



OFFICIAL CITY MANAGER newsletter

November 14, 2023

city notes

City Council Meetings

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

Planning Commission Meetings

Mon, Nov. 20 - 7:00 p.m. - CANCELLED

Mon, Dec. 4 - 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

November 23 & 24, 2023 (Thanksgiving)

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.



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Seal Beach Christmas Tree Lighting Saturday, November 18th



The Christmas Tree Lighting, produced in partnership with the Seal Beach Chamber of Commerce, is on Saturday, November 18th at Eisenhower Park from 4:00pm-7:00pm. The event features photos with Santa, sledding, snow play, arts and crafts, a life-sized Snowman, refreshments, and lots of good old-fashioned Holiday Cheer!

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:



CITY DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

FOR PERIOD OF NOVEMBER 5 - NOVEMBER 18, 2023

RECREATION

- There are currently 1,495 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 322 pickleball members and 80 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.

PUBLIC WORKS

In preparation for the upcoming slurry seal projects in the College Park East and College Park West neighborhoods, crack seal operations have begun. Crack sealing enhances the overall durability of the road by minimizing water infiltration and providing a stable foundation for the slurry seal application.



SBPD

- The annual Turkey Trot 5K/10K will take place on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Due to the size of this event, streets will be closed to ensure runner safety. Allow for extra time for travel and possible traffic delays. Any questions can be sent to Turkey Trot Jason Bruton runlegacyevents@gmail.com
- During the month of December, the Seal Beach Police Department is teaming up with Target in Seal Beach for the Heroes and Helpers Community Outreach Event. This event helps underserved youth shop for gifts for themselves and their families. Those selected will be visited by Seal Beach Police Officers and Santa Cop! Nominations for families in need can be sent to Officer Kendra Owen or Officer David Rael-Brook no later than Sunday, December 1, 2023, by 5:00pm.

WEST CITIES POLICE COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Center Phone Calls over the last 7 days:

- 911 Calls: 531
- Non-Emergency Calls: 1,971
- Total Calls: 2,502

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

- 1,561

CITY UPDATES

Recreation Department Updates Senior Services

WINTER 2023-24 SHORELINE BROCHURE

The Fall Shoreline was posted online on Friday, November 3rd and registration began on Monday, November 13th. Recreation classes, surf, swim lessons, and Junior Lifeguard information are all included in the Winter Shoreline. Registration can take place in person at City Hall, by mail with check payable to the City of Seal Beach, or online at <https://register.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 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.

SENIOR CARD GAMES

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 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.



NEW RECREATION SPECIALIST



The Recreation and Community Services Division is excited to welcome our newest Recreation Specialist, Nathan Caukin. Nathan was born and raised in Santa Clarita, California. He graduated from California State University, Long Beach, where he was an active member and officer of the CSULB Recreation Society and Men's Rugby Team. He is an avid lover of contact sports and lifting heavy weights. He has a can-do attitude with no task being too big nor too small. The best time spent for him is anything he can do next to his son Wolfe!

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

email:
AskCityHall@sealbeachca.gov

CITY UPDATES

Recreation Department Updates (Cont.)

ALL SPORTS LEAGUES



The Men's Wednesday Softball League had their playoff games for the Fall 2023 season on November 8th, and the winning team for that League is Zooters. They are a returning team and won last season's league as well. They are a group of friends who live in the area and grew up playing baseball.

COMMUNITY GARDENS CLEAN UP



Staff coordinated a quarterly community garden cleanup on November 4th, from 8:00am – 12:00pm at the Edison Park Community Gardens. This event included the drop off 3 pallets of bagged compost for the gardeners there. The compost was made available from the green waste program with OC Waste and Recycling. There are four cleanups that are scheduled throughout the year, and attending a minimum of one garden cleanup annually is mandatory for all gardeners to participate in the program.

SEAL BEACH TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL CENTER REMODEL



Work at the Seal Beach Tennis and Pickleball Center is ongoing. The construction crew has almost completed demolition of the club house interior.

CITY UPDATES

Seal Beach Police Department Updates

Wyatt, a 1st grader won the PTA Silent Auction at the McGaugh carnival last month. This prize included donuts and a ride to school with the Community Oriented Policing Team (C.O.P) - Officer Kendra Owen and Officer David Rael-Brook. Congratulations Wyatt, we love your style and hope you had a great time!



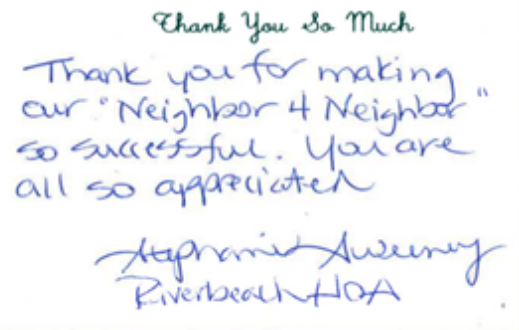
ANIMAL CONTROL UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL

Captain Nicholas provided an update to the Seal Beach City Council regarding the in-house animal control program. This presentation showcased the successes and lessons learned since the program was launched on July 1st.



NEIGHBOR 4 NEIGHBOR MEET AND GREET

Sergeant Brian Gray coordinated a Neighbor 4 Neighbor meet and greet at the Riverbeach Townhomes on October 28th, and we received this card from the organizer expressing their appreciation.



Seal Beach Police Department Updates (Cont.)

- Captain Nicholas attended the California Mobility and Parking Association conference in San Jose, where he showcased his experience by taking an active role. His presentation and moderation of a panel on front-line parking enforcement contributed valuable insights to the conference attendees, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing among professionals in the field.
- Boeing Seal Beach requested Police Facility Dog Yosa to spend time at their facility highlights the recognition of the therapeutic and comforting role that animals, especially trained police facility dogs, can play in times of distress. This gesture not only showcases the collaboration between law enforcement and corporate entities, but also underscores the understanding of the positive impact that such interactions can have on the well-being of employees facing difficult circumstances.
- The closure of the Old Town parking survey on Nov. 17th emphasizes the urgency for residents, employees, visitors, and business owners to share their perspectives. This survey serves as a democratic tool, enabling diverse voices to contribute to decision-making processes and ensuring that parking solutions align with the needs and preferences of the community.
- The Community Oriented Policing Team attended the E-Bike Safety Summit with other coastal communities. The purpose of the summit is to review current laws, municipal codes, and towing authorities around the county to ensure all cities are on the same page when it comes to safely enforcing E-Bike regulations.
- Captain Ezroj will be attending the Orange County Traffic Safety Summit. This is part of the Office of Traffic and Safety Grant (OTS) to address and assist all cities with enforcement events. This one-day summit also allows departments to schedule and collaborate traffic enforcement activities.
- Lieutenant Clasby will attend the SWAT Quarterly Meeting with other SWAT Commanders around Orange County to discuss SWAT callouts, training procedures and legal updates. This information will then be passed down to the department staff who work on the SWAT Team to ensure everyone is up to date on legal matters.

Community Development

The Initial Study for the Environmental Impact Report related to the Housing Element and Zoning Code Update is available for public review and comment on the City's website at www.bit.ly/SBEnviro. The public is encouraged to send written comments on the document to Planning Manager Shaun Temple (stemple@sealbeachca.gov) by December 15, 2023. Additionally, the document will be presented and public comment taken at the Environmental Quality Control Board meeting on December 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm in City Council Chambers. Please join us!

City Clerk

At the Regular City Council Meeting of November 13, 2023, the City Council:

- Recognized OCFA Fire Captain Steve King for 45 years in the Fire Service with the Orange County Fire Authority.
- Proclaimed the Year 2023 as the 100th Anniversary of the Woman's Club of Seal Beach.

The Orange County Transportation Authority's Senior Program Manager Jeff Mills and General Manager of Express Lanes Program Kirk Avila provided an update on the I-405 Improvement Project.

Police Captain Nick Nicholas provided an update on the Animal Control Program.

Public Works Updates

WELCOME OUR NEW WATER OPERATOR



The Public Works Department welcomes our newest Water Operator, Kevin Kelly, to the team. Kevin previously worked for Santa Margarita Water District as a Construction Inspector where he ensured construction compliance with engineering plans, contract specifications, and statutory standards during the construction of capital improvement projects. As a Water Operator, Kevin will be assisting with the City's valve maintenance program, water system maintenance and repairs, and water well operations. Welcome to the team, Kevin!

CONGRATULATIONS, JACK CORRIGAN!

The Public Works Department is excited to announce the promotion of Jack Corrigan to Maintenance Worker! Jack started with the City of Seal Beach in 2015 as a Maintenance Aide assisting full-time staff with various tasks and projects. Throughout the years Jack has become a reliable and integral part of the team, always willing to assist wherever needed. Jack has become the quintessential Jack-of-all-trades, proficient in street striping, asphalt and concrete work, tree pruning, sanitary sewer line cleaning, and water system repairs, to name a few. We are thrilled to have Jack join our Utilities Division where he'll be helping in the maintenance and repair of the City's water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure. Congratulations Jack!



WESTMINSTER DRAINAGE CHANNEL CLEAN-UP

The drainage channel that runs alongside Westminster Avenue has been cleared of all debris in preparation for the upcoming storm season.

This drainage channel discharges stormwaters from the southern portion of Leisure World to Los Alamitos Retarding Basin where it is then pumped into the San Gabriel River.



Public Works Updates (Continued)

WEST END PUMP STATION HYDRORANGERS

Two new HydroRanger level monitors have been installed at West End Pump Station, in preparation for the upcoming storm season. The ultrasonic monitors provide the station controllers with real-time measurements of the basin water level. The controllers start up the storm pumps when the programmed set point is reached.



BIANNUAL CATCH BASIN CLEANING



The City's contractor, Ron's Maintenance, has removed all dirt, silt, trash, and other deposited pollutants from 220 City catch basins just in time for the first rain of the winter rainy season. You can help too! Please remember to pick up all trash and debris that may wash into storm drain inlets or gutters. Grass, leaves, and other yard wastes clog the drainage system and pollute our environment. Remember, all storm drains flow directly into the ocean.

Yosa's Dog Blog



Yosa & Captain Nicholas have hit the big-time!

@rib.art

Safety Marine Department RED RIBBON WEEK AT MCGAUGH ELEMENTARY

The Seal Beach Lifeguard Department is sending one of its own to New Zealand. Jackson Lawrence will represent our town as well as the Marine Safety Department as part of the California Surf Lifesaving Association (CSLSA) exchange program. Lawrence, who attended McGaugh and graduated from Los Alamitos High School, was selected from a pool of statewide candidates to participate in the program with New Zealand lifeguard departments. Lawrence and his partner, Vianne Kelly from LA City Lifeguards, will spend six weeks sharing lifesaving ideas, techniques and equipment with their Kiwi counterparts.

“I’m very honored to have been selected for this exchange,” said Lawrence. “I’ve wanted to be a part of this program ever since I heard about it. It’s exciting.”

Starting in 1969, the program has allowed two lifeguards from each country to travel across the globe to promote and maintain a long-lasting camaraderie between associations. This past summer, lifeguards from New Zealand visited Southern California beaches, including Seal Beach. This is only the fourth time in its more than 50-year history that a Seal Beach Lifeguard has been selected.

“Lawrence will bring his lifeguarding skills and abilities learned in Seal Beach to collaborate with the Kiwis and apply them abroad. As a department, we look forward to hearing about his experiences and the knowledge he will bring back from this adventure,” said Lt. Nick Bolin. “We are thrilled to have our own Seal Beach Lifeguard representing California Surf Lifesaving and the City of Seal Beach overseas.”

Lawrence and Kelly will head to Auckland in December, staying with host families and experiencing the peak of the New Zealand summer.

A fundraiser will be held at O’Malley’s on Main Street on Tuesday, November 21st at 6pm. A portion of the night’s sales will be donated to the Seal Beach Lifeguard Association and the exchange program. Additionally, the SBLA is selling T-shirts to help cover the travel costs on behalf of Jackson Lawrence. Please visit the link below if you are interested in purchasing a T-Shirt.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 18
November 23

Christmas Tree Lighting
Community Thanksgiving Dinner