Last week Public Works crews installed a Solar Radar Speed sign in College Park West on Harvard Drive. This radar feedback sign is aimed to reduce speeds by encouraging drivers to obey speed limits while utilizing solar power to reduce maintenance and operating costs. This sign meets the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) specifications issued by the Federal Highway Administration. Staff worked with Council Member Tom Moore on this project in his ongoing effort to address resident concerns and improve safety in College Park West.
Inspecting Sewer Lines

The Sewer Division recently contracted Closed Circuit Television inspections (CCTV) on the 8” sewer main at the 600 block of Ocean Ave. A service call was routed to Public Works regarding a potential sewer issue causing leakage and other emergency conditions resulting in a CCTV inspection to verify the situation. The CCTV inspection was a good opportunity to view the pipes’ performance and condition, while indicating that the faulty pipe is what’s known as a lateral sewer line. The Sewer Division maintains sewer mainlines, but lateral pipes are the customer’s responsibility. Most often, laterals are subject to incursion by tree roots, which find their way through faulty pipes.

Save the Date!

NWS Seal Beach Joint Land Use Study

Your Input Matters!

April 4 & 5, 2018

Community Open House

Naval Weapons Seal Beach Joint Land Use Study (JLUS)

You are invited to attend one of the two upcoming Community Open Houses to learn about the JLUS process and the compatibility issues that have been identified. Each open house will begin with a presentation to provide an update on the JLUS process followed by stations, which will be set up with maps, brochures, and a survey to get further input on the compatibility issues identified.

The materials presented will be the same for each open house, so choose a date and location that is most convenient for you!

First Open House:

Date: Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Marina Center
151 Marina Drive
Seal Beach, CA 90740

Second Open House:

Date: Thursday, April 5, 2018
Time: 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Fire Station #48
1313 North Gate Road
Seal Beach, CA 90740

For More Information Contact:

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Stay up-to-date on the NWS Seal Beach JLUS at www.sealbeachjlus.com
National Tsunami Preparedness Week

March 26th through March 30th is National Tsunami Preparedness Week. The City of Seal Beach in cooperation with the State of California, Office of Emergency Services (Cal-OES) and the Orange County Emergency Management Division will be taking an active role in promoting public education and awareness about tsunami preparedness.

“Tsunami WalkOut”

To bring awareness to the danger posed by tsunamis, the State of California is encouraging all affected municipalities to participate in a “Tsunami WalkOut”. The phrase “Tsunami WalkOut” represents a tsunami evacuation drill, similar to the term “ShakeOut” for the earthquake preparedness campaign.

The Seal Beach Police Department will participate in a “Tsunami WalkOut” exercise on Wednesday March 28th. This exercise will be accomplished by having a group of volunteers from the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPS) walk from a tsunami danger zone to a tsunami safe zone. Experts recommend that people evacuate by foot when a tsunami warning is issued. This reduces the chance of evacuees getting stuck in traffic if they try to leave by car.

The objective of the exercise is to raise public awareness regarding tsunami preparedness by participating in the state-wide initiative and to identify the tsunami evacuation route through a “real-world” exercise that will highlight the desired action in the event of an actual tsunami Warning.

Tsunami/Rip Current Kiosk

Cal-OES, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) assisted the City of Seal Beach in creating a Tsunami/Rip Current kiosk that covers Seal Beach inundation areas and evacuation routes, and rip current and beach safety information. The kiosk has been installed at the southwest corner of Ocean Ave and Main St.

TsunamiReady Community

The City of Seal Beach is a TsunamiReady Community. This is a national certification issued by NOAA and NWS. To be recognized as a TsunamiReady Community there are a variety of criteria that must be met, including:

- Establish a 24-hour warning point and Emergency Operations Center.
- Have more than one way to receive tsunami warnings and alert the public.
- Promote public readiness through community education and distribution of information.
- Develop a formal tsunami plan, which includes holding emergency exercises.
- Comply with TsunamiReady guidelines.

Online resources for tsunami awareness:

- The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Tsunami Website
- Tsunami Education for Kids
- California Geological Survey - Tsunami Web Site
- http://myhazards.calema.ca.gov/
- http://www.tsunami.ca.gov
- http://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/geologic_hazards/Tsunami/Pages/TsunamiEducation.aspx
- http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/
- http://ntwc.arh.noaa.gov/?page=tsunamiFAQ

For more information please contact Corporal Julia Clasby of the Seal Beach Police Department at jclasby@sealbeachca.gov.

Source: National Weather Service
Seal Beach Police Department

Autism Awareness Month

April 1st - 30th

The month of April is recognized nationally as “Autism Awareness” month. Throughout the month of April, SBPD employees and volunteers will be sporting a specially designed patch to commemorate those with Autism, as well as the therapist, teachers, and doctors who have dedicated their lives to help those with Autism.

The puzzle pattern reflects the complexity of the autism spectrum. The different colors and shapes represent the diversity of the people and families living with the condition.

Patches are available for $10 each and can be purchased or picked up at the front desk of the Seal Beach Police Department. Methods of payment include cash, PayPal to (jfgarcia@sealbeachca.gov), checks to OCEVA with note (autism patch), and Venmo to (@sealbeachpoliceautism). A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Autism Partnership Foundation which is located in the City of Seal Beach.

Questions, or comments contact Corporal Joe Garcia
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