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In-Person Meetings Are Back!



CITY MEETINGS RETURN TO IN-PERSON MARCH 7TH

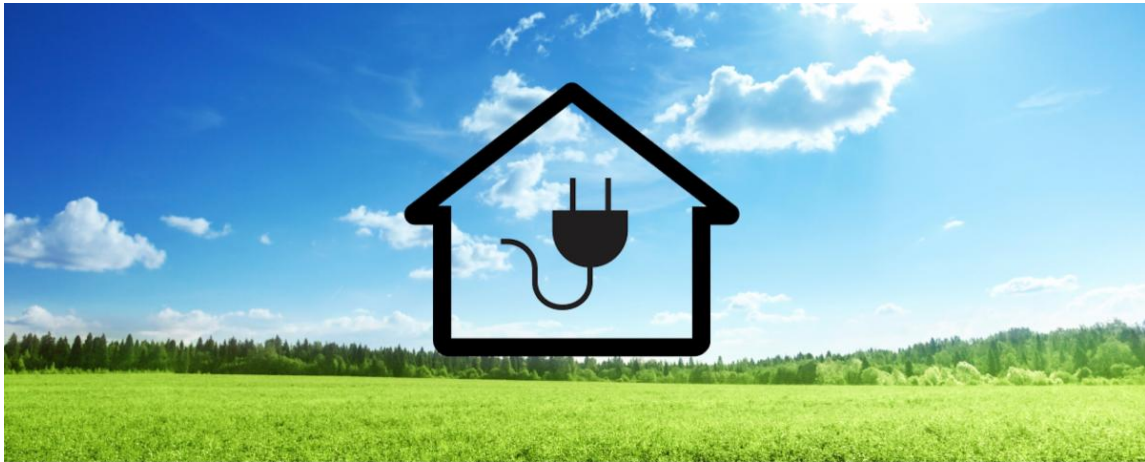
Public can still participate virtually/remotely.

With the Governor's announcement of the end of California's COVID-19 State of Emergency, the City of Sebastopol will be holding all of its meetings in a combination remote/in-person format starting March 7th. The public will have the opportunity to watch and participate in meetings both in person and remotely.

Meetings will be held at the **Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472.**

See the City website [Meeting Page](#) for specific meeting dates, times, and participation details, including Zoom links and virtual participation information.

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS MARCH 12TH



SPRING FORWARD ONE HOUR

Daylight Savings Time

SPRING FORWARD SAFELY:

This is also a good time to **test your smoke alarms** and **change replaceable batteries**, if needed.



Don't forget, Daylight Saving Time starts and the clocks spring forward on Sunday, March 12th.

Let daylight saving time serve as a reminder that when you change your clocks, also check and change your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Sebastopol offers a program aimed at encouraging local businesses and property owners to improve commercial and industrial buildings. Upgrades, maintenance, and aesthetic enhancements will benefit the entire community and enhance the local economy.

With these objectives in mind, subject to funding availability, the Sebastopol Façade Improvement Program will provide a rebate for expenses incurred on new exterior property improvements made to commercial or industrial buildings within the City of Sebastopol.



To apply for the program a building owner or tenant, with the owner's approval, should fill out the application and include bid estimates for the proposed improvement(s). The Planning Department then reviews the submitted application for completeness and batches them to be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Design Review Board for approval. The final deadline for applications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 is:

- **March 13, 2023**

If you would like to apply for or discuss the program in more detail, please contact John Jay, Associate Planner at (707) 823-6167 or jjay@cityofsebastopol.org.

Visit the [Facade Improvement Program](#) page on the City's website for more information.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS AVAILABLE



Sebastopol's Climate Action Committee has been working to improve and revitalize the Community Garden at the Laguna Skategarden.

Several plots are now available and are assigned on a first- come, first-served basis.

There is a \$20 annual fee, and a \$25 one-time security deposit.

Where: 6750 Laguna Park Way, Sebastopol

How: Call 823-6167 for information or to apply.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fire Department

[Fire Engineer](#)

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

Public Works Department and Engineering Department

[Permit Technician](#)

Deadline to Apply: March 20, 2023 at 11:59pm

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.

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.

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 March 7, 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 March 14, 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 kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of March 28, 2023 @ 3:30 PM](#)

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 1pm
- **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 March 7, 2023 @ 1:00 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 kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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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