



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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FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Residential households in the U.S. can now order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com.

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER C19-35 PROHIBITS LARGE GATHERINGS: [CLICK HERE](#)

- SONOMA COUNTY CLARIFIES HEALTH ORDER TO ALLOW 50 SPECTATORS AT INDOOR EVENTS: [CLICK HERE](#)

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER ISSUES APPEAL FOR RESIDENTS TO VOLUNTARILY STAY HOME: [CLICK HERE](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER:
EMPLOYERS REQUIRE WORKFORCE TO SHOW PROOF OF
PRIMARY VACCINATION AND BOOSTER OR AT LEAST TWICE

WEEKLY TESTING: [CLICK HERE](#)

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER C19-25 REQUIRES FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS: [CLICK HERE](#)

- **AMENDMENT NO.1** TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN STABLE COHORTS OF FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS: [CLICK HERE](#)

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER RESCINDING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ORDER C19-25: [CLICK HERE](#)

25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: [CLICK HERE](#)



SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY BENEFIT GRANTS & SPONSORSHIPS PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Sebastopol awards monies to programs or specific community projects that improve the quality of life and build civic pride in Sebastopol.

The City of Sebastopol recognizes the value that other organizations have in providing services that benefit the community and its members. The Community Benefit Grants and Sponsorships Program was created to support, strengthen and sustain the City Council goals and priorities to achieve a better quality of life by improving the health and

overall well being through investment in our Sebastopol community organizations.

The City of Sebastopol understands that in a crisis such as this unprecedented health and economic crisis, nonprofits step up to advocate for, and serve, our communities in these challenging times. Our City and Country continue to face a profound impact on the economy, which include our non-profit organizations and members of the community in these unusual times. In many cases, the scope of operations will need to expand and evolve to accommodate increased demand for vital services.



Like many grants and programs, the demand for these funds exceeds availability. The City has limited funding for grants to our local non-profits and understands the critical need to help support our local non-profits. We also understand that many of our local non-profits revenues losses from closed programming and services have not quite returned to the level of normalcy, as well as anticipated shortfalls in fundraising continues, jeopardizes the need to provide these services to our community.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on program and instructions to apply.

The deadline for submission of applications is February 28, 2022.

CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY NOW OPEN

The graphic features the Sebastopol California logo at the top center, which includes the year 1902 and an image of oranges. To the right is a sun icon. The main text reads 'SEBASTOPOL CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK' in blue, followed by 'WHAT ARE YOUR CLIMATE CHANGE CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES?' in large orange letters. Below this, it says 'Take the survey to share your input:' and provides the URL 'https://bit.ly/Seb-Climate-Survey'. The bottom of the graphic is an illustration of a sustainable community with a tree, a person gardening, a recycling bin, a person with a camera, a cyclist, buildings, solar panels, and a car.

Take 5 minutes to share your climate change concerns, ideas, and priorities by completing the climate action survey at <https://bit.ly/Seb-Climate-Survey>. Your

responses will help inform the development of Sebastopol's Climate Action Framework, a roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change in Sebastopol.

To learn more about the Framework, visit <https://bit.ly/ClimateActionFramework>.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CREATIVE LOCALS

It's the Sebastopol Community Upcycled Art Project

The Art Project is to be designed to educate and inspire by activating potential in affecting climate change. It is to be created through contributions from the community. **This project will symbolize the interconnectivity of all life.**

- The Central Art Piece will be a kaleidoscope of upcycled glass housed in a welded case.
- The supporting art pieces will be installed throughout town.



Community artists are invited to create supporting pieces that will:

- explore innovative ways to address the environmental challenges we are currently facing.
- be curated from the abundance that already exists within our lives.
- utilize upcycled materials.
- specifically address subjects under the **general category of climate change: water, air, solar, carbon sequestration, social inequities, our waste stream, and consumption.**

Alongside the supporting art pieces will be a companion QR code that links the viewer to a website which will include information on: the makers of the piece, the topic of the piece, actions regarding the topic, and any recent news on local organizations working on a goal related to the topic.

Submissions accepted on a rolling basis for supporting art piece proposals.

For more information and the Art Piece Submission form click [HERE](#).

Completed forms should be turned in to the Planning Dept. at Sebastopol. City Hall or emailed to ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org

SONOMA COUNTY ANNOUNCES FOUR WEEKEND COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS AT SONOMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The County of Sonoma will expand access to pediatric and adult COVID-19 vaccines and boosters through a series of large-scale vaccine clinics at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds starting Saturday.

Up to 500 vaccines can be administered per day at these clinics, which will be held in the Garrett Building on the Fairgrounds campus. Clinics will be held Saturday and Sunday for each of the next four weekends, Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 5-6, 12-13, and 19-20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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



COUNTY OF SONOMA

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

Vaccines are safe, effective and free.

First, second and booster doses are available.

All are welcome, ages five and over.

Sonoma County Fairgrounds Garrett Building

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 29-30

Feb. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa (*Brookwood Avenue entrance*)

No appointment needed. No proof of citizenship status required.



For more information about COVID-19 vaccines,
visit socoemergency.org/vaccine or call (707) 565-4667.

COVID-19 TESTING UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Due to staffing shortages throughout the state, testing appointments for COVID-19 are challenging to book right now. When searching, take the next available testing appointment even if it is many days from now. If you have symptoms, stay home. If you do not have symptoms but have reason to think you might have been exposed to COVID-19, visit the [SoCoEmergency Isolation and Quarantine page](#) for the latest guidance. Thank you for your patience.

Click [HERE](#) for information on scheduling a test.

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Residential households in the U.S. can now order one set of 4 free at-home tests from [USPS.com](https://www.usps.com).

SONOMA COUNTY COVID-19 MASK GUIDANCE

Masks provide an extra layer of protection against COVID-19. If you wear a cloth mask, we recommend wearing a surgical mask underneath it to improve the seal, or for better protection upgrade to a fitted N95 mask. With rising COVID cases, we must also increase our protections. Additional masking resources and guidance are available [HERE](#).

Which masks provide the best protection from COVID-19?

Good	Better	Best
Fabric mask with three or more cloth layers	Double mask (surgical + cloth mask)	N95 KN95 KF94

SoCoEmergency.org

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO CONSERVE WATER

A New Year's Resolution That's Easy to Keep!

Join Sebastopol's **Water Upgrades \$ave** today!

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A New Year's resolution that's easy to keep! Join Sebastopol's Water Upgrades \$ave program and make conserving water easy and affordable. As California enters its third year of drought, why not make your home part of the solution?

It's simple – schedule a free water assessment to select the water efficiency upgrades that are best for you. We install them with little-to-no upfront cost, and you pay a fixed charge on your water bill that is lower than the estimated savings – so you begin saving right away.

Enroll today to start saving, visit www.waterupgradessave.org or call 877-

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:

- For cooking most food, use only a little water in the pot and put a lid on it. Not only does this method save water, but food is more nutritious since you don't pour vitamins and minerals down the drain with the extra cooking water. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.



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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 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 Calendar](#) for a list of testing locations in

the County.

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

Although many test sites say “walk-ins welcome” health officials now do not want people with symptoms standing in lines for tests. They suggest staying home and trying to schedule a test. You can also order 4 free at-home tests per household. Find more information at <https://www.covidtests.gov>.

Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics



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

A graphic for a COVID-19 vaccination campaign. It features a map of the United States in orange, with various icons: a bandage, a vaccine bottle labeled "VACCINE", a calendar, a "NO COVID-19" sign, and a group of healthcare workers. A circular badge says "I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!". Below the map, the text reads: "Join the more than half of adults in the United States who have their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine." In the bottom left is the CDC logo, and in the bottom right is the URL "cdc.gov/coronavirus".

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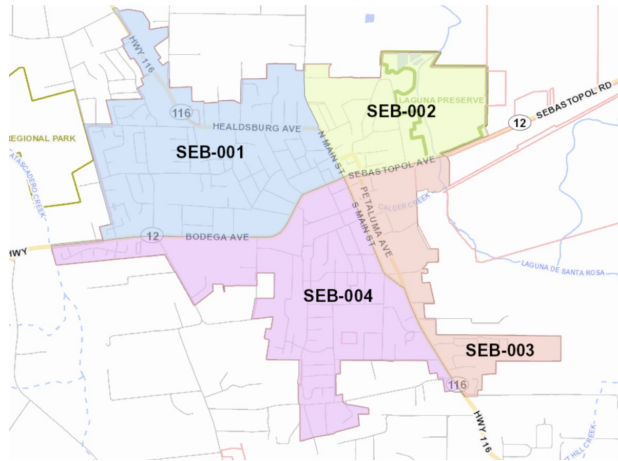
LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19



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

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.)

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](#).

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 February 15, 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 February 8, 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 February 16, 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 March 2, 2022 @ 10:30 AM](#)

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 February 9, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

HARVEST CAFE OFFERS TO-GO ONLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Based on the recommendation of Sonoma County Public Health, the Harvest Cafe suspended indoor dining until at least February 1. Good news is the regular menu is still available for takeout, please view the menu below and call to order at 707-829-2440 or go in to order.

For menus, visit the Sebastopol Area Senior Center [website](#).



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