



OFFICIAL CITY MANAGER newsletter

September 8, 2023

city notes

City Council Meetings

Mon, Sept 11 - 7:00 pm - Council Chambers
Mon, Sept 25 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

Planning Commission Meetings

Mon, Sept 18 - 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.

Upcoming Holiday/ City Hall Closures

November 10, 2023 (Veteran's Day)

Find Us On Social Media

Want to keep up with City events, news, and programs? Follow our Lifeguard, Recreation, K9, Police Department, and Public Works Departments.



@Seal Beach Recreation & Community Services
@Seal Beach Marine Safety Department
@Seal Beach Police Department
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@Sealbeachpolice
@Sealbeachrecreation
@SEALBEACHPUBLICWORKS
@K9YOSA
@K9.SAURUS

CRIME PREVENTION IN LEISURE WORLD



Did you know that there is a Seal Beach Police Detective assigned specifically to investigate crime that occurs in Leisure World? Last week, Detective Jon Ainley gave a presentation to members of the Leisure World community on how to recognize and prevent different types of fraud and scams.

WE ARE HIRING

If you are interested in working for the City of Seal Beach, we are currently hiring. To view employment opportunities please visit: <https://www.calopps.org/city-of-seal-beach> or scan the QR code beside:



CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

FOR PERIOD OF AUGUST 27 - September 9, 2023

PUBLIC WORKS



The City of Seal Beach welcomes William Luna as the new Public Works Assistant Engineer. William joins us from Manson Construction with experience in project management and marine construction. He will be assisting the Public Works Department with issuing permits, processing grading plan checks and managing Capital Improvement Program projects. Welcome to the team, William!

RECREATION

- There are currently 1,403 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.
- There are currently 313 pickleball members and 90 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.

CITY MANAGER



California Coastal Cleanup Day

September 9, 2023
9:00am - 12:00pm
First Street Parking Lot

SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 10 officers worked DUI Saturation Patrol during Labor Day weekend, funded by the State of California Office of Traffic Safety
- Volunteers in Policing Service Academy begins this week
- Captain Nicholas will be attending the McGaugh PTA meeting
- Implementing a pet licensing portal

WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Center Phone Calls over the last 7 days:

- 911 Calls: 659
- Non-Emergency Calls: 2,132
- Total Calls: 2,791

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

- 1668



Recreation Updates Throughout Seal Beach

SENIOR SERVICES

A new Seal Beach Senior Services guide will be published every season, and will be made available online and at any of our community centers where senior programs take place. This guide will provide information for all available programs that the City offers for seniors in one convenient location. This guide will be updated each season, in conjunction with the quarterly Shoreline Brochure.



Senior Services

SENIOR LUNCH CAFE'

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.



The Senior Card Game program takes place once a month, on the first Thursday of every month. This program runs 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 or by phone at: (562) 431-2527 X 1344.

EDISON COMMUNITY GARDENS DONATION

On Friday, August 25th, Food Finders picked up a donation from the Edison Park Community Gardens. In the summer months, gardeners are given the opportunity to donate excess produce to the local non-profit Food Finders on the last Friday of each month. Donated foods are then dispersed to local families and individuals. The recent donation was estimated to include approximately 150 lbs. of produce.



Have a question for us?
We have an answer for you.

email:
AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov



CITY UPDATES

Public Works Updates Throughout Seal Beach

SEAL BEACH BOULEVARD WATERMAIN BREAK

On August 24th, a water transmission main broke along Seal Beach Boulevard between Marlin Avenue and Bolsa Avenue. This is the main artery providing potable water to the Old Town, the Hill, and McCaugh Elementary School areas. Given its sensitivity, staff worked closely with Los Alamitos Unified School District, Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), and the Naval Weapons Station on a contingency plan in the unlikely event the watermain ruptured. After almost two weeks of ongoing work, the watermain has been repaired.



STORM WATER PUMP TRAINING

On August 31st, Public Works hosted a Storm Water Portable Pump Training, which included staff from Public Works, Marine Safety, Police Department, Finance and the City Manager's Office. The training, which was held at the 10th Street beach parking lot, covered the technical operation of the pump, provided an overview of Public Works' emergency response operation at this location, and hands-on training with the equipment. The 10th Street beach parking lot is one of four locations where pumps are deployed during a rain event or king tides. The City continues to prepare for the forecasted El Nino season.

For more information on how you can prepare, please visit the City's website:

<https://www.sealbeachca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/El-Nino-Preparation>



POST STORM TRASH DEBRIS



Seal Beach is located at the end of the San Gabriel River, where much of the trash and debris from the river's watershed, if not intercepted, flows towards the city. Daily beach grooming is taking place; however, it does not address the big flush of pollutants brought forth by Tropical Storm Hilary. Staff is expecting to see an elevated level of trash for some time.

TREE TRIMMING

As part of the on-going tree trimming maintenance, Brightview has trimmed approximately 95 trees in the Old Town area. This month 22 Ficus trees, 60 Mexican Palms, and 13 Queen Palms were trimmed.



Community Development Updates

- You can now request a building inspection online! Visit our [website](#) to fill out a short online form and submit your request for a building inspection instead of calling. Inspections for the following day will be [posted](#) by 5:30 p.m.
- A revised Draft Housing Element is available for public review and comment on our [webpage](#). This document has been submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their review as well. Once the City receives a finding of substantial compliance from HCD, the Housing Element will be presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for review and approval.

Marine Safety Updates

- Over the Labor Day Weekend, lifeguards made 20 rescues, 3 boat rescues and performed 20 medical aids, including 3 major medical aids. Much of this action was due to nice weather and large surf.
- Over the last week, lifeguards made 28 rescues, 15 boat rescues and performed 46 medical aids with 6 being major medical aids.
- As summer winds down and we move into the Fall and Winter seasons, we will be accepting applications for Marine Safety Specialists.
- Our summer pool programs have come to a successful close. We delivered many swim lessons, and offered a new aquatic obstacle course which was highly successful. In a few weeks our first after-school swim class will be offered.

Yosa's Dog Blog



There must be quite a few things that a soothing bath won't cure, but freshly bathed Yosa can't think of a single one.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September 8, 15, 22, 29: | Movies in the Park |
| September 8 – 10: | Seal Beach Chamber Sidewalk Sale |
| September 9 – 10: | Seal Beach Arts and Crafts Faire |
| September 14: | Seal Beach Chamber Installation Event |
| September 17: | Grace Church on the Beach |
| September 17: | Patriots in the Park – POSTPONED, TBD |

Orange County Fire Authority Update

We are pleased to announce Fire Captain Nolan McGaughy as the temporary Administrative Fire Captain for Division 1, effective September 8, 2023. Fire Captain McGaughy brings 17 years of experience and institutional knowledge to his new assignment and will fill the temporary vacancy left by Fire Captain Chris Caswell.

Nolan started his well-rounded career with the OCFA in 2006, working as a firefighter, engineer, and now fire captain since 2019. Captain McGaughy has worked on brush units, busy engine and truck companies, and several specialty positions, including training and our technical rescue program. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science – Fire Administration and is currently enrolled in a Master's Program on Fire Executive Leadership. His administrative experience supporting engineer and fire captain academies will bring additional value to the new assignment. His dedication is exemplified by supporting our Fire Apparatus Engineer testing process for six years, from cadre member to coordinator, and authoring the OCFA 2016 Programmed Hydraulics Text. His performance and passion for our profession have been recognized three times at our Best and Bravest ceremony: Firefighter of the Year, Unsung Hero Award, and Special Operations Award.



Fire Captain McGaughy has been married for 17 years to his wife, Anna, and they have five children together (ages 16,13,10,7 & 4) whom they home school when they are not enjoying the outdoors.