



November 17, 2017

CITY NOTES

City Council Meeting

Monday, November 27, 2017
(cancelled due to Thanksgiving)

Planning Commission Meeting

Monday, November 20, 2017

Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

City Council and Commission Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at Seal Beach City Hall, 211 8th Street. Visit

www.sealbeachca.gov for a complete list of meetings and events.

Find us on Facebook

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Holiday Closures:

Thursday, November 23, 2017

Friday, November 24, 2017

Due to Thanksgiving

OCFA Annual Toy Drive

Once again the Orange County Fire Authority will be participating in the Annual Spark of Love Toy Drive Campaign. Along with its partners ABC7, the United States Marine Corps, Orange County Social Services and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, OCFA will be collecting and providing over 175,000 toys to the 350+ nonprofit organizations who distribute toys throughout Orange County to children in need. Beginning November 13 - December 24, Seal Beach residents are asked to drop-off unwrapped new toys to Station 44 at 718 Central Avenue or Station 48 at 3131 N. Gate Road. This year marks the 25th anniversary of this Southern California tradition of giving during the holidays.



SPARK OF LOVE
TOY DRIVE
SOCAL FIREFIGHTERS
MARINE CORPS RESERVE
TOYS FOR TOTS



Arbor Dog Park Survey

The Community Services Department is currently evaluating the need for a small dog area within the Arbor Dog Park. Temporary fencing has been installed at the dog park, to create a separate area for small dogs (25 lbs. or less). The Community Services Department has created a survey to conduct the public outreach component of the project. The survey is located online, and at Arbor Dog Park. There are two locations at the park, one at the main entrance of the dog park and one at the small dog entrance. The survey will close in January 2018; the data will be collected and evaluated to better serve the needs of the community. Staff anticipates presenting the results of the survey at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting in February 2018. [Click here to take the survey!](#)



Severe Weather Preparation

Orange County residents should be prepared for flooding, and also for flash flooding that can occur suddenly due to heavy rainfall in a short period of time.



Make a Kit, Make a Plan, and Stay Informed

- Make a disaster kit that is portable in case you have to evacuate.
- Have an evacuation plan.
- Keep valuables, documents, and medicines in one place for quick access.
- Have a car ready to go with at least half a tank of gas.
- Have a family communication and re-unification plan.
- Sign up for AlertOC at www.alertoc.com

During a Flood

- If on foot, do not attempt to walk through floodwaters. Go directly to higher ground. Six inches of swiftly moving water can sweep you off your feet.
- Keep children and pets away from floodwaters, storm drains, and sewers.
- Never drive into a flooded area. Most cars can be swept away by less than two feet of water.
- If your car stalls and water is rapidly rising around you, immediately get out and move to higher ground.
- Be prepared to evacuate at a moment's notice.

Evacuation

- Grab your disaster kit and follow your evacuation plan.
- If time permits, disconnect appliances and turn off all lights.
- Lock windows and doors in your home before leaving.
- If you evacuate by car, do not drive past barricades, or where water is covering the road.
- Stay on recommended evacuation routes, as shortcuts may be blocked.

Inspect your roof for leaks and have them repaired immediately.

- Clean out rain gutters, downspouts, and roof drains.
- Inspect the storm drains in the street. If they are clogged, report them to public works.
- If you have a pool, keep an eye on its water level. Overflows may cause damage to your home.
- Apply netting and straw mulch on steep slopes.
- Inspect all yard drains frequently for debris.
- Have sandbags, plywood, or plastic sheeting available to direct the storm flow away from your home.

Backup Generator at Pump Station 35



The new backup generator at Old Town Pump Station 35 was put to the test during the recent Edison power pole replacements in Old Town. During the outage, the station was fully operational, providing for sewer services throughout the duration of the outage event, from approximately 9am until 9pm. Staff was present at the station, working in shifts to ensure equipment was working as designed, while monitoring all conditions of the pump station. During power outages, it is protocol for stations to have stand-by staff in the event of an equipment breakdown. Crews are equipped to make repairs, and switch leading pumps, if need be.

Holiday Cooking Safety

Whether you're baking cookies or preparing a family feast, following a few safety tips will help you spend time with loved ones, not firefighters, in the kitchen this holiday season.



- Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling, or boiling food. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires.
- Check food often while cooking. If you're entertaining guests, use a timer to remind you that the stove or oven is on.
- Wear short, close fitting, or tightly rolled up sleeves when cooking.
- Keep cooking areas clear. Pot holders, paper towels, wooden utensils, and even cookbooks can be fire hazards if left too close to the stove, oven, or other kitchen appliance.
- Clean cooking surfaces regularly to prevent grease buildup.
- Make sure children and pets stay at least three feet from the oven, stove, hot food, and hot liquids.

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving season from the folks at the Orange County Fire Authority, and remember to test your smoke alarms each month to make sure they are working properly. After all, safety is "NO" accident!



Children's Toy Drive



The City of Seal Beach is grateful to be participating in Honoring our Fallen's Children's Toy Drive this holiday season. Honoring our Fallen is a volunteer-based organization, dedicated to serving our Nation's fallen and the families these heroes have left behind.

City Hall will be collecting unwrapped toys now until Monday, December 11th to donate to the children of fallen soldiers. There are two collection boxes in City Hall, one on each floor. The Community Services Department is hosting its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9th at 8:00 a.m. in the Marina Community Center; attendees of this event are encouraged to bring a toy to donate to Honoring our Fallen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2017

18 **Tree Lighting Ceremony, 4pm**
Eisenhower Park

DECEMBER 2017

1 **Holiday Parade, 7pm**
Main Street

9 **Breakfast with Santa, 8-10:30am**
Marina Community Center

10 **Menorah Lighting, 5-7pm**
Eisenhower Park