



# CITY NOTES

## CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Mon, Dec 12 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers
- Mon, Jan 9 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

## PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

- Mon, Dec 5 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers
- Mon, Dec 19 - 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

## CITY APPOINTS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

After a highly competitive process, the City of Seal Beach has selected Michael Henderson as the City's next police chief. Chief Henderson has over 30 years of law enforcement experience, having come to the Seal Beach Police Department from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in 2006. During his time with the Seal Beach Police Department, Chief Henderson has worked a variety of assignments, including Captain, Patrol Sergeant, Corporal, SWAT team member, Explorer Advisor, Emergency Services Coordinator, Public Information Officer and Homeless Liaison Officer. Chief Henderson has a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Studies from California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) and a Master's degree in Homeland Security Studies from American Military University. He is a graduate of the Drucker School of Management – Executive Leadership Institute, L.A.P.D. West Point Leadership Program, and CSULB's Supervisory Leadership Institute. "Thank you to City Manager Jill Ingram, the City Council and my departmental colleagues for entrusting me with this honor," said Chief Henderson. "I am humbled to be selected as the next Chief of Police and look forward to serving and protecting the Seal Beach community in this new role."



# CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## FOR PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 2, 2022

### CITY CLERK

- At its Regular Meeting held on November 14, 2022, Mayor Kalmick, Members of the City Council, City Manager Ingram, along with the City's Executive Team, recognized the Police Chief Philip Gonshak with a Certificate of Recognition, a City Tile, and a personalized Street Sign, for his diligent leadership, his unwavering contributions, and his more than 15 years of dedicated service to the City of Seal Beach, the Seal Beach Police Department, and the community.
- The City Council recognized the month of November 2022 as Family Court Awareness Month in the City of Seal Beach and encouraged all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the harm of children in the hands of family members and to honor and value the lives of children, with a Proclamation at the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting.
- At the November 14, 2022 City Council meeting, Orange County Sustainability Decathlon President and CEO Fred Smoller presented an Orange County Sustainability Decathlon report, shared a promotional commercial and invited the Mayor, City Council and the community to the Orange County Sustainability Decathlon event scheduled for October 5-15, 2023, at the Orange County Fair and Event Center. For more information, please visit [ocsd23.com](http://ocsd23.com).

### CITY MANAGER

- The City Manager's Office attended the CalRecycle Chat and OC Recycling Coordinators Meeting to discuss SB 1383 implementation.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Community Development is very pleased to welcome Shaun Temple as the new Planning Manager. Shaun comes from the County of Los Angeles where he has worked the past 14 years providing planning services for LA County's unincorporated communities. He will be formally introduced to the City Council and the community at the December 12th Council Meeting.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- There are currently 1,201 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 Winter 2022-2023 Shoreline is posted online and is available to view at [www.sealbeachca.gov](http://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](http://register.sealbeachca.gov).

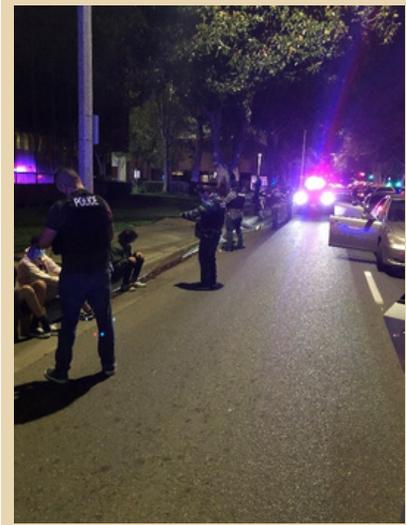
### PUBLIC WORKS

- Staff replaced a 4-inch water meter that feeds a nearby offshore oil platform.
- The renovation of the second Leisure World meter vault that provides water to College Park West has been completed.
- One of the three booster motors at the Navy Reservoir was reconditioned.
- The biannual cleaning of the City's catch basins was completed.



# SEAL BEACH POLICE ASSIST WITH COUNTY TASK FORCE

Seal Beach Officers assisted with the county task force to address street racing, resulting in 29 citations issued, 1 Felony arrest, 1 Misdemeanor arrest, 1 DUI arrest and several vehicles being towed. This activity is funded by the Office of Traffic and Safety Grant.



## SBPD RESPONDS TO FALSE BOMB THREAT CALL

On Sunday, November 20, 2022, at about 11:35 am, the Seal Beach Police

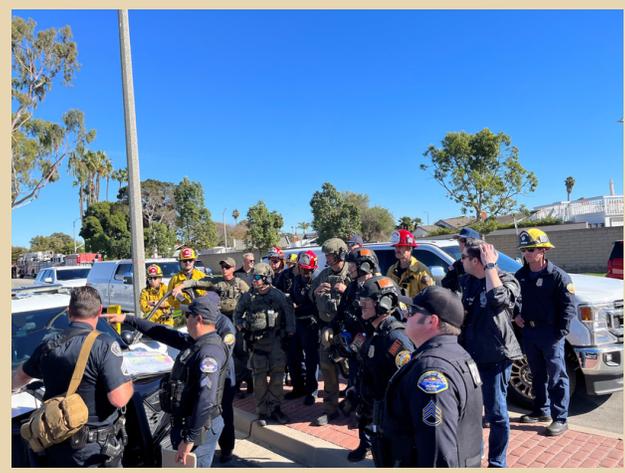
Department responded to a call of a structure fire at the Eaves Apartment Complex located at 333 First Street. Officers arrived on scene and quickly determined that although the fire alarm was sounding, there was no fire. Officers detained a suspicious male subject whom they believed had allegedly intentionally pulled the fire alarm.

As officers continued to check the apartment building for fire, they discovered a suspicious package directly in front of the suspicious person's apartment door. The man allegedly told officers that the package was a "gift for the bomb squad." Fearing the package contained a hazardous object, the Orange County Fire Authority and the Orange County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad responded. Additional resources from the Los Alamitos, Cypress, and Huntington Beach Police Departments, along with the California Highway Patrol, and the Long Beach and Huntington Beach Fire Departments also responded.

Ultimately it was determined that the package did not contain any hazardous or explosive materials. The man's apartment was also checked, and officers discovered no hazardous items or other people inside.

Neighboring residents were allowed to return to their apartments.

This photo illustrates the great working relationship shared between the SBPD, neighboring Police Departments, OCFA, other Fire Departments, and other first responders.



# POLICE SERVICES MANAGER RECEIVES WAYNE DALTON AWARD

Our very own Police Services Manager Michael McDonald was recently presented with California Mobility and Parking Association – Wayne Dalton Award. Michael was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, the fourth of five children. Shortly after graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Navy where he honorably served for 20 years until his retirement in 2004. Michael earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Chapman University while serving in the military. After retiring from the Navy, Michael joined the Long Beach Police Department, but an injury prevented him from fulfilling his goal of becoming a Police Officer. In 2005, Michael was hired by the Seal Beach Police Department as a part-time Police Aide in the Parking Division and was later promoted to a full-time Community Services Officer that same year. A few years later, he was promoted to Lead Community Services Officer in charge of Parking where he has proudly worked for 16 years. Most recently, in 2022, Michael has been promoted to the Police Services Manager in charge of the Parking, Detention, and the upcoming Animal Control Services Divisions. In his current role, he responds to community inquiries and supports the virtual residential parking permit program. Michael has been instrumental in troubleshooting, coordinating, managing, and supporting the evolution of the parking management solution in Seal Beach. This support includes the January 2021 transition to virtual residential parking permits which was the next step to a complete plate-based parking environment. The goal of this innovative approach has been to improve the parking customer's experience and incorporate more efficient enforcement practices. Michael has worked directly with all of the vendors who support the parking technology solution for the City's program. Michael is an outstanding representative of the City and the Police Department.



## **WINTER SAND BERM UPDATE**

Construction of the winter sand berm is now complete. Work began on Monday, October 17th and was completed on Monday, November 14th.

## **NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM REPORT**

The City completed its annual National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Report (NPDES) Program Effectiveness Assessment (PEA) report on time and submitted it to the County. The County will review all Orange County city reports and package them to submit to the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board as required by the County's permit with the State.

## **TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL CENTER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The Tennis and Pickleball Center Improvement Project is out for bid for the construction phase. The bids are due on December 14, 2022.



## **GRANT APPLICATION APPROVED**

Public Works staff successfully obtained a grant in the amount of \$396,000 for the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Environmental Cleanup Program. The project will include 174 Full-Capture Systems and 48 curb opening screens within the Leisure World community.

## **MARINE SAFETY UPDATES**

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

Rescues: 6 Medical Aids: 9 Major Medical Aid: 1 Stingray Injuries: 3  
Boat Rescues: 2 Preventative Actions: 3

- Seal Beach continues to have warm weather and mild surf. Seal Beach had a small south swell arrive last week which gave surf in the 3-4 foot range.
- Marine Safety Department continues their work assisting California State University Long Beach Sharklab with stingray studies, where they use their Rescue Water Craft (RWC) to pull a net for the Cal State students.
- For the second year in a row the Marine Safety Department has won the public safety challenge at the Seal Beach Turkey Trot.
- This week the McGaugh pool has been closed. The week before Thanksgiving we had a large amount of water flowing on the ground from the pool heater. The heater should be repaired and back in service on Wednesday, November 30th.



## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

A scoping meeting, which is a part of the process for the Old Ranch Country Club Environmental Impact Report (EIR), is now expected to be held in January. The meeting is one of the opportunities for the public to provide input on the environmental analysis necessary for the EIR. Further information will be available on the City's website in the near future.

In compliance with State law, Community Development staff is conducting a curbside assessment of housing conditions throughout the city. The purpose of the effort is to document housing investment needs as a part of the Housing Element.



## SEAL BEACH CHRISTMAS PARADE

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

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, December 10th at the Marina Community Center located at 151 Marina Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The event features a free pancake breakfast provided by the Seal Beal Lions Club, photos with Santa, arts and crafts, and live music.



## HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

The Holiday Tree Lighting in partnership with the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce was on Saturday, November 19th at Eisenhower Park from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. The event featured photos with Santa, sledding, snow play, arts and crafts, and refreshments made available for purchase. In attendance included Mayor Joe Kalmick, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Varipapa, Council Member Thomas Moore, and Council Member Schelly Sustarsic.



# HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

For more info visit: [ocfa.org/toydrive](http://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.



*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!**

## WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Center phone calls over the last 7 days:  
911 Calls - 548  
Non-Emergency Calls - 1,653  
Total Calls - 2,201  
Calls for service handled over the last 7 days for all agencies: 1,587



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## YOSA'S DOG BLOG

@k9yosa

In the barks of Yosa, "Oh my Gourd it is already December." Please remember to stay safe this holiday season and never hesitate to call the Police Department non-emergency number (562) 594-7232 or, for life-or-death emergencies dial 9-1-1.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### DECEMBER 2022

- 2 CHRISTMAS PARADE  
MAIN STREET
- 10 BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
MARINA COMMUNITY CENTER
- 11 SANTA AND SNOW  
HEATHER PARK

