

# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA WATERFRONT DEPARTMENT

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 21, 2022  
**To:** Harbor Commission  
**From:** Mike Wiltshire, Waterfront Director  
**Subject:** **Director's Report**

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### RETURN OF WATERFRONT EVENTS

2022 has been a busy year at the Waterfront and has welcomed the return of all the usual pre-COVID events. Thus far the Waterfront has hosted a number of successful events including: Operation Clean Sweep, Nautical Swap Meet, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, and numerous Wharf Wednesday's.

Looking ahead, the Waterfront has a few more major events planned for the remainder of 2022. The celebration of Stearns Wharf 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary continues with Wharf Wednesday's planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month. These events include live music in the evenings along with the firing of the historic cannon at 6pm. Additionally, a larger celebration in honor of Stearns Wharf is scheduled for October 8, 2022. This will include live music, a fireworks display, and a possible visit from the Mystic Cruzar which is an 83-foot tall ship replica of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century coastal cargo schooner.

The big news this year is the return of the Harbor and Seafood Festival. Waterfront staff is in preparations now gearing up for a full return after two years off due to COVID. The 2022 Harbor and Seafood Festival will be held on October 15, 2022 and will feature live music, vendors, and a whole lot of local seafood. The date of the Harbor and Seafood Festival coincides with the kickoff of lobster season.

For the holidays, the Waterfront will be continuing the tradition of the Annual Parade of Lights, which will occur on Sunday, December 11, 2022. This will include festive activities on the City Pier, Santa, tree lighting at Stearns Wharf, fireworks show, and the parade of lights itself.

We're excited to be resuming these events after a couple years off. Mark your calendars and come down and enjoy the Waterfront.

### TENTATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- Reminder: August Meeting Cancelled
- Attorney Discussion On Conflict Of Interest
- Facilities Capital Projects Update
- Waterfront Fiscal Year 2022 Year-End Budget Report
- Proposed Waterfront Leases

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- Continued Discussion Of Vessel Insurance Requirements
- Continued Discussion Of Commercial Fishing Items

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