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Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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SEBASTOPOL PUBLIC WORKS CLEANS UP DOWNED TREE FROM LIBBY PARK

On March 14th, during the latest atmospheric river, a large pine tree in Libby Park fell across and blocked Pleasant Hill Avenue. Sebastopol Public Works

personnel worked through the afternoon clearing the tree.

According to Austin Murphy of the Press Democrat, "Sebastopol police closed Pleasant Hill Avenue, from Washington to Valentine Avenue, for about 90 minutes, said Sgt. Charles Wong. The violent uprooting of the tree appeared to have damaged an underground water main pipe, Wong said, which sent water gushing down the street. No one was injured by the falling tree, he said."

See the Press Democrat video [HERE](#).

After subsequent inspection by the city arborist it was determined that two additional large pine trees were compromised when the original tree fell. In the interest of public safety and recommendation by the arborist that the compromised trees be removed as soon as possible, removal is scheduled for today, March 17. The public is advised to avoid the area where the work is being done.



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.

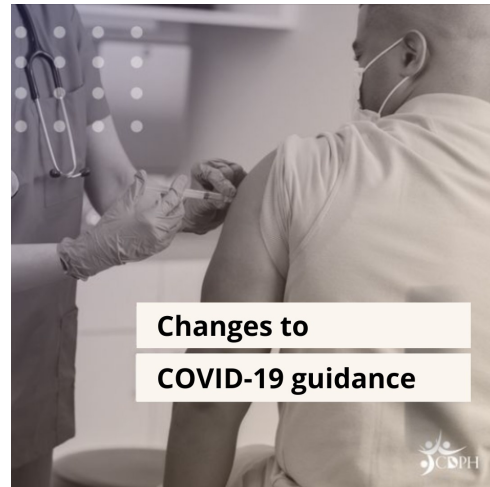
Let one of our customer service representatives know that you would like to opt out of our automated meter program. The Opt-Out program allows customers who prefer not to have the data collector / transmitter with their water meter read manually at the end of every month at no additional cost to the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

[AMI Opt-out Application](#)
[AMI Opt-out FAQ](#)

CHANGES TO COVID-19 GUIDANCE

California Department of Public Health is reviewing COVID-19 guidance so you can best protect yourself, your loved ones and your community. Here are some of the orders and recommendations that have recently changed or will soon:

- Beginning this week, if you test positive for COVID-19, you may end isolation after five days if you feel well, have improving symptoms and are fever-free for 24 hours. There is now less emphasis on testing negative. Additionally, if you end isolation after day five, it is strongly recommended that you wear a mask through day 10 UNLESS you have two sequential negative tests one day apart.
- Beginning April 3, California will no longer require masking in indoor high-risk and health care settings. This includes health care, long-term care, and correctional facilities as well as homeless, emergency, and warming and cooling centers. Facilities can now develop and implement their own masking plans based on their needs and local conditions.
- Also beginning April 3, because federal rules ensure that most health care workers remain vaccinated for COVID-19, the state will no longer require vaccination for health care workers including those in adult care, direct care, correctional facilities and detention centers.



For more details click [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY GARDEN SPRING REVITALIZATION WORK PARTY - MARCH 18TH

Sebastopol Community Garden Spring Revitalization Work Party! Presented by Sebastopol Climate Action Committee



DATE: Saturday, March 18, 2023

TIME: 10 am - 1 pm

LOCATION: 6785 Laguna Park Way, Sebastopol (Behind the Skate Park)

Come help the Community Garden get freshened up for spring plantings and new gardeners, and pitch in to the visioning process about how to make the site better

for more people! We will be weeding, pruning, raking and mulching, and painting, with good company and snacks! Coordinators will be on hand to help direct tasks, and it's a great chance to connect with fellow garden enthusiasts.

BRING: water, gloves, pruners, cultivators, any favorite gardening tools, and clothes that you can paint in if you'd like to sand and repaint the picnic tables

Questions: Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com

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](#)

SEBASTOPOL WALKS - MARCH 25 - BUSINESSES BEHIND THE SCENES



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).

March 25 – Saturday, 9am (Meet at the downtown plaza)

Businesses Behind the Scenes

Leaders: Sebastopol Vice Mayor Diana Rich & Councilmember Stephen Zollman

Enjoy a lovely springtime walk around town, and get a private peek into the real workings of our local businesses. This walk includes behind the scenes tours and talks at several locations. This walk is an easy 1 1/2 miles and should finish by 12:15pm.

FOR A ROUTE MAP: Email drich@cityofsebastopol.org

Visit the [Sebastopol Walks](#) page on the City's website for more information and the 2023 schedule.

PAINT OUT HATE - COMMUNITY ART PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 30TH

Let's walk our talk!

- Use your creativity to paint an expression of love, kindness, equality, social justice, and inclusivity
- Share your idea on the flyer/submission form - forms available at the Sebastopol Library, 7140 Bodega Ave., or download and print a copy **HERE:** [English](#). [Español](#).
- Those selected will be invited to a community paint party (Paint Party is June 24th)

Murals will be painted on sidewalks, at the Senior Center, the Sebastopol Regional Library, the Center for the Arts, and Ives Pool.

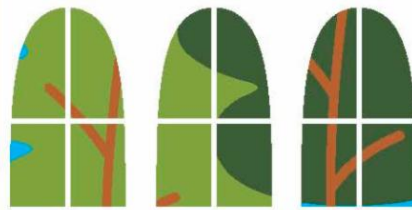
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Open to all ages

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- 2 Share your idea on the back of this flyer to be selected to be part of a sidewalk mural in Sebastopol
- 3 Those selected will be invited to a community paint party*

***Paint party
June 24**

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on sidewalks, at the Senior Center,
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Sebastopol Center for the Arts, and Ives Pool.



SEBASTOPOL REGIONAL LIBRARY
7140 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol
(707) 823-7691
sonomalibrary.org



This project is supported by
the City of Sebastopol.



Brought to you by the Measure Y sales tax

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY - APRIL 2ND

Applying compost is one of many things you can do for the climate, it helps build soil health while retaining water!

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023

Time: 9am-12pm (or until the pile is gone)

Location: 425 Morris St. (behind the Community Center Youth Annex)

Bring: shovels, buckets or bags, tarps, gloves, pick-up truck

1/2 cubic yard per household (more

available for school gardens or multi-family gardens)

The free compost events are provided by the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee, the City of Sebastopol, Zero Waste Sonoma, and WM Redwood of Novato.

Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is a group of dedicated citizens working to address the global climate emergency through local action.



Contact: ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org or Sebastopolsinksarbon@gmail.com

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL HOUSING ELEMENT CERTIFIED



All cities in the State of California are required to maintain a General Plan and Housing Element, which is one of the required chapters of the General Plan and plans for housing within the City of Sebastopol from 2023-2031. The “Sixth Cycle” Housing Element was adopted by the City Council on January 3, 2023, and has been certified.

When the Department of Housing and Community Development issues a letter finding the Housing Element is in compliance, it is referred to as “certification” of the Housing Element.

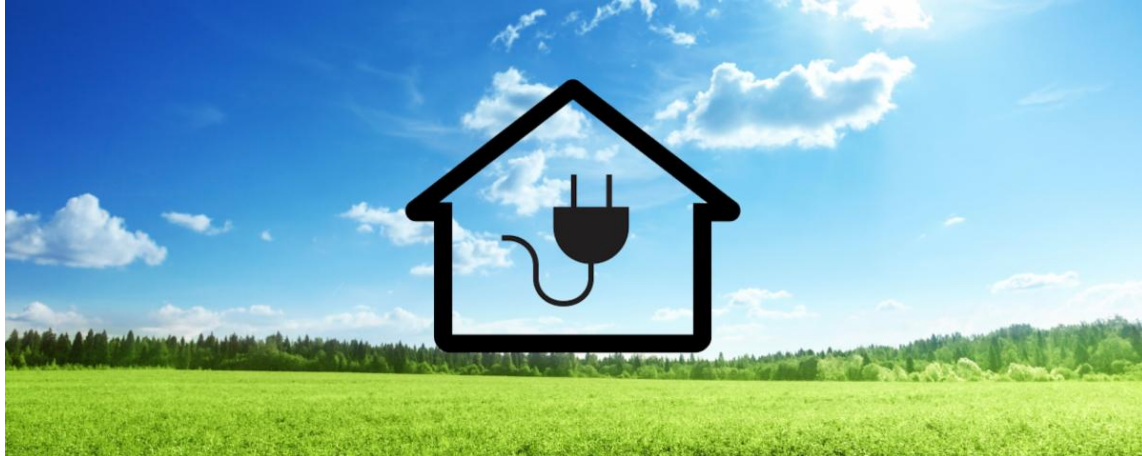
Housing Element certification is important for several reasons including local control, Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) carryover, and eligibility for grant funds. In addition, the certified housing element protects the city from the ‘builder’s remedy.’

“The builder’s remedy allows property owners to bypass most local planning and zoning rules if that city or county has failed to complete certification of a state-mandated eight-year housing plan known as a 'housing element'.”¹

[Letter of Certification](#)

¹ <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/california-housing-problem-17783816.php>

SEBASTOPOL ELECTRIFICATION SURVEY



The City of Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is conducting a brief survey to learn more about residents' views and needs related to switching from natural gas to electricity in their homes. We are pursuing this with the intention of reducing greenhouse gases and improving air quality. Your input will help guide the City's efforts on this issue.

Follow the link to share your input: <https://bit.ly/SebElectrificationSurvey>.

If you have any questions or issues with the survey, please contact ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org. You can learn more about the Climate Action Committee on the [City website](#).

Survey Ends: April 30, 2023

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Administrative Services Department
(Finance)**

[Accountant](#)

Deadline to Apply: Open Until Filled

**Public Works Department and
Engineering Department**

[Permit Technician](#)

**Deadline to Apply: March 20, 2023 at
11:59pm**

See the city [website](#) for additional information and requirements on these current opportunities to participate in the management and growth in our community.



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 March 21, 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:** [Planning Commission Meeting of March 28, 2023 @ 6:00 PM](#)

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:** [Design Review Board Meeting of March 28, 2023 @ 3:30 PM](#)

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 kvanstrom@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.



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SEBASTOPOL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

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SEBASTOPOL DOCUMENTARY
FILMFESTIVAL
ENGAGE IN WHAT'S REAL

The 2023 Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival is finally here. The live festival dates (March 16-19, 2023) will be followed by a virtual event (March 20-29, 2023). Tickets and passes are on sale now.

Visit www.sebastopolfilmfestival.org for more information.

LEARN ABOUT THE LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA TRAILS IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH!

¡Aprenda de los senderos de la Laguna de Santa Rosa en Español e Inglés!

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm

Location: Laguna de Santa Rosa Trail 6303 Highway 12 Santa Rosa, CA 95472

FREE

Register [HERE](#)



Join us for a nature walk with learning and fun for the whole family. On this special Saturday we will explore the Laguna de Santa Rosa trail, enjoy the beautiful open space, and look for signs of nesting birds and other delights of the season. Come learn about the Laguna, its important role in holding stormwater, and how to identify some of the plants in the waterway. Our Environmental Educator, Carlos Barragan, will have fun activities for all ages.

There is no charge for this outing, which is made possible by the voters of Sonoma County who fund the work of Ag + Open Space with a quarter-cent sales tax.

Acompáñenos en una caminata dentro de los senderos al lado de la Laguna de Santa Rosa. Este sábado especial, exploramos los animales y las plantas de la Laguna de Santa Rosa, disfrutaremos del hermoso espacio abierto y buscaremos señales de aves y otros animales de la temporada. Venga a aprender sobre la Laguna, su importancia en la retención de aguas pluviales, y aprenda a identificar algunas de las plantas asociadas con esta área del condado. Nuestro Especialista de campo, Carlos Barragan, le encanta enseñarle a la comunidad de la Laguna usando actividades divertidas para todas las edades.

No hay cargo por esta salida, que es posible gracias a los votantes del condado de Sonoma que financian el trabajo de Ag + Open Space con un impuesto sobre las ventas de un cuarto de centavo.

[Contact Us](#)



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