



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**October 7 - October 13 Special Weekly Edition of
Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

Please visit socoemergency.org for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

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25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL



SEBASTOPOL CITY MANAGER LARRY MCLAUGHLIN ANNOUNCES UPCOMING RETIREMENT

On October 6, 2022, Sebastopol City Manager Larry McLaughlin announced his plans to retire from his joint role as City Manager and City Attorney. McLaughlin gave no set date for his retirement, citing his commitment to providing guidance to the City with recent Department Head retirements, completion of a Staffing Assessment Needs for the City and ensuring continuity for the City Council, the majority of which will be new to the Council. He will continue to oversee the operation of the City until a final date has been set.

McLaughlin will return to the private Sebastopol law practice that he founded in 1987. His retirement will cap 35 years of public service to the City of Sebastopol. McLaughlin was appointed City Manager in 2013, after having served as Sebastopol's City Attorney since 1987 and interim City Manager for several months prior to his appointment. Read the full press release [HERE](#).



FAQ: THE FUTURE OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES IN SEBASTOPOL

FIRE SERVICES DELIVERY STUDY



The Sebastopol City Council's Ad Hoc Fire Committee has been presented with many questions regarding the process being undertaken and the plans being developed for the future of fire and emergency services in Sebastopol. An [FAQ](#) was compiled with all those questions, with complete and factual answers that we hope will help inform our community on this very important issue.

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

The Fire Services Delivery Study is a Project of the City Council.

**SEBASTOPOL FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PANCAKE
BREAKFAST - OCT. 16**

Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Benefitting
Sebastopol Firefighter's Foundation

501c3 Non-Profit Status #47-3476365



The Sebastopol Volunteer
Firefighters cordially invite
you and your family to
breakfast!

Sunday, October 16, 2022

7:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Breakfast is FREE!

At the Sebastopol Fire Dept.

For more information, please call:

707-823-8061

7425 Bodega Ave.

Raffle Tickets available at the door!

A portion of raffle proceeds help to provide:

- Fire Prevention Education for children ♦ Scholarships for High School grads entering Public Safety fields ♦ Training for Sebastopol Firefighters
- ♦ Equipment purchases to improve our Service to the Community
- ♦ Support to youth sports through sponsorships

GET READY TO SHAKE OUT ON OCTOBER 20TH

Get Ready to Shake Out.

October 20, 2022

Shake
Out™

www.ShakeOut.org

Earthquakes may happen anywhere you work, live, or travel. *Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills* are our chance to practice together how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to become prepared. The goal is to save lives and prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes.

On 10/20, join millions of participants who want to take earthquake-safe action when seconds count. In order to act quickly, you must practice what to do – ShakeOut is that opportunity. Register for free at ShakeOut.org/register to learn more about what to do.

Invite friends and family to practice for their safety, too!

Visit <https://www.shakeout.org/california/> for more info.

**SONOMA COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION & RESILIENCY
DIVISION ANNOUNCES FALL WORKSHOP SERIES**



COUNTY OF SONOMA
ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY



FALL WORKSHOP SERIES SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Learn more about the benefits of making improvements that will help make your home or business 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, electrification, wildfire safety, indoor air quality and understanding heat pumps for heating and cooling.

The County of Sonoma, Climate Action and Resiliency 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, electrification, wildfire safety, indoor air quality, and understanding heat pumps for heating and cooling.

Visit the County of Sonoma website [HERE](#) for more information, a list of of workshops, and to register.

Workshops are held on Wednesdays, September 28th through November 2nd from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WATER SAVINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU ENJOY WASHING THE DISHES

Join City of Sebastopol's Water Upgrades Save program to save water and money right away!

Our qualified contractor installs water and energy efficient upgrades like high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and aerators. You start saving right away!

City of Sebastopol customers are saving an average of 20 percent on annual utility costs when they upgrade! ¹



Follow the steps below:

1. Visit www.waterupgradessave.org to enroll.
2. Schedule a free home assessment to learn about your potential water savings.
3. Choose your upgrades including high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and aerators.
4. Schedule your installation with a qualified program contractor.
5. Begin saving water and money right away.

Enroll now at www.waterupgradessave.org

¹Actual savings will vary based on measures installed and customer water use.

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-Marin Saving Water Partnership](#).

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

- **When purchasing new appliances, check the requirements of various models and brands, some use less water than others. 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)



WE'RE HIRING!

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



ONE LESS SPARK - ONE LESS WILDFIRE

Approximately 95% of all wildfires in California are caused by human activity.

That is why fire agencies need the public's help to prevent them. Whether it's ensuring a campfire or landscape debris burn of leaves and branches is completely extinguished, or keeping a vehicle well maintained to prevent sparks, following just a few simple steps can help prevent wildfires.

Help prevent wildfires by learning how to properly:

- [Use outdoor equipment](#)
- [Burn debris](#)
- [Start, maintain, and extinguish a campfire](#)
- [Maintain a vehicle and tow safely](#)
- [Practice fire-safe target shooting](#)

Visit <https://www.readyforwildfire.org> for additional resources and information.



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 Testing](#) page for testing information.

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 October 18, 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 October 25, 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 October 19, 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:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of November 2, 2022 @ 10:30AM](#)

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 October 26, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER'S UPCOMING CONCERT SERIES

NOVEMBER 12
20TH ANNIVERSARY SONOMA COUNTY BLUEGRASS & FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL



FEATURING: Ramblin' Jack Elliot, Waddie Mitchell, California Bluegrass Reunion, Rita Hosking, & Cowboy Scott Gerber!

DECEMBER 10
A SOLSTICE CELEBRATION WITH MAMUSE



Check out the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center's (SCCC) upcoming concert series. All concerts are held at the SCCC and ticket prices vary.

- **November 12** - 20th Anniversary Sonoma County Bluegrass & Folk Music Festival
- **December 10** - A Solstice Celebration with Mamuse

Visit the SCCC website [HERE](#) for more info and to buy tickets.

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