



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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September 17 - September 23 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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QUICK FACTS

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC SETTINGS
REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS: [CLICK HERE](#)

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES WEEKLY
TESTING OR PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR EMERGENCY
PERSONNEL: [CLICK HERE](#)

- AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXTENDS
THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR TESTING REQUIREMENTS:
[CLICK HERE](#)

SONOMA COUNTY ISSUES HEALTH ORDER FOR ALL PUBLIC
AND PRIVATE K-12 SCHOOLS: [CLICK HERE](#)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER:
OUTDOOR MASKING IN SCHOOL SETTINGS: [CLICK HERE](#)

GUIDANCE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER: YOUTH SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: [CLICK HERE](#)

RESIDENTS 12+ YEARS OF AGE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES: [CLICK HERE](#)

SONOMA COUNTY COVID VACCINATIONS AT A GLANCE*:
[CLICK HERE](#)

- PERCENT 12+ PARTIALLY VACCINATED - 7.2%
 - PERCENT 12+ FULLY VACCINATED - 76.5%
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25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: [CLICK HERE](#)

*Information updated as of Friday, September 24th at 11am.

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National Preparedness Month

Prepare to Protect



GET PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES!

SEPTEMBER IS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

SEPTIEMBRE ES EL MES DE PREPARACIÓN EN CASO DE EMERGENCIA

Are you Sonoma Ready?
¿Estás preparado?



Sign up for these events!
Regístrate para los siguientes eventos.

Are you ready if disaster strikes? Learn how to prepare yourself and your loved ones in case of an emergency with virtual events through the [Emergency Preparedness: Sonoma Ready Series!](#)

Advanced registration is required. See a selection of events [here](#). Some events offered with simultaneous Spanish interpretation.

SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL WALKS IN SATURDAY'S APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE



Sebastopol City Council Members walk in the Apple Blossom Parade through Downtown Sebastopol on Saturday, September 18, 2021.

From L to R: Vice Mayor Sarah Glade Gurney, Councilmember Neysa Hinton, Mayor Una Glass, Theresa Russo (wife of Councilmember Slayter), Councilmember Patrick Slayter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT DEDICATES TWO BENCHES IN IVES PARK

On Saturday, September 18th following the Apple Blossom Parade, Fire Chief Bill Braga and the Sebastopol Fire Department dedicated two benches in Ives Park in memory of former Assistant Fire Chiefs Darrell Ramondo (35 years of service) and Mike Reeser (42 years of service). Family members of both Darrell and Mike attended the dedication ceremony.

Chief Braga recognizes and thanks the Public Works Staff for the acquisition and installation of the park benches.



LAGUNA DE SANTA ROSA CLEANUP

The Sebastopol Public Works Department worked collaboratively with the Sebastopol Police Department to facilitate the cleanup in and around the environmentally sensitive Laguna de Santa Rosa on Wednesday, September 22. This photo represents a small sample of the debris that was removed during the operation that was spearheaded by the Sebastopol Police Department. Many local agencies provided assistance, including [West County Community Services](#), [Sonoma Applied Village](#)



[Services, Sonoma County Interdepartmental Multidisciplinary Team](#) and local advocates and volunteers who offered outreach and supportive services to individuals who had been camping in the Laguna.

SONOMA COUNTY ART TRAILS AGAIN THIS WEEKEND!



Sonoma County Art Trails open studios tour is happening again this weekend, Sept. 25-26!

See the Sebastopol Center for the Arts [website](#) for more information, a list of participating artists, and to download the Sonoma County Art Trails Collector's Guide.

SEBASTOPOL ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY - SEPTEMBER 25

Sebastopol Organic Compost Giveaway



It is a great time to prepare your gardens and soil for fall!

The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee will be hosting an organic compost giveaway on Saturday, September 25th from 10am to 1pm. Home and school gardeners are invited to come to the pick-up site with COVID safe masks, shovels, gloves, a tarp and a car with containers or a pick-up truck and load their free compost (email ahead of time if you need assistance with loading).

Event Details:

Saturday, Sept. 25

From: 10am – 1pm

Location: 425 Morris Street Sebastopol - Behind Youth Annex

Free ½-1 Cu.Yd. per household - self serve, come prepared with shovels, gloves, mask, containers or truck

**WE NEED YOUR INPUT!
PLEASE TAKE THE WATER METER SURVEY
TODAY!**



The ongoing drought emergency has made water conservation a top priority in our community. The City of Sebastopol is exploring ways to give its water customers tools to gain greater control over their own usage and to be alerted to leaks in real time.

Many other water providers in our region have found success with cellular water meters and an accompanying app where customers will have instant access to this information.

If you're a Sebastopol Water customer (meaning that you live within Sebastopol City Limits, are not on a well, and receive a bill for your water use from the City of Sebastopol) and haven't already done so, please take a [short survey](#) and let us know if you feel that such a program would be of value. Survey results will be shared with the City Council to help inform their decision-making process about the cellular water meter program.
Survey ends October 1.

Here are details about the product and app for your review if you'd like more information before filling out the survey:

Product: <https://www.badgermeter.com/products/endpoints/>

For an interactive demo of what the app looks like, click this link: <https://eyeonwater.com/dashboard/demo>

Email: demo (You do not need to enter your email address.)

Password: demo (Note that the demo shows a sample address in Los Gatos.)

This survey will end on October 1, 2021.

[Take the Survey](#)

WATER CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

Water savings are urgently needed.



Lauralee - Resident of Burbank Heights & Orchards

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](#).

Click [HERE](#) to view this week's video tips from Lauralee at Burbank Heights to help you reduce your water consumption.

GET YOUR WATER SAVING SEBASTO-PAIL NOW!

Water-conserving Sebastopol residents can stop by the Public Works Department office at 714 Johnson Street Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4:30 PM to pick up a bucket.

As the Sebastopol Buckets were purchased with water enterprise funds we are asking that the buckets be supplied to current residents that have a City of Sebastopol Water account.

Use your new Sebasto-Pail to collect the running water while you wait for hot water and use it to water plants. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.



Pick up your Sebasto-Pail at the Public Works Department. It's the perfect way to collect the running water while you wait for hot water, and use it to water plants.



GET YOUR WATER SAVING YARD SIGN NOW!



Water-conserving Sebastopol residents can stop by the Public Works Department office at 714 Johnson Street Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4:30 PM to pick up a sign. Help spread the word!

ZERO WASTE SONOMA MINI-GRANTS FOR REUSABLE FOODWARE

Zero Waste Sonoma has a mini-grant program of up to \$250 to help businesses purchase reusable food ware supplies and materials. Eligible expenses for reusable food service ware may include, but are not limited to: baskets, plates, bowls, ramekins, cups, mugs, trays utensils, bulk dispensers, self-service bins, dishwashers, and payment to third-party support for reuse. Establishing a rentable Party Kit with reusable food ware is another eligible expense.



Click [HERE](#) for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Funding is limited, and available only on a first come, first served basis. Zero Waste Sonoma may not be held responsible if this funding runs out before you are reimbursed.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS)?



Public Safety Power Shutoff Tips to Help You and Your Family Prepare

April 2021

At PG&E, our most important responsibility is the safety of our customers and communities. **During severe weather, we may need to turn off power for public safety. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).** We know losing power is disruptive to your work and personal life, so we want to help you prepare. To learn more about PSPS events, visit pge.com/psps.

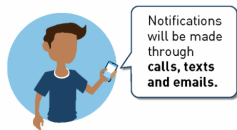
What factors lead to a PSPS?

As each weather situation is unique, we review a combination of factors to decide if power must be turned off. These include:

- Low humidity levels**, generally 30% and below
- Forecast of high winds** above 20 mph and **wind gusts** in excess of ~30-40 mph
- Condition of dry material** on the ground and low moisture content of vegetation
- Red Flag Warning** declared by the National Weather Service
- On-the-ground, real-time observations**

How will you be notified of a PSPS event?

We will share what we know as soon as we can, keeping in mind that weather conditions can be uncertain.



Notifications will be made through calls, texts and emails.

Notifications will include:

- ✓ When power is expected to be **shut off** and **restored**
- ✓ A link to pge.com/pspsupdates with access to:
 - Outage maps
 - Community Resource Center locations
 - Available resources

Are you ready for a potential power outage?

To help prepare for public safety outages, here are some things to consider:

- Update your contact information** and preferred language for PSPS notifications by visiting pge.com/mywildfirealerts or calling **1-866-743-6589**.
- Prepare and practice your emergency plan** to ensure that everyone knows what to do.
- Plan for medical needs** like medications that require refrigeration or devices that need power.
- Build and/or restock your emergency supply kit** with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, food, water and cash.
- Identify backup charging methods** by visiting pge.com/backuppowers.

Where can you find additional resources?

- Review safety resources, preparedness tips and emergency planning tools. safetyactioncenter.com
- Receive extra help to prepare for public safety outages from the Disability Disaster Access and Resources Program. disabilitydisasteraccess.org
- Sign up for Address Alerts to be notified about a potential PSPS at any important address. pge.com/addressalerts
- Review the PG&E Emergency Preparedness Checklist. pge.com/emergencychecklistbiz
- If you rely on power for medical or independent living needs, apply for our Medical Baseline Program. pge.com/medicalbaseline
- Help children learn the importance of emergency preparedness with games, safety tips and quizzes. kidsemergency.com

Learn More

For the latest on PG&E's wildfire safety efforts, please visit pge.com/wildfiresafety.

For translated support in over 250 additional languages, please contact PG&E at **1-866-743-6589**.

Some of the measures included in this document are contemplated as additional precautionary measures intended to further reduce the risk of wildfires. "PG&E" refers to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation. ©2021 Pacific Gas and Electric Company. All rights reserved. CCC-0221-0000_4/14/2021

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: WWW.PGE.COM/PSPS
DOWNLOAD THE PSPS TIPS PDF [HERE](#).

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Administrative Services/Finance Department
[Administrative Technician](#)
Deadline to Apply: September 27, 2021



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

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

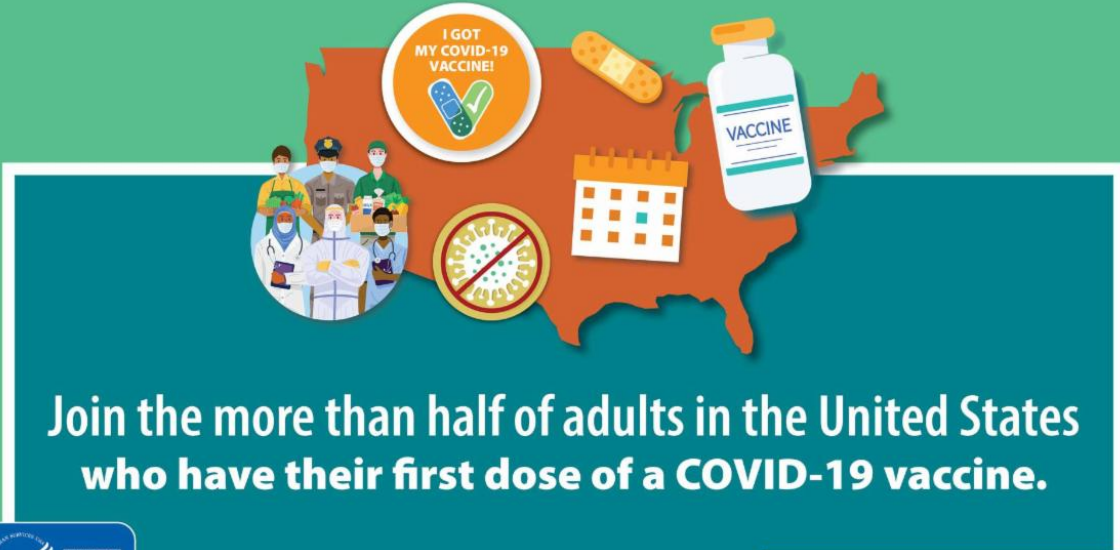
See the [SoCoEmergency Calendar](#) for a list of testing locations in the County.

See the [SoCoEmergency Testing](#) page for more information.


Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics



See the [SoCoEmergency Calendar](#) for a list of upcoming vaccination clinics in the County.



Join the more than half of adults in the United States who have their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.



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cdc.gov/coronavirus

SONOMA COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



COUNTY OF SONOMA

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*Have you been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?
Do you need help with rent and utilities?*

See the [Tenant and Housing Resources](#) page on the City's website for more information, FAQs, and links to apply.

COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF

American Rescue Plan

All funding programs below will be administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL)

[Click here for more information](#)

Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

[Preliminary Application Checklist](#)
[FAQ](#)

NEW: Community Navigator Pilot Program

[Click here for more information](#)

Targeted EIDL Advanced Grant

Status: Eligible applicants contacted by SBA

[Click here for more information](#)

CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

[Click here for more information](#)



LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19



If you have employment questions, benefits questions, tenant protections questions, or any other legal issues related to the pandemic, please contact Legal Aid of Sonoma County. Visit their website [here](#) for more information.

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



PREVENT EQUIPMENT SPARKED FIRES!

Prevent equipment sparked fires. Are you doing the right thing the wrong way?

- Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, NOT weeds or dry grass.
- Be cautious of rocks, metal blades striking rocks create sparks and start fires.
- Ensure your chainsaw has a spark arrester and is working properly.
- Be sure to mow your lawn BEFORE 10 a.m., have a fire extinguisher and/or hose nearby, and NEVER mow if it's windy or excessively dry!

A graphic with a gold background. On the left is a circular logo for "SONOMA COUNTY AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY". To the right are three small images: a lawnmower, a chainsaw, and a person using a chainsaw. Below the images is the text "PREVENT EQUIPMENT SPARKED FIRES".

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[SoCoEmergency.org](https://www.SoCoEmergency.org)

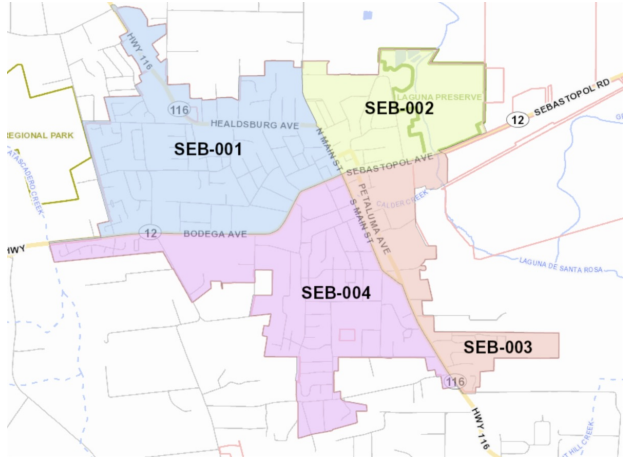
For additional CAL FIRE information on equipment safety, please visit: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/equipment-use/>.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT SEBASTOPOLREADY.ORG?

Visit [SebastopolReady.org](https://www.sebastopolready.org), an emergency and disaster preparedness and readiness resource with information on how neighbors can prepare to provide care, safety and comfort simply by working together.



SEBASTOPOL EVACUATION MAPS



As part of on going efforts with the County of Sonoma, Sebastopol now has evacuation maps. You can find links on the [Fire Department](#) page of the City's website.

[Sebastopol City Limits - Evacuation Map](#) (Enter your address in the top right search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

[Sebastopol Addresses Outside City Limits - Evacuation Map](#) (Enter your address in the top left search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

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](#).

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.

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 5, 2021 @ 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 28, 2021 @ 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 amontes@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of October 6, 2021 @ 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 6, 2021 @ 10:30AM](#)



GENERAL INFO

THE SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER'S NEW HARVEST CAFE IS OPEN!



Harvest Cafe at the Senior Center now offers lunch three days per week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is open to all, with to-go options available. Members pay a moderate price of \$10 per lunch; \$12 for non-members. Lunch includes entrée, dessert, and drink. All dishes are homemade by renowned Chef Gerald who focuses on using the most fresh and local ingredients as possible including cage-free eggs, free-range and grass-fed meats, and organic fruits and vegetables.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CAFE?

A variety of roles are available from serving lunch to seniors, setting up for lunch service, helping with dishes, meal prep, and much more. The ideal volunteer is able to commit to one 4-hour shift per week. Volunteering is proven to have benefits including improved quality of life, stronger social networks, increased levels of physical activity and even lower mortality rates.

For more information or to apply to become a volunteer, visit www.sebastopolseniorcenter.org/lunch-at-harvest-cafe. Or call Gerald Lowe, Food Program Manager, at 707-827-8431. Proof of COVID-19 vaccine is required.

GOT APPLES? RESERVE THE SLOW FOOD SEBASTOPOL APPLE PRESS



It's apple season in Sonoma County, and the [Slow Food Sebastopol Community Apple Press](#) opened to the public on Saturday, **August 7th** at the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm in Sebastopol, and runs every weekend until **October 24th**. People are welcome to bring their own apples and a group of volunteers will assist them in making fresh pressed apple juice.

Reservations required. Click [here](#) to reserve the apple press.
Interested in volunteering? Click [here](#) for more information.



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