have lost 4 of 6 of last year’s winter crew, so this will be a heavy training year.
- Our Rescue boat will be headed into drydock next week. We are having the bottom painted, which is an every other year service. While it is out of the water, we are also having the swim step repaired.

## RECREATION

- There are currently 1,417 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.
- There are currently 331 pickleball members and 90 tennis members at the Seal Beach Tennis and Pickleball Center. To sign up for a membership, please contact staff at the Center, or call (562) 598-8624 for more information.

## SBPD

- Detectives arrested two suspects related to a \$70,000 theft from Kohls.
- Officers assisted with Modified Exhaust Task Force, which stretches from Dana Point to Seal Beach.
- Officers assisted with Street Racing Task Force, which included all of Orange County cities.

## PUBLIC WORKS

A new playground suspension bridge and platforms have been installed at Edison Park to replace the old, damaged equipment. The installation was made possible by District 2 Mayor Thomas Moore’s discretionary funds.



## WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

### Communication Center Phone Calls over the last 7 days:

- 911 Calls: 645
- Non-Emergency Calls: 2,169
- Total Calls: 2,814

### Calls for service handled over the last 7 days for all agencies:

- 1705

# CITY UPDATES

## Public Works Department Updates

### AYRES HOTEL WATER METER REPLACEMENT

As part of the City's Annual Large (Water) Meter Testing Program, several active large meters were tested for compliance against accuracy standards. As part of the required replacements, staff performed a scheduled shutdown at Ayres Hotel to replace the 6-inch water meter serving the site. The work was performed during off-peak hours to minimize service disruption to hotel guests.



### MCGAUGH ELEMENTARY BALL WALL



The ball wall is now available for the community's enjoyment.



## Recreation Department Updates Senior Services

### SENIOR LUNCH CAFE'

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).



The Senior Card Game program takes place once a month, on the first Thursday of every month. This program runs from 2:00pm-3:30pm at the North Seal Beach Community Center, located at 3333 St. Cloud Drive. The program is free to attend and is recommended for adults ages 60 years and older. Players may also bring a game or activity to share. For the convenience of participants, the Senior Transportation Shuttle regularly provides transportation and makes regular stops at the North Seal Beach Center in the afternoons at approximately 1:40pm, 2:40pm, and 3:40pm. For more information, please contact Anthony Nguyen via email at [anguyen@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:anguyen@sealbeachca.gov) or by phone at: (562) 431-2527 X 1344.

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We have an  
answer for you.

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## Public Works Updates (Cont.)

### GIRL SCOUTS CLINIC

On September 16, 2023, Public Works partnered with Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) and Girl Scouts of Orange County to host a STEM-based clinic at Lampson Well. Juniors, Brownies, and Daisies attended the two-hour Water Resources and Conservation Patch Program that educated the Girl Scouts on where water comes from, the importance of Orange County water resources, and how to be water efficient. Seal Beach water staff demonstrated the start-up and shutdown of the well pump, discussed how the City produces its own disinfectant solution using its on-site generation system, and provided the Girl Scouts with hands-on activities such as testing for the presence of chlorine residual in drinking water. The participating Girl Scouts all received their Water Resources and Conservation patch.



### CITY HALL CURB PAINTING & CROSSWALK RESTRIPING

Staff refreshed traffic signing and striping at the intersection of Eighth Street and Central Avenue for better visibility. A fresh coat of paint was also applied to the curb markings in front of City Hall and the Annex Building.



# CITY UPDATES

## City Clerk Updates

**At its Regular City Council meeting of September 11, 2023, Mayor Pro Tem Sustarsic and Members of the City Council proclaimed:**

- September 2023 as Hunger Action Month throughout the City of Seal Beach.
- September 2023 as National Service Dog Month.
- September 11, 2023, as the National Day of Remembrance and recognized the men and women of the Seal Beach Police Department and the Orange County Fire Authority for their daily sacrifices to the residents and the Seal Beach community.

Additionally, Orange County Division Regional Public Affairs Manager Connor Medina provided a League of California Cities Presentation.



## Yosa's Dog Blog



A long walk is Yosa's favorite way to paws and reflect.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 14th -

Taste For Los Al

## Orange County Fire Authority Update

In preparation for Hurricane Hilary your Orange County Fire Authority teamed up with residents, our Public Works staff, and CERT to create sand barriers for the expected storm surge. Previously, Seal Beach experienced some rare summer flooding during Hurricane Hilary and the expected forecast called for a surge of 5 feet to 10 feet, with a possibility of local coastal flooding and winds up to 50 mph. To ensure resident and infrastructure safety, the OCFA responded with two dozers to assist in building berms in the Surfside Colony of Seal Beach. Dozers are typically operated in conjunction with wildland fires but are also brought in to assist with structure fires and special operations projects.



On Sunday, September 17th Orange County Fire Authority, in conjunction with Naval Weapons and Long Beach Fire Department, responded to a well involved fire in a mobile home in the Seal Beach Shores community. Residents safely evacuated and notified arriving units that two dogs were inside. Firefighters quickly extinguished the blaze and prevented the fire from extending into an adjacent home. The two dogs were located, and resuscitation efforts were attempted with local animal control. The blaze was quickly brought under control at 10:40 P.M. Residents were evaluated by fire department paramedics and received assistance from the local Red Cross.



## Seal Beach Police Department

The California Peace Officers' Association annual awards include the "12 Under 12" Award designed to recognize 12 individuals (one from each of CPOA's 12 regions) with 12 or less years of service that exemplify the future of the law enforcement profession.

Criteria for nomination consideration included: demonstration of values and commitment to law enforcement, capacity for leadership, and specific instances or examples of relevant accomplishments that highlight the reason for the nomination.

The 2022 "12 Under 12" recipient from Region IX is Seal Beach Police Officer of the Year Phillip Viebrock!

Congratulations Officer Viebrock!

