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Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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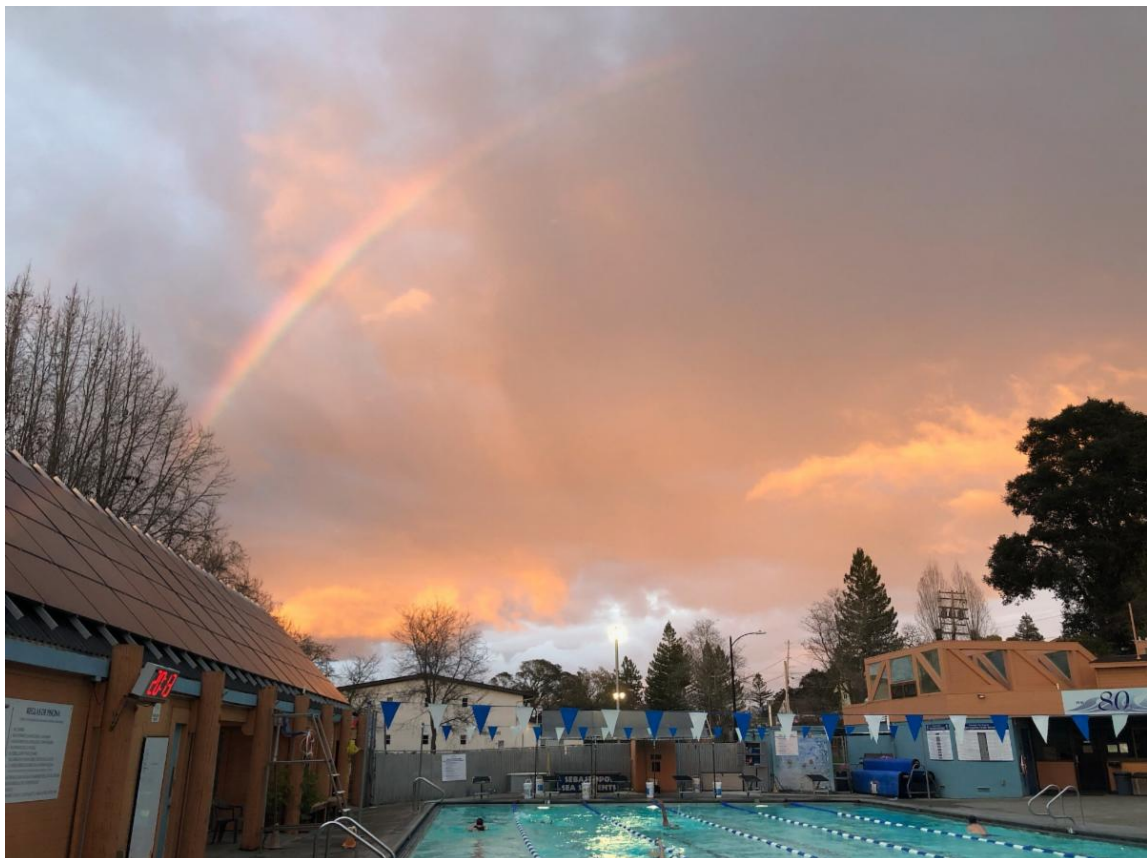


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UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS



Important budget meetings are coming up. The public is invited to join the meeting via Zoom. See the Meeting Page link for the meeting agenda and Zoom info.

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #5 - Capital Improvement Program Continued

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #2 - Police

Date: Wednesday, April 26, 2023

Time: 1:30 PM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #4 - Public Works Continued

Date: Monday, May 1, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #8 - Follow-up/Recap

Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

Have a say in how your tax dollars are spent!

AGENDA REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING - 4/25

Agenda Review Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

In Person Location: Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472



[Zoom Link](#)

[Meeting Page](#)

[Meeting Agenda](#)

APRIL 29 APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE DETOUR ROUTES & ROAD CLOSURES



Apple Blossom Main Street & Petaluma Avenue Detour Route

1. Petaluma Avenue (SR-116), from the intersection at Sebastopol Avenue (SR-12) south to where it intersects with Gravenstein Highway South (SR-116), will be converted in to a two way, north/south, direction roadway by the use of barriers and cones.
2. Westbound traffic on Sebastopol Avenue (SR-12) will be diverted onto southbound Petaluma Avenue.
3. Northbound traffic on Petaluma Avenue (SR-116) will be directed onto eastbound Sebastopol Avenue (SR-12).
4. On Gravenstein Highway South (SR-116), on the south end of town, traffic

that wants to travel through Sebastopol to get to the north county or west county area will be diverted onto westbound Lynch Road and then onto northbound Pleasant Hill Road.

5. Incoming eastbound traffic on Bodega Avenue will be diverted to either northbound Pleasant Hill Avenue or southbound Pleasant Hill Road depending on which direction their destination is.
6. Eastbound traffic on Gravenstein Highway North will be diverted onto Covert Lane. From Covert Lane the traffic will be routed onto Pleasant Hill Avenue in a southbound direction.

Apple Blossom Parade Road Closures

8 AM

- Southbound High School Road at East Hurlbut Avenue
- Northbound North Main Street at Healdsburg Avenue

9 AM

- Eddie Lane at North Main Street
- Analy Avenue at North Main Street
- Morris Street at the south driveway of the Community Center parking lot
- Johnson Street at Sunset Avenue & Laguna Park Way
- Bonnardel Avenue at Wallace Street

9:30 AM

- Petaluma Avenue converted to two-way (north/south) street between Petaluma Avenue and Gravenstein Highway South
- Wallace Street at North Main Street
- Safeway (406 North Main Street) parking lots exiting onto North Main Street
- Keating Avenue at North Main Street
- Wilton Avenue at North Main Street
- Umpqua Bank (201 North Main Street) parking lot exiting onto North Main Street
- Laguna Park Way at Petaluma Avenue
- McKinley Street at North Main Street
- Bodega Avenue at High Street (eastbound only)
- Bodega Avenue at North Main Street
- Sebastopol Avenue at North Main Street
- Burnett Street (east and westbound) at South Main Street
- Burnett Street at Petaluma Avenue
- Sebastopol Avenue at Petaluma Avenue
- Willow Street at South Main Street
- Calder Avenue at South Main Street
- Fannen Avenue at South Main Street and Petaluma Avenue (eastbound from Petaluma Avenue open)
- Walker Avenue at South Main Street and Petaluma Avenue (eastbound from Petaluma Avenue open)
- Maple Avenue at South Main Street
- Palm Avenue at South Main Street and Petaluma Avenue (eastbound from Petaluma Avenue open)

9:45 AM

- North Main Street at Healdsburg Avenue
- Eastbound Bodega at Pleasant Hill Avenue North (Local traffic ok, no through traffic)
- Healdsburg Avenue at Covert Lane (Local traffic ok, no through traffic)

Road closures will reopen when the parade concludes, sometime shortly after noon.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH LISTENING SESSIONS - 4/26

Are you a youth with ideas of how our community can better support mental well being for you?

Are you an adult with children experiencing mental health challenges or work with youth who are?

In collaboration with the [Sebastopol Community Cultural Center](#), [West County Community Services \(WCCS\)](#) is exploring how we can provide additional resources to support mental wellbeing for youth in our community.

Listening Sessions(Bilingual)
Hosted by SCCC Youth Programs
390 Morris St. in Sebastopol
Wednesday, April 26th
Adults from 10am to Noon
Youth (Age 12 to 18) from 4 to 6pm

Pre-registration is required:

Michael.Reynolds@westcountyservices.org

Space is Limited!

Questions? Michael Reynolds, Peer Programs Coordinator

michael.reynolds@westcountyservices.org

[En Español](#)



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THE APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE AND FESTIVAL ARE COMING SOON!

The Apple Blossom Parade & Festival are happening soon. This year's theme is Sonoma County Blossoms "Celebrate Sonoma County," and the event is sure to be filled with great food and entertainment for the whole family. You won't want to miss it. **Saturday April 29, 2023**, is the Festival &

Parade (Parade starts at 10am at Analy High School and runs down Main Street) and the Festival will continue through **Sunday, April 30, 2023**.

For more information visit appleblossomfest.com.

APPLE BLOSSOM
FESTIVAL AND PARADE
Sonoma County Blossoms!



CELEBRATE SONOMA COUNTY! APRIL 29 & 30 2023

SEBASTOPOL CALIFORNIA

THE BARLOW

SEBASTOPOL Chamber of Commerce

IVES PARK 7400 WILLOW ST, SEBASTOPOL

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY - MAY 6TH



Applying compost is one of many things you can do for the climate, it helps build soil health while retaining water!

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Time: 9am-12pm (or until the pile is gone)

Location: 425 Morris St. (behind the Community Center Youth Annex)

Bring: shovels, buckets or bags, tarps, gloves, pick-up truck

1/2 cubic yard per household (more available for school gardens or multi-family gardens)

The free compost events are provided by the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee, the City of Sebastopol, Zero Waste Sonoma, and WM Redwood of Novato.

Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is a group of dedicated citizens working to address the global climate emergency through local action.

Contact: ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org or Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com

UPCOMING MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS (MYN) CLASSES

MYN Classes

Being prepared together

Classes are on Zoom on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Upcoming Classes

May 17, 2023

June 21, 2023

Sign up for an upcoming MYN class [HERE](#).

See the [SebastopolReady Calendar](#) for a complete list of classes.

Learn more about the MYN program and classes [HERE](#).



ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) OPT-OUT PROGRAM INFORMATION



At the City of Sebastopol, we support offering our customers a choice in metering infrastructure. The AMI Opt-Out Program is for residential customers who prefer not to have the data collector/ transmitter installed with their water meter. The program allows customers to have their meter read manually at the end of every month at no additional cost to the customer.

Most customers look forward to having an automated meter installed at their home and taking advantage of the many benefits that this technology offers, such as fewer visits from field service representatives and immediate access to consumption information. However, if you are a City of Sebastopol residential customer and would prefer not to have an automated meter read at your home, Please call us at: **707-823-5331** or Email: citypw@cityofsebastopol.org.

Let one of our customer service representatives know that you would like to opt out of our automated meter program. The Opt-Out program allows customers who prefer not to have the data collector / transmitter with their water meter read manually at the end of every month at no additional cost to the customer.

[AMI Opt-out Application](#)

[AMI Opt-out FAQ](#)

SEBASTOPOL ELECTRIFICATION SURVEY

SURVEY ENDS

APRIL 30TH



The City of Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is conducting a brief survey to learn more about residents' views and needs related to switching from natural gas to electricity in their homes. We are pursuing this with the intention of reducing greenhouse gases and improving air quality. Your input will help guide the City's efforts on this issue.

Follow the link to share your input: <https://bit.ly/SebElectrificationSurvey>.

If you have any questions or issues with the survey, please contact ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org. You can learn more about the Climate Action Committee on the [City website](#).

Survey Ends: April 30, 2023

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Administrative Services Department
(Finance)**

[Accountant](#)

Deadline to Apply: Open Until Filled

See the city [website](#) for additional information and requirements on these current opportunities to participate in the management and growth in our community.



CITY NEWS

CITY MEETINGS

All meetings will be held both in-person and virtually and are open to the public to attend.

Meetings will be held at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472, and are open for in-person attendance.

Agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the City website by clicking

the “[Meetings](#)” link on the home page. Agendas will contain information about participating both in-person and virtually in real time when this feature is available.

City Council Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before the meeting:
 - **For Items Not on the Agenda:** Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items not on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the virtual City Council meeting. All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org
 - **For Items Listed on the Agenda:** Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items listed on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the agenda item during the virtual City Council meeting. **Email comments must identify the Agenda Item Number in the subject line of the email.** All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [City Council Meeting of May 2, 2023 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Planning Commission Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of April 25, 2023 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Design Review Board Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3:30pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to jjay@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of April 25, 2023 @ 3:30 PM](#)

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 1:30pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email

to ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of May 3, 2023 @ 1:30 PM](#)

Climate Action Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to jjay@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of May 9, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY AT LUTHER BURBANK EXPERIMENT FARM

The [Luther Burbank Experiment Farm](#) in Sebastopol is celebrating Earth Day 2023 with free activities on **Saturday, April 22, from 9 AM to 3 PM**

- 11 AM - tree planting demonstration
- 1 PM - Tree talk and Q&A with our fruit tree experts
- Every hour - free docent-led tours

This family-friendly event will feature free docent-led walks through the historic garden and farmstead; scavenger hunts with prizes; a tree planting demonstration; nursery and plant sales; carnival photo stand; and many many photo opportunities.

The nursery sales will include rare Burbank plants, and a tree planting demonstration by our farm curator, Jamie Self. The garden will be in bloom, and the sun will hopefully be shining as we celebrate and help protect our Earth together.

Location: Luther Burbank Experiment Farm, 7777 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472.

Questions? Contact wschscommunications@gmail.com

EARTH DAY

Luther Burbank
@ Experiment Farm

4.22.23
9 AM - 3 PM

FREE FAMILY FUN

JOIN US FOR FUN FARM ACTIVITIES, EDUCATION & CELEBRATION



Educational Stuff

Learn how to select the best fruit tree for your site and about grafting. Watch our fruit tree expert demonstrate the correct planting techniques to ensure success! Hellberg Butterfly garden will provide information on attracting pollinators. We'll also have a scavenger hunt worksheet for kids and adults!



History Stuff

Free guided docent tours on the hour describe this historic site and Burbank's legacy as a pioneer in agricultural science. Tours of the original cottage included!



Plant Stuff

Visit our nursery to purchase a variety of perennial (comes back!) plants including Burbank roses, daisies, cactus, heirloom fruit trees grown on the farm & more. Jams and jellies from Burbank fruit trees, t-shirts, books and other souvenirs will also be available!



**LUTHER BURBANK
EXPERIMENT FARM**
WESTERN SONOMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

7777 Bodega Avenue,
Sebastopol, CA 95472

707-829-2361

wschs.org/events/earth-day-2023/

WEST COUNTY FIX-IT FAIR - APRIL 29TH

**Free
Event!**



WEST COUNTY FIX-IT FAIR

**Saturday, April 29th
10am-2pm
El Molino High School**

BRING BY YOUR SIMPLE REPAIRS

- Bicycles
- Lamps, Small Appliances
- Clothing & Textiles
- Sharpening Service
- Wood + Metal Items



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SEBASTOPOL CARBON CONVERSATIONS - CAMPUS CLIMATE CONNECTIONS MAY 3RD



Campus Climate Connections

Climate education continues to evolve. Most schools are still trying to figure out how

best to include Climate Change and Climate Action as part of the regular curriculum. Some continue to ignore it completely. At this session, we'll hear from local educators and students about actual Climate projects and activities emerging on local campuses. We'll also discuss ways to create space for students to study and develop projects on this important topic and how to connect with local groups working on Climate.

Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Time: doors open at 6:30pm, presentation starts at 7pm followed by Q&A

Location: Sebastopol Grange, 6000 Sebastopol Ave, Hwy12, Sebastopol, CA

Cost: FREE

RSVP: [HERE](#)

Learn more at: <https://rahus.org/scc/>

[Sebastopol Carbon Conversations](#) is organized by The Rahu Institute and hosted by the Sebastopol Grange. The series takes a closer look at the many solutions for reversing global warming as presented in [Project Drawdown](#) and other sources. We'll learn from local organizations that are working on Climate solutions in agriculture, renewable energy, reducing waste, empowering women, transportation, building design, carbon sequestration, and more. Through this exploration, we'll discover where we each can take small to large steps and help shape a better future.

Contact Us



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