



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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July 16 - July 22 Special Weekly Edition of
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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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.

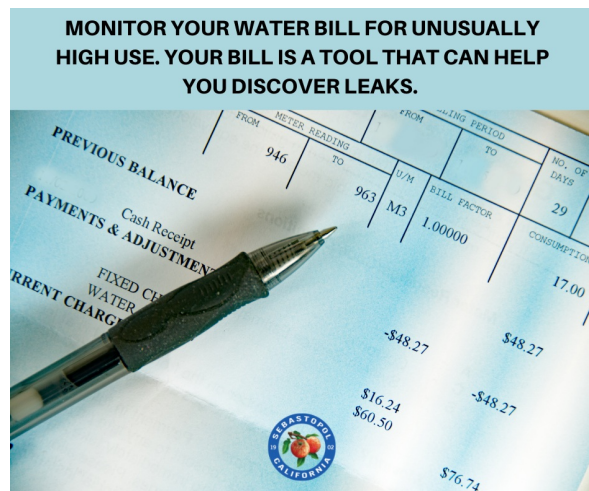
[Take the Survey](#)

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:

- **Monitor your water bill for unusually high use. Your bill is a tool that can help you discover leaks. 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.

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD JULY 28



The Sebastopol City Council has called a special meeting on July 28th to finish agenda items carried over from the July 20th City Council meeting. Click [here](#) for meeting information, the agenda, and information and links to participate.

Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Time: 8am

PREPARE FOR WILDFIRE

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).



HAVE A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN

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

Defensible Space Zones | Zonas de los espacios defendibles



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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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)

GOT APPLES? RESERVE THE SLOW FOOD SEBASTOPOL APPLE PRESS



It's apple season in Sonoma County, and the [Slow Food Sebastopol Community Apple Press](#) is opening to the public on Saturday, **August 7th** at the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm in Sebastopol, and will run 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.

SCULPTURE GARDEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

The City of Sebastopol Public Arts Committee is seeking proposals from Sonoma County based sculptors for the design, fabrication, and installation of durable and low-maintenance original public art suitable for placement in the Sebastopol Community Sculpture

Garden (CSG), Ives Park, Sebastopol, California.

Submission Deadline: August 9, 2021

[Call for Artists - Packet](#)

[Call for Artists - Map of Ives Park](#)

HELP REDUCE THE LOCAL IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BY PARTICIPATING ON THE SEBASTOPOL CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is coming together to advise the city council on ways to address the climate emergency. Your ideas, expertise and support are essential to reducing the local impacts of climate change.

We invite you to join us in bettering our local environment with your skills and passion by:

- **Joining one of our sub-groups:** Education and Outreach, Energy, Carbon Sequestration, Funding, Equity, Transportation and Research
- **Attending the bi-monthly committee meetings as a member of the public.**

For more information visit the [Sebastopol Climate Action Committee](#) page.



PARTICIPATE IN THE PLASTIC FREE JULY MOVEMENT

PLASTIC FREE JULY 2021

Are you ready to make a difference in plastic pollution? Join the Plastic Free July movement! Recology Sonoma Marin and Zero Waste Sonoma are offering four exciting ways for you to participate this July 2021.



MAKE THE PLEDGE

Visit PlasticFreeJuly.org and find the "Take the Challenge" button in the upper right corner. Fill out the pledge, and receive inspiring ideas to help you on your plastic free journey.



PLAN A CLEAN UP

Organize a beach or river clean up with friends and family! You will make a big difference by removing plastics from our local wildlife habitat. Download the [Clean Swell](#) app to record your clean up (or snap a picture of you with your bag of trash) and present your proof at the Zero Waste Sonoma table at the "Story Of Plastic" screening on July 30th to win a prize!



JULY 19TH: ATTEND OUR WEBINAR "BYE BYE PLASTIC"

Wondering where to start phasing out plastic? Join us for an educational virtual webinar July 19th from 12pm -1pm where we will have local zero waste experts share their knowledge and answer your questions. Find more details and the Zoom link at ZeroWasteSonoma.gov/PFJ.



JULY 30TH: SCREENING OF "STORY OF PLASTIC"

Bring your own lounge chairs or a blanket and join us on July 30th at the SOMO Village Courtyard in Rohnert Park for an outdoor screening of "Story of Plastic". Doors will open at 7:00pm for time to connect with businesses and organizations that support Zero Waste, and the movie will begin at 8:20pm. More details are at ZeroWasteSonoma.gov/PFJ. PLEASE NOTE: Outside food and beverages are not permitted.



Scan the QR code to visit our event page for more info! Follow us on Facebook [@RecologySonomaMarin](#) and [@ZeroWasteSonoma](#) for regular updates and inspiration.



Download a PDF of the flyer [HERE](#).

For more information visit <https://zerowastesonoma.gov/PFJ>

EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS TRAININGS

FRS (hand-held radio) Training in-person at the Sebastopol Fire Station and via Zoom on **July 27**.

Learn how to stay connected when other communications sources are not available.

Visit <https://sebastopolready.org/calendar-events/sncu-radio-zoom-training> for more information and to sign up.

SNCU RADIO
MEETING: FRS
(hand-held radio)
Training

SEBASTOPOL BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS



Sonoma County Library Commission Representative from Sebastopol

Notice to the Community to fill Vacancy (Remaining Term) Due to Resignation for the Position on the Sonoma County Library Commission for a Representative from Sebastopol (Term Ends July 31, 2022)
DEADLINE: August 5, 2021

If you would like an application, please contact City Hall at 707-823-1153 or info@cityofsebastopol.org for applications or information.

COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

SEVERAL COUNTIES RECOMMEND MASKING INDOORS FOR EVERYONE AS A PRECAUTION AGAINST INCREASED CIRCULATION OF COVID-19

With cases of COVID-19 rising locally and increased circulation of the highly transmissible Delta variant, the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and the City of Berkeley recommend that everyone, regardless of vaccination status, wear masks indoors in public places to ensure easy verification that all unvaccinated people are masked in those settings and as an extra precautionary measure for all.

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

Recommendation of
indoor masking
issued for all



Recomiendan el que
todos utilicen tapa
bocas en interiores



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 NOW ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES

Sonoma County residents 12+ years of
age are now 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



COVID-19
VACCINATIONS
IN SONOMA
COUNTY

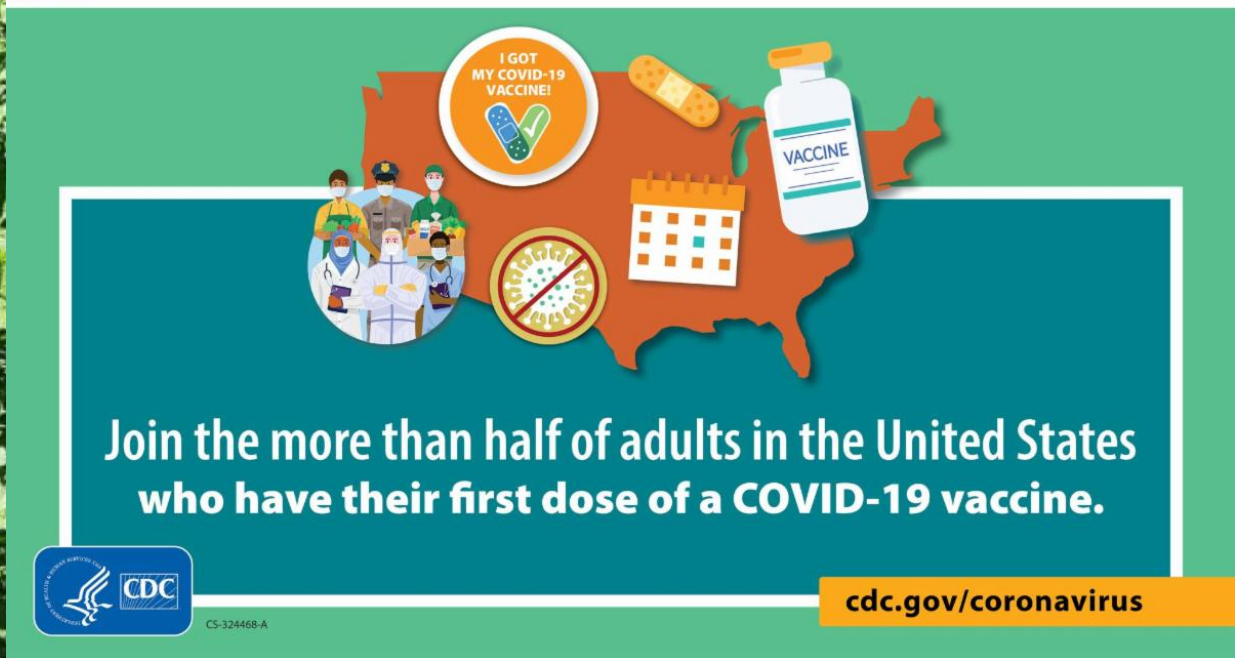


Vaccine appointments
can be made by visiting
myturn.ca.gov or by calling
the **COVID-19 Hotline** at
(707) 565-4667.


[SoCoEmergency.org](https://www.socoemergency.org)

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.

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



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

 cdc.gov/coronavirus

SONOMA COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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?*

of immigration status, who are renters or landlords requiring rental assistance. Any community member can apply with any organization on this list regardless of 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.

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

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.

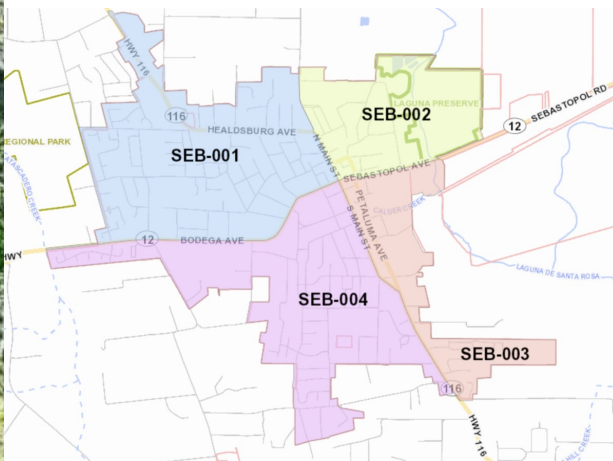
EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

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.



SEBASTOPOL EVACUATION MAPS

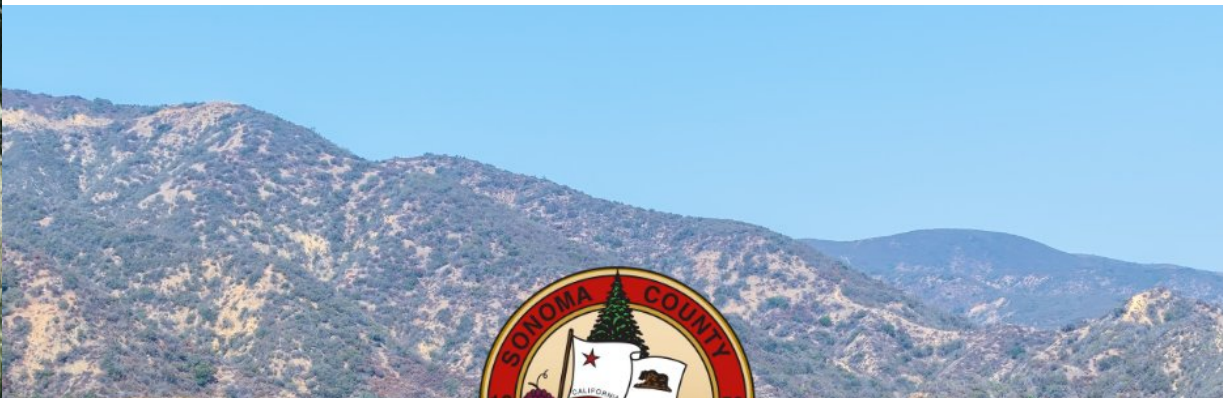


As part of on going efforts with the County of Sonoma, Sebastopol now has evacuation maps. You can find links on the [Fire Department](#) page of the City's website.

[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

ALL OUTDOOR BURNING SUSPENDED



Sonoma Fire Prevention Division along with CalFire have announced the enactment of a burn suspension.



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.

Use fire-resistant building materials to protect your home from wildfires.

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 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 Special Meeting of July 28, 2021 @ 8:00 AM](#)

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 July 27, 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 4, 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:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of August 4, 2021 @ 10:30AM](#)



GENERAL INFO

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

@www.peacetown.org

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Us



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