

City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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NO FIREWORKS IN SEBASTOPOL!

Reminder from Sebastopol Fire and Police Departments: Please remember as you celebrate Independence Day this year, there are **NO** types of fireworks that are legal in Sebastopol. We are in the midst of extreme drought conditions, so please be safe and don't endanger our neighborhoods by setting off fireworks of any kind. There are lots of other great ways to celebrate the Fourth. Like popsicles. Who doesn't love popsicles?! Have fun and be safe!





No fireworks in Sebastopol



CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER STAGE 2 WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES AT THE JULY 6 COUNCIL MEETING

In May, the Sebastopol City Council passed a Stage 1 Water Conservation Alert. Stage 2 calls for mandatory 25% reduction of water use. It limits or prohibits a number of activities including outdoor irrigation, filling of swimming pools, car washing, and others. Click <u>here</u> to read the full staff report.

"SAVING WATER CHALLENGE" OFFERS PRIZES TO ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION DURING RECORD-SETTING DROUGHT

SAVING WATER CHALLENGE

DROUGHT IS HERE. JOIN THE SAVING WATER CHALLENGE!

Water providers in the North Bay are offering prizes to encourage water customers to save water during a month-long "Saving Water Challenge" that starts on July 1 and is sponsored by the Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership. A list of prizes – which includes High-efficiency clothes washer, High-efficiency toilet, Smart irrigation controller, Smart Home Water Monitor, Rainwater catchment system, and Gift certificate for a carwash at a carwash that recycles wash water – will be given out to water customers who visit <u>savingwaterpartnership.org/challenge</u> and pledge to save water.



The Russian River watershed is in a historic drought. The region has experienced the third driest water year on record over the last 127 years. Lake Sonoma and Lake Mendocino water supply levels have reached historically low levels. It is critical that aggressive water saving by our communities occurs now.

Water customers can enter the Saving Water Challenge by visiting <u>savingwaterpartnership.org/challenge</u> and taking a pledge to save water, and view a list of prizes, which include:

- High-efficiency clothes washer
- High-efficiency toilet
- Smart irrigation controller
- Smart Home Water Monitor
- Rainwater catchment system
- Gift certificate for a carwash at a carwash that recycles wash water

For more details and to enter the Saving Water Challenge, visit <u>savingwaterpartnership.org/challenge</u>

SUMMER READING WITH SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY



Sign up for <u>Sonoma County Library's 2021 Summer Reading Program</u> for exploration, learning, and fun—in person or from home!

The 2021 Summer Reading Challenge runs from June 1 to August 14. We are offering both online tracking through Beanstack and the Beanstack Tracker App, and paper logs. In both instances, patrons record the number of minutes read. Signup <u>online</u> or visit <u>your</u> <u>local library</u>.

REPAVING OF LOCAL STREETS IS UNDERWAY

Argonaut Constructors were busy Tuesday on the local streets overlays. The first stage included grinding out half of the street and repaving with the base course. Wednesday they were scheduled to finish the grinding and base course on Hanson, Michael and Kathleen, with the final paving scheduled for Thursday and Friday. They will come back next week and finish raising the manholes and valve covers, and replacing the striping on those 3 streets. Cleveland should be finished next week as well.















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 <u>Peacetown Summer Concert Series</u> 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 <u>Peacetown.org</u> for the most current details and musical lineup.





Date **Event Center Crooked Goat** Fern Bar/Woodfour 7/7 **Gator Nation Dream Farmers** The Musers 7/14 Pulsators **Free Peoples** Mundo Rio **Burrows & Dilbeck** Peace of G 7/21 Harman & Harman 7/28 Tom Rigney & Flambeau **Marshall House Gabe Wheaton** 8/4 Soul Section **Alexander's Band Bohemian Hwy** 8/11 Sol Horizon **Spike Sikes** Batacha 8/18 **The Dirty Shames** La Matilda **Hoytus Rolen** Onye & the Messengers 8/25 Burnside Solid Air 9/1 Soul Fuse THUGS Bluebyrds 9/8 Whiskey Family Band **Tommy Thomson** (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

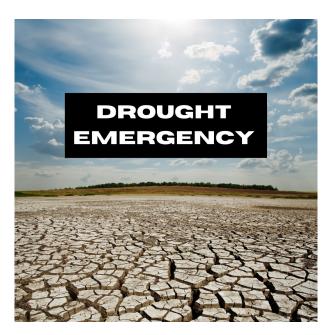
SCULPTURE GARDEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

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



DROUGHT EMERGENCY



Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a state of emergency in Sonoma and Mendocino counties due to drought conditions in the Russian River Watershed. Read the State of Emergency Proclamation <u>here</u>.

At the May 4th City Council Meeting, the City Council approved the Resolution Implementing Water Waste Prohibitions and Water Conservation Measures: Stage 1 -Voluntary Conservation to achieve an overall system-wide reduction goal of 10 percent.

For more information on the resolution clickhere.

WATER CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

Water savings are urgently needed. See the City's <u>Water Conservation page</u> for actions you can take to reduce water usage and check out these indoor and outdoor water conservation tips from the <u>Sonoma-Marin Saving Water</u> <u>Partnership</u>.

Here's this week's tip to help you reduce your water consumption:



• Turn off the water when brushing teeth or shaving. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.

CHECK OUT WATER UPGRADES \$AVE, A WATER- AND MONEY-SAVING PROGRAM



The City of Sebastopol is proud to offer Water Upgrades \$ave, a water efficiency program that helps you save water and money.

Are you a single-family homeowner or renter?

It's simple to participate — enroll online or by phone and schedule a free home assessment to select the water efficiency upgrades that make the most sense for your property. The Program installs the upgrades with little-to-no upfront cost, and you pay a fixed on-bill charge that is lower than the estimated savings — so you begin saving right away.

Indoor upgrades include high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and aerators; future outdoor upgrades will support conversion to drought tolerant landscaping.

Participants get new building code–compliant upgrades that improve the property while reducing their water, sewer, and water-heating costs.

Are you a multi-family property owner?

Contact us today to schedule a project assessment and identify your savings opportunity.

Vice Mayor Gurney said that while "the Water Upgrades \$ave program will benefit local governments by buffering the impact of our rate increase, it will also help our local citizens by giving them an affordable tool to lower their water and energy use."

For more information, go to the program website <u>www.waterupgradessave.org</u> or call us at 877-846-8795.

NOMINATE A LOCAL WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Do you know a Sebastopol local who makes a difference in the community?

The Locals Who Make a Difference (LWMAD) program recognizes and acknowledges Sebastopol community members for their contributions in helping to make Sebastopol a better place to live. Nominations for the next LWMAD honoree will close on **July 5**.



To nominate someone from the Sebastopol community, learn about past honorees or the program, visit the <u>Locals Who Make a Difference</u> section of the City website.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - SONOMA CLEAN POWER AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sonoma Clean Power is recruiting volunteers for openings on its Community Advisory Committee. This is a meaningful opportunity to provide input toward Sonoma Clean Power's innovative customer benefits,

Sonoma Clean Power

renewable energy projects, and assist with shaping clean energy goals for our community.

Click <u>here</u> for more information and to download an application or visit Sonoma Clean Power's <u>website</u>.

ASK SLOW CAT!

Have a question about the town we all know and love? Want to know more about the history of Sebastopol? We want to answer your questions. Submit a question via email to by clicking the button below. We'll post answers in our weekly newsletter and on our Facebook page.



Submit A Question

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Planning Department <u>Associate Planner</u> Deadline to Apply: July 8, 2021

See the city <u>website</u> for additional information and requirements on these current opportunities to participate in the management and growth in our community.

SEBASTOPOL BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Zero Waste Committee

The City of Sebastopol invites interested citizens to volunteer and apply for four (4) openings on the City of Sebastopol Zero Waste Committee as follows:

- Student Representative and Alternate
- Commercial Entity Representative (1)
- Citizen Representative (1)
- DEADLINE: July 8, 2021

Public Arts Committee

Board, Commission, & Committee Openings

Category 1: Active members of a City-based, art focused, registered nonprofit organization, entity or facility. The recruitment will be to fill the remainder of Mr. Arnold's term (December 31, 2021). Job Notice DEADLINE: July 15, 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

GET YOUR VACCINE RECORD AT MYVACCINERECORD.CDPH.CA.GOV

My Vaccine Record

•)CDPH myvaccinerecord.cdph.ca.gov

Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

See the <u>SoCoEmergency Calendar</u> for a list of upcoming vaccination clinics in the County.



GOVERNOR NEWSOM SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER

Governor Newsom Signs Executive Order Expediting Cal/OSHA's Revised COVID-19 Regulations to Ensure Consistency with Public Health Guidance

SACRAMENTO – Following the vote by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board to adopt revised COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards that reflect the state's latest COVID-19 public health order, Governor Gavin Newsom today signed an executive order enabling the revisions to take effect without the normal 10-day review period by the Office of Administrative Law – providing clarity and consistency for employers and employees as California fully reopens its economy.

Click here for more information.

The full text of the executive order can be found<u>here</u>. More information on the revised COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards can be found <u>here</u>.

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.



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

 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 the <u>https://myturn.ca.gov</u> 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 <u>https://socoemergency.org</u> for more information.

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

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? 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

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 <u>Tenant and Housing Resources</u> page on the City's website for more information, FAQs, and links to apply.

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) <u>Preliminary Application Checklist</u> 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 <u>Click here for more information</u>

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 <u>here</u> for more information.

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT SEBASTOPOLREADY.ORG?

During a large local emergency, the Sebastopol Fire Department and other area first responders will deploy personnel and equipment to the areas where they are needed most. With resources likely stretched thin, many areas will be on their own



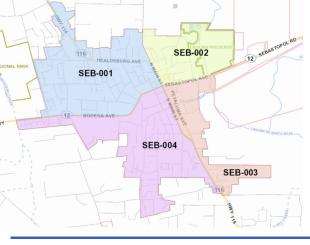
for hours, days, or longer. The City of Sebastopol and Sebastopol Fire Department have launched <u>SebastopolReady.org</u>, an emergency and disaster preparedness and readiness resource with information on how neighbors can prepare to provide care, safety and comfort simply by working together. The Sebastopol Fire Department supports neighbors helping neighbors and provides a proven 9 step framework for each neighborhood to use and build upon.

The new resource has been a collaborative effort with the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Leader Council and brings together the emphasis and efforts of the MYN Program to help residents learn to work together. The primary goal of <u>SebastopolReady.org</u> is to help our local residents continue in their interest and efforts to take responsibility for themselves during emergencies.

<u>SebastopolReady.org</u> is intended to evolve as resiliency improves and expands in the future.

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 <u>Fire Department</u> 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 to find your evacuation zone.)

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 <u>readyforwildfire.org</u> for more information.

HOME HARDENING



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







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

your WEA- capable phone to receive a WEA.

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. Ð City of Sebastopol 🕣 У

More information on emergency alerts and notifications at SoCoEmergency.org

Thank you to the City of Santa Rosa for sharing their graphics.







FOR NON-EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR FIRES IN SONOMA COUNTY DIAL 2-1-1 OR TEXT "FIRE" TO 211-211

PARA AYUDA CON LOS INCENDIOS EN EL CONDADO DE SONOMA QUE NO SEA DE EMERGENCIA, MARQUE 2-1-1 O MANDE UN MENSAJE DE TEXTO CON LA PALABRA "FUEGO" AL 211-211.

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CITY NEWS

SEBASTOPOL WEBSITE EN ESPAÑOL

In an effort to better serve members of the Sebastopol community for whom Spanish is their primary language, Google Translate has been added to the City of Sebastopol website.

REGULAR CITY BUSINESS CONTINUES

City Hall (City Manager, Administrative and Finance Services, and Planning Department) offices continue to operate virtually and remain closed to the public. We anticipate opening to the public for limited hours in early July. Check the city website for updated hours.

All other City offices are open regular business hours. Please note signage at each location for any special instructions about interacting safely with staff.

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 "<u>Meetings</u>" 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: <u>http://bit.ly/sebcctv</u>
- 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: <u>City Council Meeting of July 6, 2021 @ 6:00 PM</u>

Planning Commission Meetings:

- Meeting Days: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 7pm
- Livestream Link: <u>http://bit.ly/sebcctv</u>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: <u>Planning Commission Meeting of July 13, 2021 @ 7:00 PM</u>

(**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: <u>https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx</u>)

Design Review Board Meetings:

- Meeting Days: First and Third Wednesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 4pm
- Livestream Link: <u>http://bit.ly/sebcctv</u>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to <u>amontes@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: <u>Design Review Board Meeting of July 7, 2021 @ 4:00 PM</u> has been CANCELLED.

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

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

Next Meeting: <u>Public Arts Committee Meeting of July 7, 2021 @ 10:30AM</u> has been CANCELLED.



GENERAL INFO



Check out the Sebastopol Area Senior Center's weekly and monthly virtual classes and workshops!

The classes include Chair Sail, Tai Chi Chuan, the Feldenkrais Method, Gentle Yoga, Support Groups, and more.

Click here to see what classes are available and to register.

LIBRARY EXPANDS IN-PERSON SERVICE HOURS

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More Library Access!

Sonoma County Library is moving to the next stage of their <u>Express Services</u> model. Library doors are now open at 50 percent capacity, with a variety of service hours to meet your needs. There is no time limit for your library visit, and you don't need to make a reservation (except for the Sonoma County History & Genealogy Library). See the new inperson hours at <u>sonomalibrary.org/express</u>.

Curbside service is still available by request during in-person open hours, with additional curbside hours at regional libraries.

Join us in reopening gradually and safely!

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