



OFFICIAL CITY MANAGER newsletter

November 7, 2023

city notes

City Council Meetings

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

Planning Commission Meetings

Mon, Nov 6 - 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED

Mon, Nov 20 - 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

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.



@Seal Beach Recreation & Community Services
@Seal Beach Marine Safety Department
@Seal Beach Police Department
@SEALBEACHPUBLICWORKS



@sealbeach_lifeguard
@Sealbeachpolice
@Sealbeachrecreation
@SEALBEACHPUBLICWORKS
@K9YOSA
@K9.SAURUS

Trunk or Treat on Main Street was a "Super" "Mooving" Experience



On Tuesday, October 31st, Main Street was spooktacular, as ghosts, goblins, princesses and punk rockers filled the street (and their pumpkins) at the City's Trunk or Treat event. Each City Department decorated their trunk to a theme and trick or treaters voted for their favorite. Pictured above is the winning entry - the Public Works Department's Super Mario Brother's trunk. Mama Mia! Why is there a cow in the Mushroom Kingdom? 😂 Someone let our City Manager out of her pasture. 😂

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 OCTOBER 22 - November 4, 2023

SBPD

The Seal Beach Police Department and our Volunteers in Policing (VIPs) participated in the City's annual Halloween Trunk or Treat event. The community is encouraged to bring their families and get to know their fellow community members and City Staff. Each department within the City created their own themed trunk and handed out treats. This year our theme was "Fall-O-Ween".



RECREATION

- There are currently 1,477 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.
- 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.

**Do you have a question for us?
We have an answer for you.**

email:
AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov

PUBLIC WORKS



WELCOME OUR NEW MAINTENANCE AIDE

The Public Works Department welcomes our newest Maintenance Aide, Bill Morgan to the team. Bill previously worked for the City of Newport Beach in their Municipal Operations Division, maintaining their beaches and piers. If you see Bill at the beach or around the City, please be sure to say hello. Welcome to the team, Bill!

WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Center Phone Calls over the last 7 days:

- 911 Calls: 544
- Non-Emergency Calls: 1,868
- Total Calls: 2,412

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

- 1643



CITY UPDATES

Recreation Department Updates

WINTER 2023-24 SHORELINE BROCHURE

The Fall Shoreline was posted online on Friday, November 3rd with registration beginning Monday, November 13th at 8:00am. Recreation classes, surf, swim lessons, and Junior Lifeguard information are all included in the Winter Shoreline. Registration can take place in person at City Hall, by mail with check payable to the City of Seal Beach, or online at <https://register.sealbeachca.gov>.



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.

SENIOR CARD GAMES

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 or by phone at (562) 431-2527 X 1344.

CITY CLERK

At the October 23, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting:

- Police Chief Henderson introduced Police Chaplain Kanakis to the City Council and the community.
- Senator Janet Nguyen provided the Council with a comprehensive Legislative Update.
- The City Council proclaimed November 12, 2023, as the Seal Beach Lions Club Community Strides Event Day for Diabetes Awareness.
- The City of Hope Orange County Director of Radiation Oncology, Wealthy Villariasa, provided a presentation about the services provided by the City of Hope and their response to the needs of the Orange County community.

City Clerk staff attended the Management Academy on October 24-26, 2023, in Indian Wells, California. The academy was sponsored by the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority. There were more than 40 different municipalities and special districts in attendance.

PUBLIC WORKS

Staff has been recruiting for multiple vacant positions in the Public Works Department, including Maintenance Aide, Executive Assistant, and Maintenance Worker (closed/promotional).

In addition, there are currently three open recruitments for the Public Works Department being advertised on CalOpps including Maintenance Aide, Maintenance Worker, and Deputy Director of Public Works/Maintenance & Utilities.



CITY UPDATES

City Manager's Department Updates

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS PARTY



On Wednesday, October 25th, City staff gathered to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness and our very own survivors.

PLAYGROUP HALLOWEEN VISIT



On Friday, October 27th, ghosts and goblins from the Seal Beach Playgroup visited City Hall, our City Manager and City staff for trick-or-treating.

TRUNK OR TREAT ADVENTURES ON HALLOWEEN



CITY UPDATES

Public Works Updates

NEW LANDSCAPING IN COLLEGE PARK WEST MEDIANS

Drought tolerant landscaping has been planted in the College Park West center medians. The water-efficient landscape further beautifies the area and meets the City's sustainable landscaping practices and principles. The project included the installation of new drip irrigators and new mulch to help retain soil moisture and suppress weed growth. The project was funded by District Two Council Member's Discretionary funds.



BOARDWALK STEPS AT DOLPHIN AVENUE



The City's contractor, Free Lance Masonry, replaced the existing concrete steps at Dolphin Avenue that connects the cul-de-sac to the boardwalk and we think it's a step up!

ANNUAL BACKFLOW TESTING

As part of the City's Cross Connection Control Program, staff began the testing and inspection of approximately 100 City-owned backflow prevention assemblies. All backflow assemblies require annual testing by a certified backflow tester to ensure the quality and safety of the City's drinking water supply.



INSTALLATION OF MANHOLE CONCRETE PAD

The OC 405 Partners recently completed one of the final steps to the new sewer line installation project that crosses beneath the I-405 from North Gate Road to Old Ranch Parkway. The contractors poured a new concrete sewer manhole driveway pad that will provide Seal Beach sewer crews with a safer access point to this critical manhole.



Public Works Updates (Continued)

ADA TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE



Public Works recently partnered with CJPIA to assist with updating the City's ADA Transition Plan. This document outlines how the City plans to ensure that its facilities, programs and services are accessible to all. The ADA Transition Plan is a long-term working document that identifies physical barriers in the city, how the barriers will be removed, and establishes a budget and schedule for the removals. As part of the City's effort to comply with the plan, the City's contractor, Southern California Precision Concrete Cutting, Inc. has completed the barrier removals that were identified as part of Phase 1 and 2 of the Sidewalk Assessment and Trip Hazard Removal Project.

Below are sample photos showing before and after conditions when utilizing concrete cutting as a method of barrier removal



Seal Beach Police Department RED RIBBON WEEK AT MCGAUGH ELEMENTARY



Seal Beach Police Department, Chief of Police and the Community Oriented Policing Team (COP) attended Red Ribbon Week at McGaugh. Red Ribbon Week is a response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique (Kiki) Camarena, and communities across the country began wearing Red Ribbons as a symbol of their commitment to raise awareness of the killing and destruction caused by drugs in America. Red Ribbon week serves as a catalyst to mobilize communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. In addition, Chief Henderson and the COP Team read encouraging books to the children on how to avoid temptation and pressure associated with drugs.

THE GREAT SHAKE OUT

At 10:19 a.m. on October 19, 2023, Sergeant Gray conducted The Great Shake Out annual drill at City Hall and after a short simulation, he met at an evacuation area for a quick de-brief.

Major earthquakes may happen anywhere you live, work, or travel. The Great ShakeOut is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. Our goal is to prevent a major earthquake from becoming a catastrophe for you, our organization, and our community. Why is a “Drop, Cover, and Hold On” drill important? To respond quickly, you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down, or something falls on you.



CITY UPDATES

Seal Beach Police Department (Continued)

NEIGHBOR 4 NEIGHBOR EVENT

A Neighbor 4 Neighbor event was held on Saturday, October 28th at the Riverbeach Townhomes. This event provides opportunities for neighborhoods to pool talents and resources to increase our chances of withstanding and recovering from a disaster preventing crime and just to look out for each other in the meantime.

We appreciated those who assisted in making this event a success.

- West Orange County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES)
- Orange County Fire Authority
- Seal Beach Lions
- Bay Hardware
- Volunteers in Policing (VIPS)

NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

National Drug Take Back Day took place on October 28, 2023. The Seal Beach Police Department partnered with the Drug Enforcement Administration and Kroger Health. There was a drop off location outside the Leisure World Main Gate where community members could drop off old, unwanted and expired medications. There were a total of 331 participants who dropped off 690 pounds of medications.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 10
November 23 - 24

Veteran's Day Observed - City Hall Closed
Thanksgiving Day Holiday - City Hall Closed

Yosa's Dog Blog



Yosa is just batty about Halloween.