



## City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**September 23 - September 29 Special Weekly Edition of  
Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

Please visit [socoemergency.org](http://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**



## Make a plan to prepare for disasters



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## SPD HOSTS 2ND ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE TRAINING EXERCISE



### SEBASTOPOL POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*Ron Nelson*  
Interim Chief of Police  
[rnelson@sebpd.com](mailto:rnelson@sebpd.com)

### Active Shooter Response Training Exercises at Analy High School Campus on Sunday, October 2nd

Throughout the day on Sunday, October 2, 2022, the Sebastopol Police Department will host its second multi-agency Active Shooter Response Training Exercise for local law enforcement at Analy High School. Members of multiple Sonoma County law enforcement agencies will join the Sebastopol PD for the day-long training. Unless attending a previously scheduled event, most areas of the campus will be closed to the public during the exercises.

Members of the public can expect to see armed law enforcement personnel and emergency vehicles as well as hear simulated gunfire and loud banging sounds in the area until training is complete. Persons of various ages will be utilized as role players during the training. There is NO threat to students, staff, or the community. The exercises are a collaborative effort with the West Sonoma County Union High School District (WSCUHSD) and provide an additional level of preparedness to the training that first responders and school staff undergo on a regular basis. The date for any upcoming training sessions will be announced just prior to those events.

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## MISSED THE SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FORUM? WATCH IT HERE!

# NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATE FORUM FOR SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL

## SEPTEMBER 21, 2022



### **Did you miss the Sebastopol City Council Candidate Forum?**

On Wednesday, September 21st the League of Women Voters - Sonoma County hosted a non partisan candidate forum for Sebastopol City Council candidates. Check out the forum and hear from the candidates running for Sebastopol City Council [HERE](#).

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### **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](#)

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### **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](mailto:SebastopolSinksCarbon@gmail.com).

# **F R E E** **O R G A N I C** **C O M P O S T**

**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](mailto:ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org)  
or [Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:KSvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

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

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## 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.**

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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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## 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-Marín Saving Water Partnership](#).

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

- **Be sure your hot water heater thermostat isn't set too high. Extremely hot settings waste water and energy when the water has to be cooled with cold water before you can use it. 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.

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## EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

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**WILDFIRE. ARE YOU PREPARED?**



**CAL FIRE**  
**READY FOR WILDFIRE**

To be better prepared in case of wildfire, get a custom wildfire preparedness plan. Click [HERE](#) to take the survey and based on your answers, your personalized plan will be created.

Get your custom wildfire preparedness plan and many other wildfire preparedness resources at [readyforwildfire.org](https://readyforwildfire.org).

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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)
  - **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](mailto: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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of October 11, 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 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](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 October 12, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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

# 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



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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