



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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September 11 - September 17 Special Weekly Edition of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

Please visit the City of Sebastopol website at www.CityOfSebastopol.org for the most up-to-date local information on the coronavirus crisis. There is a page dedicated entirely to the crisis, the [Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Page](#), where you will find specific resources and answers to many questions that you may have. The City of Sebastopol is also on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [NextDoor](#).

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SEBASTOPOL CITY-SPONSORED LOAN PROGRAM

The current events of the world call for our community to come together in ways we have never before. Through the Community Vitality Project, it was estimated that approximately 32% of businesses located in the City of Sebastopol experienced temporary closure as a result of the pandemic and related health orders, 25% lost 100% of their revenue during the initial months, and 70% of businesses had to take some form of layoff or furlough action.



The City of Sebastopol is taking action to support these businesses to help them navigate the devastating financial impact of the pandemic. Designed and passed by unanimous vote at the August 1, 2020 Sebastopol City Council meeting, the Sebastopol City-Sponsored Loan Program makes \$150,000 in 0% interest loans available up to a maximum of \$10,000 per business through Community First Credit Union.

The City will accept applications beginning at 8 a.m. Friday September 18th and closing at 5 p.m. Monday September 28th. Applications can only be submitted digitally due to pandemic-related safety concerns, and must be emailed to SebBizLoan@cityofsebastopol.org. Applications received after closing time on Thursday September 28th will not be considered in the program.

Click [here](#) for more information on the program and how to apply.

This is a new program designed to address unprecedented challenges in our community, so your patience, compassion, and constructive feedback are greatly appreciated. We hope this program will have a lasting, positive impact on our community and look forward to collaborating with you in keeping Sebastopol as vibrant and resilient as possible throughout the pandemic!

If you have any questions about this program or need support with your application, please contact loansupport@comission.group.

UPDATED FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM



The City of Sebastopol has updated the Façade Improvement Program. The updates include more business types that are eligible for the program and a property owner or tenant will now be reimbursed for **75%** of new improvements **up to \$2,500**. Previously the program reimbursed for 50% of new improvements.

There is the potential for additional changes to the program that will further relax requirements. Applicants are urged to apply as soon as possible as the submission deadline is October 20.

This program is aimed at encouraging local businesses and business property owners to improve commercial and industrial buildings. Upgrades, maintenance, and aesthetic enhancements will benefit the entire community and enhance the local economy.

With these objectives in mind, subject to funding availability, the Sebastopol Façade Improvement Program will provide a rebate for expenses incurred on new exterior property improvements made to commercial or industrial buildings within the City of Sebastopol.

Eligible improvements include painting, new signage, awnings, landscaping, exterior lighting, and local permit fees. Façade building improvements (new windows, changing materials, etc.) are also eligible; however, please note that larger changes may require Design Review approval as well.

The objective of the Façade Improvement Program is to provide an incentive to property owners and/or tenants to enhance the physical appearance of buildings and landscapes. This public/private partnership investment is intended to leverage private capital with public funds for greater community economic benefit.

Click [here](#) for more information on the program and how to apply.

Thank you firefighters and first responders!



WALBRIDGE & MEYERS FIRES: RESIDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY

The LNU Complex Fire began August 17, 2020 and disrupted communities across California. In this survey, Sonoma County asks residents to share: 1) specific problems or challenges experienced during this period and 2) what was effective and helpful.



Please tell us your story through this survey. By understanding residents' challenges and successes, the County can better prepare for the future.

This survey will take approximately five minutes to complete. You may identify yourself, but it is not a required for completion of the survey.

[Resident Experience Survey: LNU Lightning Complex Fire \(Walbridge & Meyers\) August 2020](#)



UNHEALTHY AIR QUALITY

SoCoEmergency.org

Unhealthy Air Quality

Protect yourself from poor air quality from California wildfires:

- Limit time outside
- Close the windows
- Use fans or air-conditioning with re-circulated air when possible
- Stay hydrated

**Check your local air quality at
www.airnow.gov**

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](#).

**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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WILDFIRE IS COMING. ARE YOU READY?

As we have all seen with recent events, fire season is upon us. While Sebastopol did not come under an evacuation warning or order, we must continue to prepare.

All citizens are urged to step up your emergency planning for wildfires, including maintaining defensible space around the home, having an emergency plan in place, preparing a "go-bag" (including masks, gloves, and sanitizer), evacuating if ordered, and knowing several routes out of town. See the links below for more information and resources.

[Homeowners Checklist: How to Make Your Home Fire Safe](#)
[Ready, Set, Go! Your Personal Wildfire Action Plan](#)
[Defensible Space and Hardening Your Home](#)
[Download and Complete your Personal Emergency Plan](#)
[Resources for Access & Functional Needs Populations](#)

Visit readyforwildfire.org for quick information on fire preparedness and what to pack in the event of an evacuation. COVID-19 precautions still apply, so be sure to include masks, gloves, and sanitizer in your [go-bag](#). Review the [Evacuation Plan Checklist](#) and the [Be Ready: Evacuation Timeline](#) to help you prepare.

The Sebastopol Fire Department has confirmed that there is no evacuation "Zone Number" for Sebastopol City Limits. In the event of an evacuation warning or order, it will say "City of Sebastopol" or "Sebastopol City Limits." Unincorporated Sebastopol is Zone 4. [Zone Map](#).

[Here is the current map](#) showing “Planned Evacuation Zones” in and around Sebastopol. This may change.

Governor Newsom also reassured citizens that, in the case of evacuation, planning is in place for emergency shelters that will operate under COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.

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 your WEA- capable phone to receive a WEA.



SoCoAlert - Registration Required

Emergency notification service providing Sonoma County first responders the ability to alert residents by landline or mobile phone, text message and email about imminent threats to life and property in specific impacted areas. Register all addresses that you’d like to receive alerts for (work, child’s school, etc.). You don’t have to be in the location of the emergency 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

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. 
City of Sebastopol  



More information on emergency alerts and notifications at SoCoEmergency.org

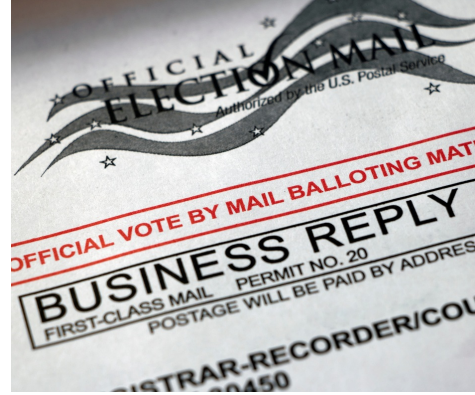
Thank you to the City of Santa Rosa for sharing their graphics.

VOTER RESOURCES

All registered voters in California will be sent a vote-by-mail ballot with a prepaid postage

return envelope for the November 3, 2020 Election. Track your ballot using California's official "Where's My Ballot?" tool at wheresmyballot.sos.ca.gov.

If you are not registered or you need to re-register, please remember to do so no later than October 19, 2020.



SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM BEING HELD SEPTEMBER 29

The League of Women Voters of Sonoma and Northern California Public Media are holding a virtual forum with Sebastopol City Council candidates on Sept. 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The forum will be streamed live on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

The candidates will be answering questions from both the League of Women Voters and those watching. On the evening of the forum you can send your questions to info@lwvsonoma.org.

All submitted questions will become the property of the League. They may not have time to cover every question submitted.

SERVICE REMINDERS: TAKE THE LEAVES TO THE CART, NOT TO THE CURB

SERVICE REMINDERS RECORDATORIOS DE SERVICIO

Do not pile leaves from your property on the street. Use your compost cart. Look for your street sweeping schedule at Recology.com/Sebastopol. Avoid street parking on sweep day. Make sure trees and shrubs don't grow into the roadway.

No apile hojas de su propiedad en la calle. Utilice su carrito de abono. Busque su horario de barrido de calles en Recology.com/Sebastopol. Evite el estacionamiento en la calle el día de barrido. Asegúrese de que no crezcan árboles y arbustos en la calzada.



COMMUNITY PAVEMENT SURVEY

Thank you everyone!

We've compiled the results to the Community Pavement Survey and have added them to the information that we've gathered out in the field. This report was

presented to the City Council on September 15 as the first step in assisting our Engineering Department in applying for the money that we need and to help steer Capital Improvement Plan Funding to the most needed areas.

Although the survey project has come to a close, you can always reach out to us with any questions or comments at citypw@cityofsebastopol.org or (707) 823-5331.



URGENCY ORDINANCE ALLOWS FINES FOR VIOLATING LOCAL AND STATE CORONAVIRUS HEALTH ORDERS



On August 6, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors approved a [code enforcement ordinance](#) that allows the issuing of citations ranging from \$100 for individuals up to \$10,000 for businesses for noncompliance with local and state health orders related to the coronavirus.

The ordinance was approved unanimously and on an urgency basis, which will allow it to take effect immediately. The ordinance applies to all cities and unincorporated areas in Sonoma County, including Sebastopol. Citations may be issued by law enforcement or government officials such as staff with code enforcement or regional parks.

The Board also approved the creation of a new County hotline – **1-833-SAFE707 (1-833-723-3707)** that will allow the public to report infractions. The public also can register complaints by sending emails to safe707@sonoma-county.org.

Under the ordinance, individuals can be fined a flat fee of \$100 for such infractions as failing to wear facial coverings, not practicing safe social distancing (maintaining 6-foot separations from non-family members) when in public or hosting gatherings of more than 12 people who aren't sheltering in the same household. Individuals also can be fined for refusing to abide by COVID-19 safety protocols required at restaurants, stores and other businesses. Commercial operations such as restaurants, bars and stores face fines starting at \$1,000 for noncompliance. A commercial violation is subject to a civil penalty of \$5,000 for a second violation and \$10,000 for each additional violation by the same responsible party.

See the [Full Press Release](#) and [Ordinance FAQs](#) for more information.

STATE LAUNCHES "BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY"

California's directive to create a new [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) replaces the July 13 State Order that closed indoor operation of many businesses.

Barber shops, hair salons and malls in Sonoma County are now allowed to resume indoor operations with modifications due to revised health orders issued by Gov. Gavin Newsom

on August 28 and confirmed by Sonoma County Public Health Officer Dr. Sundari Mase.

The reopening of these operations coincides with the launching of a new four-tiered structure for determining how each of the state's 58 counties is doing in slowing the spread of the coronavirus and the extent to which businesses and other activities will be allowed due to the pandemic. Under the new framework, titled each county has been grouped into one of four colored tiers – Purple (Widespread), Red (Substantial), Orange (Moderate) and Yellow (Minimal) – based on the prevalence of COVID-19 in the county and the rate of community spread. Sonoma County is one of 38 counties that will start in the purple tier.

Read the full press release [here](#).

Click the links below to see what's open in Sonoma County:

- [Sonoma County Economic Development Board Website](#)
- [SoCo Emergency Website](#)

NOTE UPDATED INFORMATION: We must all do our parts to slow the spread of the coronavirus: **wear a facial covering at all times when in public settings indoors, wear a facial covering outdoors when you cannot maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and others outside your household (see details [here](#))**, maintain social distance in all public situations, wash hands frequently and thoroughly, cover a cough or sneeze, and stay home when sick. You will find information and resources on the [City's COVID-19 page](#) and the [SoCoEmergency page](#).

SCHOOL RESOURCES FROM SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY

School Resources

Recursos Escolares

Online Library 24/7

Biblioteca Virtual 24/7



Learn a Language
Aprende un idioma



Learning Express



BookFlix



Streaming Media

Transmisión de películas y más



Study Help

Ayuda con las tareas



StudentOne Card



Lynda.com



OverDrive



Libby



sonomalibrary.org

This is a challenging time for our community, and Sonoma County Library is here to help with your back-to-school needs. Are you a parent of a school-age child or children? A student yourself? Maybe you want to enrich your self-learning. We've put together a list of resources that you may find useful during the school year...and beyond!

- Access educational [eBooks, and eAudiobooks, stream movies and more](#). This includes always-available eBooks and eAudiobooks such as [Diverse Reads for Teens](#) and [Diverse Reads for Kids](#) on OverDrive.
- Students of any age can connect with free tutors and more at [Tutor.com](#).
- Our Student OneCard partnership provides students access to library resources using their student ID number. [See the list of participating schools and learn more about Student OneCards](#).

- Earn your high school diploma online with [Career Online High School](#).
- Learn at home with our [Great Courses collection](#) on OverDrive. Explore 200 expertly-produced audio and video courses by professors such as Neil DeGrasse Tyson!
- Your library card gives you access to [Lynda.com](#), an online learning service that teaches business, technology, and creative skills through video tutorials.
- [LearningExpress Library](#) features nearly 1,000 online tutorials, practice tests, and eBooks for all ages.
- Why not use this time to learn a new language or brush up on one you're already familiar with? [Mango Languages](#) is fun and easy to use.

Still hungry for more? Your online library never closes. [View More eResources](#)

HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED YET? 2020 CENSUS TAKERS GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR THROUGH SEPTEMBER



For those households who have not yet responded to the 2020 Census, census takers will begin knocking on doors and canvassing neighborhoods across the north bay through September.

Census employees will be wearing the required PPE to meet all public safety requirements including masks and practicing social distancing. They will also be displaying proper identification as census employees.

All Census Bureau staff who interact with the public (census takers, ongoing surveys staff, partnership and recruiting specialists, etc.) will be provided with face masks. They are

mandated to wear a mask while conducting their work. 2020 Census interviews are quick – just about 10 minutes long and all the surveys can be done 6 feet apart. If you would like to avoid a 2020 Census in-person interview, the best way is to respond to the 2020 Census [online](#), by phone at **844-330-2020**, or by mail.

Here is a [video](#) that demonstrates how they will be conducting the Non Response Follow Up.

THE SONOMA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING REQUESTS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE OLDER ADULT NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY

Please participate in a Needs Assessment Survey developed by Supervisor Zane's Older Adult Taskforce in partnership with Dr. Mase and non-profit leadership. Isolation presents its own health risk for older adults and responses to this Needs Assessment will help the County of Sonoma improve the health and quality of life for older adults.



Creating Safe Social Spaces is a key part of the Older Adult Taskforce. Dr. Mase has authorized that if following the guidelines below, Safe Social Spaces are allowed and encouraged at independent living communities, low income senior housing properties, senior centers etc. The taskforce is developing additional messaging materials.

- Signage to support physical distancing;
- Wear Your Masks;
- Hand Washing;
- Hand Washing Stations;
- Outside Spaces are better than Inside;
- Groups of 10 or less, following these guidelines, are acceptable.

[Needs Assessment Survey - English](#)

[Needs Assessment Survey - En Español](#)

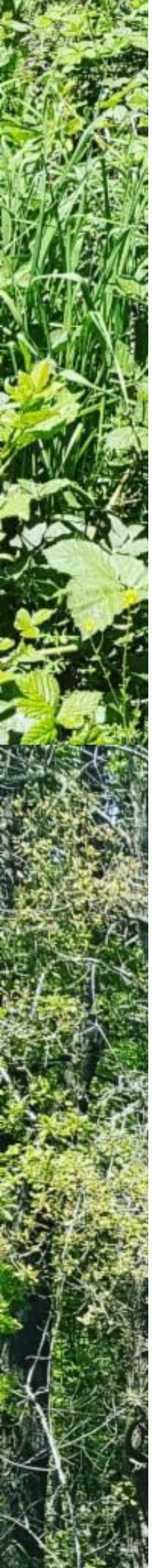
SONOMA COUNTY COVID-19 CASE DATA

Click [here](#) to view Sonoma County's COVID-19 case data.

SONOMA COUNTY COVID-19 TESTING INFORMATION

Click [here](#) to view Sonoma County's COVID-19 testing information.

REUSABLE BAGS ARE NOW ALLOWED IN GROCERY STORES AND RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS



COVID -19 BAG USE

USO DE LA BOLSA REUTILIZABLE DURANTE COVID -19

CUSTOMERS SHOULD LEAVE REUSABLE BAGS IN THE SHOPPING CART WHEN CHECKING OUT.

LOS CLIENTES DEBEN DEJAR LAS BOLSAS REUTILIZABLES EN EL CARRITO DE COMPRAS AL MOMENTO DE HACER SU PAGO.



CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOT PUT REUSABLE BAGS ON THE CHECKOUT CONVEYOR BELT.

LOS CLIENTES NO DEBEN PONER LAS BOLSAS REUTILIZABLES EN LA BANDA TRANSPORTADORA QUE ESTÁ EN LA CAJA DE PAGO.



CUSTOMERS MUST BAG THEIR OWN PURCHASES.

LOS CLIENTES DEBEN PONER LAS COMPRAS DE MERCADO EN SUS BOLSAS REUTILIZABLES ELLOS MISMOS.



STORES MAY PROVIDE A REUSABLE BAG OR RECYCLED PAPER BAG TO CUSTOMERS FOR A MINIMUM 10¢ CHARGE.

LAS TIENDAS PUEDEN PROPORCIONAR UNA BOLSA REUTILIZABLE O BOLSA DE PAPEL RECICLADO A LOS CLIENTES POR UN CARGO MINIMO DE .10 CENTAVOS.



[ZEROWASTESONOMA.GOV/CARRYOUTBAGS](https://zerowastesonoma.gov/carryoutbags) ECO-DESK 565.3375



SONOMA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (ZERO WASTE SONOMA)
WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAM FOR CARRYOUT BAGS ORDINANCE 2014-2

LA AGENCIA SONOMA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT (ZERO WASTE SONOMA) PROGRAMA DE REDUCCIÓN DE RESIDUOS PARA LA ORDENANZA 2014-2 DE BOLSAS PLÁSTICAS DESECHABLES



JUNE, 2020

HANDWASHING STATION LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN SEBASTOPOL

In an early response to help make our community safer during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Sebastopol set up a number of handwashing stations throughout the downtown area in mid-March.

In the meantime, we've added more locations and re-located some of the stations to be more convenient, including new portable restrooms and handwash facilities on Morris Street for homeless support services.

Current locations are:

- 1) City Parking Lot at Main St. and Burnett
- 2) North Main St., mid-block (south side of street between Bodega and Wilton)
- 3) 328 N. Main Street - On sidewalk entrance Community Bank parking lot
- 4) Adjacent to southwest corner of Town Plaza parking lot against rear wall of Silk Moon
- 5) Sebastopol Ave. (Route 12) at alley between Ramen Gaijin and WestAmerica Bank
- 6) 6902 Sebastopol Ave - Screamin' Mimi's Ice Cream- at side window on Petaluma Ave
- 7) & 7A) Outside public restrooms on east side of Town Plaza. There are also portable toilets at this location.
- 8) & 8A) Morris St. north of Laguna Park Way, northeast side of street. There are also portable toilets at this location



REGULAR CITY BUSINESS CONTINUES

Administrative Services:

- Administrative Service staff are available by phone or email for questions. Please email customerservice@cityofsebastopol.org; or call **707-823-7863** and leave a message and someone will respond to you.

Building Department:

- The Building Department is open and operating regular office hours - Monday - Thursday 7am to 5:30pm, Closed 12pm to 12:30pm.
- The Building Department is located inside the Fire Station.

City Manager's Office:

- City Hall is closed, but staff are available by phone or email for questions. Please email info@cityofsebastopol.org; or call **707-823-1153** and leave a message and someone will respond to you.
- City staff encourage the public to keep up with news and updates by following the City's [Facebook](#) page and checking out Council videos.

Engineering Department:

- The Engineering Department is open and operating regular office hours - Monday to Thursday 7am to 5:30pm. The Engineering Department is located in the Public Works office. Please note signage on door with instructions for safe interaction with staff.

Fire Department:

- The Fire Department is open and continuing to provide fire response and emergency services as usual.
- The Fire Department lobby is open during normal business hours Monday - Thursday 7am to 5:30pm, Closed 12pm to 12:30pm.

Planning Department:

- The Planning Department is (virtually) open Monday - Thursday 7am to 5:30pm (Closed 12pm to 12:30pm) and continues to accept applications. Staff is available via email or phone (707-823-6167). Planning is accepting new applications; please contact staff for instructions for submittals. Click [here](#) for details.

Police Department:

- Lobby is open to the public. For non-life-or-safety-threatening situations, we encourage the public to call the 24/7 police non-emergency line at **707-829-4400**. As always, in the event of emergency, call **911**.
- [Sebastopol Police Log September 7 - September 13](#)

Public Works Department:

- The Public Works Department is open and operating regular office hours - Monday to Thursday 7am to 5:30pm. Please note signage on door with instructions for safe interaction with staff.
 - Water and sewer utility systems continue to be monitored and maintained.
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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 6, 2020 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Planning Commission Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 7pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of September 22, 2020 @ 7:00 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 amontes@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of October 7, 2020 @ 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 amontes@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of October 7, 2020 @ 10:30 AM](#)



PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEWS

MEETING PREVIEWS:

Sept 22 Planning Commission Mtg - The Planning Commission will consider two items:

1) An amendment for Head West Marketplace at the Barlow to extend their Temporary Use Permit to the end of 2021, and allow for use of Pink Lady Court for the marketplace as well. The Head West Marketplace is an artisan marketplace held on McKinley Street in the Barlow the 1st Saturday of each month.

2) A Use Permit, Variance, and Tentative Parcel Map application by Marc Reese to add an automatic car wash to the Benedetti Tire business at 6909 Sebastopol Avenue. The Planning Commission will be making a recommendation to City Council, who will take final action on this project.

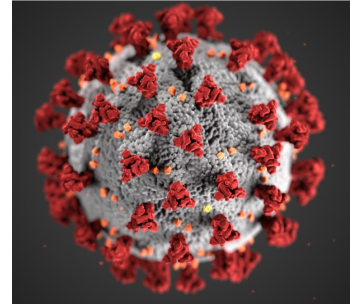
[Planning Commission Meeting; September 22, 2020 @ 7PM](#)

WATER CONSERVATION

Please continue to practice water conservation as much as possible. Things are green now, but California is still technically in a drought, with Sonoma County showing "Moderate Drought" conditions. Click [here](#) for more information.

CREDIBLE SOURCES FOR COVID-19 UPDATES

[California Department of Public Health](#)



WEAR A MASK.

Slow the spread.

covid19.ca.gov



Coronavirus spreads when an infected person speaks, sneezes, or coughs within 6 feet of others. You may have the virus and spread it even if you feel well.

To prevent infection, you must cover your nose and mouth when outside your home. So wearing a mask is now required statewide. Wearing a mask or cloth face covering can slow the spread of COVID-19 by limiting the release of virus into the air. It also reinforces physical distancing, and shows you care about the health of others.

Don't wear your mask under your nose or just on your chin. A mask is only effective if it covers both ways you breathe.

Who needs a mask?

- Anyone going outside their home
- Workers in customer-facing industries
- Workers in offices, factories, or any group setting
- Doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals
- Other workers, as dictated by [industry guidance](#)

Who shouldn't wear a mask?

- Children under 2 years old
- Anyone with respiratory issues where it would impede their breathing
- Anyone unable to remove the mask without help
- Anyone with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that does not allow them to wear a mask

See a [complete list](#) of who should not wear a mask.

When should you wear a mask?

You should wear a mask or face covering whenever you'll be around someone you don't live with, including:

- In any indoor public space
- When waiting in line
- When getting health care
- On public transportation or when ride-sharing
- At work, when near others or moving through common areas
- Outdoors, if you can't stay 6 feet away from others

When can you take off your mask?

There are times when it's okay to take your mask off when you're away from home, such as:

- When eating or drinking
- If a hearing-impaired person needs to read your lips

- If wearing a face covering imposes a risk to you at work – for example, if it could get caught in machinery
- When you're not sharing a common area, room or enclosed space with others
- When you are getting a service to the nose or face
- When outdoors in public and can stay six feet from others

You should replace the mask as soon as you can after these activities to reduce the risk of infection.

For more information visit <https://covid19.ca.gov/masks-and-ppe/>

WARM LINE FOR EMOTIONAL & MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT



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The last few months have been very difficult for everyone in our community. You may be feeling stressed, isolated, depressed, and anxious. You do not need to suffer alone. Help is available.

**Please call the Sonoma County Warm Line
for Emotional and Mental Health Support:**

(707) 565-2652

Or visit SoCoEmergency.org

This free and private warm line is available seven days a week from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Telephone interpretation for other languages is available.



LEGAL AID'S DISASTER TEAM IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19

If you have employment questions, benefits questions, or any other legal issues related to the pandemic, please contact Legal Aid of Sonoma County.

Legal Aid of Sonoma County

Disaster Relief Team

The Disaster Relief Team has assisted hundreds of survivors with their recovery.

We assist disaster survivors with:

- ❖ Disaster Unemployment Insurance
- ❖ EDD Appeals
- ❖ Price Gouging
- ❖ FEMA Benefits
- ❖ Information and Referrals
- ❖ Other legal issues resulting from a disaster or declared emergency, including COVID-19

Contact us for a free, confidential appointment with our Disaster Relief Team to discuss your legal rights or navigate the recovery process.

Contact Us:

Legal Aid Disaster Relief COVID-19
Response Hotline
(559) 429-6974

Para asistencia en español, por favor llame al (707) 542-1290.



Legal Aid's mission is to promote social justice and advance basic human rights for vulnerable people in our community.

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WEEKLY COVID-19 VIDEO UPDATES

See the City's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Page](#) for recent City, County, and State video updates.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES WILL CONTINUE:

- **The City of Sebastopol will not turn off water due to nonpayment.** The City recognizes the hardship that the pandemic and resulting Shelter in Place Orders, have created in our community, and will temporarily suspend non-emergency turnoffs and late fees.

- **PG&E will not cut off power due to nonpayment.** PG&E voluntarily implemented a moratorium on service disconnections for non-payment, effective immediately. This suspension will apply to both residential and commercial customers and will remain in effect until further notice.
- **Recology will not suspend trash service due to nonpayment.** Recology understands that customers are starting to request delay of payments or payment plans due to the circumstances, and they are sensitive to what the community is going through. Recology will not stop service due to non-payment at this time.

Click [here](#) for more information on Essential Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

ONLINE EDUCATION RESOURCES



See the [Sonoma County Office of Education](#) website for news and information about Sonoma County schools.

The [PBS LearningMedia](#) website has several free online resources including standards-aligned videos, interactives, lesson plans, and more. The website also includes [PreK-12 Resources for Emergency Closings](#) that include activities, lesson plans, and videos organized by grade and subject area.

NEED HELP WITH ESSENTIAL RESOURCES?

Visit the [2-1-1 Free Referral Service](#) website if you have questions or needs.

For additional assistance, resources, and help with essential needs, see the [SoCo Emergency](#) resources webpage.

SEBASTOPOL CURB SIDE DELIVERY LOCATIONS

The city currently has three curb side pickup locations for businesses in Downtown Sebastopol.

Locations:

150 N. Main Street
162 N. Main Street
124 S. Main Street

The city is in the process of providing additional curb side delivery locations in an effort to help our local businesses. If your business will have curb side delivery please call [707-823-6167](tel:707-823-6167) or email business@cityofsebastopol.org with this information as this information will help guide the City to locations that will be set aside.



OPEN BUSINESSES

Be sure to contact them first as this information may change from day to day.

[Sonoma West Times & News](#) list of open businesses

[Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce](#) list of open businesses

[Press Democrat](#) list of open businesses



Designated as an essential business, the Sunday Farmer's Market on the Plaza is currently open and taking safety precautions and practicing social distancing. Check their [website](#) for more information.

The City of Sebastopol has compiled a [list](#) of open essential businesses. If your business supplies essential services, please email business@CityOfSebastopol.org with details such as offerings, days/hours and any special services like online ordering, takeout, delivery, curbside pickup, and special hours for seniors, at-risk, or first responders.

When visiting local businesses for essential needs, please wear a facial covering and maintain social distance (at least 6 feet between you and anyone outside your household).

DON'T FLUSH WIPES!



Flushing wipes, paper towels and similar products down toilets will clog sewers and cause backups and overflows at wastewater treatment facilities, creating an additional public health risk in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Please do not flush disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet.

SEBASTOPOL CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Through the month of September, the Sebastopol Center for the Arts SAVOS (SebArts Virtual Open Studios) invites you to engage with 140 local artists, experience interactive panels and virtual walkthroughs. Click [here](#) for more information.

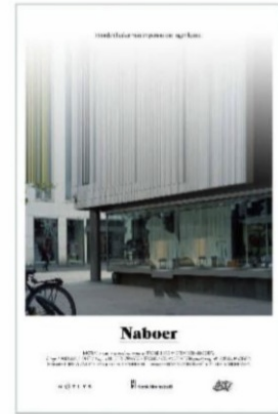
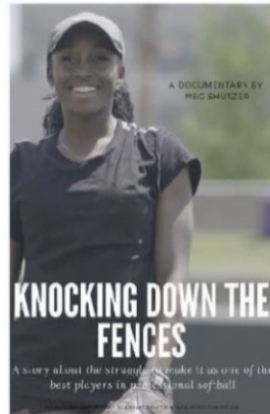
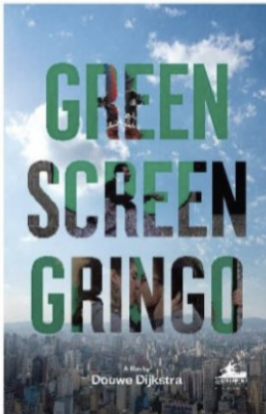
SEBASTOPOL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL SHORTS PROGRAM STREAMING SEPT. 11-20

DOCS MAKE HOUSE CALLS

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FILMS THAT MATTER

Shorts Weather! We've got you covered.



Four character-driven documentaries to keep you company while you escape the summer sizzle...

A traveler, a baseball player, a motorcyclist and a mystery... Not only do these films focus on compelling personalities, they also give their audiences an opportunity to see from a novel perspective. In various ways, each of these films is about sight, and the profound roles that context and experience play in determining not only what a person sees, but how they see.

"Tickets" for this streaming shorts program (Sept. 11-20) are \$12. A DMHC Pass is now being offered, which grants access to this week's program and all future 2020 DMHC programs at the discounted rate of \$10 per program. It also includes a bit of rare SDFP 2020 Swag!

Get Info, Buy Tickets, and See Upcoming Films/Pass Info at <https://sebastopolfilmfestival.org>

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