



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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BAY AREA HEALTH OFFICERS URGE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AS COVID LEVELS RISE

The Bay Area now has California's highest COVID infection rates. Twelve Bay Area health officers are stressing the importance of taking safety precautions, including continued masking indoors, as the region experiences a new swell of COVID cases and hospitalizations. Read more [here](#).

UPCOMING BUDGET MEETING - MAY 23RD

Important budget meeting coming up on May 23rd. The public is invited to join the meeting via Zoom. See the Meeting Page link for the meeting agenda and Zoom info.

FY22-23 Budget Discussion #9

Date: Monday, May 23, 2022

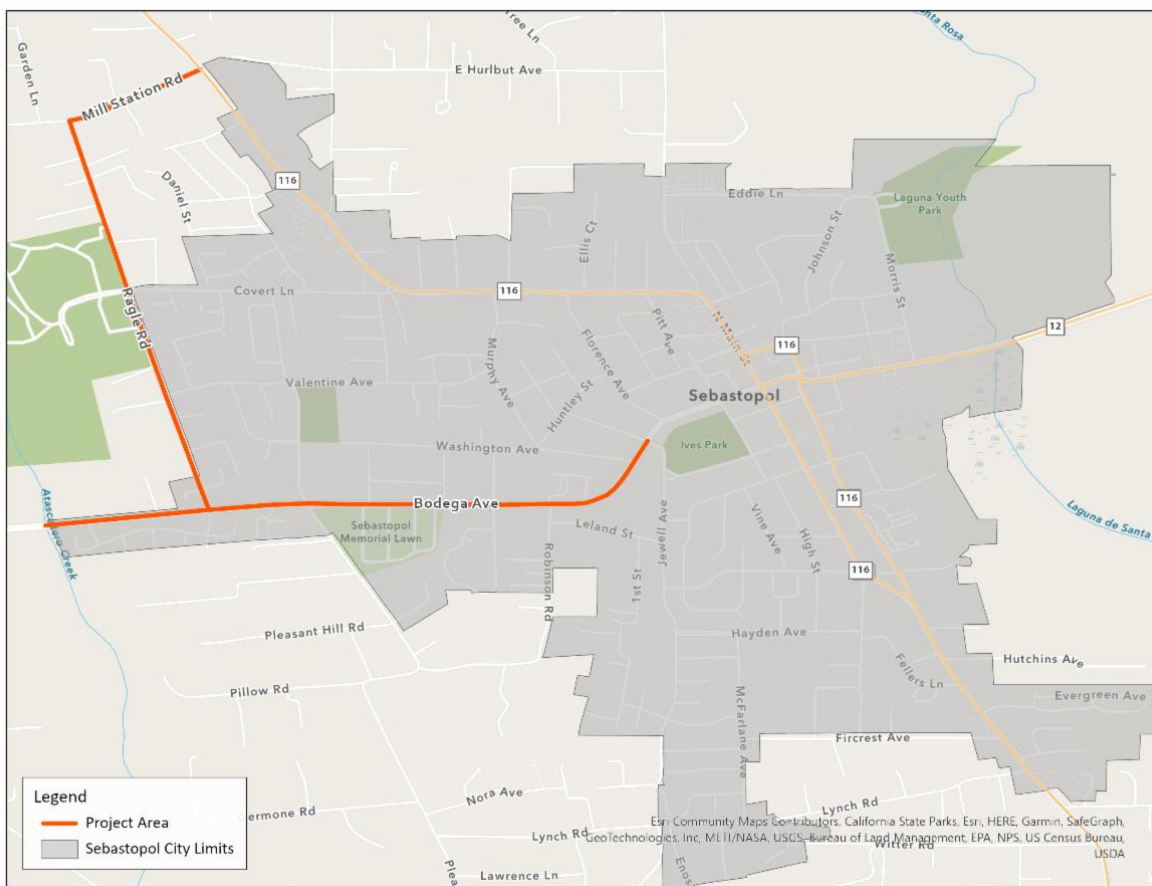
Time: 8:30 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

Have a say in how your tax dollars are spent!



TAKE THIS QUICK SURVEY ABOUT PROPOSED BIKE PATHS, BIKE LANES, AND SIDEWALKS IN WEST SEBASTOPOL



The City of Sebastopol and Sonoma County are partnering 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 are applying 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 is input from community members, so we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete a brief survey to tell us about your experience walking or biking along Bodega Avenue, Ragle Road, and Mill Station Road and how you feel about the proposed project.

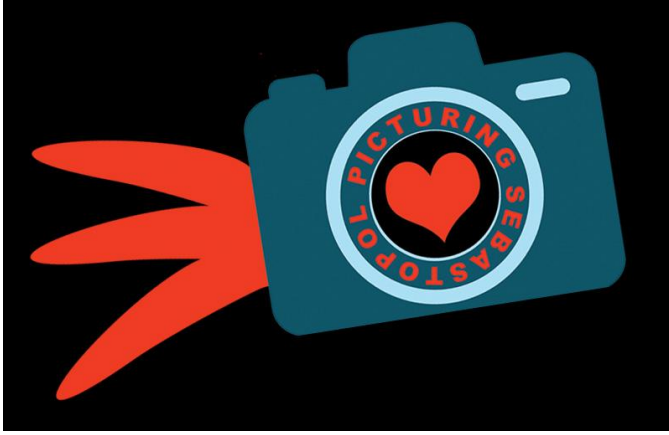
TAKE THE SURVEY

This survey ends May 30, 2022.

Thank you for your help! If you are interested in learning more about the project, click [here](#) to view the concept plan illustrating the proposed improvements.

PICTURING SEBASTOPOL PHOTO CONTEST

Got a great photo of Sebastopol?
Enter a photo you've taken of
Sebastopol in the Picturing



Sebastopol Photo Contest, and **you could win dinner for two at your favorite Sebastopol restaurant or more fabulous prizes.**

DEADLINE: MAY 31

Picturing Sebastopol is sponsored by Sebastopol Center for Arts and the City of Sebastopol. We're looking for

photographs of iconic Sebastopol places, scenes, and experiences - pictures that really say "This is Sebastopol." Learn more and upload your photo [here](#) or email it to hagarlaura@gmail.com.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT FOR SEBASTOPOL'S COMMUNITY SCULPTURE GARDEN



Support Person #1
Artist: Beth Hartmann



Zephyra
Artist: Sculpture Jam



Medallion
Artist: Briona Hendren

The Sebastopol City Council and its Public Arts Committee (PAC) invite Sonoma County-based artists to submit proposals for the new Community Sculpture Garden (CSG) located along the pedestrian walk between Ives Park's Calder Creek and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. The CSG will eventually be comprised of eight sculptures. The first three sculptures were installed in January. Submission information may be found [HERE](#).

Submission Deadline EXTENDED to May 24th.

There is NO FEE for applying, NO INSURANCE FEES REQUIRED, no Jurying fee, and no other display fees.

Questions can be addressed to Kari Svanstrom, City of Sebastopol Planning Director: ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

An official Opening Day event is planned in Ives Park for July 23. Stay tuned!

COMMUNITY UPCYCLED ART PROJECT SEEKS SUBMISSIONS

It's the Sebastopol Community Upcycled heArt Project

The heArt Project is designed to educate and inspire by activating potential in affecting climate change. It is to be created through contributions from the community. **This project will symbolize the interconnectivity of all life.**

- The Central Art Piece will be a kaleidoscope of upcycled glass housed in a welded case.
- The supporting art pieces will be installed 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.**

Alongside the supporting art pieces will be a companion QR code that links the viewer to a website which will include information on: the makers of the piece, the topic of the piece, actions regarding the topic, and any recent news on local organizations working on a goal related to the topic.

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

SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY NEEDS SUMMIT - JUNE 14TH

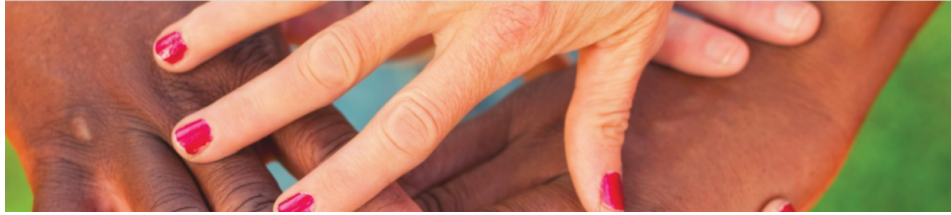


SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY NEEDS SUMMIT 2022

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL



Brought to you by the City of Sebastopol and the Sebastopol Service & Action Coalition

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Time: 4:30pm to 7:00pm

Location: High School Cafeteria, 6950 Analy Ave, Sebastopol

Do you want to learn about volunteer needs in town? This is your opportunity to find just the right project that fits your skills and availability.

Does your non-profit or service organization need a helping hand? This is your opportunity to get the word out and connect with volunteers. Make sure you reserve an informational table space and get included in the Summit Guide 2022.

Fill out the RSVP form [HERE](#) to confirm your participation as an attendee or as a nonprofit wanting to table and/or be included in our Summit Guide 2022.

Summit Guide 2022: Do you also want to be included in this year's Guide? Make sure you complete our Survey [HERE](#).

Visit the City of Sebastopol's website [HERE](#) for more information.

Curious about last year's Summit Guide? Check it out [HERE](#).

Questions? Email SebastopolSummit@gmail.com

SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRANSITION

The Board of Directors of the Sebastopol Area Senior Center announces Katie Davis' departure as its Executive Director. Ultimately, changes in Katie's personal life, including a move more than an hour away from the Center, led to her decision.

Initially hired as the Director of Programs and Communications, Katie worked to build high-quality programming to support active lives for seniors, and eliminate social isolation. Katie has played a critical role in the development and success of the Sebastopol Area Senior Center during the constant changes associated

with COVID. She is leaving the organization in a much stronger position in serving the Greater Sebastopol Community. We, the Board of Directors, are thankful that as Executive Director, Katie helped build an amazing team between the staff, volunteers, and Board.

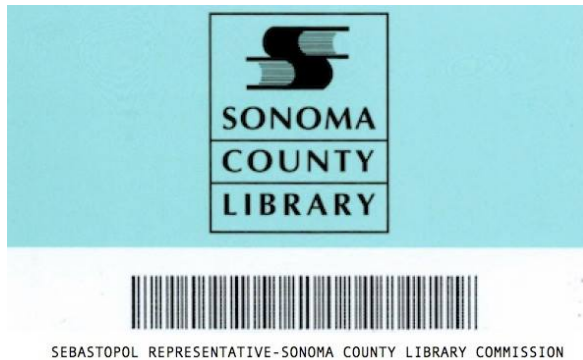
It is the priority of the Board to find a dynamic leader with a passion for improving the lives of older adults in West Sonoma County.

The job announcement and job description will be announced soon. For questions related to this matter, please contact Board President, Alan Beckstead at alanbeckstead@sbcglobal.net.



SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION OPENING

Notice to the Community to fill Position on the Sonoma County Library Commission for a Representative from Sebastopol (Term Ends July 31, 2026)



The City of Sebastopol invites interested citizens to volunteer and apply to fill position as the City of Sebastopol Representative on the Sonoma County Library Commission - Term Ending Date - July 31, 2026

Applicants need not be a resident of the City but may be appointed from the City, Sebastopol Greater Area or any other location within Sonoma County.

The Commission generally meets monthly, with additional special meetings as needed. Each commissioner is liaison to a Library Advisory Board (LAB), attending LAB meetings and participating in an ex-officio capacity.

See the Sonoma County Library Commission Job Opening Description [HERE](#)
Click [HERE](#) for an Application

All applications must be signed and shall be submitted to the City Administration Offices, no later than **May 30, 2022 by 4:00 pm**. Interviews before the City Council will be scheduled for a later date.

Applications and further information are also available at the City of Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472; email: mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org or phone 707-823-1153.

UPCOMING MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (MYN) CLASSES

MYN Classes

Being prepared together

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

Registration & Zoom link -

sebastopolready.org/calendar

Upcoming Classes

June 15

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

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neighbors helping neighbors

MYN

UPCOMING SEBASTOPOL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION UNIT (SNCU) TRAININGS

SebastopolREADY
neighbors helping neighbors



SNCU Trainings

Radio use, best radio options and message protocols

Trainings are from 1:00-2:30 pm
Registration (limit 12) & location
- sebastopolready.org/calendar

Upcoming Trainings

May 28

June 26

Learn more about the SNCU program and trainings [HERE](#).

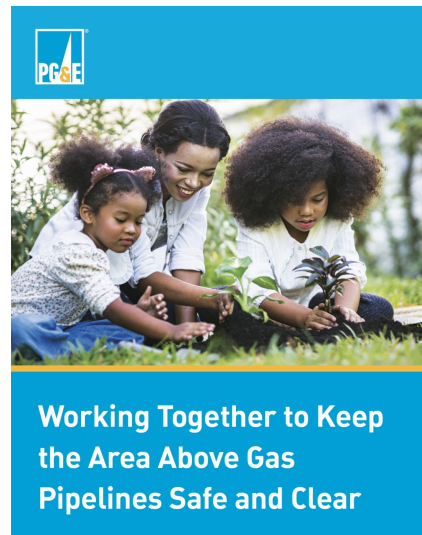
PG&E PERFORMING ONGOING GAS SAFETY VEGETATION WORK

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is performing ongoing gas safety vegetation work and our communities can help keep the area above and around the gas transmission pipeline safe.

It's important to keep the area above a gas transmission pipeline clear of structures, trees and brush, as they can block access in an emergency or for critical maintenance work. These types of items can also damage the pipe and potentially cause corrosion which can lead to leaks. That's why, as part of their commitment to safety, PG&E regularly inspects the area above and around the pipeline and partners with customers to address any items that pose a safety concern.

The community can help keep the pipeline safe by:

- Calling 811 before starting a digging or landscaping project so any underground utilities can be marked.
- Monitoring and reporting any suspicious activity near pipelines.



- Following the guide to safe landscaping when deciding where to install new trees and plants.
- Ensuring structures are installed at least 14 feet away from the pipeline.

Visit the City's website [here](#) for more information and resources.

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:

- **Check all hose connections for leaks. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**



EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



CREATE DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND HARDEN YOUR HOME



Defensible space, coupled with home hardening, is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in, to defend your home.

Learn more about creating defensible space at readyforwildfire.org.

Now is the time to harden your home and property to better withstand wildfire. Taking the necessary measures to harden (prepare) your home can help increase its likelihood of survival when wildfire strikes.

See readyforwildfire.org for more information on hardening your home.



COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

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.

Although many test sites say “walk-ins welcome” health officials now do not want people with symptoms standing in lines for tests. They suggest staying home and trying to schedule a test. You can also order 4 free at-home tests per household. Find more information at <https://www.covidtests.gov>.

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 June 7, 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 May 24, 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 June 1, 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 May 25, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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