



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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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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SLOW DOWN SEBASTOPOL!

School is starting.
Please slow down and be aware of pedestrians.



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS INSTALLED

Sebastopol Public Works Department installed pedestrian safety enhancements at the West County High School facility crosswalk intersection of Sunset and Taft Streets as this crosswalk is experiencing increased use with the start of the new school year.





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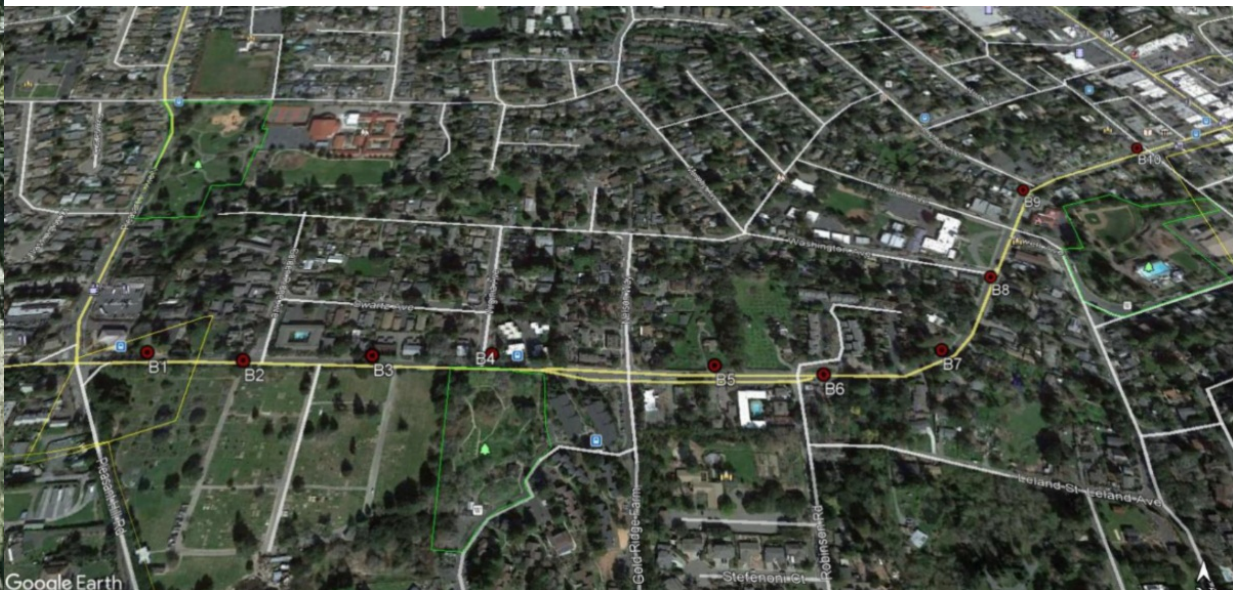
COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

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

See the [SoCoEmergency Calendar](#) for a list of testing locations in the County.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE: BODEGA AVENUE LANE CLOSURES



The Sebastopol Public Works Department has issued an encroachment permit for soil sample boring locations on Bodega Avenue as an essential part of the requirements to qualify the Bodega Avenue Pavement Reconstruction Project for funding.

The contractor has notified the city that the work is scheduled to begin on **Monday August 16, 2021** and will require lane closures and traffic pattern shifts.

Recognizing that this heavily traveled thoroughfare has significant traffic flow patterns the contractor has been limited to the hours of 9:00AM to 3:00PM for lane closures. We apologize for any inconvenience during this critical element of this future roadway reconstruction project and appreciate your patience.

[Public Notice](#)

IVES PARK / CALDER CREEK NATURALIZATION PROJECT

The City of Sebastopol adopted the Ives Park Master Plan in March 2013. One important component of this plan is to 'naturalize' Calder Creek, which runs through the park in a concrete channel. The City Council approved funding for the initial stages of this work, which includes a hydrology study and other planning work to redesign the channel. Additionally, the City has engaged with Waterway Restoration Institute (WRI), to work with the City and public to provide some alternative design scenarios for the creek based on public input, the Ives Park Master Plan and the basic environmental parameters needed to make the creek alive and beautiful again as it flows through Ives Park and reaches immediately up and downstream. WRI's work is being done through a Switzer Foundation grant.

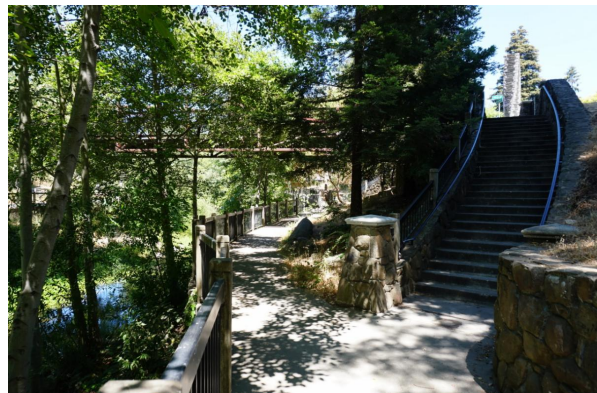
The kick off for this effort will begin with the August 24, 2021 Planning Commission meeting at 6:00 p.m. (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84200790137> Meeting ID: 842 0079 0137).

Ann Riley, Executive Director of the WRI and Jessica Hall will present a slide show illustrating what other small communities have done to restore their degraded urban creeks to provide food for thought on what Calder Creek could become. The next steps in the design process will be a public meeting in September that includes information on stream project failures and successes in order to make sure we take advantage of lessons learned in other locations, review of the Master Plan and how the creek modifications can fit into it or inform future revisions, and targeted meetings with stakeholders.

They will provide alternative design scenarios for the creek based on public input, the Ives Park Master Plan and the basic environmental parameters needed to make the creek alive and beautiful again. This effort comes at no cost to the city because of a grant made by the Switzer Foundation to Switzer Fellow Jessica Hall.



Santa Rosa Creek - Before



Santa Rosa Creek - After

These two photos are an example of a creek naturalization project with WRI and show Santa Rosa Creek near Rail Road Square in Santa Rosa in which the City took out a concrete flood control channel and restored the environment and public access.

GET READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

The start of school is just around the corner! The Sonoma County Office of Education has resources available to help you prepare for back to school.

Access them here: <https://bit.ly/3lez2Gj>

Back to School

2021-2022



According to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), recent evidence indicates that in-person instruction can occur safely without a minimum physical distancing requirement when other mitigation strategies are implemented.

As California schools plan for a complete return to in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year, universal masking and other Covid-19 mitigation strategies will be prioritized.

Masking in School Settings Regardless of Vaccination Status*



When Indoors
Masks are required
for everyone



When Outdoors
Masks are optional
for everyone



On School Buses
Masks are required
for everyone

*Based on CDPH guidance released July 12, 2021. CDPH will continue to assess conditions and will determine no later than Nov. 1, 2021 whether to update its universal mask requirement.

More information and resources
can be found at scoe.org/covid



Sonoma County
Office of Education

THE GRAVENSTEIN APPLE FAIR BENEFIT CONCERT IS SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH

The [Gravenstein Apple Fair Benefit Concert](#) is Saturday, August 14th, at Ragle Ranch Park in Sebastopol with awesome bands, delicious farm-to-table food, local cider, craft beer & wine, cool arts & crafts vendors, and of course local organic Gravenstein apples,

Farm Trails organic apple fritters, and more tasty Grav treats! Tickets are still available at GravensteinAppleFair.com. Choose "Sebastopol Resident" tickets and you'll get discounted tickets (\$60 instead of \$75). You'll have fun while helping to raise funds to keep farms—and the Gravenstein Apple Fair—forever in Sonoma County.

2021 Gravenstein Apple Fair BENEFIT CONCERT

SAT, AUGUST 14th, 2021 • 11AM - 6PM
RAGLE RANCH PARK • SEBASTOPOL, CA

T Sisters • The Whiskey Family Band with Alison Harris
 Beau Beau Trio, featuring members of the California Honeydrops
 Burnside • Solo Rio with Rep. Jared Huffman and Matt Szemela

Farm to Table Food • Arts & Crafts • Gravensteins • Cider • Craft Beer • Wine
 Get General Admission and VIP Tickets now at GravensteinAppleFair.com
 * Tickets are only available in advance

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS)?



Public Safety Power Shutoff
 Tips to Help You and Your Family Prepare

April 2021

At PG&E, our most important responsibility is the safety of our customers and communities. **During severe weather, we may need to turn off power for public safety. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).** We know losing power is disruptive to your work and personal life, so we want to help you prepare. To learn more about PSPS events, visit pge.com/psps.

What factors lead to a PSPS?

As each weather situation is unique, we review a combination of factors to decide if power must be turned off. These include:

- Low humidity levels**, generally 30% and below
- Forecast of high winds** above 20 mph and **wind gusts** in excess of ~30-40 mph
- Condition of dry material** on the ground and low moisture content of vegetation
- Red Flag Warning** declared by the National Weather Service
- On-the-ground, real-time observations**

How will you be notified of a PSPS event?

We will share what we know as soon as we can, keeping in mind that weather conditions can be uncertain.



Notifications will include:

- ✓ When power is expected to be **shut off and restored**
- ✓ A link to pge.com/pspsupdates with access to:
 - Outage maps
 - Community Resource Center locations
 - Available resources

Are you ready for a potential power outage?

To help prepare for public safety outages, here are some things to consider:

- Update your contact information** and preferred language for PSPS notifications by visiting pge.com/mywildfirealerts or calling 1-866-743-6589.
- Prepare and practice your emergency plan** to ensure that everyone knows what to do.
- Plan for medical needs** like medications that require refrigeration or devices that need power.
- Build and/or restock your emergency supply kit** with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, food, water and cash.
- Identify backup charging methods** by visiting pge.com/backupper.

Where can you find additional resources?

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| Review safety resources, preparedness tips and emergency planning tools. safetyactioncenter.com | Receive extra help to prepare for public safety outages from the Disability Disaster Access and Resources Program. disabilitydisasteraccess.org |
| Sign up for Address Alerts to be notified about a potential PSPS at any important address. pge.com/addressalerts | Review the PG&E Emergency Preparedness Checklist. pge.com/emergencychecklistbiz |
| If you rely on power for medical or independent living needs, apply for our Medical Baseline Program. pge.com/medicalbaseline | Help children learn the importance of emergency preparedness with games, safety tips and quizzes. kidsemergency.safety.com |

Learn More

For the latest on PG&E's wildfire safety efforts, please visit pge.com/wildfiresafety.

For translated support in over 250 additional languages, please contact PG&E at 1-866-743-6589.

Some of the measures included in this document are contemplated as additional precautionary measures intended to further reduce the risk of wildfires. "PG&E" refers to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation. ©2021 Pacific Gas and Electric Company. All rights reserved. CCO-0221-0200_4/14/2021

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.PGE.COM/PSPS
 DOWNLOAD THE PSPS TIPS PDF [HERE](#).**

JOIN THE SEBASTOPOL GRAFFITI PATROL AND HELP KEEP SEBASTOPOL GRAFFITI FREE

Wonder why you see relatively little graffiti around town? There has been an ongoing effort for many years to eradicate malicious graffiti wherever it pops up around Sebastopol.

If you are interested in being involved in helping keep Sebastopol tag free, the Sebastopol Graffiti Patrol has a role for you. We are planning on meeting with any new volunteers in the next few weeks, date and place TBD, and welcome your participation. Leave a message for Steve at **953-9077**, with interest in volunteering.

Should you come upon graffiti that you believe needs to be removed, you can either call the Sebastopol Police Department non-emergency number at **707-829-4400**, or the number above.

Thanks in advance,
The Sebastopol Graffiti Patrol



Typical tagging around town.



Two young members of the Sebastopol Graffiti Patrol.

FREE WATER SAVING KITS AT REGIONAL "DROUGHT DROP BY" EVENT - AUGUST 21

Water customers throughout the North Bay will be able pick up a free water saving kit during a three-county "Drought Drop By" event.

Saturday, August 21, 2021, from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Find locations and information at: SavingWaterPartnership.org/dropby

Drop by for curbside pick up of a free water-saving kit*:

- WaterSense labeled low flow showerhead
- 5-minute shower timer
- WaterSense labeled low flow faucet

**DROUGHT
DROP BY**

**August 21
8am to 12pm**

**Pick up a FREE
water-saving kit.**

SONOMA-MARIN
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PARTNERSHIP

- aerator
- Toilet dye test tablets
- Self-closing garden hose nozzle

***While supplies last. Limit one kit per household.**

Every drop saved helps maintain water flows in the Russian River and extends reservoir storage levels.

GET YOUR WATER SAVING YARD SIGN NOW!



Water-conserving Sebastopol residents can stop by the Public Works Department office at 714 Johnson Street Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4:30 PM to pick up a sign. Help spread the word!

WATER USE RESOLUTION EXTENDED TO COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER CUSTOMERS

At the July 28th Special City Council Meeting, the Sebastopol City Council amended the Stage 2 Mandatory Compliance resolution to include commercial and industrial measures in addition to those being implemented by residential customers. The resolution is in response to the California State of Emergency due to severe drought conditions and calls for an overall system-wide reduction goal of 25 percent. The following restrictions are now in place for Sebastopol Commercial and Industrial water customers:



- Restaurants may only serve water upon request and must optimize the use of commercial dishwashers.
- Hotel and lodging establishments must message about the drought, including laundering of linens only upon request.
- Pressure washing (except for public health and safety) is prohibited unless a variance is obtained.
- Water waste due to breaks, leaks, or excess use is prohibited. This includes leaking faucets, toilets, and appliances, as well as broken irrigation pipes, leaking irrigation valves, and broken sprinkler heads, and runoff from properties due to overwatering or misdirected sprinklers.

See the [resolution](#) for more information.

CHECK OUT WATER UPGRADES \$AVE, A WATER- AND MONEY-SAVING PROGRAM

Lower your utility bills and save water!

A SPECIAL OFFER FOR SEBASTOPOL
WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS

The City of Sebastopol is proud to offer Water Upgrades \$ave, a water efficiency program that helps you save water and money.

Are you a single-family homeowner or renter?

It's simple to participate — enroll online or by phone and schedule a free home assessment to select the water

efficiency upgrades that make the most sense for your property. The Program installs the upgrades with little-to-no upfront cost, and you pay a fixed on-bill charge that is lower than the estimated savings — so you begin saving right away.

Indoor upgrades include high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and aerators; future outdoor upgrades will support conversion to drought tolerant landscaping.

Participants get new building code-compliant upgrades that improve the property while reducing their water, sewer, and water-heating costs.

Are you a multi-family property owner?

Contact us today to schedule a project assessment and identify your savings opportunity.

Vice Mayor Gurney said that while “the Water Upgrades \$ave program will benefit local governments by buffering the impact of our rate increase, it will also help our local citizens by giving them an affordable tool to lower their water and energy use.”

For more information, go to the program website www.waterupgradessave.org or call us at 877-846-8795.

TAKE THE WATER METER SURVEY!

SEBASTOPOL WATER METER SURVEY



With water conservation a top priority, the City of Sebastopol is exploring ways to give its water customers tools to gain greater control over their own usage and to be alerted to leaks in real time. Many other water providers in our region have found success with cellular water meters and an accompanying app where customers will have instant access to this information.

We are conducting a short survey of water customers to gather input on whether or not they feel that such a program would be of value. Survey results will be shared with the City Council to help inform their decision-making

process about the cellular water meter program.

This survey will end on October 1, 2021.

[Take the Survey](#)

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:

- **While you wait for hot water, collect the running water, and use it to water plants. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**



25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL



On July 6, 2021, the Sebastopol City Council passed a [resolution](#) (Stage 2 Mandatory Compliance) calling for mandatory 25% reduction of water use. This resolution limits or prohibits a number of activities including outdoor irrigation, filling of swimming pools, car washing, and others. Learn more about our region's water resources and how you can conserve them.

MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS NEWS

Provided through the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Program as part of the Sebastopol Fire Department's support of community preparedness. Open to all Sebastopol area residents.

Introduction to MYN - 60-minute Zoom class. Learn the 9 steps of the MYN program to help neighborhoods prepare for emergencies and disasters. MYN Incentive Program included.

- Held the 3rd Wednesday of each month with

the next class happening **August 18th**.

To sign up or learn more about this and other preparedness programs, contact Skip Jirrels, Sebastopol Fire department Public Safety Outreach Coordinator at sjirrels@cityofsebastopol.org or 707-799-2204.



VOLUNTEER SCRIBES NEEDED FOR SEBASTOPOL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATIONS UNIT (SNCU)

Volunteers Needed Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit (SNCU) SCRIBES

The SNCU mission will help the Map Your Neighborhood leaders communicate information to other neighborhoods and the Sebastopol Fire Department during an emergency. **Scribes** work directly with radio operators to write these messages to be relayed. Those written messages will serve as a documented record of issues that arise during a disaster. Click [here](#) for additional information.

SONOMA WATER SEEKING A WATER AND ENERGY EDUCATION INTERN

JOIN US AS A WATER AND ENERGY EDUCATION INTERN

BE OUR WATER AND ENERGY EDUCATION INTERN!

Are you passionate about the environment and resource conservation?

Do you love working with youth?

Want to make a difference in our community by working in the public sector?

AS A WATER AND ENERGY EDUCATION INTERN YOU WILL...

- Learn about youth engagement strategies and environmental stewardship
- Be trained in teaching K-12 classroom lessons and leading field trips on the following environmental topics:
 - Climate Change
 - Water and Energy Conservation
 - Storm Drain Pollution
 - Water Quality for Endangered Salmon
- Assist with administrative tasks to support education programs

QUALIFICATIONS

- Current enrollment in an accredited college or university
- Interest in working with diverse youth populations
- Interest in education and the environment
- Bilingual Spanish skills and cross cultural competence are desirable

PAY

Undergraduate students
\$15.70/hr

Graduate students
\$17.70/hr

Approximately
20 hours
per week



HOW TO APPLY

Email resume and letter of interest by August 13th, 2021 to:
wahuman.resources@scwa.ca.gov



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COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

SONOMA COUNTY TO REQUIRE PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL, ENCOURAGES EMPLOYERS TO DO THE SAME

AUGUST 4, 2021, SANTA ROSA, CA – Amid a rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, Sonoma County today issued a health order calling for all fire, law enforcement and emergency medical service workers and staff at disaster shelters to show proof of vaccination. If proof of vaccination is not available, workers would be required to undergo weekly COVID-19 testing.



This new mandate for all fire, law enforcement, EMS and disaster shelter staff, which will take effect on Sept. 1, expands a California Department of Public Health order requiring health care and congregate facility staff to be vaccinated or tested if unvaccinated.

Read the full press release [HERE](#).

Read Sonoma County's Health Order [HERE](#).

SONOMA COUNTY ISSUED NEW HEALTH ORDER REQUIRING INDOOR FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS

AUGUST 2, 2021, SANTA ROSA, CA – Vaccination continues to protect against severe COVID-19 illness, but with the COVID-19 Delta variant now infecting a small percentage of vaccinated people as well as many unvaccinated people, eight Bay Area health officers have issued Health Orders requiring masks indoors in public places.

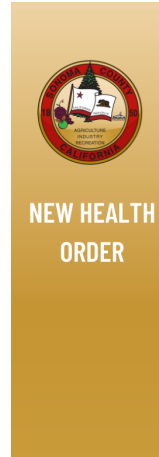
The Orders require all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face coverings when indoors in public settings, with limited exceptions, starting at 12:01 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 3.

These Health Orders aim to reduce community transmission of COVID-19 and protect everyone. Health officials are very concerned by the substantial levels of community transmission now found across the Bay Area, especially among unvaccinated people. In part, this is due to the widespread COVID-19 Delta variant, which is substantially more transmissible than previous forms of the virus. Recent information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also indicates that even fully vaccinated individuals can in some cases spread the Delta variant to others, and so indoor use of face coverings provides an important added layer of protection.

Read the full press release [HERE](#).

Read Sonoma County's Health Order [HERE](#).

For more information about COVID-19 and local vaccination clinics, visit [SoCoEmergency.org/vaccine](https://www.socounty.ca.gov/health-services/so-co-emergency)



Wear a Mask to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

Sonoma County has issued a Health Order requiring indoor face coverings in public settings regardless of vaccination status. The Order begins Tuesday, August 3.

[SoCoEmergency.org](https://www.socounty.ca.gov/health-services/so-co-emergency)

Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

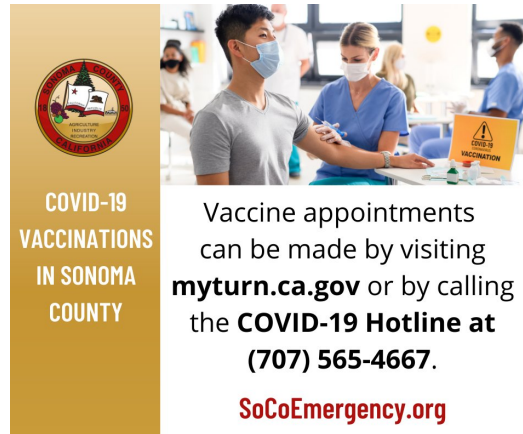


See the [SoCoEmergency Calendar](#) for a list of upcoming vaccination clinics in the County.

RESIDENTS 12+ YEARS OF AGE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES

Sonoma County residents 12+ years of age are eligible for COVID-19 vaccines at several county clinics and pharmacies across the county.

- As of May 12, all residents in California 12 and older are now eligible for vaccination.
- Children ages 12 to 17 can only receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- Vaccine appointments are readily available in the County. Anyone who wants one can get an appointment at one of our many clinics, pharmacies or health centers in the County -- often the same day. All County-supported clinics are accepting walk-in patients.
- Residents are still encouraged to make vaccine appointments through the <https://myturn.ca.gov> web site. Residents who need help making an appointment are encouraged to call the County COVID-19 hotline at **707-565-4667** in English and Spanish.

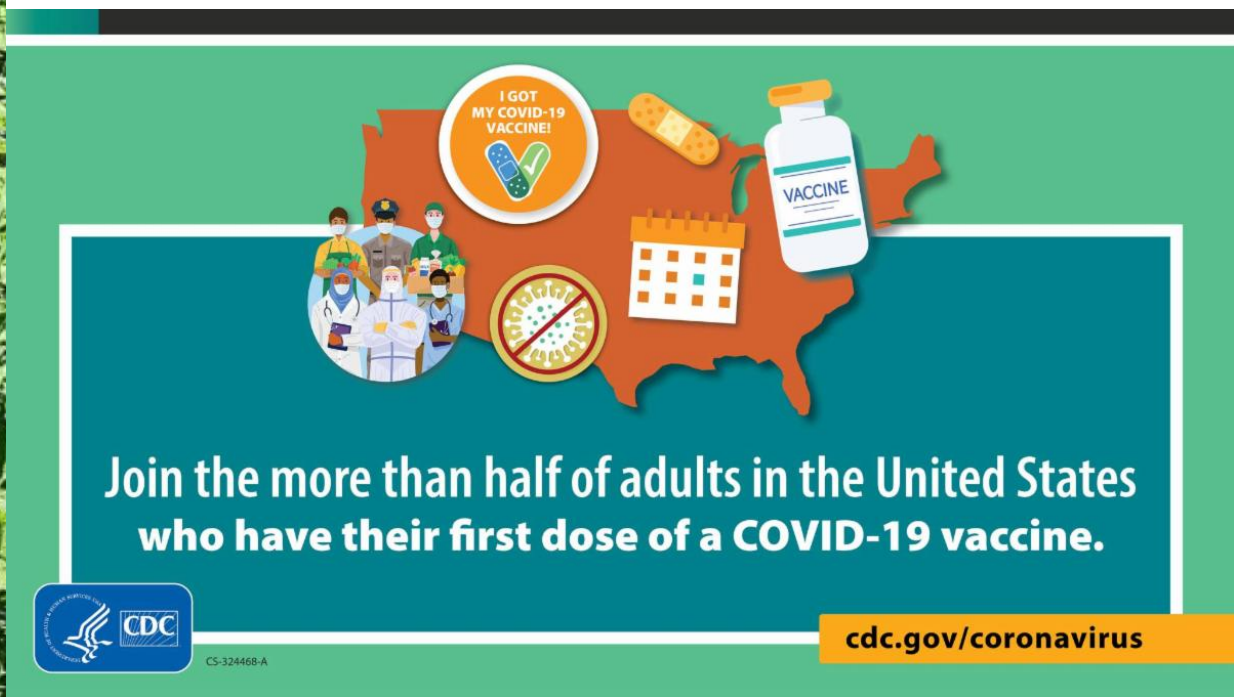


COVID-19 VACCINATIONS IN SONOMA COUNTY

Vaccine appointments can be made by visiting **myturn.ca.gov** or by calling the **COVID-19 Hotline at (707) 565-4667**.


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Visit <https://socoemergency.org> for more information.



I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!

Join the more than half of adults in the United States who have their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

 **cdc.gov/coronavirus**

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SONOMA COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

As of April 19, 2021, the County of Sonoma has started providing support to households impacted by COVID-19 through the Emergency Rental Assistance



COUNTY OF SONOMA

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*Have you been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?
Do you need help with rent and utilities?*

where in Sonoma County they reside.

See the [Tenant and Housing Resources](#) page on the City's website for more information, FAQs, and links to apply.

Program (ERAP).

The program will provide payment assistance for tenants who are behind on rent and utilities. ERAP additionally provides options for landlords to participate and receive financial assistance. This program is open to all County residents, regardless of immigration status, who are renters or landlords requiring rental assistance. Any community member can apply with any organization on this list regardless of

COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF

American Rescue Plan

All funding programs below will be administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL)

[Click here for more information](#)

Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

[Preliminary Application Checklist](#)

[FAQ](#)

NEW: Community Navigator Pilot Program

[Click here for more information](#)

Targeted EIDL Advanced Grant

Status: Eligible applicants contacted by SBA

[Click here for more information](#)

CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

[Click here for more information](#)



LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19



If you have employment questions, benefits questions, tenant protections questions, or any other legal issues related to the pandemic, please contact Legal Aid of Sonoma County. Visit their website [here](#) for more information.

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

PREPARE FOR WILDFIRE

TAKE STEPS TO PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES

Take steps to prepare for wildfires, like creating and practicing your wildfire action plan. Make getting ready for an emergency engaging for your little ones by involving them in the planning! Together we can all be prepared. Learn more [here](#).



ASSEMBLE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

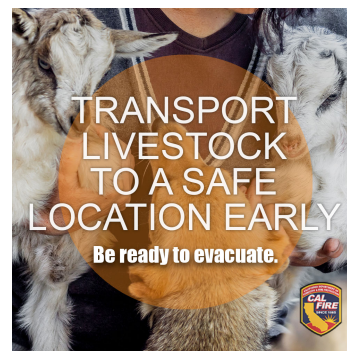


Put together your emergency supply kit long before a wildfire or other disaster occurs and keep it easily accessible so you can take it with you when you have to evacuate. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time. Each person should have a readily accessible emergency supply kit.

See readyforwildfire.org for more information on building an emergency supply kit.

MAKE YOUR LIVESTOCK EVACUATION READY

Cal Fire Tip: Hopefully you've taken steps to keep your family and home fire safe. Don't forget your livestock. With some advance planning you can increase their chances of surviving a wildfire by preparing for their evacuation. Learn how to make your livestock evacuation ready [here](#).



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.

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN?

A Family Communication Plan should designate one out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as the single source of communication among family members in case of separation. It's easier to call or message one person and let them contact others than to try and call everyone when phone, cell, and internet systems can be overloaded or limited during a disaster. Learn more ways you can be Evacuation Ready at [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org).



DEFENSIBLE SPACE: KEEP YOUR PROPERTY LEAN AND GREEN TO HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY & HOME!



Defensible space, coupled with home hardening, is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either

from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in, to defend your home.

Learn more about creating defensible space at [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org).

PREVENT EQUIPMENT SPARKED FIRES!

Prevent equipment sparked fires. Are you doing the right thing the wrong way?

- Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, NOT weeds or dry grass.
- Be cautious of rocks, metal blades striking rocks create sparks and start fires.
- Ensure your chainsaw has a spark arrester and is working properly.

- Be sure to mow your lawn BEFORE 10 a.m., have a fire extinguisher and/or hose nearby, and NEVER mow if it's windy or excessively dry!

For additional CAL FIRE information on equipment safety, please visit:

<https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/equipment-use/>.



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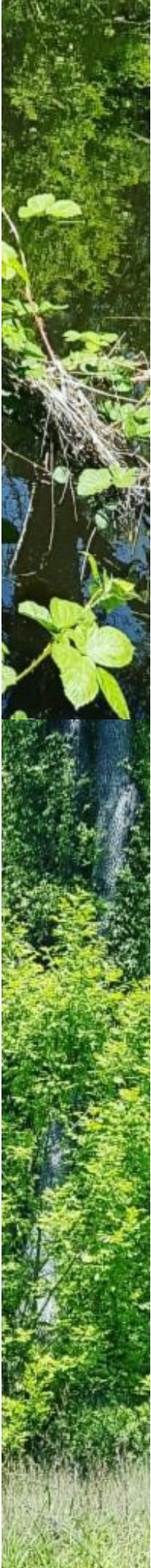
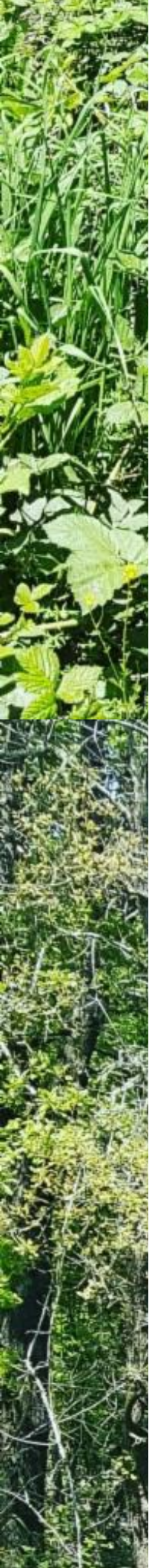


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SoCoEmergency.org

PRACTICE VEHICLE SAFETY TO PREVENT WILDFIRE





PRACTICING VEHICLE SAFETY

Proper Vehicle Use to Prevent Wildfire

MOTORISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY OF THE WILDFIRES SPARKED ALONG OUR ROADWAYS. NEARLY ALL THESE FIRE STARTS COULD BE PREVENTED BY FOLLOWING THESE SAFETY RULES:

SECURE CHAINS

PRACTICE SAFE TOWING. DRAGGING CHAINS THROW SPARKS. USE APPROPRIATE SAFETY PINS AND HITCH BALL TO SECURE CHAINS.



NO DRAGGING PARTS

MAKE SURE YOUR VEHICLE IS PROPERLY MAINTAINED, WITH NOTHING DRAGGING ON THE GROUND.



CHECK TIRE PRESSURE

MAINTAIN PROPER TIRE PRESSURE. DRIVING ON EXPOSED WHEEL RIMS WILL THROW SPARKS.



CARRY A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN YOUR VEHICLE AND LEARN HOW TO USE IT.



DON'T DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE ONTO DRY GRASS OR BRUSH. HOT EXHAUST PIPES AND MUFFLERS CAN START FIRES THAT YOU WON'T EVEN SEE—UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!



PROPERLY MAINTAIN BRAKES

BRAKES WORN TOO THIN MAY CAUSE METAL TO METAL CONTACT, WHICH CAN CAUSE A SPARK.



ONE LESS SPARK
ONE LESS WILDFIRE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A PRINT-READY CAMPFIRE PERMIT VISIT:

PREVENTWILDFIRECA.ORG

#PREVENTWILDFIRE #ONELESSSPARK

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRE COORDINATING GROUP (CWCG)

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT SEBASTOPOLREADY.ORG?

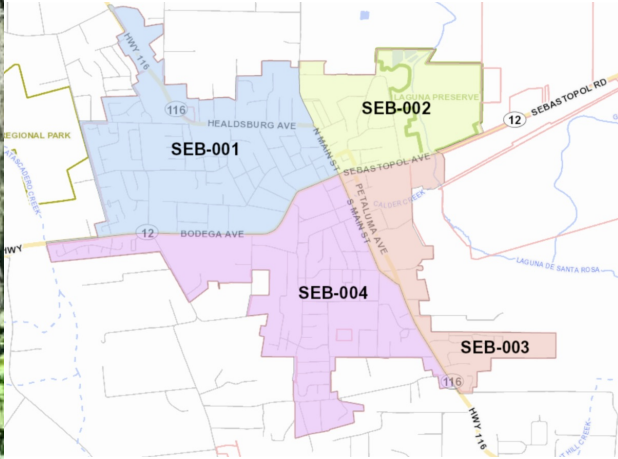
Visit SebastopolReady.org, an emergency and disaster preparedness and readiness resource with information on how neighbors can prepare to

provide care, safety and comfort simply by working together.

SebastopolREADY
neighbors helping neighbors



SEBASTOPOL EVACUATION MAPS



As part of on going efforts with the County of Sonoma, Sebastopol now has evacuation maps. You can find links on the [Fire Department](#) page of the City's website.

[Sebastopol City Limits - Evacuation Map](#) (Enter your address in the top right search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

[Sebastopol Addresses Outside City Limits - Evacuation Map](#) (Enter your address in the top left search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

ALL OUTDOOR BURNING SUSPENDED



FIRE SEASON IS HERE! HARDEN YOUR HOME!

Fire Chief Bill Braga and CalFire want to remind us that fire season is here.

Now is the time to harden your home and

property to better withstand wildfire.

See [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org) for more information.



SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

Make sure that you have signed up for:

[SoCoAlerts](#); and

Nixle Alerts (either [online](#) or by texting your zip code to 888777)

It is important to register for both types of alerts. If you receive Nixle alerts, read them thoroughly and click on any links.

Text Fire or Fuego (for Spanish) to 211-211 for updates.

More information on alerts may be found [here](#).

KNOW YOUR ALERTS

The City of Sebastopol uses multiple notifications and warning systems to make sure emergency alerts are delivered to the people who need the information.



Emergency Alert System (EAS) - No Registration Required

National public warning system that will interrupt local broadcast tv and radio programming to provide an alert in the event of a large-scale emergency.



Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) - No Registration Required

Urgent alerts sent as text-like messages to your mobile phone based on your location (you will only receive notification if you are in the area of the emergency). WEAs have three alert categories– Imminent Threat, AMBER, Presidential. You must keep the factory settings on to your WEA- capable phone to receive a WEA.



SoCoAlert - Registration Required

Emergency notification service providing Sonoma County first responders the ability to alert residents by landline or mobile phone, text message and email about imminent threats to life and property in specific impacted areas. Register all addresses that you'd like to receive alerts for (work, child's school, etc.). You don't have to be in the location of the emergency to receive alert.

Must register at SoCoAlert.com OR call (866) 939-0911, press "0" at the menu, ask operator for assistance with registering for SoCoAlert.



Nixle - Registration Required

Community information service managed by Sonoma County Fire District and Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. Community messages are sent to email, and for critical emergencies, Alert messages are sent via text message and email (notifications are NOT delivered by phone call). Customize your settings at nixle.com to control which types of notifications you receive. Must register at nixle.com or text your zip code to 888-777



Local Radio and Television

Local news broadcasters to provide updates during an emergency. Tune radio to 1350 AM, 103.5 FM, 100.1 FM, 89.1 FM (bilingual), 98.7 FM (Spanish); watch preferred local TV news channel.



Hi/Lo Sirens

Sebastopol police cars and fire department vehicles are outfitted with new Hi/Lo sirens, a different sound than traditional sirens. This European-style, 2-tone siren will only be used in an emergency to alert residents within specific areas of the need to evacuate.

Other Ways to Stay Informed

Sebastopol Police Dept. 
Sebastopol Fire Dept. 
City of Sebastopol  



More information on emergency alerts and notifications at SoCoEmergency.org

Thank you to the City of Santa Rosa for sharing their graphics.

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 August 17, 2021 @ 6:00 PM has been **CANCELLED.**

Planning Commission Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 7pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** Planning Commission Meeting of August 24, 2021 @ 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 amontes@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** Design Review Board Meeting of August 18, 2021 @ 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 amontes@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Special Public Arts Committee Meeting of August 18, 2021 @ 10:30AM](#)



GENERAL INFO

GOT APPLES? RESERVE THE SLOW FOOD SEBASTOPOL APPLE PRESS



It's apple season in Sonoma County, and the [Slow Food Sebastopol Community Apple Press](#) opened to the public on Saturday, **August 7th** at the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm in Sebastopol, and runs every weekend until **October 24th**. People are welcome to bring their own apples and a group of volunteers will assist them in making fresh pressed apple juice.



Reservations required. Click [here](#) to reserve the apple press.

Interested in volunteering? Click [here](#) for more information.

PEACETOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RETURNS

...and all of Sebastopol becomes Peacetown, USA every Wednesday evening from 4:30-7:30 from July 7th to September 8th. The [Peacetown Summer Concert Series](#) has traditionally been held at Ives Park. Because of the uncertainty around COVID restrictions, Peacetown has relocated to The Barlow and will now include all of the cultural treasures of Sebastopol. Select downtown and Main Street restaurants, merchants and galleries (including the Sebastopol Center for the Arts) will offer expanded hours and special programs every Wednesday evening. Visit [Peacetown.org](#) for the most current details and musical lineup.



PEACETOWN

Music and Art Festival

July 7th to Sept 8th

Every Wednesday 4:30 -7:30

Date	Event Center	Crooked Goat	Fern Bar/Woodfour
7/7	Gator Nation	Dream Farmers	The Musers
7/14	Pulsators	Free Peoples	Mundo Rio
7/21	Burrows & Dilbeck	Peace of G	Harman & Harman
7/28	Tom Rigney & Flambeau	Marshall House	Gabe Wheaton
8/4	Soul Section	Bohemian Hwy	Alexander's Band
8/11	Sol Horizon	Spike Sikes	Batacha
8/18	The Dirty Shames	La Matilda	Hoytus Rolon
8/25	Onye & the Messengers	Burnside	Solid Air
9/1	Soul Fuse	THUGS	Bluebyrds
9/8	Whiskey Family Band	Tommy Thomsen	(Surprise Guest)

Family Friendly

Pet Friendly

Plus:

Nature walks in the Laguna

Peace Garden & Enlightenment Wheel

Patrick Amiot Junk Sculpture walk on Florence Ave

Music at Hopmonk Tavern and Community Market

Family Village and McKinley Stage w/Love Choir

Downtown at People's Music & Main Street Theater

Great food at fine restaurants

Become a Citizen or Sponsor a Stage

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