



## RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENT FOR MARINE SAFETY LEUTENANT CHRIS PIERCE



Sunday, June 10th was Lieutenant Chris Pierce's last official day as the Marine Safety Lieutenant. Chris started working as a part time lifeguard in the summer of 1990, and in 1993 he was named unit guard of the year. In 2006, Chris was promoted to Lieutenant, and as the Marine Safety's training

officer, he oversaw the rookie academy, recurrent training, and daily training programs. Chris has been able to influence hundreds of lifeguards over his dedicated years of service to the community of Seal Beach. In his nearly 30 years with the City, Chris Pierce has saved hundreds of individuals with not only his action but his influence over the years. Thank you for all your contributions and dedicated service to our community, Chris!

## TORCH RUN



The Seal Beach Police Department participated in the Torch Run for the Special Olympics on Friday, June 9th. This has been a Police Department annual event for over the past 20 years. If anyone would like to participate in next year's run, please contact Lt. Clasby at [Jclasby@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:Jclasby@sealbeachca.gov).

## CITY NOTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mon, June 26 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers  
 Mon, July 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Mon, June 19 - 7:00 p.m. - Cancelled  
 Mon, July 3 - 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

July 4, 2023 (4th of July)

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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- @ SEAL BEACH MARINE SAFETY DEPARTMENT
- @ SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
- @ SEALBEACHPUBLICWORKS

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# CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## FOR PERIOD OF JUNE 4 - JUNE 17, 2023

### CITY CLERK

- City Council proclaimed May 22 – May 29, 2023, as National Beach Safety Week at its Regular City Council Meeting held on June 12, 2023.
- At the Regular City Council Meeting of June 12, 2023, Marine Safety Chief Joe Bailey provided highlights and pictures from the Duck Drop and Horseshoe Competition and received a donation of the funds raised at the events on behalf of the Seal Beach Lifeguards from the Lions Club.
- At the Regular City Council Meeting of June 12, 2023, Mayor and Members of the City Council recognized former Public Works Executive Assistant Elizabeth Camarena for more than 15 years of dedicated service to the City of Seal Beach.
- City Council also recognized Marine Safety Lieutenant Chris Pierce on his well deserved retirement after 33 years of dedicated service to the City of Seal Beach.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- In partnership with the COP Team, Code Enforcement will continue to be actively engaged on Main Street this summer, ensuring public walkways remain clear of obstruction and the municipal code is followed. To report any code enforcement issues, please email [sfunes@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:sfunes@sealbeachca.gov).

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- There are currently 1,320 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 285 pickleball members and 92 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.

### MARINE SAFETY

- Sunday, June 11th was the first day of full deployment for the Marine Safety Department. All of our tower and unit positions will be staffed every day through Labor Day weekend.
- This week is our last week of training for both our beach and pool guards. All guards will be taught CPR, AED, oxygen, and first aid.
- Junior Lifeguards and swim lessons start next week.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- COP Team assigned to Beach Patrol has started.
- Captain Nicholas and Police Facility Dog Yosa attended Claremont Graduate University Drucker School of Management Executive Leadership Institute.
- Commercial Traffic Enforcement took place in Seal Beach resulting in over 60 moving violations and 10 commercial vehicles being towed.

### PUBLIC WORKS

- Michael LaPlante, our Water Division – Maintenance Worker, was recently certified to become a Backflow Prevention Device Tester by the Orange County Health Care Agency – Environmental Health. To become a tester, one must go through extensive training, along with a written examination and field test. Backflow testing is crucial to ensure there is no untreated and/or contaminated water to go into the potable water system. Congratulations Michael!
- The City's annual M2 Eligibility package was approved at the June 12th City Council meeting. This submittal is required to be submitted to OCTA by June 30th of every year. M2 Eligibility will allow the City to be eligible for M2 funding, such as the Local Fair Share and competitive CTFP grant funding. With the approval of the City's eligibility package by City Council, staff will be submitting to OCTA by the required deadline of June 30, 2023.

# SPIKEBALL AT THE BEACH

Spikeball at the Beach is back this summer and will be held at 8th Street Beach on July 1st, August 5th, and September 1st, from 10:00am to 11:30am. Players (13+ years) can learn how to play the game, meet other players, or practice their skills with this growing sport.



**SPIKEBALL AT THE BEACH**  
 8th St Beach by the volleyball courts  
 1st Saturdays of Summer!  
 10 am - 11:30 am

Saturday, July 1st  
 Saturday, August 5  
 Saturday, September 2

For more information, please contact:  
 (562) 431-2527 x 1344  
 anguyen@sealbeachca.gov

# SUMMER KICKOFF

On Saturday, June 24th the Recreation and Community Services Department will be hosting the annual summer kick off in Edison Park. The event will consist of a community park day with games and activities. At dark the City will be showing the Disney Pixar film "Finding Nemo." The event is free to attend.

# SENIOR LUNCH CAFE

Senior Lunch Café - 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).

# SEAL BEACH TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL CENTER

- On June 10th the Seal Beach Pickleball Association hosted their summer round robin taking place at Seal Beach Tennis and Pickleball Center. It was a successful event and well-attended.
- Summer Junior Tennis Camps began on Monday, 6/12. This weekly camp runs from 9am – 12pm, Monday – Friday. The first week of camp was sold out and full.
- Pickleball Court #2 had cracks and holes that were created from water damage, and was repaired on Friday, June 9th.

# SENIOR CARD GAMES

Starting July 6th, the Senior Card Game program will now take place once a month, on the first Thursday of every month. This program will run 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.



*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 - PINOCHE - AND MORE!

**FREE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
 CALL: (562) 431-2527 X 1344  
 EMAIL: [ANGUYEN@SEALBEACHCA.GOV](mailto:ANGUYEN@SEALBEACHCA.GOV)



# MARINE SAFETY LIEUTENANT NICK BOLIN & MARINE SAFETY OFFICER JEREMY JENKS SWORN INTO POSITIONS



Nick Bolin has worked for the Seal Beach Marine Safety Department for 22 years. He started as a part-time Beach Lifeguard after he graduated from Los Alamitos High School. Nick holds a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. He was hired as a full-time Marine Safety Officer in 2006. Nick has many responsibilities within the Department including rookie training, recurrent training, and the Rescue Boat Operations program. In 2018, Nick led the project to purchase a new rescue boat. His experience and expertise helped bring this project to a successful close with the delivery of a new rescue boat on budget.



Marine Safety Chief, Joe Bailey, Marine Safety Officer, Jeremy Jenks, Marine Safety Lieutenant Nick Bolin, and Marine Safety Officer, Michael Diller are pictured above after the swearing in of new MSO Jenks and Lt. Bolin.

Jeremy Jenks grew up in Seal Beach. He was a Seal Beach Junior Lifeguard when he was younger. After graduating from Los Alamitos High School, Jeremy tried out and was hired as a Seal Beach Lifeguard in 2015. Jeremy received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from California State University Long Beach. He has worked as a tower guard, unit guard (supervisor), junior lifeguard instructor, and rescue boat deck hand. In 2018, he received an award as the best junior lifeguard instructor in the department, and in 2021 he received the Unit Guard of the Year award.

## ASK CITY HALL SPOTLIGHT

After a resident contacted Ask City Hall to report a new net was needed on the basketball court, the Public Works team completed the project within a few days. We received the following feedback from the resident: "It is nice to know our City cares about us and our concerns even as something so small as a new basketball net!"

Please contact [AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov) if we may be of assistance.

*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](mailto:AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov)**

We will answer your questions or route you to the appropriate resource!  
 (No later than two business days)



## 15TH ANNUAL ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY **BEST & BRAVEST** AWARDS

Friday, April 28, 2023  
Irvine Marriott  
18000 Von Karman  
Irvine, CA 92612

OCFA Best and Bravest, part two. On Sunday, December 11th, 2022, OCFA's Emergency Command Center received a 9-1-1 call of a reported victim trapped in the Santa Ana River channel and immediately dispatched a full swift water rescue response from Division 1. Part of that response is placing fire engines on bridges downstream in the event that the victim gets carried away in the fast-moving flood waters. While Engine 86 was sent to Garden Grove Boulevard, they were alerted to a second victim trapped in the waterway, directly below them, trapped against a bridge abutment. This second victim was cold, tired, surrounded by fast-moving water, and just 75 feet upstream from a dangerous low-head dam. Time was of the essence. Engine 86 initiated action and immediately called for additional resources, including Heavy Rescue 6 from Irvine and Technical Rescue Truck 61 from Buena Park.

### SWIFT WATER RESCUE INCIDENT • GARDEN GROVE



**E86**  
FC/PM Jose Perez  
Special Ops Citation

**E86**  
FAE Andrew Strebel  
Special Ops Citation

**E86**  
FF/PM Jason Cella  
Special Ops Citation

**E86**  
FF Cesar Esmerio  
Special Ops Citation

**HR6**  
FC Christopher Stephens  
Special Ops Citation

**HR6**  
FAE Joel Caro  
Special Ops Citation

**HR6**  
FF Shane Frederick  
Special Ops Citation

**HR6**  
FF Anthony Pappani  
Special Ops Citation

**T61**  
FC Jorge Robledo  
Special Ops Citation

**T61**  
FAE Mike LeBeauf  
Special Ops Citation

**T61**  
FF Sean Kelly  
Special Ops Citation

**T61**  
FF Erik Lamb  
Special Ops Citation

While the additional resources were on their way, Engine 86 crew members Fire Captain Paramedic Jose Perez, Fire Apparatus Engineer Andrew Strebel, Firefighter Paramedic Jason Cella, and Firefighter Cesar Esmerio lowered down a life vest and rope to the victim to give him the best chance at survival.

Heavy Rescue 6 from Irvine, consisting of Fire Captain Chris Stevens, Engineer Joel Caro, Firefighter Shane Frederick, and Firefighter Anthony Pappani, arrived and assessed the situation. They worked with Truck 61, consisting of Fire Captain Jorge Robledo, Fire Apparatus Engineer Mike LeBeauf, Firefighter Sean Kelly, and Firefighter Erik Lamb. Together, they created a high point rescue, where the aerial ladder extends over a trench or bridge, and a rescue firefighter is lowered down into the channel to affect a rescue.

Firefighter Pappani was lowered into the channel, secured the victim into his harness, and the two were hauled out successfully. The victim was treated for hypothermia and transported to the local hospital.



## WELCOME NEW STAFFING ASSISTANT

Please welcome Kaly Morris, to the Public Works Team! She will be assisting with permit processing, plan check coordination, office administration, and helping customers at the Public Works permit counter. Kaly has more than 7 years of experience providing these services for various public agencies and recently completed her assignment at the City of Eastvale.



## CITY-WIDE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

In anticipation of an agreement expiration, the City issued a Request for Proposals soliciting for City-Wide Landscape Maintenance Services. There was considerable interest, which provides for a more competitive pricing environment. A review panel has been established to review the proposals and interview the interested parties. A recommendation to City Council for award will be forthcoming.

## SEAL BEACH PIER REOPENS

The Seal Beach Pier sustained considerable damage during this year's winter storms. An emergency declaration was made to repair the Pier to a structural sound state. The City retained Jilk Heavy Construction to reinstall the pilings, bracings, boat ramps, and other appurtenances immediately thereafter. The Pier, in its entirety, is now open to the public for use.

## WESTMINSTER AVENUE BIKE LANE PAVING



## SEAL BEACH BOULEVARD SINKHOLE

On Friday, June 9, 2023, City staff was informed of an approximately 6-inch-deep sinkhole along Seal Beach Boulevard at Town Center Drive. City's contractor dispatched a crew and was able to assess the situation and secure the area. Final paving of the area is tentatively scheduled for the week of June 19th.



Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) recently repaved sections of the bike lane along Westminster Avenue that had become damaged during OCSD's sewer construction project. Striping for the bike lanes will occur at night in the next few weeks. OCSD's overall project is nearing completion.



# WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS



- Communication Center phone calls over the last 7 days:
  - 911 calls - 653
  - Non-Emergency Calls - 2,288
  - total Calls - 2,941
- Calls for services handled over the last 7 days for all agencies - 1,650



Now that Summer is here, it is time to bring out the green bones and swim trunks!

## YOSA'S DOG BLOG



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JUNE 2023

30 LEISURE WORLD HEALTH EXPO  
LEISURE WORLD

## JULY 2023

5 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES "L.A. VATION"  
EISENHOWER PARK

