



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**SONOMA COUNTY TOWN HALL ON ELDERBERRY  
COMMONS TRANSITION - MAY 1ST**



The County of Sonoma will be hosting a town hall meeting on **Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6 p.m.** to respond to community questions about the transition plan for Elderberry Commons, formerly known as the Sebastopol Inn. The public will be invited to ask questions during the Zoom-based forum, which will be streamed live on the county's Facebook page and on YouTube in Spanish. The meeting will be hosted by Supervisor Lynda Hopkins.

Elderberry Commons is transitioning to a permanent supportive housing complex, which requires converting 28 individual shelter units plus two rooms used by staff. All 28 shelter units need to be vacated while rooms are converted to permanent supportive housing and they will reopen when construction is complete. This conversion was anticipated and required as a condition of the grant funding award through Project Homekey, a program by the state of California that provides local government agencies with funds to purchase and rehabilitate housing.

For frequently asked questions regarding the emergency shelter site, visit the county's Project Homekey webpage [HERE](#).

See the [Press Release](#) for more information and to register for the May 1st Town Hall.

El Condado de Sonoma organizará una reunión en el ayuntamiento **el lunes 1 de mayo a las 6 p.m.** para responder a las preguntas de la comunidad sobre el plan de transición para Elderberry Commons, anteriormente conocido como Sebastopol Inn. Se invitará al público a hacer preguntas durante el foro basado en Zoom, que se transmitirá en vivo en la página de Facebook del condado y en YouTube en español. La reunión será organizada por la Supervisora Lynda Hopkins. Los detalles se están finalizando y se compartirán pronto.

Elderberry Commons está en transición a un complejo de vivienda de apoyo permanente, lo que requiere convertir 28 unidades de refugio individuales más dos habitaciones utilizadas por el personal. Las 28 unidades de refugio deben desocuparse mientras las habitaciones se convierten en viviendas de apoyo permanentes y se reabrirán cuando se complete la construcción. Esta conversión fue anticipada y requerida como condición para la concesión de fondos de la subvención a través del Proyecto Homekey, un programa del estado de California que proporciona fondos a las agencias gubernamentales locales para comprar y rehabilitar viviendas.

Para preguntas frecuentes sobre el sitio del refugio de emergencia, visite la página web [Project Homekey](#) del condado.

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**THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL IS SEEKING SUBMISSIONS**



As the City Council embarks on the process to identify candidates to fill the shoes of departing City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin, they are seeking the following:



- [Submission of Statements of Qualifications from full-service law firms to provide legal services, including City Attorney services, for the City of Sebastopol.](#)
- [Submission of Proposals from full-service executive search firms to provide executive search services, including an imminent City Manager search, for the City of Sebastopol.](#)

Spread the word!

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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 #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](#)

## **FY23-24 Budget Discussion #9 - Follow-up/Recap Continued**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

Have a say in how your tax dollars are spent!

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## **SEBASTOPOL WORLD FRIENDS APRIL 23 FRIENDSHIP CELEBRATION - WHERE SUSHI MEETS BORSCH**

On April 23rd, after a three-year break, Sebastopol World Friends was excited to bring this popular event back to the community. At this annual tradition, friends and supporters gathered and celebrated our community, our sister cities and their cultures, and our work for world peace.

The event showcased food from Ukraine and Japan, where Sebastopol has our two sister cities: Takeo, Japan and Chyhyryn, Ukraine. Also featured was cultural entertainment by Zoloti Maky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble and a local Japanese taiko drumming group Tenten Taiko.

For more information about Sebastopol World Friends, visit [www.sebastopolwf.org](http://www.sebastopolwf.org)



***Tenten Taiko***  
***Local Japanese taiko drumming group***



***Zoloti Maky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble***





***Kevin O'Donnell - Young Professional  
Representative Board of Directors - Sister  
Cities International***



***Dmytro Kushneruk  
Ukraine Consul General***





**Meg Mizutani**  
**Sebastopol World Friends Board of Directors - Takeo Chair**

## THE APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE AND FESTIVAL ARE THIS WEEKEND!

The Apple Blossom Parade & Festival are happening this weekend. 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](http://appleblossomfest.com).

**APPLE BLOSSOM**  
**FESTIVAL AND PARADE**  
*Sonoma County Blossoms!*

77th Annual

**CELEBRATE SONOMA COUNTY! APRIL 29 & 30 2023**

**THE BARLOW**  
SEBASTOPOL  
Chamber of Commerce  
IVES PARK 7400 WILLOW ST, SEBASTOPOL

# 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.**

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## SEBASTOPOL WALKS: MAY 6 - iWALK iEAT LOCAL IN SEBASTOPOL





## ***See what you've been missing from the driver's seat . . .***

It's the best time of year to enjoy walking in Sebastopol! Be a tourist in your own small town and walk where you've never walked before. Most Walks are the last Saturday of the month starting at 9am (Meet at the Downtown Plaza).

**May 6 – Saturday, 9am (Meet at the downtown plaza)**

### **iWalk iEat Local in Sebastopol #4**

**Leader:** Mayor Neysa Hinton

Want to take a Foodie Walk? We will lead a walk to some of our town's local featured restaurants. We'll be walking with short stops to experience in town food samples along the way. Plan to learn more about Sebastopol's food scene from the owners and managers along our walk route and discover a new restaurant you may not have known about. If you have done this walk before, plan to visit some favorites combined with new discoveries.

Approx. 4.5 Miles - Brisk Pace with Restaurant Stops along the way.

Visit the [Sebastopol Walks](#) page on the City's website for more information and the 2023 schedule.

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## **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](mailto:ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org) or [Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com](mailto:Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com)

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## **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](#).



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## 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](mailto: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](#)

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## LAST CHANCE TO TAKE THE 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](mailto:ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org). You can learn more about the Climate Action Committee on the [City website](#).

**Survey Ends: April 30, 2023**

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## 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.



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## CITY NEWS

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of May 9, 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](mailto:jjay@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of May 23, 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 [kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:kvanstrom@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](mailto:jjay@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of May 9, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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**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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**COMMUNITY GROUPS  
INFO TABLES**

*\*available for purchase*

## 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/>

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[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.

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## FREE SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER WORKSHOP SERIES

**Caregivers and Elders with Balance Issues – one-hour FREE workshops for you!**



The Lecture series will help caregivers understand how best to care for those with health issues and how to cope with being a caregiver. People affected with health issues will learn how to cope and avoid falls. The series is from **2:30-3:30 p.m.** Any interested person is invited to attend. All workshops are free for both members and non-members. **Register by calling 707-829-2440.**

- **May 10** - Marianne Potts, Physical Therapist: Getting Up from a Fall
- **May 17** - Allan Bernstein, MD: Neurological Conditions
- **May 24** - Lisa Bell Physical Therapist: Vestibular Conditions in Older Adults and their Treatment
- **May 31** - Steve Levenberg DO: Medications and Fall Risk
- **June 7** - Paula Shatkin, Social Worker: Supports for Caregivers

Visit <https://www.sebastopolseniorcenter.org> for more info.

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