



December 18, 2017

## CITY NOTES

### City Council Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018  
Monday, January 22, 2018

### Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, January 2, 2018  
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

### Recreation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

City Council and Commission Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at Seal Beach City Hall, 211 8th Street. Visit [www.sealbeachca.gov](http://www.sealbeachca.gov) for a complete list of meetings and events.

### Find us on Facebook

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### Holiday Closure:

Monday, December 25, 2017 through Monday, January 1, 2018

## Happy Holidays from Seal Beach!



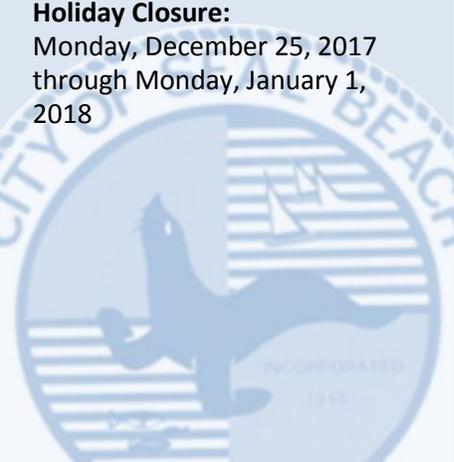
The Holiday Season is in full swing here in Seal Beach! In the past few weeks, we've had multiple visits from Santa Claus at the Tree Lighting, Parade and Breakfast with Santa. The Tree Lighting took place on Saturday, November 18th and included sledding in the snow, caroling and holiday movies.

The Holiday Parade took place on Friday, December 1st. Over 106 groups participated in the parade, making a memorable evening for all. City Staff deco-

rated a City truck to create the Christmas Magic in Seal Beach float. The City of Seal Beach is raising money for the Make-a-Wish foundation. Make-A-Wish grants the wishes of children with critical illnesses, providing them and their families with once-in-a-lifetime experiences and lifelong memories. In the United States, on average, the foundation helps grant a wish every 34 minutes. We're excited to support Make-A-Wish and the families they serve! Our goal is to raise \$5,000 by Christmas!

Contributions are fully deductible for federal income tax purposes. Please join us in helping make a child's wish come true! [Click here to donate!](#)

Breakfast with Santa took place in the Marina Center on Saturday, December 9th. The event included a pancake breakfast, holiday crafts, bounce house, and photos with Santa. The Annual Chanukah Menorah Lighting also took place on Sunday, December 10th.



# Holiday Décor Safety Tips

OCFA would like to remind everyone to be safe this holiday season when decorating inside and outside the house. Putting up lights and candles and holiday decorations can be fun. But, safety is no accident and everyone needs do their part in staying safe.

 Lit candles are dangerous and should never be left unattended. If you are unable to watch candles, you should use lights instead. Holiday light sets come in so many different colors and shapes and can make any home look cheery.

 The more lights you use, the more you'll need places to plug them in. Make sure you use a surge protector and don't overload your electrical outlets.

 Decorate with materials that don't catch fire easily. Look for the decorations that are clearly marked "non-flammable" or "flame-retardant".

 If your family celebrates Christmas and you use a real Christmas tree, remember to keep it watered and away from any heat sources like a fire place or heat vent. That way the tree doesn't dry out faster and accidently catch fire.

 Don't block exits with decorations. In the event of fire, people need to have a clear, easy way to exit each room in your home.

 Use caution when climbing and using ladders. Never use the top rung as a step. Make sure all rungs/steps are free of slippery materials, and make sure the ladder is placed on even ground.

Orange County Fire Authority would like to wish everyone in Seal Beach a healthy, happy, and SAFE holiday season!



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



Once again the Orange County Fire Authority is 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 13th - December 24th, 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 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Southern California tradition of giving during the holidays.



## Los Alamitos Unified School District 2018-19 Academic Calendar

For the 2018-19 School Calendar, **school will start on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 for Weaver and on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 for all other sites.** Schools will now start in early August, end at the end of May, include week-long breaks at Thanksgiving, in February, and April, include a two-week break in December, and the first semester will end at the winter break. We will continue to offer child care options for families during the break periods. You can find specific school calendars for the current school year and the next two years on our website at <http://www.losal.org/schoolcalendars>.

## Seal Beach Police Explorers

On November 11th and 12th, the Seal Beach PD Explorer Post #1041 competed in the 2017 OCLEEA Explorer Competition against 50 other teams from all over Southern California. They came home with a 4th place finish in the event "Vehicle Assault". Congratulations to all the Seal Beach Explorers, your hard work paid off and you've made our department very proud!

