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CITY OFFICES CLOSED MONDAY, JUNE 19TH

City of Sebastopol offices are CLOSED Monday, June 19, 2023, in observance of Juneteenth.



SEBASTOPOL WALKS: JUNE 24 - BARK RUBBINGS - TREE FINGERPRINTS



See what you've been missing from the driver's seat . . .

It's the best time of year to enjoy walking in Sebastopol! Be a tourist in your own small town and walk where you've never walked before. Most Walks are the last Saturday of the month starting at 9am (Meet at the Downtown Plaza).

June 24 – Saturday, 9am (Meet at the downtown plaza)

Bark Rubbings - Tree Fingerprints

Leader: Jizell Albright

Let's take a walk and make some bark rubbings, called Tree Fingerprints. You will learn a skill you can use anywhere there is a tree and you will take home some engaging art of your own. I will provide the tools—rice paper, oil pastels, push pins—and demonstrate how to use them. Then off we go to make bark rubbings from the trees around town. It is important that you wear work clothes and walking shoes. Please bring hand wipes, if you have any.

This is an easy walk to four different spots in the downtown area, with pauses along the way to make the Tree Fingerprints.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS STILL AVAILABLE



Plots are still available at the Community Garden behind the Skatepark at 6750 Laguna Park Way.

To inquire about renting a garden plot Call **707-823-6167** (City of Sebastopol) or Email Planningtemp@cityofsebastopol.org

\$25 security deposit plus \$20/year rental for a plot

Laguna Skate Park Community Garden [Application](#)

PG&E VIRTUAL WILDFIRE SAFETY WEBINAR - JUNE 27

PG&E hosts online [webinars](#) throughout each year for anyone who is interested in learning more about their Community Wildfire Safety Program. These virtual gatherings allow community members to learn more about wildfire safety and emergency preparedness, meet with PG&E representatives, ask questions and share feedback.



Wildfire Safety Webinar - All Customers

Date: June 27, 2023

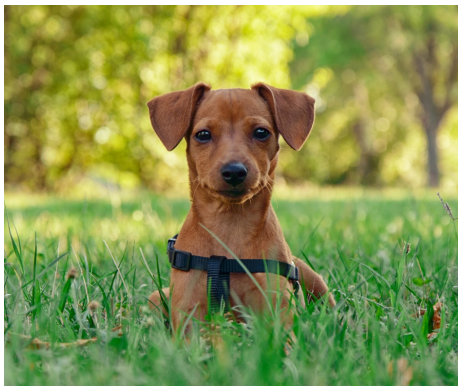
Time: 5:30 p.m.

[Join Webinar](#)

Toll-Free Attendee Dial-In: 1-888-997-8508

Conference ID: 8911342

PROTECT YOUR BEST FRIEND THIS SPRING AND SUMMER



The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District has compiled some tips on how to safeguard your dog from Canine Heartworm.

As the weather warms up and spring turns to summer, it's important to remember that mosquitoes are not just a nuisance, but also a potential health threat to your pets. *Aedes sierrensis*, also known as the western treehole mosquito, is a particular concern for dog owners as it can transmit canine heartworm, a serious and potentially fatal disease in dogs.

Treehole mosquitoes lay their eggs in the cavities of oak, bay, and other types of trees, as well as in discarded tires or containers with stagnant water and plant debris. If your property has a high density of trees, or you live adjacent to recreational areas and open spaces, your dog may be at greater risk of being bitten by these mosquitoes.

Although treehole mosquitoes do not transmit pathogens to humans, they can spread canine heartworm when they feed on infected dogs or coyotes. Once the mosquito is infected, it can transmit the parasite to other animals, including your pets.

Prevention is key when it comes to protecting your furry friend from heartworm. Regular check-ups with your veterinarian and preventative medications can help keep your dog safe. Be sure to consult with your veterinarian to determine the best heartworm preventative medication for your dog and follow the recommended dosage schedule.

In addition to medication, there are other steps you can take to minimize the risk of your dog being bitten by treehole mosquitoes:

- Inspect trees for holes, including holes as small as half an inch that lead to cavities that may hold water. Contact a licensed arborist to discuss measures to prevent water from accumulating in tree holes.
- Remove buckets, toys, tarps or other items holding water.
- Check your gutters for clogs and standing water.
- Contact the District for advice on reducing mosquito populations on your property.
- For temporary relief from treehole mosquitoes in your backyard, try using one or more oscillating fans pointed away from seating areas. Treehole mosquitoes are weak flyers and have difficulty flying against the wind generated by fans.

Protecting your dog from heartworm is a year-round responsibility. Make sure you stay up to date with your pet's preventative medication and take necessary steps to minimize the risk of mosquito bites. Your furry friend will thank you for it!

For more information or to report mosquito issues call 707-285-2200 or visit www.msosquito.org.

BE A PART OF THIS GREAT HOME TOWN CELEBRATION!

Volunteer registration for the 2023 Gravenstein Apple Fair is now open!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up with your friends today.

Volunteering for the Fair is a great way to get involved with your local community, meet new friends, and support Farm Trails' mission to keep "farms forever" in Sonoma County.

Shifts are about 4 hours and there are many different ways to participate. Help us meet our zero waste goals in the eco-stations, greet guests and check wristbands, support the Ag Games, assist in the Kids Area, and much more!!

All volunteers receive an Apple Fair apron, free weekend admission, and our endless gratitude.



UPCOMING MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS (MYN) CLASSES

MYN Classes

Being prepared together

Classes are on Zoom on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Upcoming Classes

June 21, 2023

Sign up for an upcoming MYN class [HERE](#).

See the [SebastopolReady Calendar](#) for a complete list of classes.

Learn more about the MYN program and classes [HERE](#).



ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) OPT-OUT PROGRAM INFORMATION



At the City of Sebastopol, we support offering our customers a choice in metering infrastructure. The AMI Opt-Out Program is for residential customers who prefer not to have the data collector/transmitter installed with their water meter. The program allows customers to have their meter read manually at the end of every month at no additional cost to the customer.

Most customers look forward to having an automated meter installed at their home and taking advantage of the many benefits that this technology offers, such as fewer visits from field service representatives and immediate access to consumption information. However, if you are a City of Sebastopol residential customer and would prefer not to have an automated meter read at your home, Please call us at: **707-823-5331** or Email: citypw@cityofsebastopol.org.

Let one of our customer service representatives know that you would like to opt out of our automated meter program. The Opt-Out program allows customers who prefer not to have the data collector / transmitter with their water meter read manually at the end of every month at no additional cost to the customer.

[AMI Opt-out Application](#)

[AMI Opt-out FAQ](#)

CITY NEWS

CITY MEETINGS

All meetings will be held both in-person and virtually and are open to the public to attend.

Meetings will be held at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472, and are open for in-person attendance.

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 both in-person and virtually in real time when this feature is available.

City Council Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **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 June 20, 2023 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Planning Commission Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **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.

Design Review Board Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3:30pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to jjay@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 1:30pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA

- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.

Climate Action Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to jjay@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

READ WITH US
LEAMOS JUNTOS

Summer Reading Challenge
Desafío de lectura de verano

SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY BIBLIOTECA

Join the Sonoma County Library's Summer Reading Challenge to read, learn and win prizes! The program runs through August 5 and all ages are encouraged to read 20 minutes each day and track their reading. Visit sonomalibrary.org/summer to learn more!

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY SENDS FREE BOOKS TO KIDS



California is kicking off a statewide expansion of [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)— providing free books to all California children under five. With the program, a free book arrives in the mail every month, and California is the first state to offer a fully bilingual book option. The Imagination Library is a great addition to Sonoma County's early literacy efforts, which include Sonoma County Library's [1,000 Books Before Kindergarten](#) program, [Stories to Go](#) bilingual book kits and more. The Sonoma County Library system boasts 17 locations, including 12 regional libraries, two rural stations and three special collections, as well as an expansive digital collection.

To learn more about California's expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library visit library.ca.gov/services/to-public/imagination-library.

HELP YOUR STUDENTS GET FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE WITH THE NEW CALKIDS PROGRAM FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



CalKIDS is a new program from the State of California that provides up to \$1,500 in free money for college and career training to eligible low-income public school students. CalKIDS can help families boost their children's college savings and increase access to higher education. To learn more and find out who qualifies, visit CalKIDS.org today.



CalKIDS is a program by the State of California.

PEACETOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH



Head to the Barlow to take in the sweet sounds of summer as the Peacetown Summer Concert series kicks off on Wednesday, June 14th. Every Wednesday, through August 16th, the Barlow will be filled with music and dancing alongside a variety of local wines and food to enjoy from 5pm-8:30pm.

To view this summer's music lineup, visit www.peacetown.org/summer-2023.

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