



## City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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### July 3 - July 10 CORRECTED Special Weekly Edition of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

Please visit the City of Sebastopol website at [www.CityOfSebastopol.org](http://www.CityOfSebastopol.org) for the most up-to-date local information on the coronavirus crisis. There is a page dedicated entirely to the crisis, the [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Page](#), where you will find specific resources and answers to many questions that you may have. The City of Sebastopol is also on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [NextDoor](#).

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Due to recent increases in COVID-19 cases and deaths, on July 10 Sonoma County was placed on the state data monitoring list ("watch list") for COVID-19. This means that unless conditions turn around by Monday July 13, restrictions are expected to be re-imposed on a number of activities and locations including indoor dining for at least three weeks. Read the press release with full details [here](#).

An earlier release of this newsletter mistakenly stated that gyms, hair salons, and casinos were on the temporary closure list.

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 [City's COVID-19 page](#) and the [SoCoEmergency page](#).

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## 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 “go-bag” (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.

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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.

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## 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 [finalist](#) and [winner](#) performances.

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## 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 [mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org) to make an appointment to obtain nomination materials during the nomination period. Term of office is four years.

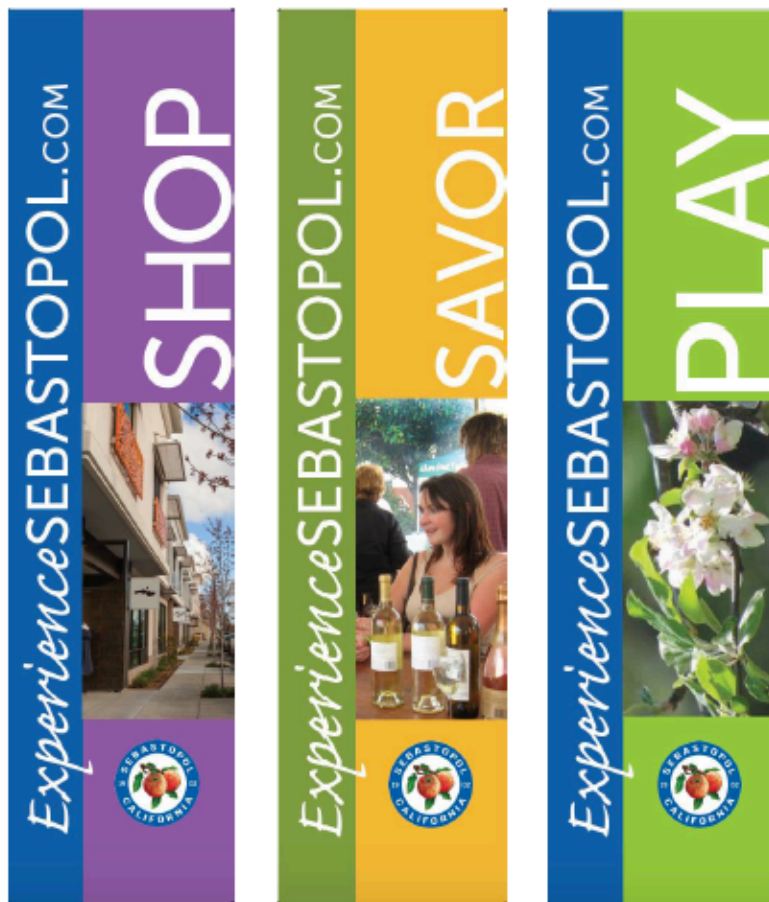
Click [here](#) for more information.

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## WHAT MAKES SEBASTOPOL SPECIAL TO YOU?

The City of Sebastopol is in the process of replacing the worn out Experience Sebastopol banners in the downtown area. We're looking for your help in coming up with action words that describe our community beyond the usual Eat, Stay, Play verbiage that is common to many towns. We'd like as much input as possible from a wide variety of community members on what what makes Sebastopol special to them.

Please participate and reach out to your network and invite them to submit their ideas to [outreach@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:outreach@cityofsebastopol.org) by **Friday, July 17**. (Images are samples).



## SIP, SHOP, SAAVOR, 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 [Sip, Shop, Savor, Safe Sebastopol](#) and tag it with #SafeSeastopol, #SipShopSavor, or #InterDependence for a chance to win great prizes!

Get your inspiration from the activity checklist [here](#).

Businesses can [sign up now](#) 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; [LIKE and SHARE](#) your Activities with Sip, Shop, and Savor Sebastopol on Facebook. [Click here](#) 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 publicity in our publications, 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.

**Waiver, 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 HEREBY ASSUME FULL AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY INJURY OR ACCIDENT WHICH MAY OCCUR DURING MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT.

**#SafeSebastopol | #SipShopSavor | #InterDependence**

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## 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](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/2020.03.16.aspx)

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## NEW 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

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## REGULAR CITY BUSINESS CONTINUES

### Administrative Services:

- Administrative Service staff are available by phone or email for questions. Please email [info@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:info@cityofsebastopol.org); 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 [info@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:info@cityofsebastopol.org); 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.

**Fire Department:**

- The Fire Department is open and continuing to provide first 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, but has moved to electronic 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 June 29 - July 6](#)

**Public Works Department:**

- The Public Works Department is open and operating regular office hours - Monday to Thursday 7am to 5:30pm.
- Water and sewer utility systems continue to be monitored and maintained.

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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 July 21, 2020 @ 6:00 PM](#)

#### **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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of July 14, 2020 @ 7:00 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](mailto:amontes@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of July 15, 2020 @ 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](mailto:amontes@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of August 5, 2020 @ 10:30 AM](#)





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## SEBASTOPOL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES OPENINGS

The City of Sebastopol has the following committee position openings. Please see the links below for details on the positions and how to apply.

### **Climate Action Sub-committee**

[Job Notice](#)

[General Application](#)

### **Citizen Liaison to the SCTA/RCPA Climate Action Advisory Committee**

[Job Notice](#)

[Application Form](#)

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## WATER CONSERVATION

Please continue to practice water conservation as much as possible. Things are green now, but California is still technically in a drought, with Sonoma County showing “Moderate Drought” conditions. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## BROAD COVID-19 VIRAL TESTING NOW AVAILABLE

**Get tested and help Sonoma County open safely. Viral tests are quick, easy, and free.**

Community-wide testing is a critical step toward re-opening the County and allows us to identify and increase our understanding of COVID-19 community transmission. This includes collecting a broad sample of results from people with or without symptoms. We know that upwards of 40% of people who test positive experience no symptoms (asymptomatic), but are still spreading the disease.

Those who are tested will be assessed for the need to quarantine. Only those individuals with a temperature and flu-like symptoms will be required to quarantine while they await 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](#).

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## CREDIBLE SOURCES FOR COVID-19 UPDATES

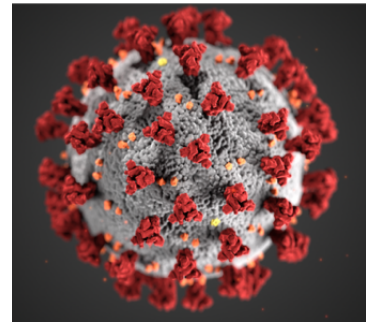
[California Department of Public Health](#)

[County of Sonoma Department of Health Services](#)

[SoCo Emergency Page](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)



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## **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 asistencia 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.

### Our Team:

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

See the City's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Page](#) for recent City, County, and State video updates.

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## 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.

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## ONLINE EDUCATION RESOURCES



See the [Sonoma County Office of Education](#) website for news and information about Sonoma County schools.

The [PBS LearningMedia](#) website has several free online resources including standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more. The website also includes [PreK-12 Resources for Emergency Closings](#) 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 [SoCo Emergency](#) resources webpage.

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## 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 curbside delivery please call **707-823-6167** or email [business@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:business@cityofsebastopol.org) with this information as this information will help guide the City to locations that will be set aside.



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## 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

[Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce](#) list of open businesses

[Press Democrat](#) list of open businesses

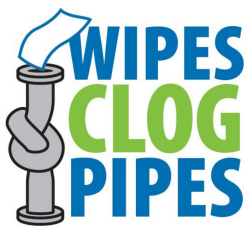
Designated as an essential business, the Sunday Farmer's Market on the Plaza is currently open and taking safety precautions and practicing social distancing. Check their [website](#) for more information.

The City of Sebastopol has compiled a [list](#) of open essential businesses. If your business supplies essential services, please email [business@CityOfSebastopol.org](mailto:business@CityOfSebastopol.org) with details such as offerings, days/hours and any special services like online ordering, takeout, delivery, curbside pickup, and special hours for seniors, at-risk, or first responders.

When visiting local businesses for essential needs, please wear a face covering or mask and maintain social distance.

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## DON'T FLUSH WIPES!



Flushing wipes, paper towels and similar products down toilets will clog sewers and cause backups and overflows at wastewater treatment facilities, creating an additional public health risk in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Please do not flush disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet.

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## TIPS: 40 FREE & FUN THINGS TO DO ONLINE

Check out this [article](#) from Insider magazine with a

list of 40 free and fun things to do online when you're stuck at home.

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SEBASTOPOL  
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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.

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## 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 [website](#) and see the action.

### SUMMER LINEUP:

July 15th ~ Soul Section Super Dance Grooves | Bottle Shock (Original Americana)

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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