



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**September 16 - September 22 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

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



WORLD OF GOOD MURAL INSTALLED ON THE EAST ENTRANCE TO TOWN



Learn more about the project [HERE](#).

PUBLIC NOTICE: SO. MAIN STREET TREE REPLACEMENT

The removal and replacement of four trees on the 100 block of South Main Street is scheduled to start the week of September 26th with an anticipated completion date of October 3rd. These trees will be replaced with the new Main Street Crape Myrtle variety to complete this section of Main Street. The timing of this work is being scheduled as close to the Fall season as possible in an attempt to minimize disruption of the Downtown core during the holiday season.



Fronting businesses have been notified in person by Public Works staff. This

work will require the use of 3 parking spaces.

We apologize for the inconvenience during this process.

Public Notice

LAGUNA SUMMER PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE TO BE REMOVED SEPT. 28



With the arrival of fall, the Laguna pedestrian bridge is removed for the season. The bridge will be removed on Wednesday, September 28th. Look for its return in the spring!

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY

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

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022

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

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

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.

Add your name to the Compost email list by emailing SebastopolSinksCarbon@gmail.com.

F R E E **O R G A N I C** **COMPOST**

**Provided by Sebastopol Climate Action Committee,
City of Sebastopol, Zero Waste Sonoma, and WM Redwood**

When: Saturdays, 9/3 & 10/1!
9 am - 12 pm
(or until the pile is gone!)



Where: 425 Morris St.
(Behind Community Center Youth Annex)

Bring: Shovels, Buckets or Bags, Tarps,
Gloves, Pick-up Truck, Masks
(up to 1/2 cubic yard per household!)

Why: Compost Builds Soil and Retains Water!
Get Some for your Fall Garden!

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 Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Sebastopol offers a program aimed at encouraging local businesses and 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.

To apply for the program a building owner or tenant, with the owner's approval, should fill out the attached application and include bid estimates for the proposed improvement(s). The Planning Department then reviews the submitted application for completeness and batches them to be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Design Review Board for approval. Deadlines for applications for Fiscal Year 2022-

2023 are:

- **October 10, 2022**
- **January 9, 2023**
- **March 13, 2023**

If you would like to apply for or discuss the program in more detail, please contact Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director at (707) 823-6167 or KSvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

Visit the [Facade Improvement Program](#) page on the City's website for more information.

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.

THE GREAT LAGUNA CLEANUP - SATURDAY, 9/24



**The Great Laguna Cleanup
Saturday, September 24, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Meet at the Americorps Trailhead, across from
200 Morris Street (The Barlow), Sebastopol.
There is parking along Morris Street. Look for
the signs.**

It's time to pull on gloves and grab a bucket to pick up trash along the Laguna! Help us clean up the Sebastopol Laguna Wetlands Preserve before the rain starts falling and washes trash into our waterways and ocean.

Wear clothes and shoes that can get dirty. Please bring your own water bottle. Gloves, buckets and trash bags will also be provided. ***This event is suitable for all ages.*** Minors must be accompanied by an adult. We will provide snacks and refreshments.

Laguna Foundation staff and guides will also provide a dynamic and engaging educational component to the workday that will help volunteers learn more about the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed, including the impacts of invasive species, the importance of native plants, and the natural and cultural history of the area. City of Sebastopol staff will be on hand to help us haul out all of the trash and recyclables.

For more information, please contact: Brent Reed, Ecological Program Manager - Phone: 707-527-9277 ext. 101, Email: brent@lagunafoundation.org



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:



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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Police Department
[Police Officer](#)

Deadline to Apply: Open 10/18/21 (Open and Continuous)

Public Works
[Maintenance Worker I](#)

Deadline to Apply: September 26, 2022

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



PREPARE YOUR FAMILY

Evacuation plans for families with young children should include helping toddlers understand how to quickly respond in case of fire, and how adults can escape with babies.

Prepare ahead of time by practicing your family's fire escape plan, and what to do to be safe when there is a wildfire nearby. It is important to talk to toddlers and small children at a level that they understand and that does not frighten. Click [HERE](#) for a

few resources that offer guides and tips for families with young children about fire safety and preparing for a disaster.



Seniors and people with disabilities also need special consideration when preparing for a disaster. Click [HERE](#) for several resources that help individuals and families with special needs plan and prepare for an event such as a

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 4, 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 September 27, 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 5, 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 September 28, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



SEBASTOPOL CHAMBER COMMUNITY AWARDS - SEPTEMBER 28

Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce Presents:
46th Annual Community Awards!

**Please join us on Wednesday, September 28,
2022**

Russian River Vineyards
5700 Highway 116, North, Forestville, CA 95436

Reception: 5:30-6 PM Awards: 6-7:30 PM

Each year your Chamber of Commerce presents
The Annual Community Awards to celebrate the
winners who were voted and selected by the local community.

This heartfelt gathering packs the room, and is a good time had for all. Amazing food
and wine are supplied by the generosity of local businesses Community. We invite
you to take part in one of the Chamber's BEST events of the year! Come join in the
fun!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to RSVP.



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.

- **October 1** - San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus Ensembles
- **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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