



## PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, STEVE MYRTER, RETIRES

Director Steve Myrter officially retired after nearly 30 years of public service. Prior to being appointed as the Seal Beach Public Works Director in 2017, Steve proudly served the cities of Signal Hill, San Anselmo, Newport Beach, and Paramount. Steve has selflessly devoted himself as a leader and a motivator in Seal Beach. While an expert in many disciplines, Steve was always known as the “water guy”. One would frequently find him working alongside the operations staff and be one of the first onsite to troubleshoot issues. He worked tirelessly to stabilize the water and wastewater rates so the City may continue investing in its infrastructure and address maintenance needs. Steve also worked closely with the regulatory boards to make sure we stay in compliance. Thank you for all your contributions and dedicated service to our community, Steve!



## ZOETER PARK RIBBON CUTTING

The Seal Beach Recreation and Community Services Department is hosting a Grand Opening for the Zoeter Dog Park located at 12th Street and Landing Avenue on Wednesday, October 26th from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. The ceremony will feature a ribbon cutting, light refreshments, goody bags, and a photo area. The Department invites the community to bring their dogs to the ceremony to celebrate the opening of the permanent dog park. The dog park is open seven days a week from dawn until dusk. Funding for the park was provided by Mayor Joe Kalmick’s Discretionary Fund.

## CITY NOTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mon, Oct 10 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers  
 Mon, Oct 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Mon, Oct 3 - 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.

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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### UPCOMING HOLIDAY/CITY HALL CLOSURES

Mon, October 10, 2022 (Columbus Day)



# CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## FOR PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 2022

### CITY MANAGER

- The City hosted a Dump Day in partnership with Caltrans, Republic Services, and Goodwill where residents were able to drop off bulky household waste at no cost. Over 75 residents were served, 3 dumpsters were filled, and many items were salvaged for Goodwill.
- The City lit up the Seal Beach Pier in recognition of September being Suicide Prevention Awareness Month.



### CITY CLERK

- On September 16, 2022, Mayor Kalmick and Members of the City Council issued a Certificate of Recognition to Optum Health Care Center in honor of their extensive renovation of the Center that will expand access to care and for their continued dedication to the Leisure World community.
- On September 18, 2022, Mayor Kalmick and Members of the City Council issued a Certificate of Recognition to Teresa Mai with Seal Beach Symphony, in honor of her outstanding achievements as an Artist in Residence with the Seal Beach Symphony and congratulated Ms. Mai on becoming the first Vietnamese American artist to win a Grammy.

### CITY CLERK CONTINUED

- At the September 26, 2022, City Council meeting, Mayor Kalmick, and the City Council members recognized Orange County Fire Authority Division One Chief Ron Roberts for his 41 years of service to the fire profession and his more than 3-1/2 years of service to the Seal Beach community.
- The Friends of Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge was recognized at the September 26, 2022, City Council meeting by Mayor Kalmick and members of the City Council as the 2022 Friends Group of the Year Winner.
- The Mayor and members of the City Council proclaimed the month of October 2022 as Fire Prevention Month at its September 26, 2022 Council meeting.
- The Mayor and the City Council recognized the month of September as National Suicide Awareness Month at its September 26, 2022 Council meeting.
- On behalf of the Mayor, members of the City Council and the Seal Beach community Mayor Kalmick adjourned the September 26, 2022 City Council meeting in memory of RACES/VIPS member Joe Constantino, who passed away on August 26th; and, Golden Rain Foundation Director Philip Mandeville, who passed away on September 6th.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- The digitization of permanent building records is well underway, with over 10,000 pages scanned. This will speed response times to records requests and reduce physical storage demands.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- There are currently 1,145 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.
- The Recreation and Parks Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 28th at 6:00pm. The commission received and filed a report updating the commission on various parks projects such as the Zoeter Dog Park, Almond and Bluebell Basketball Courts, and the McGaugh Pool.
- On September 24th, the Recreation Department partnered with the Lions Club to host a free Skateboarding for Autism Event in the Marina Park basketball court area. There were skateboarding pros assisting 20-25 autistic youth with basic skateboarding skills. The Poseidon Foundation was there with equipment, pads, helmets, small ramps, etc. A focused activity like skateboarding has proven to be beneficial for children with autism.



# CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## FOR PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 2022

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Quality of Life Team is working with the City of Long Beach, the Long Beach Police Department, County of Los Angeles, and numerous other resources to complete a cleanup of homeless encampments along the San Gabriel River bike path. This operation will start September 27th and is anticipated to last approximately 5 days.
- Seal Beach Police Department received an \$80,000 grant from the Office of Traffic and Safety for DUI check points, DUI Saturation Patrol, Directed Traffic Enforcement, Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety enforcement, and various equipment to assist with these details. This grant starts October 1st, 2022 and will run thru September 30, 2023.
- Tsunami Hazard Area Maps were updated at the Pier and surrounding beach locations throughout the city.
- Cal OES (Office of Emergency Services) released two videos last week regarding Tsunami Awareness Preparedness Month (September) featuring the City of Seal Beach and Sgt. Gray, visit: [news.caloes.ca.gov](https://news.caloes.ca.gov) for more information.
- West Cities Police Communications (West-Comm) just celebrated their 25th Anniversary. West-Comm serves the communities of Seal Beach, Cypress, and Los Alamitos in addition to Orange County Park Rangers. The dispatch center is located at the Seal Beach Police Department.
- The Parking Division is preparing to install new parking pay stations in the parking lots on Main Street.

### PUBLIC WORKS

- City Council approved and authorized an Agreement with Surfside Colony, Ltd. for beach cleaning, maintenance, and berm construction.
- City Council approved the acceptance of a donation from Watson & Associates for specialized Eisenhower Park tree maintenance.
- Water Services staff attended Orange County Water Association's 2022 Operator Expo at the Rattlesnake Reservoir in Irvine. The expo provided staff with continuing education on a variety of subjects in the water industry including water quality, water conservation, operating procedures, well installation, distribution system maintenance, and more. The expo also included a vendor exhibition where vendors were able to display newest products and technologies in the water industry.

### PUBLIC WORKS CONT.

- The Zoeter temporary pop-up Dog Park was dismantled over the week in preparation for the installation of the permanent Dog Park. The new Zoeter Dog Park will include amenities such as two new water fountains, four new bone-shaped dog benches, and two separate areas for small and large dogs to play.
- An iWater representative visited the City Yard for an on-site training with maintenance staff. The training gave staff the opportunity to become acquainted with the newly implemented infraMAP software. infraMAP is a cloud-based Maintenance Management System that digitally maps the City's assets and allows for comprehensive data collection and record keeping. Further training dates are expected as new features are released.

**Trunk or Treat**

**Monday, October 31st**  
**11:00 AM – 4:00 pm**  
**Municipal Lot on Electric & Main St.**  
**by Athens West**

The poster features a black background with a blue diagonal stripe. A white ghost with a jack-o'-lantern face is on the left. The text is in yellow and white. There are yellow stars, blue and white striped candy, and orange and white striped candy scattered around. The City of Seal Beach logo is in the bottom right corner.



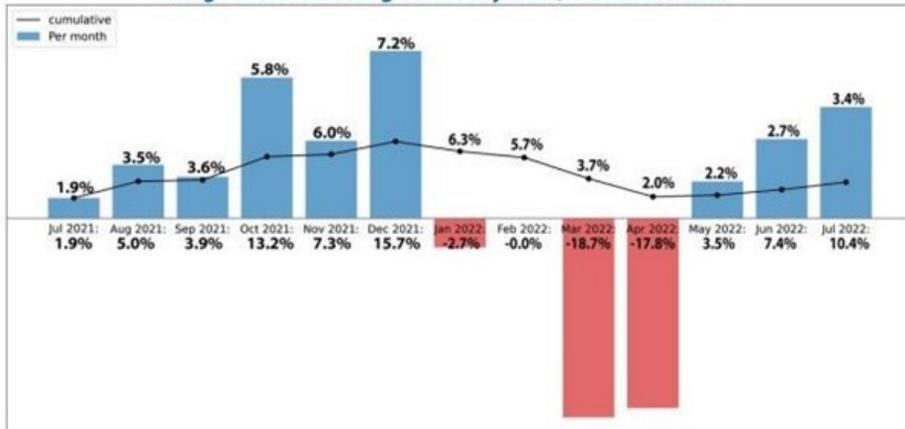
# CALIFORNIA WATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK



Water Professionals Appreciation Week will kick off October 1st through October 9th and is intended to highlight the important role of water industry professionals and local water agencies in ensuring safe and reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water in California. Water Professionals Appreciation Week was established in 2017, following the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 80, by Sen. Bill Dodd (D-Napa). Water and wastewater professionals in Seal Beach include certified operators, maintenance personnel, engineers and administrative staff who work diligently to plan for the future, maintain and upgrade the City's systems and improve the safety and resiliency of our water supplies.

## 2022 WATER SHORTAGE UPDATES

Changes in water savings since July 2021, relative to 2020

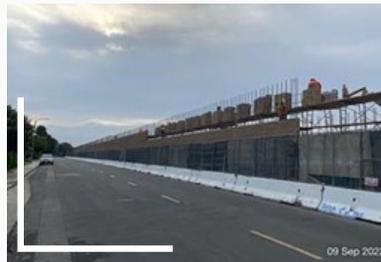


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The 2022 water shortage continues heading into the Fall season. A recent California Water Board media release reported that statewide water use dropped in July by 10.4% relative to July 2020. The State credits the steadily increasing water savings to the emergency conservation regulations that were enacted in early summer. In comparison, the City of Seal Beach exceeded the State's water saving percentage in July at a total of 18.1% relative to July 2020. This puts the City of Seal Beach with the 108 California water suppliers that have dropped water use by at least 15%. Seal Beach was recognized by the Orange County Register for the City's water savings in the month of June in a recently published article and was deemed as Orange County's second biggest water saver, only behind Mesa Water District. Additionally, in the month of August, Seal Beach had a water savings of 27.2% relative to August 2020. The City of Seal Beach Public Works Department would like to thank our residents, businesses, and other water customers for their water saving efforts and continuing to follow the City's water use restrictions.

## ALMOND AVENUE WALL CONSTRUCTION

After nearly a year, construction of new sections of the Almond Avenue Wall is almost complete. This project was originally expected to be a 4-6 month-long project, however due to unforeseen challenges in the construction industry such as gas price increases, shipping delays, material and experienced labor shortages, the project has taken longer to complete. While there are still final construction items to be completed such as curbs, gutters, and vine planting, having the wall back up in place at the same elevation as the existing wall will help reduce the noise for residents in College Park East who live near Almond Avenue.



## MARINE SAFETY UPDATES

- STATUS REPORT AS OF 09/14/22 - 9/28/22
  - Rescues - 4
  - Medical Aids - 21
  - Major Medical Aids - 2
  - Stingray Injuries - 14
  - Boat Rescues - 9
  - Preventative Actions - 12
- We have seen warm weather and decent surf over the last couple of weeks. Our beach has been more crowded than usual for this time of year.
- Orange County Fire Authority radioed that they were responding to an unknown medical aid in the San Gabriel River (SGR). Lifeguards responded and the reporting party reported a male had attempted to swim the SGR from the East Alamitos Bay jetty and was assisted by a good Samaritan. The male victim/suspect approached all lifeguard units on the beach and was verbally confronting them in a threatening manner. The Police Department was requested and stopped the suspect at the West Anaheim Jetty where the man was attempting to enter the Naval Weapons Station water. Seal Beach PD used a taser to subdue and arrest the person.
- Marine Safety is planning to host the city-wide CPR classes on Tuesday, October 18th and Thursday, October 27th.
- Always swim near a Lifeguard!





## WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Center phone calls over the last 7 days:

911 Calls - 590

Non-Emergency Calls - 2,301

Total Calls - 2,891

Calls for service handled over the last 7 days for all agencies: 1,685



## SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

You may have heard the slogan, but do you know who to call if you witness terrorism-related suspicious activity? Year-round, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) "If You See Something, Say Something®" campaign (<https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>) works to empower and educate the public on the importance of recognizing the signs of terrorism-related suspicious activity and how to report it to law enforcement.

For things more local to Seal Beach, please do not ever hesitate to contact our non-emergency number (562) 594-7232 or, for life-or-death emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

We all play a role in protecting our neighbors, family, coworkers, friends, and other members of our communities. Learn where to report suspicious activity for wherever you work, live, or spend time, and spread the word.

For more information, please visit: <https://sealbeachpd.com/information/>.

Keep your questions coming Seal Beach! Email us at [askacop@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:askacop@sealbeachca.gov) today!

*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)




Protect your every day.

## RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF TERRORISM-RELATED SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

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| <br><b>EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED THREAT</b><br><small>THREATENING TO COMMIT A CRIME THAT COULD HARM PEOPLE OR DAMAGE A FACILITY.</small>                               | <br><b>SURVEILLANCE</b><br><small>TAKING PICTURES/VIDEOS OF PERSONNEL, FACILITIES OR INFRASTRUCTURE IN AN UNUSUAL MANNER.</small>      | <br><b>THEFT/LOSS/DIVERSION</b><br><small>STEALING OR DIVERTING ITEMS THAT BELONG TO A FACILITY OR SECURED SITE.</small>  | <br><b>TESTING OR PROBING OF SECURITY</b><br><small>INVESTIGATING A FACILITY'S SECURITY OR IT SYSTEMS TO ASSESS THE STRENGTH OR WEAKNESS.</small>                               | <br><b>AVIATION ACTIVITY</b><br><small>OPERATING OR INTERFERING WITH AN AIRCRAFT THAT POSES A THREAT TO PEOPLE AND PROPERTY.</small>                                       |
| <br><b>BREACH/ATTEMPTED INTRUSION</b><br><small>UNAUTHORIZED PEOPLE TRYING TO ENTER A RESTRICTED AREA OR IMPERSONATING AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL.</small>             | <br><b>ACQUISITION OF EXPERTISE</b><br><small>GAINING SKILLS OR KNOWLEDGE ON A SPECIFIC TOPIC, SUCH AS MILITARY TACTICS.</small>      | <br><b>ELICITING INFORMATION</b><br><small>QUESTIONING PERSONNEL BEYOND MERE CURIOSITY ABOUT AN EVENT, FACILITY, OR OPERATIONS.</small>                                | <br><b>MIREPRESENTATION</b><br><small>PRESENTING FALSE INFORMATION OR MISUSING DOCUMENTS TO CONCEAL POSSIBLE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.</small>   | <br><b>CYBERATTACK</b><br><small>DISRUPTING OR COMPROMISING AN ORGANIZATION'S INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM.</small>  |
| <br><b>RECRUITING/FINANCING</b><br><small>FUNDING SUSPICIOUS OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OR RECRUITING PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CRIMINAL OR TERRORIST ACTIVITY.</small> | <br><b>SABOTAGE/TAMPERING/VANDALISM</b><br><small>DAMAGING OR DESTROYING PART OF A FACILITY, INFRASTRUCTURE, OR SECURED SITE.</small> | <br><b>MATERIALS ACQUISITION/STORAGE</b><br><small>ACQUISITION AND/OR STORAGE OF UNUSUAL MATERIALS SUCH AS CELL PHONES, RADIO CONTROLLERS, OR TOXIC MATERIALS.</small> | <br><b>WEAPONS COLLECTION/STORAGE</b><br><small>COLLECTION OR DISCOVERY OF UNUSUAL AMOUNTS OF WEAPONS INCLUDING EXPLOSIVES, CHEMICALS, OR OTHER DESTRUCTIVE MATERIALS.</small> | <br><b>SECTOR-SPECIFIC INCIDENT</b><br><small>ACTIONS WHICH RAISE CONCERN TO SPECIFIC SECTORS, WITH REGARD TO THEIR PERSONNEL, FACILITIES, SYSTEMS, OR FUNCTIONS.</small> |

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING®**  
 REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR CALL 9-1-1 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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## SPIKEBALL AT THE BEACH

The Recreation Department hosted their final Spikeball at the Beach program on Saturday, September 24th. This drop in program was located at 8th Street Beach, and players (13+ years) learned how to play, met other players, and practiced playing this growing sport. 12 people attended this last session.

## MEN'S SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS

The Men's Wednesday Softball League held their finals on Wednesday, September 14th. Seal Beach Grill won the finals and became champions for this league. Our Fall League for Men's Wednesday Softball League begins again on October 19th.

## COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Men's Coed Softball League will hold their finals on Thursday, September 29th, which will determine the champions for this league. Our Fall League for the coed Thursday Softball League begins again on October 13th.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

A revised Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance is available for public review on the City's website. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this item September 19, 2022, and recommended 4-1 that the City Council approve proposed amendments. A public hearing will be held by the City Council on October 10, 2022.

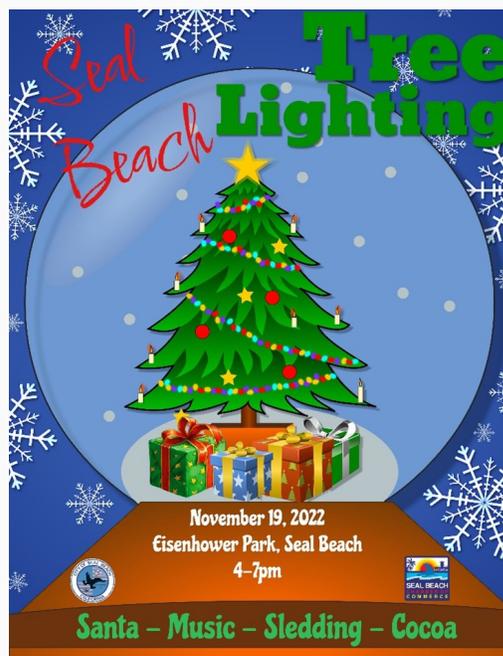
An Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the demolition of the existing fueling station at 1300 E. Pacific Coast Highway, and redevelopment with a new service station and convenience market, is available for public review and comment. The document may be accessed on the City's website, or is available for review at City Hall. An Environmental Quality Control Board (EQCB) meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on October 11th where the Negative Declaration will be reviewed and discussed by the EQCB. Comments must be submitted to [splanner@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:splanner@sealbeachca.gov) by 5:00 p.m. October 17, 2022.

Two recently published California Appellate Court cases have found that prohibition of short-term rentals (such as an AirBnb) in the Coastal Zone is a violation of the California Coastal Act. As a result, the City Council took action to suspend enforcement of the Municipal Code section that prohibits such rentals.

Staff will be developing a program for vacation rental units and proposing modifications to the Municipal Code accordingly. In the meanwhile, please be a good neighbor! Property owners are advised that all other provisions of the Municipal Code are in effect, including the requirement for a business license, remittance of transient occupancy tax, as well as noise and other nuisance standards.

## WINTER 2022-2023 SHORELINE

Staff is developing the Winter 2022-2023 Shoreline, which covers the dates of January 3, 2023 – March 25, 2023. The Shoreline will be available to view online by Friday, November 4 and registration opens on Monday, November 7. Registration takes place in person at City Hall, by mail with check payable to the City of Seal Beach, or online at [www.register.sealbeachca.gov](http://www.register.sealbeachca.gov)



SCAN BELOW TO REGISTER FOR RECREATION CLASSES





Some of the signs that a loved one is considering suicide might be:

- Putting affairs in order/giving away possessions
- Reckless behavior/increasing alcohol or drug use
- Anxiety, agitation, anger, hopelessness, sudden mood changes
- Talking about wanting to die or being a burden to others

**Find the words:**

- Listen, express concern, reassure
- If it is safe, remove weapons from the home

**Reach Out:**

- In addition to calling the 9-8-8 lifeline, additional resources are available by visiting [www.OCNavigator.org](http://www.OCNavigator.org) or by calling (855) OC-LINKS.

To learn more about helping someone who is struggling, visit [www.suicideispreventable.org](http://www.suicideispreventable.org). If you or someone you know is in need of support with an emotional crisis or thinking about suicide, please contact the **Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, available 24/7 at 9-8-8.**

**SCARECROW CONTEST**  
**EDISON GARDENS**  
**DUE OCTOBER 10**  
 Limited to Edison Community Gardeners **only**

**Seal Beach Senior Card Games**  
*Ages 60+!*  
**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)

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER 2022

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|----|--|---|---|
| 7  | MOVIES IN THE PARK<br>EISENHOWER PARK  | 8                                       | TASTE FOR LOS AL<br>THE SHOPS AT ROSSMOOR |
| 22 | MCGAUGH CARNIVAL<br>MCGAUGH ELEMENTARY | 26                                      | RIBBON CUTTING<br>ZOETER PARK             |
| 31 | TRICK OR TREAT<br>MAIN STREET          | TRUNK OR TREAT<br>MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT |   |

## YOSA'S FRIENDLY REMINDER TO SEAL BEACH RESIDENTS

If you see Yosa, our Police Facility Dog, around Seal Beach, do not forget to say hello. Yosa loves seeing familiar faces and visiting everyone around the city. Yosa recently visited City Hall and made herself very cozy.

