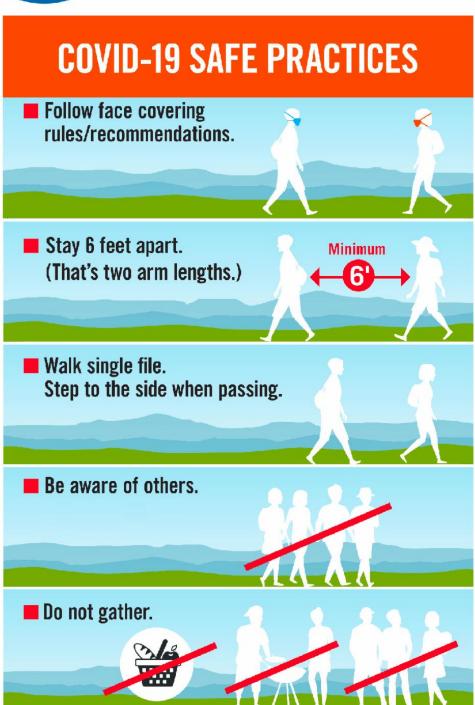






# BY ORDER OF THE SONOMA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER



Look for these signs around Sebastopol as a reminder to follow health guidelines. Business owners may also print the sign to use at their locations. Here is a link to the PDF.



### NEW RESTRICTIONS FOR SONOMA COUNTY DUE TO RECENT RAPID SPREAD OF COVID-19

On July 13, 2020, the state of California issued new restrictions for Sonoma County and counties across the state in an effort to slow the recent rapid spread of COVID-19 statewide. These new restrictions require the closures of indoor gyms and fitness centers, hair salons, worship services, malls and other operations. These are in addition to the restrictions announced on Friday, July 10 for the State of California, which prohibit indoor operations at restaurants, bars and brewpubs, movie theaters, museums and other businesses as a means of discouraging large indoor gatherings.

The public can see what's open and what's closed in Sonoma County, and find more details about these new state restrictions by visiting the Guidance on Closure of Sectors in Response to COVID-19 on the California Department of Public Health website.

We must all do our parts to slow the spread of the coronavirus: wear a mask when in public settings indoors or outdoors when you cannot maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and others outside your household, maintain social distance in all public situations, wash hands frequently and thoroughly, cover a cough or sneeze, and stay home when sick. You will find information and resources on the <a href="City's COVID-19">City's COVID-19</a> page and the <a href="SoCoEmergency page">SoCoEmergency page</a>.

#### **SONOMA COUNTY COVID-19 CASE DATA**

Click here to view Sonoma County's COVID-19 case data.

### JULY 15TH TOWN HALL ADDRESSES THE REOPENING OF SCHOOLS

Senator McGuire hosted a Town Hall last night, July 15th, in conjunction with CTE (Career Technical Education) Foundation, and the State and Sonoma County Superintendents of Education to address the reopening of schools.

Watch the Town Hall here.

### REUSABLE BAGS ARE NOW ALLOWED IN GROCERY STORES AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

REUSABLE BAGS ARE NOW ALLOWED IN GROCERY STORES AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS; CUSTOMERS MUST BAG THEIR PURCHASES

As a result of COVID-19, on April 23, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-54-20 which included a 60-day suspension of California's plastic bag ban, including charging for single-use paper bags. The local ordinance was temporarily postponed so that store operators could adhere to the Order administered by the Sonoma County Health Officer prohibiting reusable bags.

Starting June 18, 2020, under an updated Order of the Sonoma County Health Officer, establishments may once again allow reusable bags, but customers are required to bag their own purchases. To further limit unnecessary exposure to employees, it is recommended that customers leave their bags inside a cart or basket, and refrain from placing personal bags onto high-touch surfaces such as checkout counters and conveyor belts. If possible, it is also recommended to wash bags in between uses.



Zero Waste Sonoma has not made any changes to the existing Carryout Bags Ordinance and retailers who have temporarily waived required bag charges must reinstate the charges and may begin to allow customers to use their personal reusable bags while adhering to safety protocols.

Zero Waste Sonoma is sensitive to the health and safety of our residents, and at the same time, is aware of a significant increase in single-use items as a result of the pandemic. Single-use plastic items escape into our environment and waterways and threaten habitat and wildlife at a far higher rate than their durable, reusable counterparts. As an organization whose mission is to reduce waste and divert material from landfill, we wish to remind retailers and shoppers in Sonoma County that reusable bags are still the best option and that they are safe to use when protocol is followed.

For more information, updates, and downloadable materials for store operators, visit <a href="https://www.zerowastesonoma.gov/carryoutbags">www.zerowastesonoma.gov/carryoutbags</a>.

See the full Press Release <u>here</u>.





### **COVID -19 BAG USE**

USO DE LA BOLSA REUTILIZABLE DURANTE COVID -19

CUSTOMERS SHOULD LEAVE REUSABLE BAGS IN THE SHOPPING CART WHEN CHECKING OUT.

LOS CLIENTES DEBEN DEJAR LAS BOLSAS REUTILIZABLES EN EL CARRITO DE COMPRAS AL MOMENTO DE HACER SU PAGO.



CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOT PUT REUSABLE BAGS ON THE CHECKOUT CONVEYOR BELT.

LOS CLIENTES NO DEBEN PONER LAS BOLSAS REUTILIZABLES EN LA BANDA TRANSPORTADORA QUE ESTÁ EN LA CAJA DE PAGO.



CUSTOMERS MUST BAG THEIR OWN PURCHASES.

LOS CLIENTES DEBEN PONER LAS COMPRAS DE MERCADO EN SUS BOLSAS REUTILIZABLES ELLOS MISMOS.



STORES MAY PROVIDE A REUSABLE BAG OR RECYCLED PAPER BAG TO CUSTOMERS FOR A MINIMUM 10¢ CHARGE.

LAS TIENDAS PUEDEN PROPORCIONAR UNA BOLSA REUTILIZABLE O BOLSA DE PAPEL RECICLADO A LOS CLIENTES POR UN CARGO MINIMO DE .10 CENTAVOS.



ZEROWASTESONOMA.GOV/CARRYOUTBAGS ECO-DESK 565.3375



SONOMA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (ZERO WASTE SONOMA)
WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR CARRYOUT BAGS ORDINANCE 2014-2

la agencia sonoma county waste management (Zero Waste Sonoma) programa de reducción de residuos para la ordenanza 2014-2 de Bolsas Plásticas desechables



JUNE, 2020

## SEBASTOPOL'S OWN PHYLLIS MESHULAM, SONOMA COUNTY'S POET LAUREATE, ENCOURAGES POETRY SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Phyllis Meshulam, Sonoma County's newly named Poet Laureate, has the "goal to publish an anthology of new poetry written by Sonoma County residents by the end of her tenure as Poet Laureate," and she "aims to encourage submissions of poetry from the public through notices in the <a href="Sonoma County Literary Update">Sonoma County Literary Update</a>." - Dan Taylor of the Press Democrat.

See the Press Democrat <u>article</u> to learn more about Phyllis, her work, and her plans as Poet Laureate.



#### ARE YOU READY FOR FIRE SEASON?

# WILDFIRE IS COMING. ARE YOU READY?

In his daily briefing on July 9 Governor Gavin Newsom reported that there are early indications that we may suffer an especially robust fire season this year. He urged all Californians to step up their emergency planning for wildfires, including maintaining defensible space around the home, having an emergency plan in place, preparing a "gobag" (including masks, gloves, and sanitizer), evacuating if ordered, and knowing several routes out of town. See the links below for more information and resources.

Homeowners Checklist: How to Make Your Home Fire Safe Ready, Set, Go! Your Personal Wildfire Action Plan Defensible Space and Hardening Your Home

See the Fire Department Page for More Information and Additional Resources

Governor Newsom also reassured citizens that, in the case of evacuation, planning is in place for emergency shelters that will operate under COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

If you have not already done so, sign up for alerts from both **Nixle** and **SoCoAlert**. It is important to sign up for both types of alert.

### SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER ANNOUNCES SUMMER FEST

The SCCC is rolling out a brand new program for the whole family.

Summerfest runs through August 9 and is a safe and active series of contests and community fun that you and your family can do from home and around Sebastopol at your own pace. You'll have the chance to be featured and win prizes.

Activities include:

SebTown Scavenger Hunt





- SCCC@HOME Logo Doodle Challenge
- Writing/Poetry Contest on JUSTICE
- Local Artists Coloring Pages
- Cardboard Castles Contest

Visit the **SCCC** website to learn how to participate.

The SCCC just wrapped up its first event of the summer, the Virtual Youth Talent Show. Be sure to check out the inspiring Virtual Youth Talent Show <u>finalist</u> and <u>winner</u> performances.

#### ELECTIONS TO BE HELD FOR TWO CITY COUNCIL SEATS



A general municipal election for two City Council seats will held in the City of Sebastopol on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November, 2020.

Official nomination petitions for eligible candidates (registered voters in the City of Sebastopol) may be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, 7120 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol, beginning July 13, 2020, through August 7, 2020, during regular business hours as posted.

It is highly suggested and recommended that anyone interested in running for the City Council please call or email the City Clerk's office at (707) 823-1153 or <a href="majorityofsebastopol.org">majorityofsebastopol.org</a> to make an appointment to obtain nomination materials during the nomination period. Term of office is four years.

Click here for more information.

## SIP, SHOP, SAVOR, SAFE SEBASTOPOL WANTS YOU TO CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY INTERDEPENDENCE WITH A GAME!

Join the fun and help our local economy and community benefit organizations, safely, which earn you drawing tickets for weekly prizes.

When you support local businesses, explore the great outdoors, and participate in community support & personal enrichment activities, post a picture on <a href="Sip, Shop, Savor, Safe Sebastopol">Sip, Shop, Savor, Safe Sebastopol</a> and tag it with #SafeSeastopol, #SipShopSavor, or #InterDependence for a chance to win great prizes!

Get your inspiration from the activity checklist <a href="here">here</a>.

Businesses can <u>sign up now</u> to be part of the recovery and showcase your business as reopened.

See the **Sebastopol Calendar of Events** at the CoMission Webpage

Promote yourself on social media; <u>LIKE and SHARE</u> your Activities with Sip, Shop, and Savor Sebastopol on Facebook. <u>Click here</u> to post your Activity to Facebook, which enters you into our weekly drawing!







### Inter-Dependence Month HOW-TO-PLAY

#### Instructions - how to play to win!

Do one Activity from the Activity Checklist and get one drawing ticket for our weekly Tuesday drawings in July.

#### To enter, simply

- (1) **SNAP** a pic of your Activity
- (2) POST it to our FACEBOOK PAGE
- (3) TAG the pic with either;

#SafeSebastopol #SipShopSavor #InterDependence

Use Of Photo Disclaimer: Please note that photographs and footage provided to event page: Sip, Shop, Savor Safe Sebastopol will be used by the campaign. These will be used by the campaign for marketing and publications, upublications, on our website and in social media or in any third party publication. Please contact the event organizer if you have any concerns or if you wish to be exempted from this activity.

Walver, Release and Indemnification. I UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NEITHER THE SPONSOR OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES ARE INSURERS OF MY CONDUCT AND SAFETY. I KNOW THAT THIS EVENT IS A POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS ACTIVITY AND I HERBY ASSUME FULL AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR ACCIDENT WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT.

#SafeSebastopol | #SipShopSavor | #InterDependence

### STATE MANDATE REQUIRES CALIFORNIANS TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS



As of June 18, Californians are required to wear face coverings in public spaces - particularly indoors or when physical distancing is not possible.

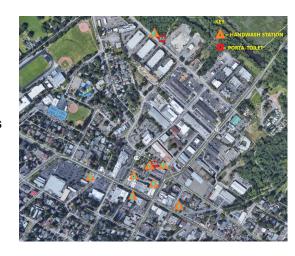
Read more on the state's new face covering mandate: **covid19.ca.gov** 



### HANDWASHING STATION LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN SEBASTOPOL

In an early response to help make our community safer during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Sebastopol set up a number of handwashing stations throughout the downtown area in mid-March.

In the meantime, we've added more locations and re-located some of the stations to be more convenient, including new portable restrooms and handwash facilities on Morris Street for homeless support services.



#### **Current locations are:**

- 1) City Parking Lot at Main St. and Burnett
- 2) North Main St., mid-block (south side of street between Bodega and Wilton)
- 3) 328 N. Main Street On sidewalk entrance Community Bank parking lot
- 4) Adjacent to southwest corner of Town Plaza parking lot against rear wall of Silk Moon
- 5) Sebastopol Ave. (Route 12) at alley between Ramen Gaijin and WestAmerica Bank
- 6) 6902 Sebastopol Ave Screamin' Mimi's Ice Cream- at side window on Petaluma Ave
- 7) & 7A) Outside public restrooms on east side of Town Plaza. There are also portable toilets at this location.
- 8) & 8A) Morris St. north of Laguna Park Way, northeast side of street. There are also portable toilets at this location

#### **REGULAR CITY BUSINESS CONTINUES**

#### **Administrative Services:**

 Administrative Service staff are available by phone or email for questions. Please email <u>info@cityofsebastopol.org</u>; or call 707-823-7863 and leave a message and someone will respond to you.

#### **Building Department:**

- The Building Department is open and operating regular office hours Monday -Thursday 7am to 5:30pm, Closed 12pm to 12:30pm.
- The Building Department is located inside the Fire Station.

#### **City Manager's Office:**

- City Hall is closed, but staff are available by phone or email for questions. Please email <u>info@cityofsebastopol.org</u>; or call **707-823-1153** and leave a message and someone will respond to you.
- City staff encourage the public to keep up with news and updates by following the City's Facebook page and checking out Council videos.

#### **Engineering Department:**

 The Engineering Department is open and operating regular office hours - Monday to Thursday 7am to 5:30pm. The Engineering Department is located in the Public Works office. Please note signage on door with instructions for safe interaction with staff.

#### **Fire Department:**

• The Fire Department is open and continuing to provide fire response and



emergency services as usual.

 The Fire Department lobby is open during normal business hours Monday -Thursday 7am to 5:30pm, Closed 12pm to 12:30pm.

#### **Planning Department:**

• The Planning Department is (virtually) open Monday - Thursday 7am to 5:30pm (Closed 12pm to 12:30pm) and continues to accept applications. Staff is available via email or phone (707-823-6167). Planning is accepting new applications; please contact staff for instructions for submittals. Click here for details.

#### **Police Department:**

- Lobby is open to the public. For non-life-or-safety-threatening situations, we encourage the public to call the 24/7 police non-emergency line at **707-829-4400**. As always, in the event of emergency, call **911**.
- Sebastopol Police Log July 6 July 12

#### **Public Works Department:**

- The Public Works Department is open and operating regular office hours Monday to Thursday 7am to 5:30pm. Please note signage on door with instructions for safe interaction with staff.
- Water and sewer utility systems continue to be monitored and maintained.

#### CITY MEETINGS

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

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: <a href="http://bit.ly/sebcctv">http://bit.ly/sebcctv</a>

- 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 July 21, 2020 @ 6:00 PM



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 <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>

• **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.

(**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: <a href="https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx">https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx</a>)

#### **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: <u>Design Review Board Meeting of August 5, 2020 @ 4:00 PM</u>

#### **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 <u>amontes@cityofsebastopol.org</u>

Next Meeting: Public Arts Committee Meeting of August 5, 2020 @ 10:30 AM



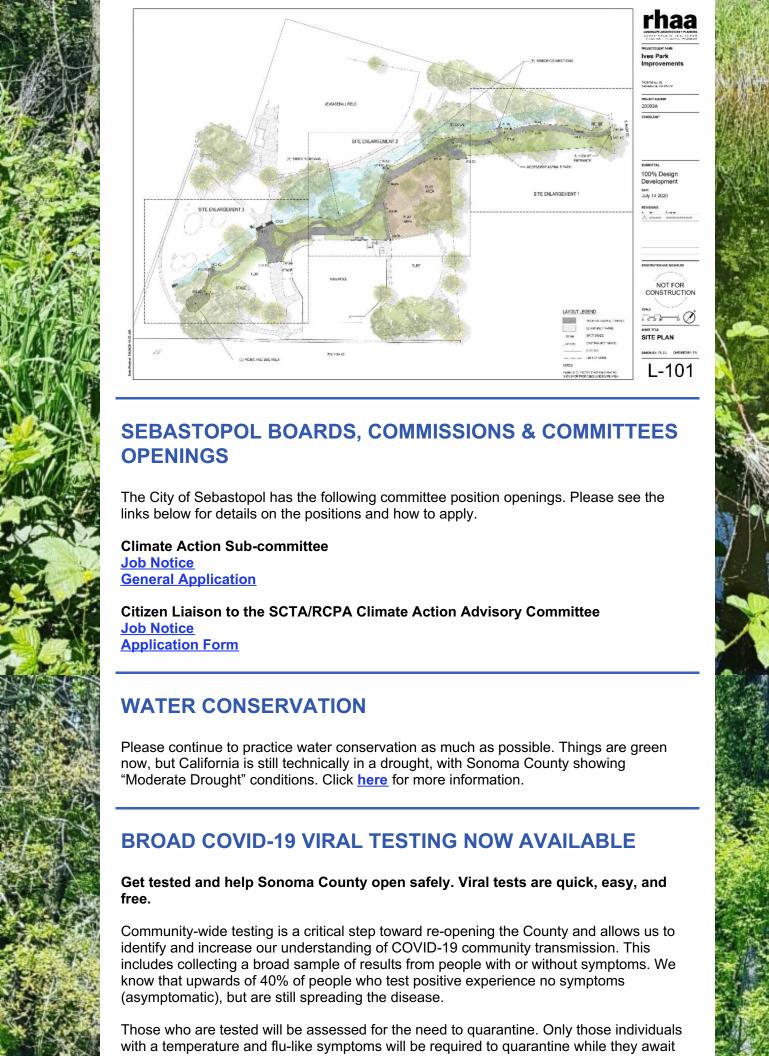
#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

#### **MEETING REVIEWS:**

At its July 14 meeting, the Planning Commission, which also serves as the City's Parks Commission, reviewed the concept designs for the replacement of the east-west path through Ives Park. The scope of the project is to redesign the pathway to meet current accessibility standards, add a portion that connects the main pathway to the picnic area in the southwest corner, and to implement the Ives Park Master Plan, which was adopted in 2013. Other project goals include reducing the mount of asphalt paving (there will be 3,500 square feet less asphalt in the new design), providing additional pervious areas around trees and the creek where possible.

The Landscape Architect will begin construction documents next, with construction anticipated to be done in phases.

Click to enlarge image.





test results. Most will be free to continue their regular shelter in place while they await their test results.

For more information about testing and to find testing locations visit the SoCoEmergency website.

#### **CREDIBLE SOURCES FOR COVID-19 UPDATES**

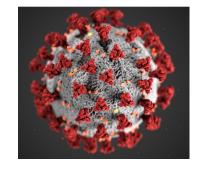
**California Department of Public Health** 

**County of Sonoma Department of Health Services** 

**SoCo Emergency Page** 

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** 

**World Health Organization (WHO)** 



### LEGAL AID'S DISASTER TEAM IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19

If you have employment questions, benefits questions, or any other legal issues related to the pandemic, please contact Legal Aid of Sonoma County.



### **Legal Aid of Sonoma County**

#### **Disaster Relief Team**

The Disaster Relief Team has assisted hundreds of survivors with their recovery.

#### We assist disaster survivors with:

- Disaster Unemployment Insurance
- EDD Appeals
- Price Gouging
- ❖ FEMA Benefits
- Information and Referrals
- Other legal issues resulting from a disaster or declared emergency, including COVID-19

Contact us for a free, confidential appointment with our Disaster Relief Team to discuss your legal rights or navigate the recovery process.

#### Contact Us:

Legal Aid Disaster Relief COVID-19 Response Hotline (559) 429-6974

Para assistencia en español, por favor llame al (707) 542-1290.



Legal Aid's mission is to promote social justice and advance basic human rights for vulnerable people in our community.

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#### **WEEKLY COVID-19 VIDEO UPDATES**

See the City's <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19)</u> <u>Resource Page</u> for recent City, County, and State video updates.

#### **ESSENTIAL SERVICES WILL CONTINUE:**

 The City of Sebastopol will not turn off water due to nonpayment. The City recognizes the hardship that the pandemic and resulting Shelter in Place Orders, have created in our community, and will temporarily suspend non-emergency turnoffs and late fees.

- PG&E will not cut off power due to nonpayment. PG&E voluntarily implemented a moratorium on service disconnections for non-payment, effective immediately. This suspension will apply to both residential and commercial customers and will remain in effect until further notice.
- Recology will not suspend trash service due to nonpayment. Recology understands that customers are starting to request delay of payments or payment plans due to the circumstances, and they are sensitive to what the community is going through. Recology will not stop service due to non-payment at this time.

Click here for more information on Essential Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### **ONLINE EDUCATION RESOURCES**



See the <u>Sonoma County Office of Education</u> website for news and information about Sonoma County schools.

The <u>PBS LearningMedia</u> website has several free online resources including standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more. The website also includes <u>PreK-12 Resources for Emergency Closings</u> that include activities, lesson plans, and videos organized by grade and subject area.

#### **NEED HELP WITH ESSENTIAL RESOURCES?**

Visit the **2-1-1 Free Referral Service** website if you have questions or needs.

For additional assistance, resources, and help with essential needs, see the <u>SoCo</u> <u>Emergency</u> resources webpage.

#### SEBASTOPOL CURB SIDE DELIVERY LOCATIONS

The city currently has two curb side pickup locations for businesses in Downtown Sebastopol.

#### Locations:

150 N. Main Street 124 S. Main Street

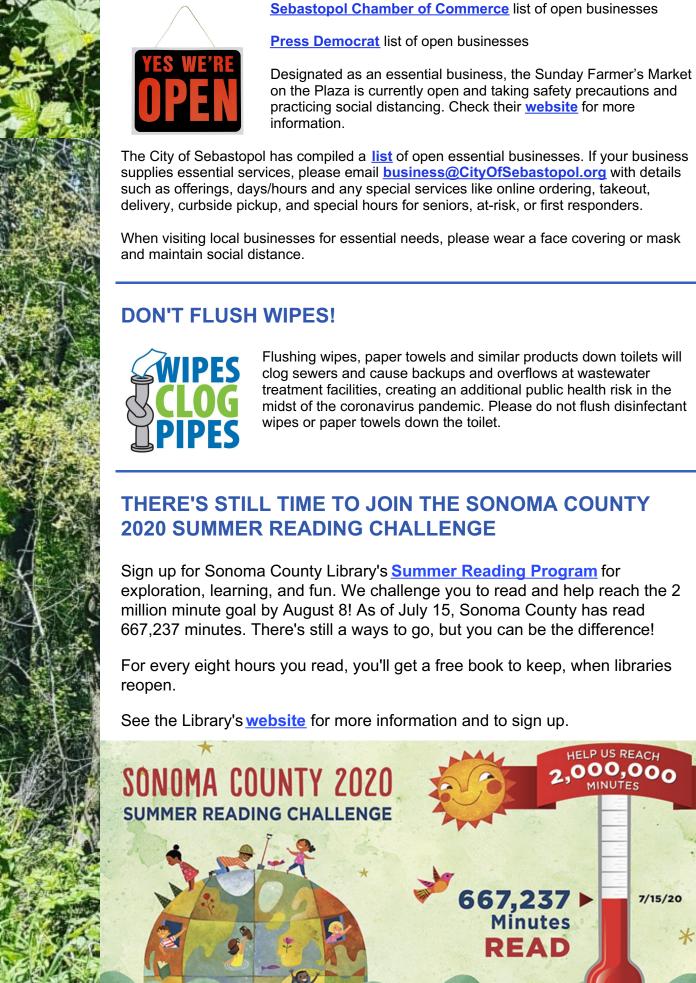
The city is in the process of providing additional curb side delivery locations in an effort to help our local businesses. If your business will have curb side delivery please call 707-823-6167 or email <a href="mailto:business@cityofsebastopol.org">business@cityofsebastopol.org</a> with this information as this information will help guide the City to locations that will be set aside.



#### **OPEN BUSINESSES**

Be sure to contact them first as this information may change from day to day.

Sonoma West Times & News list of open businesses





# CENTERARTS FOR THE

The Sebastopol Center for the Arts has gone virtual with online exhibits, lectures, and classes including a "How to Draw" series that teaches kids to how to draw a different animal each week. Click here for more information.

### CHECK OUT THE VIRTUAL PEACETOWN CONCERTS EVERY WEDNESDAY THIS SUMMER

The Peacetown Summer Concert Series has gone virtual. Every Wednesday at 7:00pm PDT you can tune in to their <u>website</u> and see the action.

#### SUMMER LINEUP:

July 22nd ~ SonoMusette (French Cabaret) | Stella & the Starlights (Swing)

July 29th ~ Pepperland (Beatles Songs) | Bohemian Hwy (Great Originals)

August 5th ~ Sol Horizon (Roots Reggae) | Laughing Gravy (Fun Americana)

August 12th ~ Bill Kirchen w/ Lost Planet Airmen | New Copasetics (Dance Grooves)

August 19th ~ Gator Nation (Cajun/Zydeco) | Mr. Music & Friends (Big Fun)

August 26th ~ Whiskey Family Band | Rockin Jimbo Scott Original Grooves

September 2nd ~ Soul Fuse (Funky Funk) | Burnside (Local Favorites)



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