



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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## IN-PERSON MEETINGS RETURNING SOON - REMOTE / VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION STILL AN OPTION FOR PUBLIC

Based on the expectation that Governor Newsom will end California's COVID-19 State of Emergency at the end of February, the City of Sebastopol is preparing to hold all of its meetings in a combination remote/in-person format. The public will have the opportunity to watch and participate in meetings both in person and remotely. Watch the city [website](#) and [Facebook](#) page for more

information and details.

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## SEBASTOPOL WALKS ARE BACK!

*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).

### **February 25 – Saturday, 10am**

Drink Sebastopol

Leader: Anne Lowings

Have you ever wondered how gin is made or what happens inside "Soft Medicine" ? On this easy walk around Sebastopol we will find that a diverse selection of drinking establishments exist in town.

#### **We will visit:**

- a distillery for gin and vodka
- a brewery to find out how beer is made
- a juice bar that makes more than juice
- a sanctuary that makes elixirs and teas
- a coffee shop that has perfected coffee tea bags
- a shop that sells boba-everybody should try it

The walk is about 3 miles and should finish by 12:30 pm.

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



**Saturday, February 25, 2023**

**Drinks Sebastopol**

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - Meet at the downtown plaza  
 Leader of the walk: Anne & Simon Lowings

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For questions about Sebastopol Walks contact Simon: [simonlowings@gmail.com](mailto:simonlowings@gmail.com) or 707.861.9052

**FEBRUARY 25 Saturday, 10AM ←**

Drink Sebastopol  
 Leader: Anne Lowings

**MARCH 25 Saturday, 9AM**

Businesses Behind the Scenes  
 Leader: Diana Rich

**May 6 Saturday, 9AM**

*(date change due to Apple Blossom parade)*  
 iWalk iEat Local in Sebastopol #4  
 Leader: Neysa Hinton

**MAY 27 Saturday, 9AM**

Heritage Trees of Sebastopol  
 Leader: Virginia Anderegg

**JUNE 24 Saturday, 9AM**

Tree Fingerprints - Bark Rubbings  
 Leader: Jizell Albright

**JULY 29 Saturday, 9AM**

Solar Sebastopol  
 Leader: Tor Allen

**AUGUST 26 Saturday, 9AM**

Sebastopol History Walk  
 Leader: Donna Pittman

**SEPTEMBER 30 Saturday, 9AM**

Time Out with Sebastopol Area Time Bank  
 Leader: David Gill

**OCTOBER 28 Saturday, 9AM**

Spiritual Sebastopol - Part II  
 Leaders: Robert Harkavy & Annella Dalrymple

**NOVEMBER 25 Saturday, 9AM**

TBD  
 Leader: Patrick Slayter



**SEBASTOPOL LIVING PEACE WALL SEEKING CANDIDATES - NOMINATIONS DUE FEB. 28**





Submit a nomination for the Sebastopol Living Peace Wall and help them fulfill their mission of promoting the cause of peace and justice by honoring the peacemakers among us.

### **Nomination Guidelines**

**A. Who can nominate an honoree?** You must be a Sonoma or Marin County Resident to make a nomination. You cannot nominate yourself.

**B. Who can be nominated?** Anyone you feel has demonstrated a commitment to peace and justice through nonviolent action and peaceful resolution of conflict. No person who advocates for violent action or change will be considered. They may be living or deceased, a local, national or international person. At least one person per year must be a Sonoma County Resident and / or a not well known figure who has worked without public recognition for peace and justice.

**C.** Nominations must be received by **February 28** to be considered for that year's September induction.

**D.** The Living Peace Wall Selection Committee will select two to four nominees to be added to the Peace Wall each year. After final approval by the Sebastopol City Council, their names will be inscribed on the wall and their biography and their work for peace and justice will be added to this [website](#) for all to see. Honorees will also be invited to attend a public induction ceremony at the peace wall in mid-September.

Nominate an honoree [HERE](#).

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## **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Fire Department**

#### **[Fire Engineer](#)**

**Deadline to Apply: March 9, 2023 at 11:59pm**

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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## COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

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# 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.

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## CITY NEWS

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### CITY MEETINGS

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

\*At press time (Feb. 24) it is anticipated that in-person meetings will also be offered as of March 1. See City website [Meetings](#) page for updated information.

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](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 March 7, 2023 @ 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of February 28, 2023 @ 6:00 PM](#)

#### **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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of February 28, 2023 @ 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of March 7, 2023 @ 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### SEBASTOPOL WORLD FRIENDS INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT UKRAINE ON FEB. 25TH

**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2023

**Time:** 7-9pm

**Location:** Two Acre Wood Common House, Sebastopol

**RSVP for address:** Text 707-536-5016

All funds support Sebastopol World Friends (501c3) effort to equip Invincibility Centers in Chihirin, our Sister City in Ukraine.

<https://sebastopolwf.org>

# Support Ukraine

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 7-9PM**  
**\$25 - \$200 DONATION**  
**MUSIC, POETRY AND COOKIES**

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[sebastopolwf.org](http://sebastopolwf.org)

**Two Acre Wood Common House**

**Sebastopol**

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**Please bring/share with your friends**

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**SEBASTOPOL CARBON CONVERSATIONS NEXT EVENT  
IS MARCH 1ST**



[Sebastopol Carbon Conversations](#) is organized by The Rarus 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.

**Event Name:** Rainwater Cisterns in the drought era.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023

**Time:** 7pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)

**Location:** Sebastopol Grange - 6000 Sebastopol Ave, Hwy. 12, Sebastopol, CA

**Audience:** Community, Teachers, Students, Everyone.

**Cost:** FREE

**RSVP:** [HERE](#)

Email [tor@rahus.org](mailto:tor@rahus.org) with any questions.

Visit <https://rahus.org/scc/> for more information.

**Mark your calendar for these additional dates and topics:**

- **April 5th, 7pm** - Electrifying your home.
- **May 5th, 7pm** - Teaching Climate
- **June 7th, 7pm** - Electric Vehicles and Charging

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## LAGUNA STEWARDSHIP DAY AT MEADOWLARK FIELD - MARCH 11



Help care for and restore critical wildlife habitat - and learn about the Laguna de Santa Rosa!

Join us for this fun and meaningful way to volunteer while enjoying the outdoors along the Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail at Meadowlark Field. Help us continue to steward this amazing site with over 20 years of ongoing habitat restoration projects!

Bring a friend! Bring the kids! No experience needed. Tools and training provided. Wear clothes and shoes that can get dirty. Please bring a water bottle, a smile and some elbow grease. Only heavy rain cancels.

There is no charge for this event, which is made possible by the voters of Sonoma

County who fund the work of Ag + Open Space with a quarter-cent sales tax.

**Date: Saturday, March 11, 2023**

**Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm**

**Location: 6303 Highway 12, Sebastopol, CA**

**Free. Pre-registration required [here](#).**

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