

CITY NOTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mon, Oct 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers
 Mon, Nov 14 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Mon, Oct 17 - 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED
 Mon, Nov 7 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

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UPCOMING HOLIDAY/CITY HALL CLOSURES

November 24 - 25 (Thanksgiving)

ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY DIVISION ONE CHIEF, RON ROBERTS RETIRES



Chief Ron Roberts was the Division One Chief of the Orange County Fire Authority serving the cities of Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Westminster, Garden Grove and the unincorporated areas of Rossmore and Midway City. Chief Roberts served our community for more than 3-1/2 years. Ron began his career with the City of Westminster Fire

Department in 1981 where he worked his way through the ranks of Firefighter, Firefighter/Paramedic and Fire Captain. Thank you Chief Roberts for your dedicated service to our Community.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR STEVE MYRTER

The City of Seal Beach City Council and Executive Management Team honored Steve's dedicated services as the Director of Public Works. Steve Myrter's consistent efforts have benefited the City of Seal Beach thanks to his successful management, maintenance and improvement of the City's public infrastructure.



CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1 - 14, 2022

CITY CLERK

- At the October 10, 2022, City Council meeting, Human Resources Management Analyst Lauren Barich proudly introduced Police Officer Evelio Suarez, and Accountant Tracy Yonemura to the Mayor, Members of City Council, and the community, as the newest full-time members of the Seal Beach family.
- Officers Kendra Owen and David Rael-Brook provided the Mayor and Members of the City Council with the Community Oriented Policing Summer Recap at the October 10, 2022, City Council meeting.
- On behalf of the Mayor, Members of the City Council and the Seal Beach Community, Mayor Kalmick adjourned the October 10, 2022, City Council meeting in memory of CERT Volunteer Fritz Campbell, who passed away on September 9th.
- Prior to the Special Meeting of the Environmental Quality Control Board on October 11, 2022, City Clerk Harper administered the Oath of Office to the Board Members as part of the Reorganization of the Board.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Staff spent extensive time this week preparing for the implementation of new land use software, including finalizing workflows and preparing for data conversion from the old to the new system. Ultimately, the new system will allow for three existing software products to be combined into a single system, and will facilitate greater online permit processing.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- There are currently 1,165 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 Ext 1307.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Residential Parking Permit renewals starts on October 14, 2022.
- Creating online portal for businesses to complete a "No Trespassing" letter to have on file with the department, to aid with the arrest of subject(s) who are in violation of CA law and posted signs.
- Lt. Nicholas assisted at the Boeing Resource Fair with Yosa.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONT.

- Preparation for Walk to School Day, and officers will be joining students as they walk to McGaugh.
- Use of the Automated License Plate Reader resulted in the arrest of a theft suspect in College Park West.
- Office of Traffic Safety 2022/2023 Grant has started. Seal Beach Police Department was awarded \$80,000 for DUI checkpoints, directed traffic enforcement, pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- Lt. Nicholas visited the Seal Beach Play Group with the Community Oriented Policing Team and Yosa.
- Lt. Nicholas attended Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) academy graduation.

PUBLIC WORKS

- The Water Division was called out and responded to a residential water service leak in Surfside Colony. Staff quickly isolated the leak and replaced the damaged line.
- Public Works staff is continuing to work with the iWater team on integrating additional assets and asset tracking features into infraMAP.
- Public Works staff assisted Orange County Water District (OCWD) in preparing the Division of Drinking Water's (DDW) 2023-2025 Water Source and Distribution System Monitoring Waiver application.



CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

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PUBLIC WORKS CONT.

- Staff installed a new tsunami evacuation sign at Windsurf Park. The sign is meant to provide visitors direction during a tsunami emergency.



- The 10th Street beach access ADA mats were temporarily removed in preparation of the annual sand berm construction.
- Staff completed a pathway of decomposed granite and installed a new memorial bench at Edison Park in College Park West.
- Maintenance staff attended a training hosted by CJPIA on basic electrical safety. The training reviewed types of energy sources, hazards, isolation procedures, use of isolation equipment, and shutdown startup procedures.

- The Public Works Department can now be found on the social media platforms Instagram and Facebook. Follow us @sealbeachpublicworks for weekly updates and highlights.

TRAFFIC FORUM BY ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)

Public Works Associate Engineer David Spitz attended the bi-annual Traffic Forum sponsored by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA). Attendance at these forums is necessary in order to receive Measure M funding, which is used to improve intersections, coordinate traffic signals and widen streets. One of the topics that was highlighted this year included status reports on grant projects. Guest speakers also showcased new and innovative products and traffic system advances.

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WATER RESERVOIR UPDATE

The City's water reservoirs were inspected by Dive Corr, a company that specializes in potable water tank inspections. The inspection assessed the overall condition of the exterior and interior tank coating as well as its critical components including the walls, floor, roof, inlet, outlets, and vents. The City's water reservoirs are inspected annually and are useful for detecting leaks, harmful corrosion, and sediment buildup within the storage tank.

SAN GABRIEL RIVER BIKE TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Staff is continuing to conduct routine maintenance and cleanup along the San Gabriel River Bike Trail. Maintenance includes clearing debris, trash, and sand from the bike trail to increase pedestrian safety.



WINTER SAND BERM CONSTRUCTION

The City will commence construction of the annual Winter Sand Berm on October 24th and will take three to four weeks to complete. The contractor, Crew Grading, Inc., will stage their equipment in the 10th Street beach parking lot. Public Works will have a portion of the parking lot coned off for the contractor starting on Monday, October 24th in

preparation for the work. East Beach will be closed during the construction of the berm for safety reasons due to the presence of large construction machinery.

PRESS RELEASE



City of Seal Beach
211 Eighth Street
Seal Beach, CA 90740-6305

October 11, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: David Spitz, P.E.
(562) 431-2527 ext. 1331
Email: dspitz@sealbeachca.gov

The City of Seal Beach will commence construction of the annual Winter Sand Berm. Work is expected to begin on October 24, 2022 and take three to four weeks to complete. The construction of the winter sand berm will be performed by Crew Grading Incorporated.

The Contractor will stage their equipment in the 10th Street beach parking lot. Public Works will have a portion of the parking lot coned off for them starting on Monday, October 24, 2022 in preparation for the work. East Beach will be closed during the construction of the berm for safety reasons due to the presence of large construction machinery working in that location.



ZOETER DOG PARK

WORK AT ZOETER IS COMPLETE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Work on Zoeter Dog park was completed on Friday, October 7th with the installation of the two new drinking fountains by the Public Works Department. The park is currently open to the public and the new permanent area includes a larger off-leash area for dogs, designated small dog area, two new drinking fountains, new signage, and new fencing.



ZOETER DOG PARK GRAND OPENING

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 26 from 3:00pm – 5:00pm. The ceremony will feature a ribbon cutting, light refreshments, vendors, 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.

MCGAUGH PICKLEBALL COURT

On Friday, October 7th the City of Seal Beach completed painting of a new pickleball court at McGaugh Elementary School on Bolsa Avenue. The new pickleball court is an overlay on top of an existing tennis court that utilizes the existing tennis net. The pickleball court lines are yellow to remain distinguishable from the existing tennis court lines.



The Coed Thursday Softball League held their finals on Thursday, September 29th. The winner for this league was the Irishers, who have been participating in our leagues for over 10 years. Our Fall League for Men's Thursday Softball League begins again on October 13th.



2022 SOFTBALL LEAGUE

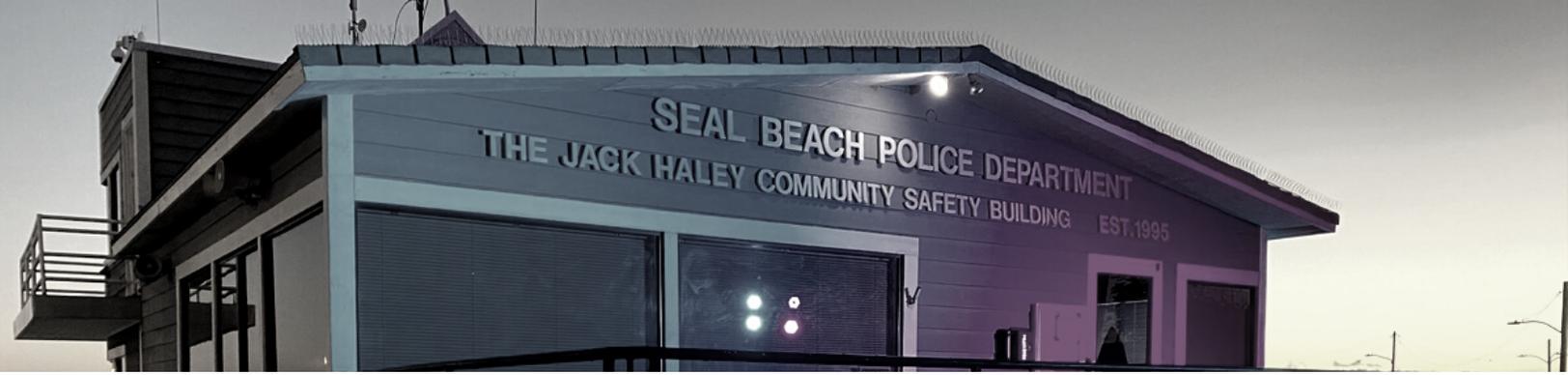
The Men's Tuesday Softball League held their finals on Tuesday, October 4th. The winner for this league was Lum Realty, who have been participating in our leagues since 2015. Our Fall League for Men's Tuesday Softball League begins again on October 18th.



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 7th. Registration takes place in person at City Hall, by mail with check payable to the City of Seal Beach, or online at www.register.sealbeach.ca.gov





SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT PINK PATCH

The Seal Beach Police Department will continue to wear a special pink patch to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In 2013, the Seal Beach Police Department created the nation's first pink police patch to help show support for breast cancer awareness month. Since then, over 500 law enforcement agencies have joined us in supporting this worthy cause by creating and wearing their own pink patches. Throughout the month of October, you will see the men and women of the Seal Beach Police Department displaying pink patches on their uniforms in support of those we have lost, survivors, and those who are still fighting. The patches are available for sale to the public for \$10 each and can be purchased through the Seal Beach Police League website at <http://sealbeachpoliceleague.com>. Proceeds from the sale of patches will be donated to the National Law Enforcement Cancer Support Foundation (<http://lawenforcementcancer.org/>).



MARINE SAFETY UPDATES

- STATUS REPORT AS OF 09/29/22 - 10/12/22
 - Rescues - 20
 - Medical Aids - 9
 - Major Medical Aids - 2
 - Stingray Injuries - 7
 - Boat Rescues - 9
 - Preventative Actions - 90
- Marine Safety was notified by National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration to close the beach 2 different times due to lightning. When this happens we also close the McGaugh pool.
- Beach Lifeguard Chris Dominguez had a good rescue near Neptune Street. The victim was over 500 feet offshore, and Chris used a paddle board, and once reaching the victim, she would not cooperate and stay on his board. Chris used all of his waterman skills to get the victim and the paddle board safely to shore.
- On 9/30/22 students from the Long Beach State Shark Lab were on the beach doing a stingray study. Over the last 30 years the Seal Beach Marine Safety Dept. has assisted with stingray studies using our trucks and jet skis.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT NEWS

OCTOBER 2022 PORAC.ORG

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES PARTICIPATE IN THE PINK PATCH PROJECT

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NEW DIGITAL VOTER GUIDE SEE PAGE 4

COFFEE, COPS AND COMMUNITY SEE PAGE 16

RE-EXAMINING RADIO CALLS SEE PAGE 18

WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Center phone calls over the last 7 days:

- 911 Calls - 598
- Non-Emergency Calls - 2,256
- Total Calls - 2,854

Calls for service handled over the last 7 days for all agencies: 1,657



MEET YOUR NEWEST SEAL BEACH EMPLOYEES

EVELIO SUAREZ, POLICE OFFICER

Evelio attended the El Camino College Reserve Police Academy, graduated top of his class in 2020, and was hired at the Huntington Park Police Department as a Reserve. While working at Huntington Park PD, he was assigned to the Southeast Mental Health Team and Bike division. In addition, he attended the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Reserve Level 1 Module Academy and graduated with Level 1 Certification and the Academic Honor Award from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Evelio is currently attending El Camino College to obtain his Criminal Justice Degree and is scheduled to complete all requirements in June, 2023. During his free time, he enjoys camping trips, surfing, and riding dirt bikes with his family.



TRACEY YONEMURA, ACCOUNTANT

Tracey was born and raised in Long Beach where she attended Long Beach Polytechnic High School and Cal State Long Beach. She is an avid golfer who started playing when she was 8 years old and enjoys playing recreationally with friends and family. During her time in college, Tracey co-founded the Youth Program at the Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center and worked as an accounting intern for Beach Hillel, a non-profit Jewish organization. Tracey started her accounting career working for a CPA firm, where she assisted her clients with tax planning and compliance. She has worked previously for other cities as an accountant in Finance. In her free time, she loves to care for her two pets.



ARMANDO MACIAS, MAINTENANCE AIDE

The Public Works Department is pleased to announce the hiring of its newest Maintenance Aide, Armando Macias. Armando comes to our City from the City of Cypress Recreation & Community Services Department.



PLEASE BE SURE TO SAY HELLO TO ALL OUR NEWEST HIRES AROUND TOWN IN SEAL BEACH!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATES

- A revised Accessory Dwelling Unit ordinance was adopted by the City Council on October 10, 2022, with the second reading scheduled for October 24th. The revised code addresses comments and findings of inconsistency from the State Department of Housing and Community Development.
- The Environmental Quality Control Board (EQCB) held a public meeting on October 11th to facilitate public comment on the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the demolition of the existing fueling station at 1300 E. Pacific Coast Highway, and redevelopment of a new service station and convenience market. The document is available on the City's website or at City Hall, and public comments may still be submitted by 5:00 p.m. October 17, 2022 to splanner@sealbeachca.gov

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Seal Beach Tree Lighting

November 19, 2022
Eisenhower Park, Seal Beach
4-7pm

Santa – Music – Sledding – Cocoa

The Holiday Tree Lighting in partnership with the Seal Beach Chamber is on Saturday, November 19th at Eisenhower Park from 4:00pm-7:00pm. The event features photos with Santa, sledding, snow play, arts and crafts, and refreshments available to purchase.





On Monday, October 10th, City Hall was closed to the public for Columbus Day. This day is a working day for all staff and is used to focus on staff development and team building. Full-time staff met at the Marina Center with keynote speaker Tanya Doby, and focused on the why of what we do in our service to the community.



Starting September 7!

Seal Beach
Senior Card Games

EVERY THURSDAY NORTH SEAL BEACH CENTER
3333 ST. CLOUD DRIVE
1:00PM-3:00PM

Enjoy BUNCO - RUMMY - BRIDGE - PINOCHLE - AND MORE!

FREE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CALL: (562) 431-2527 X 1344
EMAIL: ANGUyen@SEALBEACHCA.GOV

Ages 60+!



Trunk or Treat

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



Dear Everyone,

Thank you so much for your kindness, thoughtfulness, and generosity of an unexpected giant gift basket for my retirement!

The Hawaiian shirt quilt is fun, beautiful, and perfect for me, and it was enjoyable reading all the Seal Beach "cards." I also really appreciated all the snacks and gift items (and doughnuts!), and I am going to use the contribution for a weekend getaway!

I appreciate all of you and have missed being around. Thank you for making my time at Seal Beach enjoyable, and best wishes to all of you!

Thanks for everything!

Steve Myrter

Steve Myrter who retired as the City of Seal Beach Public Works Director wanted to thank the Council and City Staff for making his time as Public Works Director so memorable. Steve Myrter was appointed in 2017 and retired after nearly thirty years of public service, and will be greatly missed by all.

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



YOSA'S BI-WEEKLY REMINDER

@k9yosa



In honor of International ShakeOut Day on October 20th, Yosa reminds you to Drop, DUCK (like Yosa's favorite toy pictured above) for Cover, and Hold.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2022

- 22 MCGAUGH CARNIVAL
MCGAUGH ELEMENTARY
- 26 RIBBON CUTTING
ZOETER PARK
- 31 TRICK OR TREAT
MAIN STREET
TRUNK OR TREAT
MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT

