



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**July 8 - July 14 Special Weekly Edition of
Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

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25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CITY COUNCIL JULY 18

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? Nomination Period will be opening Monday July 18th! 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.

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

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.

Candidates arriving after the deadline shall be turned away. NO EXCEPTIONS ARE PERMITTED.

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 to

make an appointment.

All election paperwork can only be issued or received by the Elections Official (City Clerk). It is strongly advised you file your completed nomination forms EARLY within the nomination period. Deadlines are rigid and must be adhered to. Waiting until the last moment to complete and file documents may jeopardize your right to have your name appear on the ballot. The Elections Official is the only individual who can issue or receive the paperwork.

Also keep in mind that running for office is a very open process. Once filed, other than some exceptions, candidate and campaign information becomes a public record and is available to the public.

Candidate Eligibility

- A candidate must be a United States citizen;
- 18 years old on or before the election day and a citizen of the state (Government Code Section 1020);
- A registered voter living in the City of Sebastopol at the time nomination papers are issued (The City Clerk will verify voter registration with the County of Sonoma Registrar of Voters.) Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person as provided for in Section 10227 of the Elections Code.
- **Conviction of Crimes** - A person is disqualified from holding any office upon conviction of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and the laws of the State of California (Government Code Section 1021).

Candidate Fees

There are no City of Sebastopol filing fees, however, candidates who choose to have their "Candidate Statement of Qualifications" printed in the sample ballot issued by the County Registrar of Voters must bear the actual cost of printing and distribution. Candidates who opt for this printing are required to pay the fee when the nomination paper and forms are filed with the City of Sebastopol City Clerk.

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

JULY 20 LIBRARY SCULPTURE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Join Mayor Patrick Slayter in dedicating and celebrating the newly installed "Gray Matter" sculpture by Michael McGinnis at the Sebastopol Public Library on Wednesday, **July 20th at 6pm** in the outdoor fountain area of the library. The public is encouraged to attend. No fee or reservations are required. Refreshments will be served.



SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY SCULPTURE GARDEN AT IVES PARK OPENING CELEBRATION - JULY 23



**IVES PARK
7400 WILLOW ST.**



**JULY 23, 2022
AT 1PM**

Sebastopol Community Sculpture Garden Opening Celebration



Sebastopol Community Sculpture Garden at Ives Park OPENING CELEBRATION Saturday, July 23, 1pm

The public is invited to meet the sculptors and to enjoy festivities during the opening celebration of the Sebastopol Community Sculpture Garden at Ives Park, 7400 Willow Street, Sebastopol, CA. The event is hosted by The City of Sebastopol Public Arts Committee and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts.

The event is on Saturday, July 23rd at 1pm and kicks off with ribbon cutting by Mayor Patrick Slayter. There will be discussions with the artists describing their inspirations and creative solutions which were considered during the selection process, as well as presentations by Sebastopol Public Art Committee Chair, Marghe Mills-Thysen, and Sebastopol Center for the Arts Creative Director, Catherine Devriese. The Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Chamber Music Ensemble will be playing during the celebration.

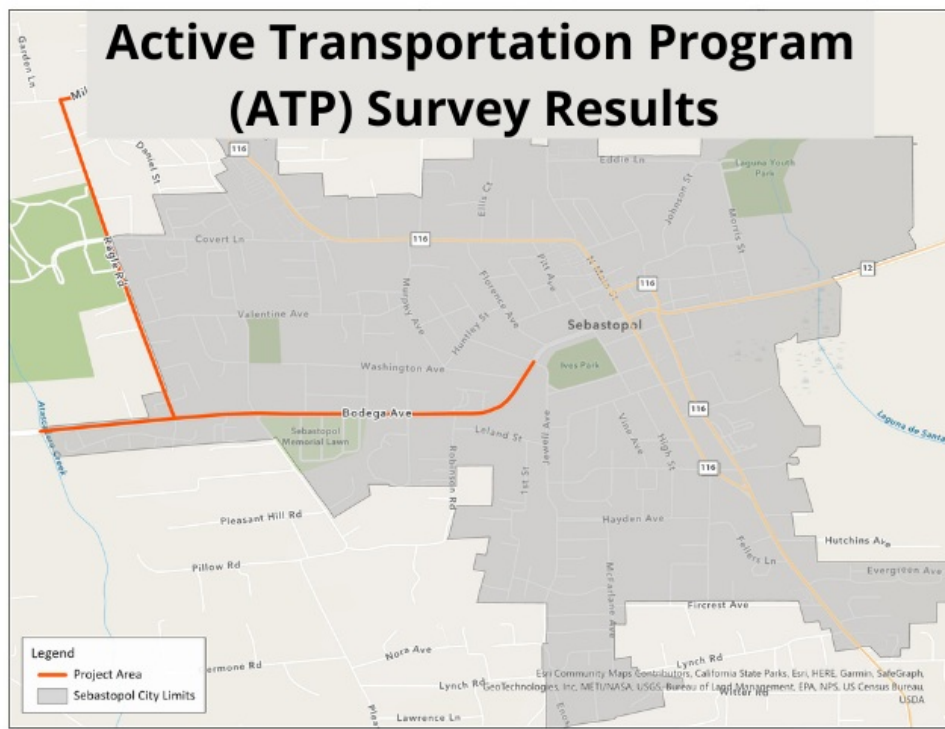
The five-member Sebastopol Public Art Committee reviewed the competition entries submitted to the Sebastopol City Council for final approval, and eight sculptures have been chosen for the initial one-year duration. The site is located within the park, adjacent to Calder Creek, near the High Street entry.

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

Selected sculptures will be available for purchase after 7/23/2023.

2022 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP) SURVEY RESULTS

Active Transportation Program (ATP) Survey Results



The City of Sebastopol and Sonoma County have partnered to make walking and biking safer and more comfortable travel options for people of all ages and abilities. Most of the proposed bike lanes and paths in the Sebastopol area have been completed, with the exception of Bodega Avenue, Ragle Road, and Mill Station Road.

The City and County applied for state funding to complete these projects to provide pedestrians and bicyclists with greater protection from traffic and make it easier to access local destinations by walking or biking. An important part of the grant application was input from community members. The West Sebastopol Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements Survey was conducted in May 2022 to gather input on the community's experience walking or biking along Bodega Avenue, Ragle Road, and Mill Station Road.

See the survey results [HERE](#).

2022 NORTH BAY ZERO WASTE WEEK



Zero Waste North Bay is organizing Zero Waste Week from **July 24 – 30**. Organizations and community groups across Sonoma County will be hosting different events throughout the week to raise awareness about the environmental impacts of waste, and offer actionable ways to live a zero waste lifestyle. This is an opportunity for participants to learn new skills, build community, and create sustainable habits through the lens of zero waste.

Let's focus on solutions for reducing, reusing, redesigning, repurposing, repairing, recycling and composting to limit landfill, water, and energy waste!

Visit <https://zerowastenorthbay.org> for more information and a calendar of events.

2022 NORTH BAY ZERO WASTE SYMPOSIUM CANCELLED



We are sorry to announce that we made the difficult decision to cancel this year's 2022 Zero Waste North Bay Symposium due to community concern regarding the current Covid surge. We plan to thoughtfully reschedule in early 2023.

This decision will not affect any of the other Zero Waste Week events. All others will proceed as planned. Join us for these great community events!

COMMUNITY UPCYCLED ART PROJECT STILL SEEKING SUBMISSIONS

The Sebastopol Community "heArt" project is seeking submissions for upcycled art creations made from repurposed materials that will be displayed throughout town.

Community artists are invited to create supporting pieces that will:

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

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



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

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

RECOLOGY CARES PROGRAM



Through the [Recology Cares Program](#), households in Sebastopol may be eligible for a 15% discount on their Recology bill. Participation in the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) CARE program automatically qualifies you for the Recology Cares program.

To apply for the program, simply mail or email us (recologysonomamarin@recology.com) a copy of your most current PG&E bill showing participation in their CARE program. Discount will be applied to the billing cycle in which the documentation is received.

The name and address on your PG&E account must match the name and address on your Recology account. Please note that you may be asked to verify annually.

TOUR ADU PREFAB UNITS!

Tour model prefab ADUs from Homes for Sonoma and Connect Homes, plus meet and talk to reps from the following prefab companies, architecture & design firms:

- Homes for Sonoma • Connect Homes • Villa
- Prefab ADU • Abodu • Inspired ADUs
- Mayberry Workshop • Napa Design Partners
- North Coast Packaged Homes

**Pre-Fab ADU
HOME
TOURS**

All reps have ADU plans that have been PRE-REVIEWED for our NEW Napa Sonoma ADU Standard Plans Program, so you can save time and money on the design and permit process.

PLUS - wondering how you'll pay for your ADU? Learn more about the new Redwood Credit Union ADU construction loan. Reps onsite at the event to answer questions.

TWO MORE DATES:

Saturday, July 23 – Noon to 5 PM

Thursday, July 28 – 3 PM to 7 PM

Across from Chops Teen Center
34 West 6th St., Santa Rosa, CA, 95401

Visit www.NapaSonomaADU.org/events2 for more info and to register.

EVENTS LOCATION:

34 W. 6th Street
Near Downtown Santa Rosa Railroad Square
RIGHT ACROSS FROM CHOP'S TEEN CENTER!

Learn More:

<https://napasonomaadu.org/aduevents>



Connect Homes Unit | 460 SF

Tour ADU Prefab Units!

FOUR DATES ONLY:

- Saturday, July 9 from 12:00 - 5:00 pm
- Thursday, July 14 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm
- Saturday, July 23 from 12:00 - 5:00 pm
- Thursday, July 28 from 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Meet reps from:

- Homes for Sonoma
- Connect Homes
- Prefab ADU
- North Coast Packaged Homes
- Mayberry Workshop
- Abodu
- Villa
- Inspired ADUs
- Napa Design Partners



Homes for Sonoma Unit | 480 SF



SONOMA COUNTY ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION ANNOUNCES NEW SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES



COUNTY OF SONOMA
ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY



SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Learn more about the benefits of making improvements that will help make your home or business more resilient.

Topics include: evaluating energy use, making a project plan, funding your projects, solar photovoltaics and battery storage, water conservation, wildfire safety, and understanding heat pumps for HVAC and water heating.

The County of Sonoma, Energy and Sustainability Division is pleased to announce the latest homeowner workshops in an on-going series for those interested in learning more about the benefits of making improvements that will help make your home more resilient.

The workshops cover a range of topics including evaluating energy use, making a project plan, funding your projects, solar photovoltaics and battery storage, water conservation, wildfire safety, and understanding heat pumps for HVAC and water heating.

Presentations will also include information about the County's property-based financing program and other resources such as no-cost consultations, rebates and incentives to get projects done.

To register, please click on the workshops below that you would like to attend. All registered attendees will receive copies of the presentation and slides upon conclusion of the workshop.

REGISTER TODAY: Workshops are held on Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- **July 20, 2022:** [Funding Your Improvements – Incentives, Rebates, and Financing](#)
- **July 27, 2022:** [Understanding Residential Heat Pumps for HVAC and Water Heating](#)

For more information or to RSVP directly, call 707-565-6470 or email GSenergy@sonoma-county.org

For the press release and to learn more, click [HERE](#).

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 give your pet fresh water, don't throw the old water down the drain. Use it to water your trees and shrubs. 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.

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



PRACTICE VEHICLE SAFETY 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 #ONELESSPARK

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRE COORDINATING GROUP (CWCG)

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>

CITY NEWS

CITY MEETINGS

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

Agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the City website by clicking the "[Meetings](#)" link on the home page. Agendas will contain information about participating virtually in real time when this feature is available.

City Council Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before the meeting:
 - **For Items Not on the Agenda:** Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items not on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the virtual City Council meeting. All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org
 - **For Items Listed on the Agenda:** Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items listed on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the agenda item during the virtual City Council meeting. **Email comments must identify the Agenda Item Number in the subject line of the email.** All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a

public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [City Council Meeting of July 19, 2022 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Planning Commission Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of July 26, 2022 @ 6:00 PM](#)

(NOTE: All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link. Information for meeting attendance can be found here: <https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx>)

Design Review Board Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 4pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of July 20, 2022 @ 4:00 PM](#)

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 10:30am
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** 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

- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of July 27, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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, 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 to learn more about the library's Summer Reading Challenge, and go to sonomalibrary.org/scavengerhunt to join the library's family-friendly community scavenger hunt.

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.

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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