



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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## April 1 - April 7 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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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19  
MASKING UPDATES: [CLICK HERE](#)

25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL:  
[CLICK HERE](#)



## TIME BANK VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP THE GARDENS AROUND THE LIBRARY AND CITY HALL

On Saturday, April 2, a dozen volunteers from the Sebastopol Time Bank arrived with rakes, hoes, shovels, and clippers to clean up the gardens around the Sebastopol library and Sebastopol City Hall.

Read the full article by Laura Hagar Rush, Special to [soconews.org](http://soconews.org), on the City's website [HERE](#).





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**THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL NEEDS YOU!**



**Help Design Sebastopol**

Apply Today for an Opening on the Design Review Board

City of Sebastopol Design Review Board/Tree Board

The City has One Opening in Category C - a person **not** in subsection A or B of this section.

A. Two persons, at least one of whom shall be a licensed architect and at least one of whom shall be a licensed landscape architect.

B. One person who may be any of the following: architect, landscape architect, building designer, building contractor, landscape contractor.

[Job Notice](#)


[General Application](#)

**DEADLINE: April 26, 2022**

Applications and further information are available at the City of Sebastopol Planning Department, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472. For questions please contact Associate Planner John Jay at 707-823-6167 or [jjay@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:jjay@cityofsebastopol.org).

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## SECOND BOOSTERS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS AGE 50+ AND THOSE WHO ARE IMMUNOCOMPROMISED



Residents age 50 and older and those who are immunocompromised are now eligible to receive a second booster of COVID-19 vaccine.

[SoCoEmergency.org/vaccine](https://www.sonomacounty.org/health/immunocompromised)

Residents age 50 and older and those who are immunocompromised are now eligible to receive a second booster of the mRNA (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) COVID-19 vaccine at county-sponsored clinics as well as at local pharmacies and healthcare providers in Sonoma County.

Under guidance approved this week by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup and the California Department of Public Health, the boosters are authorized for everyone 50 and older, as well as those who are immunocompromised, as long as it's been at least four months since they received their first booster dose.

Immunocompromised individuals age 12 to 17 are only eligible to receive a second booster dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

“High risk individuals, including the elderly and immunocompromised, are still at risk from severe outcomes from COVID-19,” said Dr. Urmila Shende, Sonoma County’s vaccine chief. “Vaccine protection wanes over time, and a second booster dose is important to increase protection.”

Click [here](#) to read the press release.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, click [here](#).

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## PG&E PERFORMING ONGOING GAS SAFETY

# VEGETATION WORK

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is performing ongoing gas safety vegetation work and our communities can help keep the area above and around the gas transmission pipeline safe.

It's important to keep the area above a gas transmission pipeline clear of structures, trees and brush, as they can block access in an emergency or for critical maintenance work. These types of items can also damage the pipe and potentially cause corrosion which can lead to leaks. That's why, as part of their commitment to safety, PG&E regularly inspects the area above and around the pipeline and partners with customers to address any items that pose a safety concern.

This work follows industry best practices, including recommendations from the Department of Transportation's Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA) and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration in order to keep the pipeline and community safe. It's important that the community understands the importance of keeping the area above the pipeline safe and clear. By working together, we can reduce safety risks and help prevent accidents and damage to the pipeline.

## **The community can help keep the pipeline safe by:**

- Calling 811 before starting a digging or landscaping project so any underground utilities can be marked.
- Monitoring and reporting any suspicious activity near pipelines.
- Following the guide to safe landscaping when deciding where to install new trees and plants.
- Ensuring structures are installed at least 14 feet away from the pipeline.

## **Resources:**

[PG&E's Webpage on Gas Safety Vegetation Work](#)

[PG&E's Guide to Safe Landscaping](#)

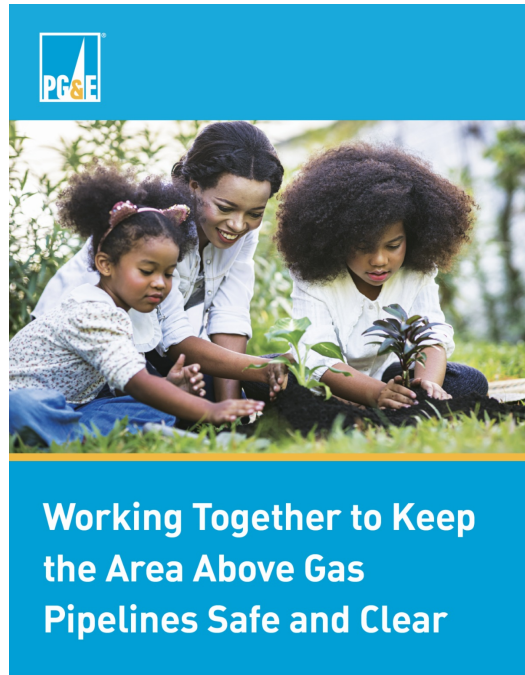
[The Gas Transmission Vegetation Management Fact Sheet](#)

[The Gas Transmission Vegetation Management FAQs](#)

[Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration](#)

[Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance \(PIPA\)](#)

[Pipeline Safety Trust](#)



# PG&E's most important responsibility is the safety of our customers and communities.

That's why our **Gas Transmission Vegetation Management** program inspects the area above and around the pipe to look for any structures, trees or brush that could block access in an emergency or for critical maintenance work. Addressing items that pose a safety concern will help ensure that the gas system continues to operate safely for years to come.

## Working Together to Keep the Pipeline Safe

**We know that we cannot do this alone. We must work together to help reduce safety risks and prevent accidents and damage to the pipeline.**

**Community members can help keep the pipeline safe by:**

- ✔ **Calling 811** before starting a digging or landscaping project.
- ✔ **Monitoring and reporting** any suspicious activity near pipelines.
- ✔ **Keeping the area above and around a pipeline free** of structures and trees.

## DO YOU LIVE NEAR A GAS PIPELINE?

**To see if a gas transmission pipeline runs on or near your property, visit:**

[pge.com/pipelinelocations](https://www.pge.com/pipelinelocations)



You can get more information at [pge.com/gasveg](https://www.pge.com/gasveg).

## KEEPING THE AREA ABOVE THE PIPELINE SAFE



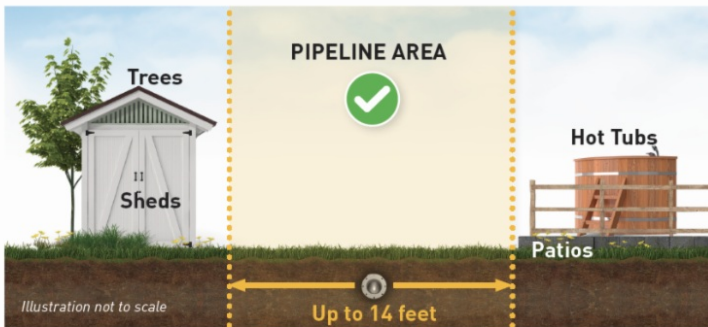
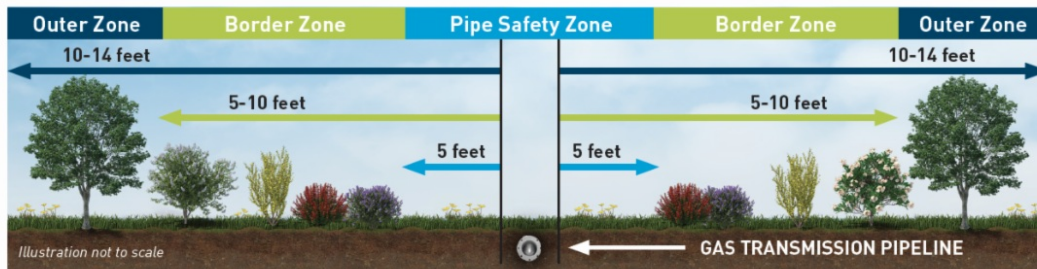
### CAREFULLY REVIEWING EVERY TREE

We understand how important trees are to our communities and the environment. We take a close look at each tree near a pipeline and work with customers to only relocate or remove those trees that pose a safety concern. Our review includes looking at a number of factors, including:

- ✓ Location
- ✓ Species
- ✓ Size when grown
- ✓ Distance to Pipe

### SAFE LANDSCAPING NEAR PIPELINES

You can help keep the area above and around a pipeline safe by choosing the right plant for the right location. Many types of low-growing plants and shrubs work well near the pipe, while trees should be planted at least 10-14 feet away from the pipeline. Download our Guide to Safe Landscaping at [pge.com/safelandscaping](https://www.pge.com/safelandscaping).



### STRUCTURES NEAR PIPELINES:

Certain structures can block access to a pipeline in an emergency or for critical maintenance work. Typically, structures should be at least 14 feet from the pipeline to keep the community and the pipeline safe.

Questions? Please contact PG&E at 800-743-5000.

## NEW RV PARKING ORDINANCE NOW IN EFFECT

Sebastopol Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parking Ordinance No. 1136 went into effect on March 26, 2022. The ordinance is intended to ensure there is adequate parking for residents of the city and to regulate the parking of vehicles actively used as sleeping accommodations. In short, RVs may not be parked:

- less than 30 feet from any



- street corner at any time,
- in commercial areas between 7:30am and 10pm,
- on any public street in the city that is zoned residential at any time (exception for resident, tenant or out-of-town visitor to load/unload the vehicle for a period not to exceed 72 hours)

These prohibitions do not make up the entire ordinance and there are a number of exceptions to the prohibitions. Read the [ordinance](#) for full details. For questions about the ordinance, please see the FAQs [here](#) or email Sebastopol Chief of Police Kevin Kilgore at [kkilgore@sebpd.com](mailto:kkilgore@sebpd.com).

## TAKE THE HOUSING ELEMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

As part of the Housing Element Update Process, the City is seeking your input on potential policies and programs to address housing needs in the community. Please fill out (and share!) the below survey by **April 15th**.

[Policies and Programs Community Input Survey](#) (English)

[Policies and Programs Community Input Survey](#) (En Español)

**SEBASTOPOL CALIFORNIA**

As part of the Housing Element Update Process, the City is seeking your input on potential policies and programs to address housing needs in the community.

Please use the QR code or follow the link to take the survey.

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHS\\_Eng](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHS_Eng)

**SEBASTOPOL CALIFORNIA**

Como parte del Proceso de Actualización del Elemento de Vivienda, la Ciudad busca su opinión sobre posibles políticas y programas para abordar las necesidades de vivienda en la comunidad.

Por favor use el código QR o sigue el enlace para tomar la encuesta.

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHS\\_Esp](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHS_Esp)

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH FREE ORGANIC COMPOST

Compost builds healthy soil and helps retain water!

**The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee and the City of Sebastopol will be hosting an Earth Day Organic Compost Giveaway on Sunday April 24, 2022. This free event is open to home and school gardeners from the Sebastopol to Occidental area.**

Home and school gardeners are invited to come to the compost pick up site with covid safe masks, shovels, gloves, a tarp and a car with containers or a pick-up truck prepared to load their own compost. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with parking at the compost site. People in need of





loading help should let the onsite volunteers know they will need assistance.

Gardeners throughout Sonoma County are encouraged to attend compost giveaways in their closest town. Zero Waste Sonoma, along with cities and local groups are planning events throughout much of the county to aid in getting compost into gardens for spring. A few of the planned events are; Santa Rosa - TBD, Windsor - Saturday April 9th, Healdsburg - Wednesday May 4th, and Cotati – TBD in late May. Check compost on the Zero Waste Sonoma calendar at <https://zerowastesonoma.gov/calendar>.

**Event Details:**

Sunday, April 24, 2022

From: 10am – 1pm, shoveling will begin at 10am until the pile is gone

Location: 425 Morris Street Sebastopol (behind the Youth Annex)

**Free 1/2 Cu.Yd. per household** - self serve, come prepared with shovels, gloves, mask, containers or truck (1/2 cu yd = ½ truck bed)

**Contact:**

For questions or to volunteer to help at the compost giveaway please email

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

# FREE ORGANIC COMPOST

Provided by **Sebastopol Climate Action Committee**,  
City of Sebastopol, Zero Waste Sonoma, and Napa Recycling

**When:** Sunday 4/24  
10 am - 1pm  
*(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 Spring 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)

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## THE APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE AND FESTIVAL IS ALMOST HERE!

The Apple Blossom Parade & Festival are happening soon. The highly anticipated annual event is back in its full glory to celebrate the diversity within our community. This year's theme is "Mask-A-Rade," and the event is sure to be filled with great food and entertainment for the whole family. You won't want to miss it.

**Saturday April 23, 2022** is the Festival & Parade (Parade starts at

10am on Main St.) and the Festival will continue through **Sunday, April 24, 2022.**

For more information visit [appleblossomfest.com](http://appleblossomfest.com).



## ARTSTART YARD SALE - APRIL 9TH



Artstart is hosting a fundraising event at the Artstart studio warehouse on Saturday, April 9th. They're cleaning out their attic and have also gathered lots of interesting donations. Lots of art supplies and a great selection of artwork, from student work to fine art pieces. Painted furniture and unique garden art. Collectibles from Star Wars and Matchbox cars. Featuring award winning KRSH-FM Radio DJ, **Bill Bowker's CD Collection!** And much more.

All proceeds support the MISSION of Artstart, to provide mentoring and stimulating arts work experience for teens, while creating publicly and privately commissioned artwork for our community.

Artstart is an award winning 501(c) (3) non-profit organization founded in 1999.

**Date:** Saturday April 9, 2022  
**Time:** 9am to 3pm.  
**Location:** 317 Sutton Place, Santa Rosa



## 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. The final deadline for applications for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is: **Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

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)

[Facade Improvement Program Application Packet](#)

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## SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT FOR SEBASTOPOL'S COMMUNITY SCULPTURE GARDEN IN IVES PARK



**Support Person #1**  
Artist: Beth Hartmann



**Zephyra**  
Artist: Sculpture Jam



**Medallion**  
Artist: Briona Hendren

The Sebastopol City Council and its Public Arts Committee (PAC) invite Sonoma County-based artists to submit proposals for the new Community Sculpture Garden (CSG) located along the pedestrian walk between Ives Park's Calder Creek and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. The CSG will eventually be comprised of eight sculptures. The first three sculptures were installed in January. Submission information may be found [HERE](#).

**Submission Deadline EXTENDED to May 24th.**

An official Opening Day event is planned for the summer.

Stay tuned!

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# NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS SAVE LIVES

The value of neighbors working together to be prepared for emergencies continues to grow across Sonoma county. The Sebastopol Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Program and the Sebastopol Neighborhood Communication Unit (SNCU) Program play an important part in supporting local area residents to be prepared to help each other during an emergency.



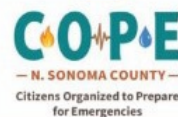
**Get Connected,  
Get Ready,  
and Be Safe**

**Your Contribution  
Has Value**

**Build Community  
On Your Block,  
In your Building,  
On Your Road**

## Learn More:

[SoCoEmergency.org/get-ready/neighborhood-programs/](http://SoCoEmergency.org/get-ready/neighborhood-programs/)  
Or Call 707-565-3528



## UPCOMING MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (MYN) CLASSES

**MYN Classes**

Being prepared together

Classes are on Zoom on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm  
Registration & Zoom link - [sebastopolready.org/calendar](http://sebastopolready.org/calendar)

**SebastopolREADY**  
neighbors helping neighbors

### Upcoming Classes

April 20  
May 18  
June 15



Learn more about the MYN program and classes [HERE](#).

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## UPCOMING SEBASTOPOL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION UNIT (SNCU) TRAININGS



### SNCU Trainings

Radio use, best radio options and message protocols

Trainings are from 1:00-2:30 pm  
Registration (limit 12) & location - [sebastopolready.org/calendar](http://sebastopolready.org/calendar)

### Upcoming Trainings

April 24  
May 28  
June 26

Learn more about the SNCU program and trainings [HERE](#).

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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:

- **Always turn taps off tightly so they do not drip. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**



## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Police Department

[Police Officer](#)

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

Public Works Department

[Assistant Public Works Superintendent](#)

Deadline to Apply: April 28, 2022

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

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

Although many test sites say “walk-ins welcome” health officials now do not want people with symptoms standing in lines for tests. They suggest staying home and trying to schedule a test. You can also order 4 free at-home tests per household. Find more information at <https://www.covidtests.gov>.

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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 April 19, 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 [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of April 12, 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 [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of April 20, 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 [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:ksvanstrom@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 April 13, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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