

CITY NOTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Tues, Jan 17 - 7:00 p.m. - Cancelled

Mon, Jan 30 - 7:00 p.m.

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 CITY HALL CLOSURE

Mon, Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Note: The Seal Beach Tennis & Pickleball Center will be closed at 12pm that day.

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Want to keep up with City events, news, and programs? Follow our Lifeguard, Recreation, Police, and Public Works Departments.

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The City of Seal Beach participated in the Spark of Love Toy Drive with community partner Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA). New, unwrapped toy donations benefitted children in need this past holiday season. Donations were accepted at OCFA fire stations, Seal Beach City Hall, and the Seal Beach Tennis and Pickleball Center during the holiday season.



CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 17, 2022 - JANUARY 13, 2023

CITY CLERK

- At the request of Mayor Kalmick and Council Member Massa-Lavitt, the City Council issued a Proclamation to General Manager James D. Herberg of the Orange County Sanitation District, "Commending Mr. Herberg for his Public Service as General Manager of the Orange County Sanitation District and his more than 30-year career in the field of water quality," dated January 3, 2023.
- At the January 9, 2023, City Council meeting, Marine Safety Chief Joe Bailey provided the Mayor and Members of the City Council with the Marine Safety Stat Wrap-Up.
- At the January 9, 2023, City Council meeting, Orange County Fire Authority Division Chief Craig Covey provided the Mayor, Members of the City Council, and the community with a Fire Safety Hazard Presentation entitled, "Lithium-Ion Battery Hazards."

OCFA



In the late afternoon of November 25th, 2020, Engine 44 responded to a call at Eisenhower Park from a wife who stated that her husband had started feeling unwell and rapidly deteriorated.

The engine and crew responded, arriving to the patient in just a few minutes. The crew discovered their patient in cardiac arrest and immediately began life-saving measures. Engine 44 transported the patient to Los Alamitos Medical Center and continued advanced life-saving efforts while en route.

Thanks to Station 44's actions and the care received at the hospital, the patient made a full recovery. On November 25, 2022, he paid a visit to Station 44 to celebrate what he calls his "Rebirthday." We are honored to have played a part in the full recovery of one of our local residents.



RUN-OFF ELECTION INFORMATION

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

- At the December 12, 2022 City Council Meeting, Mayor Kalmick and Members of the City Council confirmed the need for an All Mailed Ballot Run-Off Election for Districts 3 & 5 on Tuesday, January 31, 2023.
- Ballots can be returned to the following locations:
 - Ballot Drop Boxes are open 24/7 through Election Day at 8pm
 - Mary Wilson Library - 707 Electric Avenue
 - Leisure World - Must have access
 - Orange County Registrar of Voters: 1300 S. Grand Ave Santa Ana
 - In-Person Drop Off Locations
 - Seal Beach City Hall – Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, closed for lunch 12-1pm (Election Day only - 7am - 8pm)
 - Orange County Registrar of Voters – 1300 S. Grand Ave Santa Ana Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm (Election Day only - 7am - 8pm)
 - U.S. Post Office
 - Check with the local Post Office for days and hours of operation
- **NOTE:** There will be no vote centers for this election!

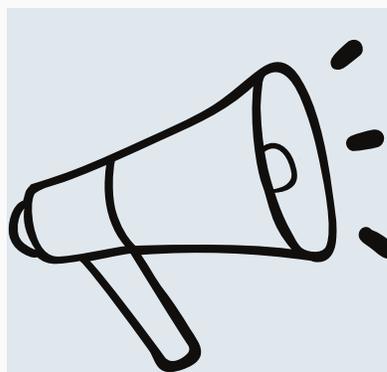


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PUBLIC WORKS

- **Water Conservation Update:** In December 2022, the City had water savings of 14% relative to December 2020. Remember to avoid water waste and continue to reduce water use wherever possible. For water saving tips and resources, please visit our Water Conservation webpage at sealbeachca.gov.
- **Drought Update:** In early January, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) conducted the first snow survey of the season at Phillips Station located in the Sierra Nevada. The manual survey recorded 55.5 inches of snow depth and a snow water equivalent to 17.5 inches, which is 177 percent of average for this location. The snow water equivalent measures the amount of water contained in the snowpack and is a key component of DWR's water supply forecast. Statewide the snowpack is 174 percent of average for this date. DWR is encouraging Californians to visit SaveOurWater.com for water saving tips and information, and to continue to conserve California's most precious resource, rain or shine.



If you are a Seal Beach homeowner, aged 55 or older and making below the area median income, you may qualify for a grant-funded program to update your bathroom with safety features such as modified walk-in bathtubs, grab bars, and similar improvements. This program is typically limited to Leisure World, but for a short period of time, we are able to offer it citywide. If you are interested in learning more, please find more information on our webpage, or call (909) 364-9000.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- 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 late February but details have not yet been finalized. 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 when the meeting has been confirmed.
- Based on action of the City Council on January 9th, staff will be establishing a short term rental program within the Coastal Zone. The program at this time will be limited to one percent of the total housing units within the Coastal Zone. More information will be made available in the coming weeks. Please stay tuned to the Community Development webpage.
- Monthly public record reports for building permits will now be posted on our website, if you are interested in seeing what type of building work is happening around town.

CITY MANAGER

- Attended the Seal Beach Historic Resources Foundation Monthly Board Meeting on January 5th and gave a report to Council on January 9th.
- Partnered with Community Services and attended the "New Year, New Connections" event hosted by the Council on Aging in Leisure World which provided information and resources related to Older Adult Mental Health.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

- There are currently 1,225 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.





WINTER STORM UPDATES FROM PUBLIC WORKS



WINTER STORM PREPARATION

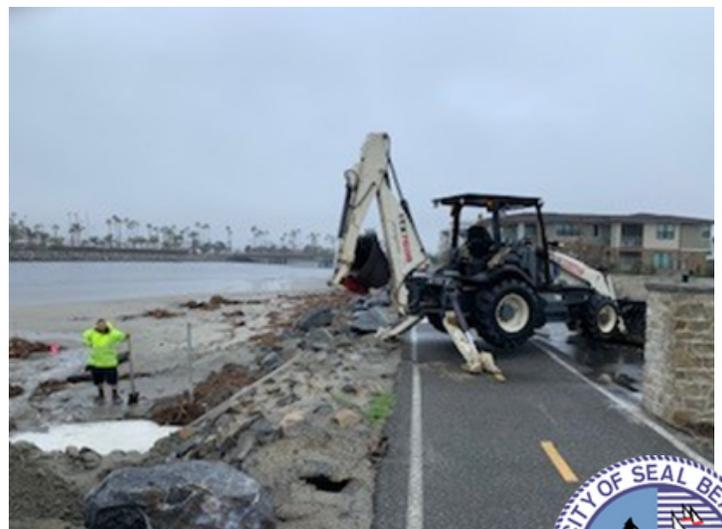
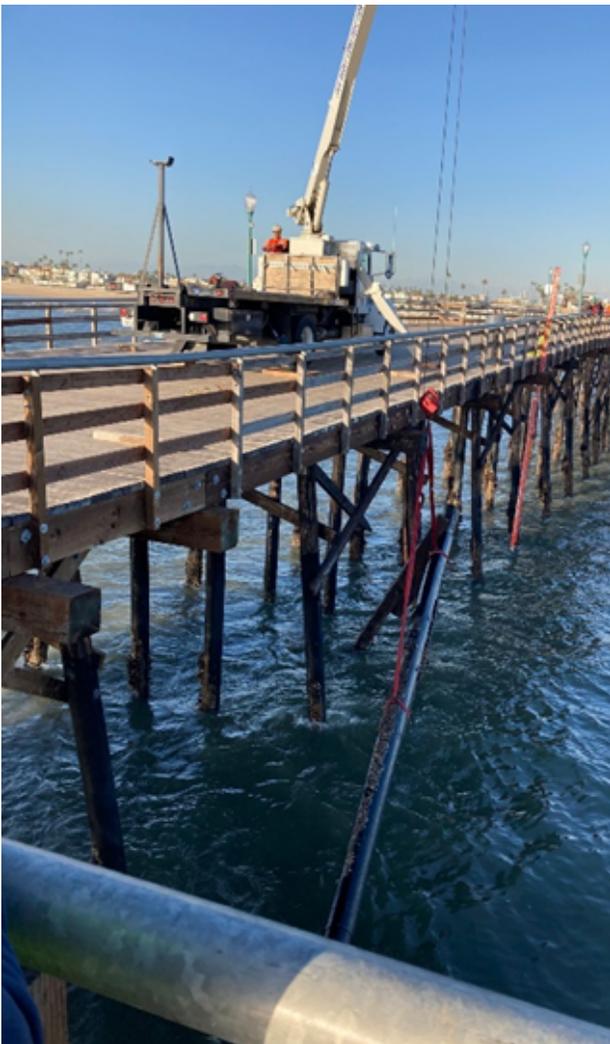
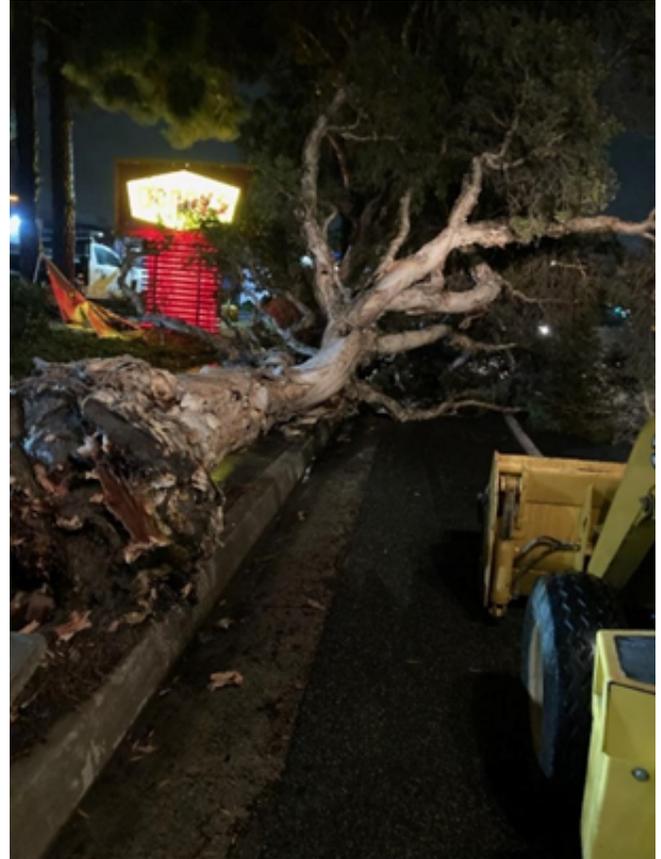
A series of interdepartmental coordination meetings, which included Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), were held to prepare for the events. In an effort to prepare for the anticipated winter storms, staff partnered with OCFA to reinforce the winter storm sand berms. Staff also prepared self-filled sandbag stations located at the 8th Street Beach parking lot, Marina Center, and Fire Station #44 to help residents and business owners protect personal property from mud and rain.

WINTER STORM MONITORING

Public Works staff has been closely monitoring the city and responded to multiple call-outs regarding downed tree and branches from the recent winter storms. Staff also quickly responded to the River's End Park basin to clear sand and debris from the basin's culvert drain into the river which was preventing it from draining.

SEAL BEACH PIER DAMAGE

The high surf and wind conditions over the weekend forced the closure of the Seal Beach Pier, which includes the boat ramp disconnection and damage to the pier's structural members. Staff has been working diligently alongside other officials and contractors to assess and repair damages to the pier. In order to ensure safety, the pier will remain closed until it has been repaired and deemed safe for use.



POLICE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT



Did you know the average full-time employee works a total of 2,080 hours a year?

In 2022, our Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) logged a total of 14,169 hours, or the equivalent of 7 full time employees! Since the creation of the VIPS program, our volunteers have worked over 181, 053 hours!

THANK YOU!



The West Orange County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was hard at work doing storm preparation for residents and businesses in Seal Beach to make sandbags available in the 8th Street Beach lot.

The West County CERT Program is comprised of those who live and/or work in the communities of Buena Park, Cypress, La Palma, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal Beach, and Westminster.

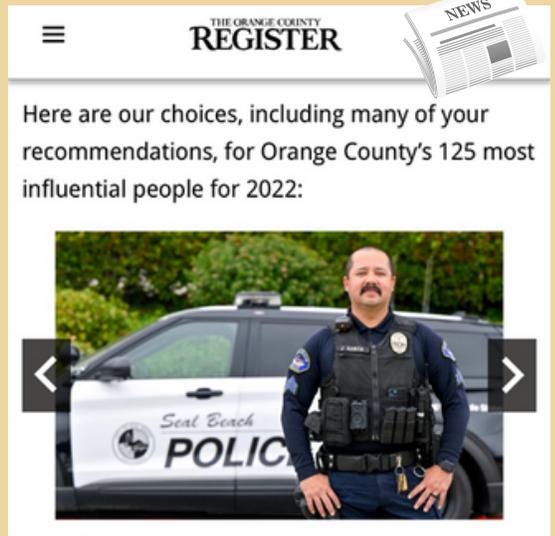
The West County CERT Program's primary purpose is to educate people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact them at home, at work, or at play. The initial CERT training covers basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. With this training, CERT members can assist themselves and their families, plus others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help.

CERT members give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to affected individuals and organize volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of their community.

WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS



Communication Center phone calls over the last 7 days:
911 Calls - 563
Non-Emergency Calls - 1,931
Total Calls - 2,494
Calls for service handled over the last 7 days for all agencies: 1,342



Sergeant Garcia was recognized on the Orange County Register's 125 Most Influential People for 2022 for the implementation of sensory kits to assist when interacting with individuals with autism.

Research shows that sensory kits can effectively increase critical communication and comfort for individuals with autism and other special needs in high-stress situations. Even during routine interactions, contact with law enforcement may be highly stressful for those with autism. The Seal Beach Police Department recently purchased sensory kits containing handheld fidgets, a weighted lap pad, noise-canceling headphones, and an inflatable balance disc.

In critical incidents, police officers may experience challenges communicating with children or adults with autism. The items in each kit are designed to help reduce the stress and confusion to the individuals and help build a rapport with the officer. The kits will be stored in patrol vehicles and will be readily available.



SHORELINE UPDATES

Staff began development of the Spring 2023 Shoreline which covers classes offered by the City for the time period of Monday, April 3rd to Saturday, June 3rd. The Shoreline will be posted online in early February with registration beginning Monday, February 13th at 8am. 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

MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Men's Fall Basketball League held their finals on Monday, December 19, 2022. Team Rhoids, the champions for the past two seasons, won the finals and became champions for this Fall season as well. Our Spring League for Men's Basketball begins again on Monday, January 30th.



SENIOR LUNCH CAFE

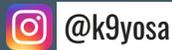
The Seal Beach Lunch Program is provided by Meals on Wheels Orange County at the North Seal Beach Center located at 3333 St. Cloud Drive. The Dine-In Lunch Café takes place Monday - Friday from 11:00am- 12:00pm. The Dine-In Lunch Program is open to adults ages 60 years and older. A suggested donation 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 Seal Beach Recreation and Community Services Department hosts the Senior Card Games at the North Seal Beach Community Center located at 3333 St. Cloud Drive every Thursday from 12:30pm-2:30pm. Games can include: Pinochle, Bridge, Rummy, or any other card games participants may want to play. This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other players. For more information, please contact Anthony at (562) 431-2527 ext. 1344, or email anguyen@sealbeachca.gov.

YOSA'S DOG BLOG



Chief Henderson and Yosa stopped by to say thank you to CERT for all of their hard work!

WE ARE HIRING!

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

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)*

