CITY NOTES

City Council Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2019
Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Annual Council Budget Workshops
Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Planning Commission Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2019

City Hall Closures
Monday, May 27, 2019
Memorial Day

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.

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Leisure World Luncheon Honors Centenarians

On Tuesday, April 9th, Leisure World’s Golden Age Foundation held a luncheon to honor 24 Leisure World centenarians. The event was coordinated by dedicated volunteers and Leisure World residents, and more than 200 people were in attendance to celebrate the occasion. Mayor Tom Moore presented each centenarian with a commemorative certificate from the City. City employees and Council members donated funds to purchase flowers for the event, and some City employees volunteered to serve coffee during the luncheon. It was an honor to be part of such a momentous occasion and to celebrate these incredible Seal Beach residents!

Run Seal Beach Success

Winners from various categories in the 2019 Run Seal Beach marathon were honored at the City Council meeting on April 22nd. The event, which was held on April 6th, drew thousands of attendees from across Southern California for a day of fun, friendly competition and fundraising!
Concrete Panel Replacements

The Seal Beach Water Department has been busy making concrete panel replacements. Recent repairs to a water service line were completed, then pavement and surfaces were fully restored. Shown below, crews are pouring a full panel section in a concrete alleyway. High strength and fast setting concrete mixtures are being utilized so that the concrete develops necessary strengths at an earlier time. Using specialized concrete mixes allows for full traffic use when strengths are met. This alley was fully opened 7 days after replacement.

Beach Grading Underway

Beach Operations has worked to grade beach sand near the 8th Street Beach Lot. Sand accumulates near the parking lot wall and beach due to high winds and will eventually blow over into the parking lot. Over time this will erode the pavement. Crews are working to mitigate this by grading the sand toward the ocean. Shown above, beach crews are operating a rented bulldozer and are working in between populated beach times.
Hoarding affects up to six percent of the population, including 19 million Americans.

**Hoarding and Fire Risk**

Extreme clutter creates serious health risks, increases 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 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 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 resources, including the Orange County Task Force on Hoarding’s Intervention Resource Guide ([http://www.ochealthinfo.com/bhs/about/aoabh/hoarding](http://www.ochealthinfo.com/bhs/about/aoabh/hoarding)).