



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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A WET AND WILD START TO 2023

While much-needed rain is certainly welcome, storm conditions also bring a chance of flooding, downed trees, and power outages in some areas.

City Staff is closely monitoring conditions and weather forecasts and is prepared to enact emergency protocols in the event that they become necessary. We thank our first responders and all those who are working to

keep Sebastopol safe.

Here are a few quick resources to help you stay prepared and informed:

- [Sonoma County Road Closures](#)
- **The Press Democrat** has made some of its storm coverage free to all readers. You can sign up for their breaking news emails [HERE](#).
- [SoCoEmergency.org](#): readiness, response, and recovery information from the County of Sonoma
- [National Weather Service, San Francisco Bay Area](#)

Late-Breaking Update from Interim Fire Chief Jack Piccinini:

The weather has proven not to be as severe as was first thought and the Laguna peak was not as high as was first suggested. The continued stacking of storms through Monday does continue to present a potential threat, however that threat has been significantly moderated. As periods of moderate to heavy rains occur, minor flooding, street and small stream flooding are possible. We continue to monitor the situation and remain prepared for calls for service. Citizens are encouraged to monitor the situation and be prepared for potential localized flooding or unexpected power outages.

TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.



NEED SANDBAGS?

The City of Sebastopol Public Works Department offers free sand and sandbags to Sebastopol residents. Individuals may pick up sand and sandbags sunrise to sunset in the city parking area to the rear of the Sebastopol Youth Annex at 425 Morris Street (see map below).

Please note that residents must fill the sandbags themselves. Shovels will be available onsite. The maximum number of bags per resident is 25.



UPCYCLED ART DISPLAY IN THE SEBASTOPOL LIBRARY LOBBY THROUGH JAN 21, 2023

Sebastopol area artists have taken materials that were headed to the landfill or recycling and turned them into works of art all with a message about the climate and our planet.

Please take a few minutes to read each art piece description as you enjoy the art in the library lobby.



Brought to you by the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee - to join in or learn more about the Upcycled Art Project and the Climate Action Committee go [here](#) or look up Climate Action Committee on the City of Sebastopol website.

Pieces can still be submitted by filling out the application [form](#).

CLIMATE ACTION SERIES

Join the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee for the first in a series of robust

discussions on climate change, what we can do in our local community and how we can get involved to make a difference. We will highlight different opportunities/solutions to climate change. This free event will start off with free pizza for the attendees and then transition into a presentation followed by breakout groups for discussions and end the evening by coming back together for Q&A and closing. All residents of the Sebastopol greater area, including students, are welcome to join this event designed for building community and climate resiliency.

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2023

Time: 6pm to 8pm

Location: Sebastopol Community Cultural Center, 390 Morris Street, Sebastopol

Free registration [HERE](#).

Join the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee for

SEBASTOPOL CLIMATE ACTION SERIES

COME HELP MAKE
SEBASTOPOL MORE
CLIMATE RESILIENT!

*Thursday, January 26th
6:00 - 8:00 PM*



LOCATION:

SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY
CULTURAL CENTER,
390 MORRIS ST, SEBASTOPOL



INFO & REGISTRATION:

[BIT.LY/CLIMATEACTIONCOMMITTEE](https://bit.ly/climateactioncommittee)

THERE WILL BE A **RAFFLE** AND FREE PIZZA!

2022 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

Name	Department	Years of Service
Lucas Myers	Fire	5 years
Sandi Satyadinata	Fire	5 years
Bradley Worden	Public Works	5 years
Michael Sansone	Police	10 years
Charlie Wong	Police	10 years
Rebecca Mansour	Planning	15 years
Michelle Beckman	Police	20 years
Zina Keeran	Police	20 years
Louis Castleberry	Fire	30 years
Tim Leach	Fire	30 years
James Levy	Fire	30 years
Larry McLaughlin	City Manager/City Attorney	35 years



NEW 369 AREA CODE IS COMING TO THE CALIFORNIA 707 AREA CODE REGION



The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reminds Californians that the new 369 area code will be added as an overlay to the existing 707 area code region starting February 1, 2023.

With new telephone numbers in the 707 area code region in high demand, the CPUC in June 2022 approved the implementation of an area code overlay, which adds a second area code to the geographic region served by the existing area code.

Therefore, the new 369 area code will serve the same geographic area currently served by the 707 area code. Read the full press release [HERE](#).

For more information, please contact your local telephone service provider or visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/707areacode.

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 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. Upcoming deadlines for applications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are:

- **January 9, 2023**
- **March 13, 2023**

If you would like to apply for or discuss the program in more detail, please contact John Jay, Associate Planner at (707) 823-6167 or jjay@cityofsebastopol.org.

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

SONOMA COUNTY WINTER SHELTERS



Information on Sonoma County's system of care partners with local service providers that will offer winter shelter bed space or other sleeping alternatives. This is in addition to year-round shelters. [English](#). [Español](#).

PAINT OUT HATE - COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

Let's walk our talk!

- Use your creativity to paint an expression of love, kindness, equality, social justice, and inclusivity
- Share your idea on the flyer/submission form - forms available at the Sebastopol Library, 7140 Bodega Ave., or download and print a copy **HERE:** [English](#). [Español](#).
- Those selected will be invited to a community paint party (paint party date to be announced in December)

Murals will be painted on sidewalks, at the Senior Center, the Sebastopol Regional Library, the Center for the Arts, and Ives Pool.

Submissions due January 23

Supplies provided

Open to all ages

Community Art Project

Paint Out Hate



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- 2 Share your idea on the back of this flyer to be selected to be part of a sidewalk mural in Sebastopol
- 3 Those selected will be invited to a community paint party*



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SEBASTOPOL REGIONAL LIBRARY
7140 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol
(707) 823-7691
sonomalibrary.org



This project is supported by the City of Sebastopol.



Brought to you by the Measure Y sales tax.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Police Department

[Police Officer \(Lateral/Academy Graduate\)](#)

Deadline to Apply: January 11, 2023 at 11:59pm

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

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 January 17, 2023 @ 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 January 10, 2023 @ 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:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.

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:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.



COMMUNITY NEWS

JOIN THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE

There's still time to join the Sonoma County Library's Winter Reading

Challenge and track your reading for a season full of joy and fun for all ages!

Visit sonomalibrary.org/winterreading for more information.



The banner features a light blue background with a string of yellow lights at the top. On the left, there is a fireplace with a fire, a stack of books, and a small dog. In the center, a red armchair with a blue blanket and a cat is positioned. On the right, a window shows a winter night scene with a tree and a candle. The Sonoma County Library logo is in the top left corner.

SONOMA COUNTY
LIBRARY
BIBLIOTECA

WINTER
Reading Challenge
2023
Reto de lectura
DE INVIERNO

All Ages
Para todas las edades

December 10 - January 14
10 de diciembre - 14 de enero

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