



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**July 22 - July 28 Special Weekly Edition of  
Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

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**25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL**



## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN FOR CITY COUNCIL

**NOMINATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL OPEN JULY 18**

**NOMINATION PERIOD**  
JULY 18 - AUGUST 12\*  
\*AUG. 17 IF AN INCUMBENT FAILS TO RETURN NOMINATION PAPERS BY AUG. 12 DEADLINE.

Visit <https://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/City-Government/Elections-Voting> for more info

**RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL AND BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN SEBASTOPOL!**

Election in Nov 2022

The next General Municipal Election will be held on November 8, 2022. City of Sebastopol voters will be asked to elect three candidates to serve a four-year term on the City Council. Terms for Councilmembers Una Glass, Sarah Glade Gurney and Patrick Slayter expire at the end of this year.

Interested in Running for City Council? The Nomination Period is NOW OPEN! There are two appointments required: One appointment to receive/pull the nomination paperwork and the second appointment to file the nomination

paperwork to qualify for the election.

**Candidates may pull papers to run for the office of City Councilmember in the November 8, 2022, election during the nomination period. The nomination period for this election opens on Monday, July 18 and continues through Friday, August 12. The election code states that if an incumbent fails to return Candidate nomination papers by the original deadline, the nomination period will be extended to Wednesday, August 17, 2022. As Councilmember Sarah Gurney has indicated that she will not seek re-election, the Nomination Period is likely to be extended. The City Clerk acting as the City's Elections Official, will issue and receive all related nomination papers. ALL nomination documents must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at one time and by appointment. The deadline for filing nomination documents is Friday, August 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. unless extended as described above.**

It is required that due to the length of appointments that an interested person call the Office of the City Clerk at **707-823-1153** or email [mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org) to make an appointment.

See this [article](#) for nomination information for the 2022 City Council election.

Please visit the [Elections and Voting Page](#) of the City of Sebastopol website for more details and eligibility requirements.

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## TOWN HALL ON STATUS OF SERVICES TO THE UNHOUSED RECAP & FAQs



Learn what is being done to address homelessness in the Sebastopol area and meet members of the community who have shared their stories in Sebastopol Unhoused: Stories and Solutions, a video produced as part of the June 30, 2022 Town Hall hosted by Sebastopol's Ad Hoc Committee on the Unhoused.

The Town Hall webpage (<https://bit.ly/SebUnhousedTH22>) also has a link to the full recording of the Town Hall as well as a list of questions submitted before and after the Town Hall with answers from the Ad Hoc Committee on the Unhoused with input from City Staff.

Feedback of any kind on the Town Hall and/or the video is invited and would be appreciated by emailing [info@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:info@cityofsebastopol.org).

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## CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK ADOPTED

On July 19th, 2022, the Sebastopol City Council adopted a [Climate Action Framework](#), a document that will guide the City as it works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate impacts such as drought and wildfires. The Framework provides an overview of Sebastopol's climate progress so



far and sets goals for additional action.

Community members are invited to participate in next steps, including evaluating and prioritizing actions for the City to take and making changes in their personal lives. To learn more, read the full press release [here](#) or



visit <https://bit.ly/ClimateActionFramework>.

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## POLYSTYRENE BAN AND DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE BAN IN EFFECT

In May 2019, the Sebastopol City Council enacted a ban on polystyrene and disposable food service ware as part of its [Resolution 6214](#) to achieve Zero Waste by 2030. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ban was informally waived. As of August 1, 2022, the ban is fully in effect. In short, under [Sebastopol Municipal Code SMC/8.36.010](#) polystyrene (commonly referred to as “*styrofoam*”) food service ware and sales are prohibited. All



food service takeout containers must be recyclable or compostable, all food providers shall only provide lids, cutlery, to-go condiment packages and paper straws upon request of customers, and plastic straws are prohibited. The requirement applies to all vendors providing disposable food service ware including restaurants, grocers and other retailers, and special events. For questions please call the City of Sebastopol Engineering Department at (707) 823-2151.

[Ordinance Fact Sheet](#)  
[Requirements for Vendors](#)  
[Food Service Ware Alternatives](#)  
[Non-Foodservice Ware Alternatives](#)

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## COMMUNITY SCULPTURE GARDEN OPENING CELEBRATION AT IVES PARK

On Saturday, July 23rd, the public gathered for the opening celebration of Sebastopol's Community Sculpture Garden at Ives Park. The event was hosted by the City of Sebastopol Public Arts Committee, with support from the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. There were presentations, discussions with the artists, and a ribbon cutting by Mayor Patrick Slayter. The Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Chamber



Music Ensemble played during the celebration.

The artists include Gordon Carter, Rose Gitlin, Beth Hartman, Briona Hendren, Rod Morgan, Josho Somine, and Jeffrey Zankel.

Selected sculptures in the CSG are available for purchase from the artists and will be available for pick-up after 7/23/2023, following their one year exhibit period.



***Standing Alone, Together***  
Artist: Rod Morgan



***Zephyra***  
Artist: Sculpture Jam (Jeffrey Zankel pictured)





*Support Person #1*  
Artist: Beth Hartmann



*Hands Up*  
Artist: Rose Gitlin



*Us*  
Artist: Josho Somine



Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Chamber Music  
Ensemble

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## WATER & SEWER UPDATES

### NEW WATER & SEWER RATES AS OF JULY 1, 2022

New water and sewer rates are in effect as of July, 1, 2022. You can see the current rate schedule [HERE](#). Winter averages will be updated on your next bill, with new winter averages based on last winter's lowest average.

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### PAY YOUR WATER & SEWER BILL ONLINE

Sebastopol offers online billpay for water and sewer service. What are the benefits of online billpay? It's secure, convenient, and green! With an online account, you can set up



paperless billing, have your statement emailed to you, see a full detailed statement of your bill vs. what is provided in the paper form, see your statement immediately as soon as we post billing instead of waiting for a copy of the statement in the mail, and you can set up autopay or just make payments via credit or debit card with the weblink as well.



Sign up

here <https://sebastopol.merchanttransact.com/Login> and you will be directed to a secure, cloud-based, off-site portal where you can log in, check your bills, see a history of usage, make a payment, or sign up for Auto Pay with your Credit or Debit card.

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## 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 attached 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. Deadlines for applications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are:

- **August 15, 2022**
- **October 10, 2022**
- **January 9, 2023**
- **March 13, 2023**

If you would like to apply for or discuss the program in more detail, please contact Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director at (707) 823-6167 or [KSvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:KSvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

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

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## 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:

- **When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather. Turning off the water while washing your hands can save 6 gallons per day. 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.

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## EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



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## 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

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

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

Residential households in the U.S. are now eligible for another order of free at-home tests. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Each order now includes eight rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Your order of eight tests will come in two separate packages (four in each package) each with its own tracking number
- Packages are shipped at no cost to you
- To order your free at-home tests, visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

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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.

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 August 2, 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of August 9, 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of August 3, 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.

#### **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:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of August 10, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIORS CENTER'S OPEN HOUSE IS AUGUST 25TH

Learn more about what they do! Get involved!

- Classes & day trips
- Resources, lgbt+ program
- Transportation
- Tours of the Harvest Cafe & new kitchen
- The legacy thrift store
- Meet instructors and more!

**Date:** Thursday, August 25th

**Time:** 4pm - 6pm

**Location:** 167 N. High St in Sebastopol

RSVP [Here](#)

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER'S

# Open House

CELEBRATING PHIL AARON DAY

AUGUST 25TH | 4PM - 6PM | THURSDAY

167 N. HIGH ST IN SEBASTOPOL

Free and  
open  
to the  
community!

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR SENIOR CENTER  
CLASSES & DAY TRIPS  
RESOURCES, LGBT+ PROGRAM  
TRANSPORTATION  
THE LEGACY THRIFT STORE  
MEET INSTRUCTORS AND MORE!

**RSVP ON OUR WEBSITE OR CALL US 707-829-2440**  
**PROOF OF COVID VACCINE REQUIRED**



[sebastopolseniorcenter.org](http://sebastopolseniorcenter.org) | 707-829-2440 | [info@sebastopolseniorcenter.org](mailto:info@sebastopolseniorcenter.org)

## AGED TO PERFECTION TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

This year's Sebastopol Area Senior Center annual fundraiser Aged to Perfection, will honor two people/groups for their incredible contributions to our community: Jim Pacatte and The Sebastopol Rotary.

### The Evening Includes:

- A paddle raise auctioning off some amazing dinner packages
- Dancing to Pride & Joy
- Scrumptious eats by A La Heart
- A raffle with a chance to win the Wine Sweepstakes (bottles of high-end Sonoma County wines) and so much more!

Tickets are ALL INCLUSIVE and include food and wine, beer, or non-alcoholic beverages.

**DATE:** Saturday, September 17, 2022

**LOCATION:** Blue Ridge Kitchen Event Center in The Barlow



TIME: 5:30pm - 10pm  
COST: \$150 per person

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

*the Sebastopol Area Senior Center presents*

**~ SATURDAY ~  
SEPTEMBER 17TH**

# AGED TO PERFECTION

**HONOREES ~ JIM PACATTE  
& THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL**

**Wine Sweepstakes  
Live Auction  
Scrumptious Eats  
Wine and Beer  
Dancing to Pride & Joy**

**5:30PM  
TO 10:30PM**

**AT THE BARLOW  
BLUE RIDGE  
EVENT CENTER**

*A Harvest Celebration*

**SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER**

**PRIDE & JOY**

**\$150 ~ All Inclusive Tickets**  
sebastopolseniorcenter.org/aged-to-perfection  
Phone: 707-829-2440

**LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE DELIVERS  
FUN, LEARNING AND PRIZES JUNE 6 - AUGUST 13**



Join the Sonoma County Library's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) for exploration, learning and fun. The Summer Reading Challenge runs from June 6 to August 13 and participants of all ages are challenged to read 20 minutes each day. The library's summer reading offerings include the reading challenge, a [community scavenger hunt](#) and virtual and in-person [events](#).

Sign up for the challenge and track your reading online at [sonomalibrary.beanstack.org](https://sonomalibrary.beanstack.org), with the Beanstack Tracker app or by [visiting your local library branch](#) for paper logs.

"Sonoma County Library's Summer Reading Challenge celebrates learning—your way. Read something that sparks your curiosity for at least 20 minutes a day. Reading together is a great way to connect with family and friends," said Aleta Dimas, Adult Services Administrator at the Sonoma County Library. "Join us by reading wherever, however and whatever you enjoy, to foster a lifetime of learning!"

Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall, a concept known as the "summer slide." Reading programs work to prevent this loss of information.

eBooks, audiobooks, eAudiobooks, physical books, graphic novels and even books read out loud by a loved one, all reading counts. Record your minutes regularly to be eligible for weekly raffle prizes. Plus, earn free books when you read for eight hours and again at 16 hours. Reading time must be recorded via Beanstack—or turned in by paper log—by August 13 to be eligible for the grand prize raffle.

Visit [sonomalibrary.org/summerreading2022](https://sonomalibrary.org/summerreading2022) to learn more about the library's Summer Reading Challenge, and go to [sonomalibrary.org/scavengerhunt](https://sonomalibrary.org/scavengerhunt) to join the library's family-friendly community scavenger hunt.

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## PEACETOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES JUNE 8 - SEPTEMBER 7





Head to the Barlow to take in the sweet sounds of summer at the Peacetown Summer Concert series. Every Wednesday, through September 7, the Barlow will be filled with music and dancing alongside a variety of local wines and food to enjoy from 4:30pm-7:30pm. To view this summer's music lineup, visit [peacetown.org](http://peacetown.org).

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## VOLUNTEER AT THE HARVEST CAFE

**Volunteer at The Harvest Cafe:** The Harvest Café at the Sebastopol Area Senior Center, has helped serve our mission of feeding those in need for the last year. Volunteers are essential in making sure we continue to provide healthy meals to families, friends, and neighbors of our community. The position of kitchen server and kitchen helper supports by serving food to our community members that visit the Harvest Café.



To learn more visit:

<https://www.sebastopolseniorcenter.org/lunch-at-harvest-cafe>

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