



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**August 19 - August 25 Special Weekly Edition of
Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

Please visit socoemergency.org for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

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25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL



School is in Session. Slow Down Sebastopol!

SPD HOSTS ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING EXERCISES



SEBASTOPOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Ron Nelson
Interim Chief of Police
rnelson@sebpd.com

Active Shooter Response Training Exercises at Analy High School Campus on Sunday, August 28th

Throughout the day on Sunday, August 28, 2022, the Sebastopol Police Department will host the first of several multi-agency Active Shooter Response Training Exercises for local law enforcement at Analy High School. Members of multiple Sonoma County law enforcement agencies will join the Sebastopol PD for the day-long training. The campus will be closed to the public during the exercises. Members of the public can expect to see armed law enforcement personnel and emergency vehicles as well as hear simulated gunfire and loud banging sounds in the area until training is complete. Persons of various ages will be utilized as role players during the training. There is NO threat to students, staff, or the community. The exercises are a collaborative effort with the West Sonoma County Union High School District (WSCUHSD) and provide an additional level of preparedness to the training that first responders and school staff undergo on a regular basis. The date for the upcoming training sessions will be announced just prior to those events.

5 CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL



**CANDIDATES
FOR SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL**

There are five candidates who are running for three open seats on the Sebastopol City Council in the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election.

Candidates:

- Dennis Colthurst
- Oliver Dick
- Jill McLewis
- Sandra Maurer
- Stephen Zollman

See the [Elections & Voting](#) page on City's Website for more information.

DRAFT HOUSING ELEMENT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT



As most of you know, our Draft Housing Element is now available on the City's website on the [Housing Element](#) page.

The page includes links to the presentations to both Planning Commission and City Council, the DRAFT Housing Element and appendices, and the power point presentation from Council's August 2, 2022 review.

The official public comment period closed on August 20, 2022, but we will continue to accept comments for incorporation to the Draft Revised Housing Element through **August 31, 2022**.

We will also accept comments after this date and through the end of the year, but we'd love to get your comments now!

Please send any comments to me: ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org or, you can send directly to the State Housing And Community Development at HousingElements@hcd.ca.gov.

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FREE ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY

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

Dates: Saturday, September 3, 2022 and Saturday, October 1, 2022

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

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

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.

Add your name to the Compost email list by emailing SebastopolSinksCarbon@gmail.com.

F R E E **O R G A N I C** **COMPOST**

**Provided by Sebastopol Climate Action Committee,
City of Sebastopol, Zero Waste Sonoma, and WM Redwood**

When: Saturdays, 9/3 & 10/1!
9 am - 12 pm
(or until the pile is gone!)



Where: 425 Morris St.
(Behind Community Center Youth Annex)

Bring: Shovels, Buckets or Bags, Tarps,
Gloves, Pick-up Truck, Masks
(up to 1/2 cubic yard per household!)

Why: Compost Builds Soil and Retains Water!
Get Some for your Fall Garden!

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

THE GREAT LAGUNA CLEANUP - SATURDAY, 9/24

The Great Laguna Cleanup
Saturday, September 24, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Meet at the Americorps Trailhead, across from
200 Morris Street (The Barlow), Sebastopol.**
**There is parking along Morris Street. Look for
the signs.**



It's time to pull on gloves and grab a bucket to pick up trash along the Laguna!
Help us clean up the Sebastopol Laguna Wetlands Preserve before the rain
starts falling and washes trash into our waterways and ocean.

Wear clothes and shoes that can get dirty. Please bring your own water bottle. Gloves, buckets and trash bags will also be provided. ***This event is suitable for all ages.*** Minors must be accompanied by an adult. We will provide snacks and refreshments.

Laguna Foundation Staff and Guides will also provide a dynamic and engaging educational component to the workday that will help volunteers learn more about the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed, including the impacts of invasive species, the importance of native plants, and the natural and cultural history of the area. City of Sebastopol staff will be on hand help us haul out all of the trash and recyclables.

For more information, please contact: Brent Reed, Ecological Program Manager - Phone: 707-527-9277 ext. 101, Email: brent@lagunafoundation.org



WATER CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

Water savings are urgently needed. See the City's [Water Conservation page](#) for actions you can take to reduce water usage and check out these indoor and outdoor water conservation tips from the [Sonoma-Marín Saving Water Partnership](#).

Here's this week's tip to help you reduce your water consumption:

- **Wash vegetables in a pan or bowl of water instead of under a running faucet. Washing vegetables in a pan or bowl can save 5 gallons per day. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**



CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Police Department
[Police Officer](#)
Deadline to Apply: Open 10/18/21 (Open and Continuous)

See the city [website](#) for additional information and requirements on these



WE'RE HIRING!

current opportunities to participate in the management and growth in our community.

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES THIS WILDFIRE SEASON



During a wildfire event, the first priority is to protect yourself and your loved ones! If you are ordered to evacuate your home or the area, do so immediately.

Visit [SocoEmergency.org](https://www.socoemergency.org) and the [California Department of Public Health](https://www.cdph.ca) website for tips on how to prepare for wildfire.

COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

COUNTY OF SONOMA

COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

Free, convenient, confidential COVID-19 testing is available to all Sonoma County residents, regardless of document status

See the [SoCoEmergency Testing](#) page for testing information.

Residential households in the U.S. are now eligible for another order of free at-home tests. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Each order now includes eight rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Your order of eight tests will come in two separate packages (four in each package) each with its own tracking number
- Packages are shipped at no cost to you
- To order your free at-home tests, visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

CITY NEWS

CITY MEETINGS

All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link.

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 virtually in real time when this feature is available.

City Council Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **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 September 6, 2022 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Planning Commission Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>

- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of September 13, 2022 @ 6:00 PM](#)

(NOTE: All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link. Information for meeting attendance can be found here: <https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx>)

Design Review Board Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 4pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of September 7, 2022 @ 4:00 PM](#)

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 10:30am
- **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 September 7, 2022 @ 10:30AM](#)

Climate Action Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3:30pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of September 14, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER'S UPCOMING CONCERT SERIES

SEPTEMBER 16
NINA GERBER &
CHRIS WEBSTER



OCTOBER 1
SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S
CHORUS ENSEMBLES



NOVEMBER 12
20TH ANNIVERSARY SONOMA
COUNTY BLUEGRASS & FOLK
MUSIC FESTIVAL



DECEMBER 10
A SOLSTICE CELEBRATION WITH
MAMUSE



Check out the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center's (SCCC) upcoming concert series. All concerts are held at the SCCC and ticket prices vary.

- **September 16** - Nina Gerber & Chris Webster
- **October 1** - San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus Ensembles
- **November 12** - 20th Anniversary Sonoma County Bluegrass & Folk Music Festival
- **December 10** - A Solstice Celebration with Mamuse

Visit the SCCC website [HERE](#) for more info and to buy tickets.

SEBASTOPOL CEMETERY WALKS - OCTOBER 7TH & 8TH

2022 Sebastopol Cemetery Walk Rises Again! October 7th and 8th. Get your tickets now: [cemeterywalksebastopol.brownpapertickets.com](https://www.cemeterywalksebastopol.brownpapertickets.com).

DATE: Saturday, September 17, 2022

LOCATION: Blue Ridge Kitchen Event Center in The Barlow

TIME: 5:30pm - 10pm

COST: \$150 per person

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

the Sebastopol Area Senior Center presents

**~ SATURDAY ~
SEPTEMBER 17TH**

AGED TO PERFECTION

**HONOREES ~ JIM PACATTE
& THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL**

**Wine Sweepstakes
Live Auction
Scrumptious Eats
Wine and Beer
Dancing to Pride & Joy**

**5:30PM
TO 10:30PM**

**AT THE BARLOW
BLUE RIDGE
EVENT CENTER**

A Harvest Celebration

SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER

PRIDE & JOY

\$150 ~ All Inclusive Tickets
sebastopolseniorcenter.org/aged-to-perfection
Phone: 707-829-2440

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