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Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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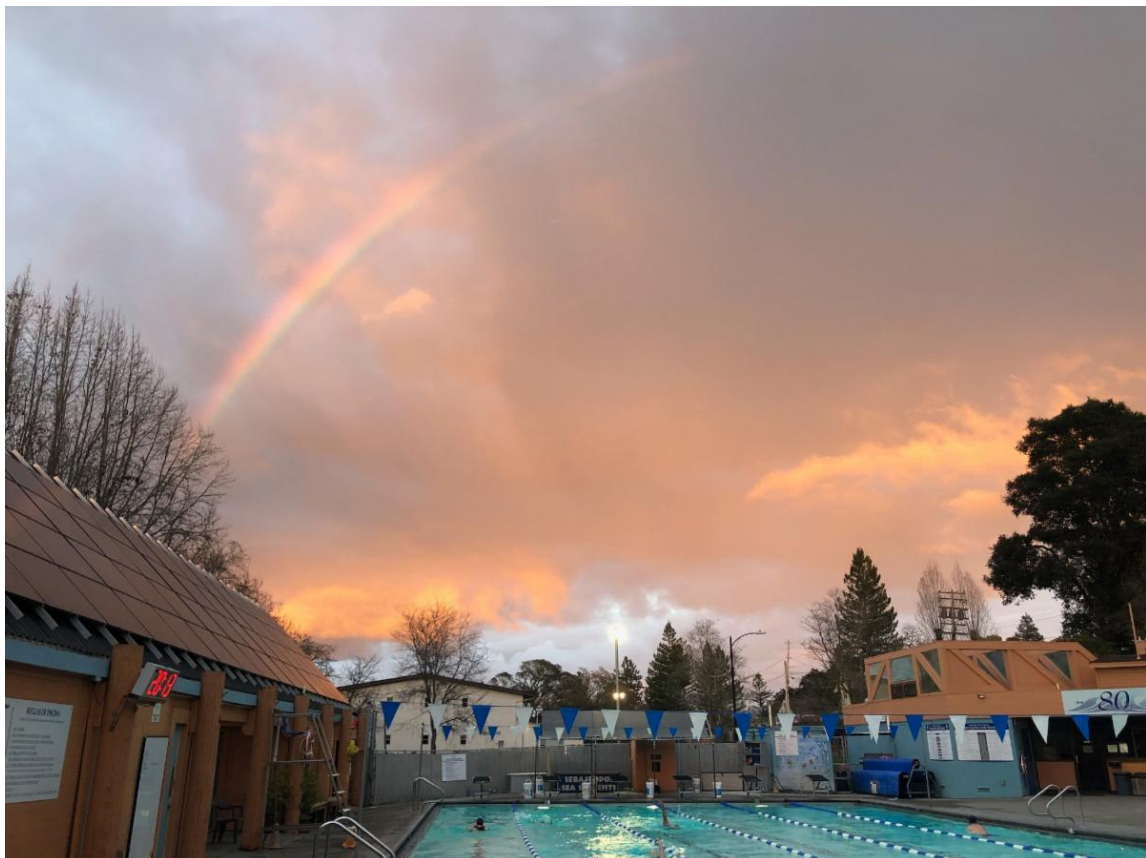


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SEBASTOPOL FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS VOLUNTEER

FIREFIGHTER ACADEMY

On April 1-2, the Sebastopol Fire Department hosted a volunteer firefighter academy. Eight new Sebastopol volunteer firefighters received intense training. Volunteer Assistant Chief Elson organized the training academy, assembling the training cadre consisting of our experienced volunteers, and put together a robust training schedule that provided the new volunteers with critical skills to help them get to a place to begin to serve as active firefighters. The weekend training was particularly tough as both Saturday and Sunday started early in the morning and crews did not return to the station until 7:00PM. Providing minimum required training to our volunteers is challenging these days, and everybody came together for what proved to be a very successful day.



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 #3 - Fire/Building

Date: Monday, April 17, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #6 - City Hall Departments

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #2 - Police

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #4 - Public Works/SCCC/Senior Center/Ives

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #7 - Community Benefits Grant

Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

Have a say in how your tax dollars are spent!

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ISSUES PROCLAMATIONS IN RECOGNITION OF:

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| National Library Week | April 23-29, 2023 |
| Administrative Professionals Day | April 26, 2023 |
| Chamber of Commerce and the 77th Annual Sebastopol Apple Blossom Festival and Parade and the Efforts of the Business and Community to Honor the Gravenstein Apple Blossom | April 29 and 30, 2023 |
| 54 th Annual Anniversary of Municipal Clerk Week; Declaring the Annual Municipal Clerks Week in Sebastopol | April 30 – May 6, 2023 |

GET READY TO SHAKE OUT ON APRIL 18TH

Tuesday April 18th 10:00am - Drop, Cover, Hold On, wherever you are.

The Shake Out is an opportunity to practice Drop, Cover, Hold On, which is the recommended action to stay safe when the earth shakes. At 10:00am on April 18th Drop Cover and Hold On where ever you are, to help you be ready in the next earthquake.

Learn More [HERE](#).

Visit [SoCo Emergency](#) for more Earthquake Preparedness Info.



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



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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

HOW TO KEEP MOSQUITOES AWAY AFTER THE RAIN

The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District has compiled some tips on how to keep mosquitoes away after the rain.

Heavy rain and flooding after a severe drought can lead to an increase in mosquito populations and a higher risk of mosquito-borne disease. With your help, we can work together to reduce mosquito populations and keep our communities safe and healthy.



Prevention is key when it comes to keeping mosquitoes at bay in your backyard. Mosquitoes need only a small amount of water to complete their life cycle, so keep an eye out for things that can hold small (and large) amounts of water and remove them. Anything that can hold water for more than five to seven days can produce mosquitoes. Keep in mind that mosquitoes need as little as a 1/2 inch of water to complete their life cycle, therefore some sources may not be as obvious as others.

Here are some tips to help **minimize mosquito production around your home:**

- Clear debris from drainage ditches to allow water flow.
- Use a sump pump to remove standing water that may have accumulated under your home.
- Maintain swimming pools and spas.
- Remove tarps, trash, containers, tin cans, jars, buckets, etc.
- Recycle or dispose of old tires.
- Clean rain gutters.
- Dump water from items stored outside, including kiddie pools, wheelbarrows, bird baths and plant saucers.
- Properly screen or seal rainwater harvesting containers.
- Report suspected sources of mosquito production or mosquito problems to 707-285-2200 or online at www.msosquito.org

If you have an area with water around your home that cannot be dumped or drained, contact the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District for advice.

Visit www.msosquito.org for more info.

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

April 19, 2023

May 17, 2023

June 21, 2023

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

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



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



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 April 18, 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 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

- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of May 9, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

CLIMATE ACTION NIGHT - APRIL 20

5th Annual Santa Rosa Junior College
[Climate Action Night](#)

Thursday, April 20th, 4:30-6:30pm

**Bertolini Student Center
Santa Rosa Junior College
1501 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa**

Learn from high school and college students about proposed California state legislation and local policy issues addressing the climate. Support local students and learn how you can play a role in creating a climate safe future.

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Climateactionnight.com

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



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/

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