



OFFICIAL CITY MANAGER newsletter

August 24, 2023

city notes

City Council Meetings

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

Planning Commission Meetings

Tues, Sept 5 - 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

September 4, 2023 (Labor 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
@SEALBEACHPUBLICWORKS



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@Sealbeachpolice
@Sealbeachrecreation
@SEALBEACHPUBLICWORKS
@K9YOSA
@K9.SAURUS

TROPICAL STORM HILARY MADE A BIG SPLASH



The Seal Beach Marine Safety Department observed impacts from Tropical Storm Hilary that started Saturday, August 19th and lasted through Monday, August 21st. The surf increased to 4-6' with larger sets building into Sunday evening, reaching 8'.

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 13 - August 26, 2023

PUBLIC WORKS



Public Works is excited to announce the promotion of Michael La Plante as our newest Water Operator. Michael began at the City of Seal Beach in 2014 as a Maintenance Aide and was promoted to Maintenance Worker in 2021. Over the years, Michael has become an integral component of the Public Works team, spearheading the City's Cross Connection Control Program and Lead & Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) service line inventory project. Congratulations, Michael!

RECREATION

- There are currently 1,388 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 311 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.

SBPD



Newly promoted SCSO's Landon Ball and Ruth Rivera.

Congratulations Landon and Ruth!

Rescue Watercraft Operator Class



RWC Training



MARINE SAFETY HIGHLIGHT

During the week of 8/7/23 Marine Safety held a Rescue Watercraft Operator Class. Five of our lifeguards participated and completed the training to be sole operators on the RWC's. Seal Beach has two RWC's and they are routinely used for boat rescues, kite surfer rescues, patrol, and rescuing distressed swimmers off the coast.



Recreation Updates Throughout Seal Beach

SPIKEBALL AT THE BEACH

Spikeball at the Beach is held at the 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

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 CLEAN UP AND SHED INSTALLATION

The quarterly community garden cleanup on August 12th at the Edison Park Community Gardens was a huge success. At the conclusion of the event, gardeners enjoyed a potluck lunch, sharing produce grown in their gardens and spending time together socially. Attending a minimum of one garden cleanup annually is mandatory for all gardeners to participate in the program. The last date for a Garden Clean will be on November 4th.

A new shed was installed at the Edison Community Gardens on Wednesday, August 9th. This shed will be used to store communal tools and items that will be available for all gardeners to use. New shovels, rakes, hoes, and other communal tools were also purchased for the gardeners. Funding for the new shed and tools were provided by a grant from Run Seal Beach, and Mayor Tom Moore's discretionary fund.



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

email:
AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov

Public Works Updates Throughout Seal Beach

TROPICAL STORM HILARY

In close coordination with the O.C. Fire Authority, Police and Marine Safety Departments, Public Works crews were hard at work preparing for the arrival of Tropical Storm Hilary, including building temporary sand berms at the beach parking lots, checking and clearing storm drain systems, deploying portable storm pumps, and providing residents with sandbags to protect their homes. While ocean tides compounded with surf were within tolerance as the storm hit on Sunday, the City was still faced with a substantial amount of rain and high winds throughout the day and night. Public Works staffed the City to provide immediate response to any drainage and storm-related concerns. While no severe damage has been reported at this time, substantial debris removal and post-storm clean-up is underway.



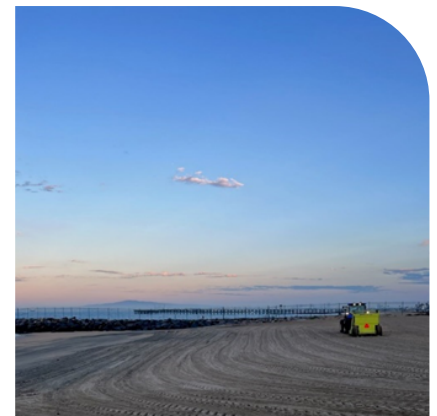
WATER USE EFFICIENCY POSTCARD

All City residents and businesses can expect an informational postcard to arrive in the mail within the next few weeks. The postcard will contain a brief update on the State's water supply conditions and the City's most current water conservation measures and restrictions. For more information, please visit the City's website: <https://www.sealbeachca.gov/Departments/Public-Works/Water-Conservation>



NWS Barney's Beach Cleaning

Barney's Beach is located inside the Naval Weapons Station (NWS) Seal Beach and is cleaned by Public Works staff via a joint cooperative agreement. The most recent effort included removal of approximately five yards of debris, in addition to sanitizing the beach.



New Landscape Maintenance Contractor

On August 14th, BrightView Landscape Services was awarded the City's maintenance agreement for landscape maintenance services. BrightView is a highly qualified and respected firm with over 70-years of experience in landscape maintenance and horticulture.

CITY UPDATES

Public Works Updates (Cont.)

MARINA COMMUNITY CENTER SLIDING DOORS

Four new sets of sliding glass doors have been installed at the Marina Community Center located at Marina Park. The previous single-paned doors were old and provided poor insulation. This installation was made possible by District 3 councilwoman Lisa Landau's discretionary funds.



BEACH VOLLEYBALL COURT INSTALLATION

The beach volleyball court located between Dolphin Avenue and Neptune Avenue has been reinstalled and is now available for the community's enjoyment.



ANNUAL GENERATOR MAINTENANCE

Quinn Power recently performed annual maintenance on the standby generators located at Lampson Well and West End Pump Station.

Seal Beach Police Department Updates Throughout Seal Beach



ROTARY CLUB

Chief Henderson attended the Rotary Club - Los Alamitos, Cypress and Seal Beach meeting at the Navy Golf Course earlier this month.

CITY UPDATES

SBPD Updates (Cont.)

MCGAUGH ELEMENTARY VISIT



Support Services Captain Nicholas and Support Service dog Yosa visited McGaugh Elementary School on the first day of school.

CITY CLERK UPDATES

- At the Regular City Council Meeting on August 14th, the City Council ratified the resident appointments to the Citizen-Council Parking Advisory (CCPA) Ad Hoc Committee as follows: Matthew Terry appointed by Joe Kalmick; Tim Rathman appointed by Lisa Landau; Margo Wheeler appointed by Nathan Steele; Bill McDannel appointed by Mayor Pro Tem Sustarsic; and Kenneth Husting appointed by Mayor Moore. In addition, the CCPA Ad Hoc Committee will include, Mayor Moore and Council Member Kalmick, City Manager Ingram and her designees, and Main Street business owner Rob Jahncke appointed by Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce.
- At the Regular City Council Meeting on August 14th, Orange County Fire Authority Division 1 Chief Craig Covey provided a presentation on 811 Announcement – August Gas Line Safety Message.

West Cities Police Communications Updates

Communication Center Phone Calls over the last 7 days:

- 911 Calls: 624
- Non-Emergency Calls: 2,251
- Total Calls: 2,875

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

- 1663

Yosa's Dog Blog



When life gives you rain, pair it with a stylish rain coat.

MARINE SAFETY UPDATES

- The tropical storm made for an interesting day of lifeguarding. Lifeguards were stationed in their towers, units, and boat during the event. The rain did not discourage people from entering the water and because of the swell direction, Seal Beach had desirable wave conditions. Surfers came out by the hundreds and there was a particularly strong rip current and tidal flow in the San Gabriel River mouth. Our rescue boat, rescue watercraft, and tower lifeguards kept busy as surfers were getting pulled out past the harbor entrance, with some unable to return to shore. Lifeguards on the boat were quickly able to rescue those in distress, and hand them off to a tower guard who would safely navigate them back through the surf to the beach. During the two-day event, lifeguards performed the following:
 - 21 Rescues
 - 21 Preventative Actions
 - 12 Enforcements
 - 10 Medical Aids
 - 2 Major Medical Aids resulting in paramedic evaluation and further treatment
- On August 12th, Marine Safety Officer Jeremy Jenks responded to a night call about a 36' Sea Ray in the surf line. The boat was aground on Surfside Beach and the owner was not onboard. Lifeguards determined that the vessel was not able to be pulled offshore which resulted in a salvage operation. The next day lifeguards assisted Boat Tow US, a salvage company, to safely remove the boat from the beach.
- Midweek crowds have begun to wind-down with some schools returning. Full deployment of lifeguard staff will continue through Monday, September 4th, Labor Day weekend.
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The City of Seal Beach Community Development Department is offering a new, streamlined way to request a Building and Safety Inspection. The online portal will provide a better user experience and enhance customer service. See our webpage at <https://www.sealbeachca.gov/Departments/Community-Development/Building-Safety> for more information, or use the QR codes to be directed to the inspection requests, and scheduled inspections.



VISIT OUR NEW BUILDING & SAFETY INSPECTION REQUESTS

[sealbeachca.gov/Departments/Community-Development/Building-Safety](https://www.sealbeachca.gov/Departments/Community-Development/Building-Safety)



Scan for more information on Inspection Request Form.



To find out what day/time your inspection has been scheduled, please use the QR code.

Orange County Fire Authority Updates

WATER SAFETY BARRIERS



Identify your risks and have multiple barriers in place to keep children and adults safe from all water sources. Barriers buy time and offer protection if they are installed correctly and are in good working condition. The more barriers you install and maintain, the safer your family will be.



No single barrier provides 100% protection. Multiple barriers must be in place so that if one fails, there is another to slow or prevent a child from reaching the water alone and unsupervised.



Orange County Fire Authority

(714) 573-6200
ocfa.org



Non-Climbable Fences

- Install a 4-sided isolation fence tall enough (4-5 feet) to prevent children from climbing over.
- Make sure the bottom of the fence is close enough to the ground to prevent a child from crawling under.
- Ensure patio furniture is kept away from the fence so a child cannot use the items to climb.

Self-Closing or Latching Gates

- Install a self-closing or self-latching gate with a locking mechanism.
- Gates should be installed so that they open outward, away from the pool.
- Regularly inspect gates for damages to ensure a child's safety.

Pool and Spa Covers

- Purchase and use a pool and spa cover to protect children and pets.
- Covers for the pool and spa act as a horizontal fence should children or pets get near the water.

Alarms

- Having alarms on your doors, windows, and on the pool is important in case a child or pet comes in contact with water unexpectedly.
- Child wristband alarms and pet collars are available to purchase for additional protection. The base alarms are triggered as soon as the child or pet gets them wet, alarming others in the area.
- Purchase and use portable alarms that can be used at any pool, residential or community.

Indoor Barriers

- A child can drown in less than two inches of water. Purchase and install indoor barriers such as toilet latches, baby gates, and child-safe doorknob handle covers to ensure children cannot get into any rooms where water can be accessed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| September 2: | Hatch Chili Roasting |
| 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 on the Beach |
| September 17: | Patriots in the Park – POSTPONED, TBD |