



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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September 2 - September 8 Special Weekly Edition of  
Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL**



Make a plan  
to prepare  
for disasters



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# SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2022 theme is **“A Lasting Legacy. The life you’ve built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.”**

NPM is a project of FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) (a Department of Homeland Security national public service campaign designed to educate and empower the American people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters.) Make your emergency plans today! Visit the following sites to learn more.

## Preparedness Resources

[ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) – Emergency and disaster preparedness information from the Department of Homeland Security

[socoemergency.org](https://www.socoemergency.org) – Sonoma County emergency and preparedness information

[caloes.ca.gov](https://www.caloes.ca.gov) – California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services website

[readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org) – CAL FIRE’s wildfire preparedness website

[firesafecouncil.org](https://www.firesafecouncil.org) – California’s Fire Safe Council Website

[Pge.com/wildfiresafety](https://www.pge.com/wildfiresafety) – PG&E’s website on what to do before, during, and after a wildfire

[Prepareforpowerdown.com](https://www.prepareforpowerdown.com) - PG&E’s website on how to prepare for Planned Public Safety Power Shutdown (PSPS) events

## Sign up for Emergency Alerts

**Nixle:** Text your zip code to **888777** or sign up online at <https://local.nixle.com/register/>

**SocoAlert:** Visit [socoalert.com](https://www.socoalert.com)

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## SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM - SEPT. 21

**The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County is hosting a Sebastopol City Council Candidate forum on Wednesday, September 21st, 6:30-8:00pm.**

*Don’t Miss Your Opportunity to Hear from the Candidates and Ask Questions Directly*

THE EVENT WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON:

[SONOMA LWV FACEBOOK LIVE](#)

[SONOMA LWV YOUTUBE](#)

English with Simultaneous Spanish interpretation will be available on Zoom [HERE](#)

Send questions for the candidates to [questions@LWVsonoma.org](mailto:questions@LWVsonoma.org)

More info at [LWVSonoma.org](https://www.LWVSonoma.org)



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**CHANGES COMING TO THE LIBBY PARK DUCK POND**



No more splinters! Libby Park visitors will soon be able to enjoy an unobstructed view of the Duck Pond and Garzot Building.

The fence surrounding the pond has deteriorated to the point where it must be removed. Fence removal is scheduled in the coming weeks and will not be replaced.

It goes without saying that entering the water for any reason, bathing, boating, swimming, fishing, and duck harassment will continue to be prohibited.

Be sure to watch the little folks to make sure that they steer clear and stay safe, too.

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## 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! <sup>1</sup>



**Follow the steps below:**

1. Visit [www.waterupgradessave.org](http://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](http://www.waterupgradessave.org)

<sup>1</sup>Actual savings will vary based on measures installed and customer water use.

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## 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](mailto:brent@lagunafoundation.org)



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## 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:

- **Use the shortest cycle possible for washing clothes, and use the "suds-saver" feature if your machine has one. 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)**

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

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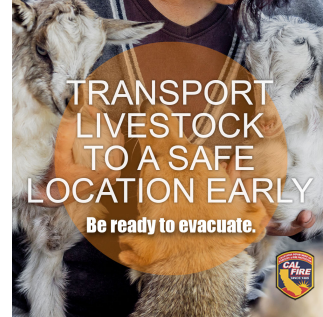
## EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



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## MAKE YOUR LIVESTOCK AND PETS EVACUATION READY

**Cal Fire Tip:** Hopefully you've taken steps to keep your family and home fire safe. Don't forget your pets and livestock. With some advance planning you can increase their chances of surviving a wildfire by preparing for their evacuation. Learn how to make your livestock and pets evacuation ready [here](#).



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## COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

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# 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.

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## CITY NEWS

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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](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org)
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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](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org)

- **Next Meeting:** [City Council Meeting of September 20, 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
  
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of September 13, 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
  
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of September 21, 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](mailto: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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
  
- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of September 14, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)





## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER'S UPCOMING CONCERT SERIES

**SEPTEMBER 16**  
**NINA GERBER &  
CHRIS WEBSTER**

**OCTOBER 1**  
**SAN FRANCISCO GAY MEN'S  
CHORUS ENSEMBLES**

**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.

- **September 16** - Nina Gerber & Chris Webster
- **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





**The Evening Includes:**

- A paddle raise auctioning off some amazing dinner packages
- Dancing to Pride & Joy
- Scrumptious eats by A La Heart
- A raffle with a chance to win the Wine Sweepstakes (bottles of high-end Sonoma County wines) and so much more!

Tickets are ALL INCLUSIVE and include food and wine, beer, or non-alcoholic beverages.

**DATE:** Saturday, September 17, 2022

**LOCATION:** Blue Ridge Kitchen Event Center in The Barlow

**TIME:** 5:30pm - 10pm

**COST:** \$150 per person

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

*the Sebastopol Area Senior Center presents*

**~ SATURDAY ~  
SEPTEMBER 17TH**

# **AGED TO PERFECTION**

**HONOREES ~ JIM PACATTE  
& THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL**

**Wine Sweepstakes  
Live Auction  
Scrumptious Eats  
Wine and Beer  
Dancing to Pride & Joy**

**5:30PM  
TO 10:30PM**

**AT THE BARLOW  
BLUE RIDGE  
EVENT CENTER**

*A Harvest Celebration*

**SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER**

**PRIDE & JOY**

**\$150 ~ All Inclusive Tickets**  
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