



## UNOFFICIAL RUN-OFF ELECTION RESULTS

The City of Seal Beach Municipal All Mail Ballot Run-Off Election for Districts 3 and 5 was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2023. The Unofficial Run-Off Election Results as of Monday, February 6, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., are listed below. The Registrar of Voters Office will continue to provide daily weekday updates by 5:00 p.m., until the official results become available. You may view those updates at the following link: <https://www.ocvote.gov/results/current-election-results>.

### Member, City Council District 3 - Vote for One

Precincts			Voters		
Counted	Total	Percent	Ballots	Registered	Percent
5	5	100.00%	1,943	3,314	58.63%

Choice	Party	Vote by Mail		Total	
LISA LANDAU		1,125	57.90%	1,125	57.90%
STEPHANIE WADE		818	42.10%	818	42.10%
Cast Votes:		1,943	100.00%	1,943	100.00%

### Member, City Council District 5 - Vote for One

Precincts			Voters		
Counted	Total	Percent	Ballots	Registered	Percent
6	6	100.00%	2,518	4,319	58.30%

Choice	Party	Vote by Mail		Total	
NATHAN STEELE		1,355	53.83%	1,355	53.83%
MARIANN KLINGER		1,162	46.17%	1,162	46.17%
Cast Votes:		2,517	100.00%	2,517	100.00%

## CITY NOTES

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Mon, Feb 13 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers  
 Mon, Feb 27 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers

### PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Tue, Feb 21 - 7:00 p.m. - Cancelled  
 Mon, Mar 6 - 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

February 20, 2023 (Presidents 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 AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
- @ SEAL BEACH MARINE SAFETY DEPARTMENT
- @ SEAL BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
- @ SEALBEACHPUBLICWORKS



- @SEALBEACH\_LIFEGUARD
- @SEALBEACHPOLICE
- @SEALBEACHRECREATION
- @SEALBEACHPUBLICWORKS
- @K9YOSA
- @K9.SAURUS



# CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

**FOR PERIOD OF JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

## **CITY MANAGER**

- Attended the Seal Beach Historic Resources Foundation Monthly Board Meeting on February 2nd.
- Welcomed new intern for the City Manager's Office, James Sonderegger, majoring in Political Science at California State University Long Beach.
- Held joint introductory audit meeting with CalRecycle and Republic Services.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- In conjunction with the Coastal Commission, staff has successfully updated our grant for a Local Coastal Plan to reduce the scope of work to be performed within the existing grant budget. This will allow the City to pursue another grant to fund the work remaining on this project, providing much needed financial support to the effort.
- The public is encouraged to participate in the scoping period for the Old Ranch Country Club Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Comments on environmental considerations for the proposed project may be submitted in writing to Planning Manager Shaun Temple at [stemple@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:stemple@sealbeachca.gov) from February 6, 2023 to March 7, 2023. Additionally, a scoping meeting will be held February 22nd at the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Control Board to provide an opportunity to learn about the EIR process, the project, and to provide comment. The meeting will begin at 6pm in the City Council Chambers. Further information is available on the City's website.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- There are currently 1,245 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.
- The Men's Basketball League started the Spring Season on Monday, January 30th. This league comprises of 8 teams and will run for 11 weeks, concluding on April 17th.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

- Captain Nicholas attended a presentation and preparing outreach campaign for bike registration and bike locks going into the summer season.
- Preparing contracts for various animal control functions.
- Attended the Southern California Parking Resource Forum.
- Hosting Pitchess Motion training for California Peace Officers' Association at SBPD.
- New addition of EBike link for the City and PD Website <https://www.octa.net/Bike/E-Bikes/>

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Staff removed all K-rail and parklets from Main Street.
- Staff attended a training on the California Water Board's new public water system data management and reporting tool, SAFER Clearinghouse. This tool will be utilized by staff to submit various system data including the City's monthly drought and conservation reports.

## **WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS**

- Communication Center phone calls over the last 7 days:
  - 911 calls - 615
  - Non-Emergency Calls - 2,082
  - total Calls - 2,697
- Calls for services handled over the last 7 days for all agencies - 1,530



## FREE TAX ASSISTANCE WITH AARP

The City of Seal Beach in partnership with AARP is offering free tax assistance for taxpayers ages 50 and over. Appointments take place every Monday from February 6 – April 10 from 8:30am – 10:45am at OCFA Fire Station 48 located at 3131 N Gate Road, Seal Beach 90740. Appointments are 45 minutes in length and can be made by contacting the Seal Beach Recreation and Community Services Department at (562) 431-2527 X 1307 or [communityservices@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:communityservices@sealbeachca.gov).



**Free Tax Assistance**

TAXPAYERS AGES 50+ | FEBRUARY 6 - APRIL 10

MONDAYS | 8:30AM - 10:45AM | FIRESTATION 48

APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED

To schedule an appointment, contact (562) 431-2527 X 1307 or [communityservices@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:communityservices@sealbeachca.gov)

## 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).

## 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](mailto:anguyen@sealbeachca.gov).



*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 - PINOCHLE - AND MORE!

**FREE!**

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

## SPRING 2023 SHORELINE

The Spring Shoreline will be posted online on Friday, February 10 with registration beginning Monday, February 13 at 8:00am. 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](http://register.sealbeachca.gov). The Spring 2023 season takes place from April 3 – June 3.

## SUMMER 2023 SHORELINE

Staff began production of the Summer 2023 Shoreline covering the dates of June 12 – August 26. The Summer Shoreline will be posted online at the end of March with registration opening in early April. Specialty camps, classes, surf, swim lessons, and Junior Lifeguard information will be included in the Summer Shoreline. 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](http://register.sealbeachca.gov).

## EDISON COMMUNITY GARDENS CLEAN UP DAY

Staff coordinated a quarterly community garden cleanup on February 4, from 8:00am – 12:00pm at the Edison Park Community Gardens. Attending a minimum of one garden cleanup annually is mandatory for all gardeners to participate in the program. The other dates for the Clean up dates are:

- May 6, 2023
- August 12, 2023
- November 4, 2023





## WINTER SAVING EFFORTS

The City continues its water saving efforts and produced a sizable savings in the month of January. In January 2023, the City had water savings of 21% relative to January 2021, which equates to 13 million gallons of water or roughly 700 swimming pools. For water savings tips and resources, please visit our Water Conservation webpage at sealbeachca.gov.



## WATER DIVISION UPDATE

Water Division staff replaced a malfunctioning 8-inch gate valve in Leisure World. Valves are located throughout the water system and are used to isolate sections of line during system repairs and maintenance activities.

## MAINTENANCE DIVISION UPDATE

Our Maintenance Division continues to work diligently throughout the City conducting various tasks to keep the City maintained and looking good. During the last couple of weeks, staff has worked to clear and remove fallen trees, branches, and debris after the latest storms. Pictured is maintenance staff removing a fallen tree at Gum Grove Park.



## ZOETER DOG PARK BENCHES

Public Works staff installed the new and much anticipated doggy bone shaped benches at Zoeter Dog Park.



@k9yosa

## YOSA'S DOG BLOG

Yosa cannot wait to see all of her 2023 coloring page submissions. Be sure to check out her Instagram to see the submissions.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY 2023

17 - 19      **SIDEWALK SALE**  
MAIN STREET

## MARCH 2023

1 - 5      **NASHVILLE ON THE COAST**  
MAIN STREET

18      **DUMP DAY**  
PW YARD



# CALIFORNIA DROUGHT UPDATE

## FEBRUARY 1, 2023

### Current Conditions

- As a result of nine atmospheric river storms in late December and early January, the Oroville and San Luis reservoirs have gained a combined 1,620,000 acre-feet of water. That is roughly enough to provide water to 5.6 million households for a year.
- Statewide snowpack is 205 percent of average for this time of year. In the past three weeks of storms, the Sierra snowpack water content increased by 21.2 inches of water, which is 80 percent of the water contained in a full seasonal snowpack. This data comes from the state's automated snow sensor network, and we will get a clearer picture of the statewide snowpack in the weeks ahead with aerial snow survey flights and manual surveys.
- These storms have not ended the drought. While the winter season has started impressively, an important measurement will be April 1 when the snowpack is typically at its highest. This is a time for cautious optimism, as uncertainty remains about what the remainder of the season may bring. A return to dry weather could wipe out some of the recovery we've had this year.
- Conditions may yet change dramatically, as we saw last winter. October and December 2022 brought powerful storms, but the bounty of those storms was offset by weather in January, February, and March that was the driest for those months on record.
- California is taking advantage of the runoff of nine atmospheric rivers that reached California in late December and early January to raise storage above and below ground. Those storms built the Sierra Nevada snowpack to above-average levels, which should also improve water storage levels when the snow melts this spring.
- "California's Water Supply Strategy, Adapting to a Hotter, Drier Future" aims to expand supplies by 1.6 million acre-feet by 2030, in addition to creating more than 3 million acre-feet of new storage. The strategy intensifies state focus on supply actions in the 2020 Water Resilience Portfolio and also invites the Legislature to help modernize regulatory processes to deliver projects faster.

*The California Drought Update is a weekly roundup of conditions, state actions and upcoming developments. It is produced by an interagency team that includes the California Natural Resources Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Public Health. For the latest on drought, please visit <https://drought.ca.gov>. For tips and resources for conserving water, please visit [www.saveourwater.com](http://www.saveourwater.com). The update will be provided every two weeks.*



# LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES



*In today's technology driven world, lithium-ion batteries are powering electric vehicles, cell phones, e-bikes, laptops, toys, smoke alarms and power tools. These batteries can be dangerous if they overheat, and can cause a fire or explosion. Keep yourself and your family safe by keeping these safety tips in mind.*



*According to the Data Bridge Market Research, global lithium-ion battery market was valued at 6.70 billion in 2021 and is expected to reach 26.28 billion by 2029.*



**Orange County  
Fire Authority**

**(714) 573-6200**  
**ocfa.org**



## Lithium-ion battery fires can:

- Emit toxic gasses within seconds
- Burn hotter and faster than others
- Can't be smothered like other fires
- Can cause explosions within seconds
- An extinguished fire can reignite up to 21 days later!

## Safety Tips

- Purchase batteries that are listed by a Nationally Recognized Testing Lab (NRTL)
- Know the manufacturer instructions and safety information for use, storage, charging and maintenance
- Never overload your outlet when charging any device with a lithium-ion battery
- Never place the batteries in direct sunlight or a hot vehicle
- Store batteries in a cool, dry location

## Charging and disposal

- Charge the device properly and only with the cords that came with the device
- Unplug the device once it is fully charged
- Do not charge batteries when the environment is below freezing (32F) or too hot (130F)
- Never charge the device under a pillow, on your bed or on a couch.
  - Keep lithium-ion batteries away from combustible materials when charging.
- Never throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash
- Contact your local recycling center or waste management department for proper disposal
- Do not put discarded batteries together in a container or pile

## Warning signs

- Unusual odor
- Change in color
- Too hot to the touch
- Change in shape
- Not keeping a charge
- Smoking or sparking when plugging in
- Unusual Noises (popping, hissing, buzzing)
- Leaking of liquid

## If you have a fire from a lithium-ion battery

- Leave the area immediately as the batteries give off toxic gasses and burn extremely hot, with explosions occurring in seconds
- Call 9-1-1
- DO NOT try to fight or extinguish the fire







# PRESS RELEASE

*Seal Beach Police Department  
911 Seal Beach Boulevard, Seal Beach, CA 90740*

February 6, 2023

Contact: Lieutenant Julia Clasby  
(562) 799-4100 ext. 1161  
jclasby@sealbeachca.gov

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## SEAL BEACH POLICE CITIZENS' ACADEMY

SEAL BEACH, CA. – The Seal Beach Police Department will be hosting a Citizens' Academy beginning in March 2023.

The Citizens' Academy was developed to provide the public with an understanding of law enforcement's role in the community. This ten-week program offers an overview of the Seal Beach Police Department's structure, philosophy, operations, and services. Through hands-on demonstrations and exercises, participants will experience a variety of activities that police officers deal with on a daily basis. They will also have the opportunity to go on ride-alongs with Seal Beach officers.

The Citizens' Academy will meet one night a week for ten consecutive weeks. Each session will be held at the Seal Beach Police Department on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM to 9:45 PM. The class dates are March 29th, April 5th, April 12th, April 19th, April 26th, May 3rd, May 10th, May 17th, May 24th, and May 31st. There will be a graduation ceremony on the tenth week of the Citizens' Academy. Each participant will receive a graduation certificate and a special souvenir from the department.

The information covered during each week's session will help the community gain knowledge of police operations, units, procedures, and protocols. The expectations of the Citizens' Academy are to develop a stronger relationship between the community and police department, and to make Seal Beach an even safer city.



The curriculum is designed to be an overview of the police department and is not intended to serve as training for a career in law enforcement. Topics include:

- Seal Beach Police Department Organizational Structure / Chain of Command
- Roles in Law Enforcement
- Ethics and Police Professionalism
- Detective Bureau / Criminal Investigations
- Narcotics and DUI Investigations
- Police Canines
- Use of Force
- Patrol Operations and Traffic Stops
- Shoot / Don't Shoot Scenarios
- Traffic Enforcement and Collision Investigation
- Shooting Range and Firearms Training
- CPR Certification
- Coroner Investigations
- Orange County Fire Authority Presentation
- Seal Beach Marine Safety / Lifeguards Presentation
- Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) Presentation

The Citizens' Academy is open to a maximum of 18 participants at this time, with future academy sessions being considered. In order to participate in the Citizens' Academy, applicants must be at least 18 years of age, live or work in Seal Beach, and must not have any misdemeanor or felony convictions. Selection procedures require completion of an application, modified personal history statement, and a criminal background check. After completion of the selection process, applicants will be mailed a confirmation letter indicating acceptance into the program and other details.

Chief Michael Henderson shared, "The Citizens' Academy is one of our favorite ways to invite the community to the police department so that they can learn about what we do. We encourage anyone who has an interest to apply."

To obtain more information about the program or to request an application, please contact Sergeant Joe Garcia at [jfgarcia@sealbeachca.gov](mailto:jfgarcia@sealbeachca.gov) or (562) 799-4100 ext. 1649.

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