

CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 19, 2022
To: Harbor Commission
From: Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director
Subject: **Director's Report**

STEARNS WHARF 150TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

As a reminder, 2022 marks the 150th anniversary of the construction of Stearns Wharf, which was built by John Peck Stearns in 1872. Stearns Wharf is an iconic piece of infrastructure and is touted as one of the most highly visited landmarks in Santa Barbara.

In celebration of Stearns Wharf's 150th anniversary, the Waterfront Department has been working with the Stearns Wharf Merchant Association to hold a number of promotional events. One of the main events is "Wharf Wednesday" which takes place the first Wednesday of every month. Wharf Wednesday's include, firing of the historic Stearns Wharf cannon (6pm), live music, and specials at the Stearns Wharf businesses. Wharf Wednesday events are expected to build throughout the year with increasing activities throughout the summer. The main event is scheduled for October 8, 2022 which will include live music and an evening fireworks show.

We look forward to promoting Stearns Wharf throughout the year and encourage you to spread the word and come down and enjoy the festivities.

TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- City Attorney Discussion on Ethics and Conflict of Interest
- Clean Marina Program Update
- Proposed Waterfront Leases
- Reminder the July meeting will be cancelled

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