

April 9, 2018

## CITY NOTES

**City Council Meeting**

Monday, April 9, 2018

Monday, April 23, 2018

**Planning Commission Meeting**

Monday, April 16, 2018

**Recreation Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, April 25, 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.

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## Easter Weekend in Seal Beach



Family and friends gathered throughout the City to celebrate Easter weekend. Pictured below, residents come together in Edison Park for a neighborhood Easter egg hunt!



## Valve Exercising Program

The Seal Beach Water Department detected a leaky 8-inch gate valve while conducting the valve exercising program. After exposing the pipe, a broken bonnet plate was found. The Water Department worked with Leisure World staff to plan a water shut down so the valve could be replaced.







## McGaugh Crosswalk Redone

Crosswalk improvements have taken place over Spring Break near McGaugh Elementary School. Crosswalks received new paving and re-stripping to help alert motorists of pedestrians crossing Riveria Drive near Bolsa Avenue, and both crosswalks at Balboa Drive and Riveria Drive. Existing street striping was also freshened up, along with other crosswalks nearby. The window of opportunity to complete this work was small so as to not impact students or the community. Crosswalks near schools are typically yellow, highlighting “Safe Routes” as identified by the National Center for Safe Routes to School. More information can be found at <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>.



## Pothole Repairs Continue

The Public Works Streets Department has been busy repairing potholes throughout the City. Shown to the right, crews are paving a section of Adolfo Lopez Drive that needed full replacement.

This work required 11.5 tons of hot mix asphalt that was trucked in by a materials supplier in nearby Westminster. Asphalt paving this size is spread with a Skip Loader to ensure a safe working environment while providing a quality spread of materials. Public Works will rent other specialized equipment, such as asphalt rollers, to assist with compaction while completing a quality finished surface.



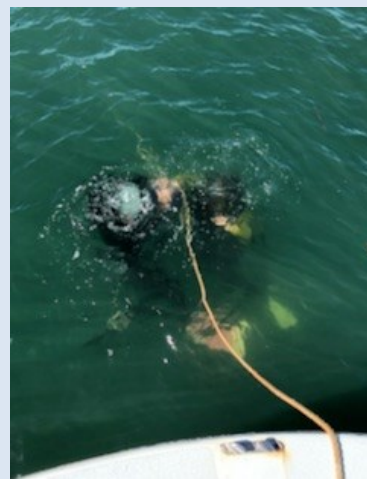


# Marine Safety Update

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## Lifeguard Deck Hand Training

Last Wednesday the Marine Safety Department held a deck hand, personal water craft, and scuba dive training for Beach Lifeguard Deck hands. The deck hand position works with the skipper on the rescue boat. This year we are training three beach lifeguards in how to be a deck hand. This position is filled with some of our most experienced lifeguards, as there is a large amount of knowledge and skill required to fill the position. Since the skipper is required to stay at the helm at all times, the deck hand is responsible for everything else: swimmer rescues, boat rescues, medical aids and much more. This is a competitive and highly desired position that requires years of experience and training.



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## Lifeguard Towers In Place

The Marine Safety Department moved all seven lifeguard towers into position on the beach in preparation for Spring Break. The towers are moved off the beach in October in order to facilitate winter berm construction and maintenance and are normally placed back into position before Spring Break. Lifeguards are looking forward to staffing the towers over the next few weeks.





# Hoarding and Fire Risk

*Extreme clutter creates serious health risks, increase fire danger, and impacts quality of life. Help is available if you or someone you know has ongoing difficulty getting rid of possessions that are no longer useful.*

*Hoarding affects up to six percent of the population, including 19 million Americans!*

## Hoarding Fire Risk

- Cooking is unsafe in a cluttered kitchen if flammable items are too close to the stove or oven.
- Heaters are often too close to furniture, boxes, stacks of paper, or other items that can burn.
- Electrical wires often fray under the weight of stacks or piles.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles can easily come into contact with excess clutter.
- Cramped living quarters result in narrow pathways and blocked exits.
- During a fire, stacks of belongings can easily fall over and entrap residents or firefighters.
- The weight of stored items, especially if the water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Excess clutter can make searching for, rescuing, or providing medical care to residents difficult or even impossible in a hoarding home.

## You Can Help

- Never ignore potential hoarding situations. Early intervention might save someone's life.
- When addressing hoarding, focus on risk prevention rather than clutter. Appeal to the resident's sense of safety and the well-being of family members, pets, neighbors, and first responders. Be caring and empathetic, not judgmental.
- Encourage the resident to start with small steps, such as installing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, clearing exit paths from each room, and creating a home escape plan.
- Discuss possible solutions and local resource, including the Orange County Task Force on Hoarding's Intervention Resource Guide at <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/bhs/about/aoabh/hoarding>.