

# **City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

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# December 10 - December 16 Special Weekly Edition of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

Please visit <u>socoemergency.org</u> for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

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SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES MANDATORY INFLUENZA VACCINATION OF WORKERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES: CLICK HERE

- AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXTENDS THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR MULTI-COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEMS WITH THEIR OWN MANDATORY FLU VACCINE PROGRAM ACROSS THE SYSTEM UNTIL NOV. 30, 2021: CLICK HERE
- AMENDMENT NO.2 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXPANDS THE INFLUENZA VACCINATION ORDER TO INCLUDE ALL WORKERS SUBJECT TO THE CDPH COVID-19 ORDER DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2021: CLICK HERE
- AMENDMENT NO.3 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXTENDS THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR ALL WORKERS SUBJECT TO THE INFLUENZA ORDER, AND AMENDMENTS, UNTIL NOV. 30, 2021: CLICK HERE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER: FLU

VACCINATIONS (IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL SONOMA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, AND EMS EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE FLU VACCINE THIS YEAR.): CLICK HERE

# SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS: CLICK HERE

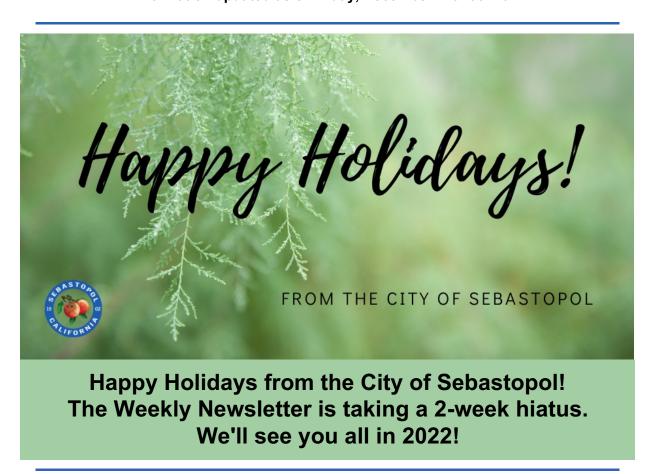
 AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN STABLE COHORTS OF FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS: CLICK HERE

# SONOMA COUNTY COVID VACCINATIONS AT A GLANCE\*: CLICK HERE

- PERCENT 5+ PARTIALLY VACCINATED 8.4%
- PERCENT 5+ FULLY VACCINATED 75.2%

25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: CLICK HERE

\*Information updated as of Friday, December 17th at 11am.



# MASKING RULES REMAIN UNCHANGED IN SONOMA COUNTY

Masking rules remain unchanged in Sonoma County under new

state requirements that took effect Dec. 15.

Indoor masking requirements in Sonoma County, including its exemptions for indoor dining and some stable groups of fully vaccinated people, remain unchanged under a new statewide mask mandate from the California Department of Public Health.

Sonoma County has required facial coverings in most indoor public settings since August, to maintain their existing health orders around masking. This



means that some workplaces, gyms, churches and other organizations in Sonoma County will continue to have the option of allowing stable cohorts of fully vaccinated people to remove their masks indoors, if the organizations verify vaccination status and qualify under other terms of an October 2021 amendment to the county health order. Masks may also be removed while actively eating or drinking indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Read the full Press Release **HERE**.

#### **COLD WEATHER CONTINUES INTO THE WEEKEND**



Cold overnight and early morning temperatures expected.

#### **Cold Impacts:**

- \* Cold temperatures will impact the homeless and those without adequate heating.
- \* Sensitive plants left outdoors may be damaged or killed.
- \* Pets could suffer from frostbite and hypothermia.
- \* Black ice may form on roads.

#### Timing:

- \* Overnight and early morning hours on Friday and Saturday.
- \* Saturday morning is expected to be the coldest of the three mornings.
- \* Temperatures falling into the lower to mid 30's.

## The Sebastopol Public Works Department has been busy this week. Here are two projects that the crew completed.





The Sebastopol Public Works department installed a new light pole adjacent to the Sebastopol art center parking lot and the Calder creek pathway entering Ives Park recently. This new safety lighting will not only illuminate the walking path for safer travels but will also highlight the installation of the new art exhibits proposed for Installation in the next few months.

The Sebastopol Public Works department completed the installation of a water bottle filling station/drinking fountain on Main Street this week. This water bottle filling station not only supports our goals of zero waste but also provides a source for clean fresh drinking water to all members of our community, including our fourlegged friends.

# SEBASTOPOL LOCAL SHUTTLE 24 EXTENDS SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Effective December 13, 2021, the Route 24 Sebastopol Shuttle schedule extends Saturday service.

The new schedule operates Monday thru Saturday on the same schedule, with the exception of the 11:12 and 6:13 trips which operate only on weekdays. The new schedule expands Route 24's operation on Saturday. The previous schedule operated on Saturday between 9:00 and 3:11, the new schedule operates between 7:45 and 5:33.

The Sebastopol Shuttle is free for all riders under Sonoma County Transit's "Fare-Free" program. The Sebastopol Shuttle's "Fare-Free" program is subsidized by the City of Sebastopol.

Visit the **Sonoma County Transit** website for more information or

click **HERE** for the new schedule.



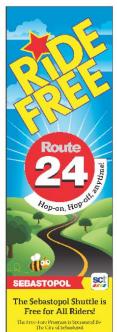
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b2 Bodega Avanua		N. Main Street	Main Street Theatre	
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E	Pleasant Hill Avenue	Valentine Avenue	Stop Sign/Willard Libby Park	
F	Ragle Road	Covert Lane	Ac. Ragle Ranch Park	
G	Mill Station Road	Highway 116	Ac. O'Reilly & Associates	
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j3	Highway 116	Firerest Avenue	Fircrest Marketplace	
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RECOLOGY HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING OPTIONS & GIFT WRAP RECYCLING CHART



**WASTE ZERO** 





We wish you and your loved ones joyous holidays! Christmas and New Year's Day are both on Saturdays this season, so customers will not have their services impacted. You can check your collection schedule at Recology.com/RSMschedules.

## Holiday Tree Recycling Options

#### **Curbside Collection**

Residential customers may place their tree on the curb the night before their regular collection day during the specified time period. Flocked trees will not be collected. Trees over six (6) feet should be cut in half.

#### Compost Cart

Trees can always be cut to fit in your compost cart. Make sure the lid is able to close. Flocked trees are not accepted.

### Sonoma, Healdsburg, Guerneville, and Annapolis Transfer Station Drop-off

Available from December 26th - January 14th. All transfer stations will accept up to two (2) unflocked trees at no cost. Remove lights, tinsel, and ornaments.

### Cloverdale

Curbside Pick-up
December 27th - December 31st

Tree Drop Off Location

Cloverdale Citrus Fair

Citrus Fair Drive (Washington Entrance)

December 26th - January 14th, 8am - 4pm



### County Areas

Curbside Pick-up January 3rd - January 28th

Tree Drop Off Location

Sonoma County Fairgrounds 1350 Bennett Valley Road December 26th - January 7th, 8am - 5pm

### Cotati

Curbside Pick-up January 3rd - January 7th

Tree Drop Off Location

Cotati Fire Station

1 East Cotati Avenue

December 26th - January 14th, 8am - 4pm

### Healdsburg

Curbside Pick-up
December 27th - January 7th

Tree Drop Off Location

City Corp Yard

550 Westside Road December 26th - January 14th, 8am - 5pm



Curbside Pick-up



December 27 - December 31

Tree Drop Off Location

Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds 175 Fairgrounds Drive

December 26th - January 14th, 8am - 5pm

January 3rd - January 14th
Tree Drop Off Location

Community Center 5401 Snyder Lane

December 26th - January 14th, 8am - 4pm



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# Gift Wrap

Use this handy chart to guide your recycling and disposal of gift wrap after the holidays. Remember to reuse where possible!

	REUSE	RECYCLE	COMPOST	GARBAGE
Plain wrapping paper or paper bags (all colors accepted)	*	*		
Plain tissue paper (all colors accepted)	*		*	
Metallic or glitter wrapping paper, bags, or tissue paper	*			*
Bows, ribbons, and cellophane	*			*



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# WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON TRAFFIC SAFETY IN SEBASTOPOL



#### What is a Local Road Safety Plan?

A Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) is a safety planning process that uses a systematic data-driven analysis to proactively address local roadway safety needs, evaluating input from multiple key stakeholders. The LRSP will include

stakeholder engagement that represent the 5 E's of Traffic Safety: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Emergency Response, and Emerging Technologies.

Did you know? According to the FHWA crash statistics, at least 40% of all vehicle fatalities in the US are on local roads! That is an alarming number, and surprisingly three-times higher than interstate systems. LRSPs provide targeted solutions in addressing the roadway safety needs within your community.

#### Here's how to get involved in the process:

- 1. Interactive Project Map. Are there areas of concern that you feel need special attention? Let us know through the interactive map.
- 2. Project Survey. Share your thoughts on safety issues within the city by taking a quick survey.

Get involved, <u>CLICK HERE</u> to share your input and learn more about the process.

#### SHOP LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The closer you shop to home, the further your money goes. When you buy local significantly more money recirculates in local communities. When you shop at locally owned, independent businesses more money is kept in the community because local businesses often purchase from other local businesses, service providers and farms. Buying locally helps grow other businesses as

well as our region's tax base. Local independent businesses invest 3 times more money back into the local economy than non-local businesses.

# ONE HOUR PARKING LIMITS SUSPENDED ON MAIN STREET



Now it's even easier to shop in Downtown Sebastopol. One hour parking limits will be suspended on Main Street in Downtown Sebastopol through the month of December.

Sponsored by The Sebastopol Downtown Association

#### **WINTER HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY**

# Winter Holiday Fire Safety



### Did you know?

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry tree is dangerous because it can catch on fire easily.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.

For more information and free fire-safety resources, visit **www.usfa.fema.gov.** 





Click here to add image.





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Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.



More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.



**Christmas** is the peak day for candle fires.



Keep candles at least

12 inches away from anything that burns.





every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.









For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html and nfpa.org/winter.

#### SONOMA COUNTY WINTER SHELTERS

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December 1, 2021-March 31, 2022

Sonoma County Winter Shelters offer 53 beds in addition to year-round shelters and help to protect people from the year's harshest weather. Spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and may offer wraparound services as well.

#### **REACH FOR HOME - 9 BEDS**

Open when temperature falls below 38° or two or more days of rain 5:30 - 6:30 pm: Limited dinners available

7 - 9 pm: Check-in; 7 am: Check-out

For adults and families
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

209 W. Matheson St., Healdsburg, CA (707) 433-6161

#### **REDWOOD GOSPEL MISSION – 40 BEDS**

5 pm - 7 am

Intake: Daily at 1 pm in the Chapel, must have ID For adults and families – sober shelter Entertaining Angels Nomadic Shelter Program 101 6th St., Santa Rosa, CA

(707) 542-4817

#### **SOCIAL ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH – 4 BEDS**

7 pm -8 am

For youth ages 18-24 years only
Dream Center Emergency Shelter
2447 Summerfield Rd., Santa Rosa, CA
Youth Crisis Line: (888) 729-0012

#### **DROP-IN CENTER**

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 6 -11 am & 1 - 5:30 pm Hot showers, laundry, telephone, mail service, Coordinated Entry intake Homeless Services Center 610 Wilson St., Santa Rosa, CA – **NEW ADDRESS** Coordinated Entry: (866) 542-5480

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN

The City of Sebastopol (City) invites proposals from consulting firms interested in providing website redesign, development, and hosting services for the City website

#### (www.cityofsebastopol.org).

The City is seeking to update its website to enhance the user experience, simplify content management, and provide improved citizen-centric information and customer service to its REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



**CITY WEBSITE REDESIGN** 

community, while meeting high standards for design quality and visual appeal.

#### **PURPOSE:**

The City is seeking proposals from highly qualified, experienced website development companies to design, develop and implement its public-facing website. We are seeking to redesign our website to include an intuitive, easy-to-use interface that allows residents, visitors, and business partners to complete their tasks quickly and easily regardless of the device they are using. The solution should also be easy to maintain for our administrators and content creators, streamline business operations and increase productivity.

#### NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sebastopol will receive Proposals until **3:00 PM**, **December 29, 2021** to provide services for providing website redesign, development, and hosting services for the City website. No Proposals will be received or considered after that time.

#### **NOMINATE A LOCAL WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**



## Do you know a Sebastopol local who makes a difference in the community?

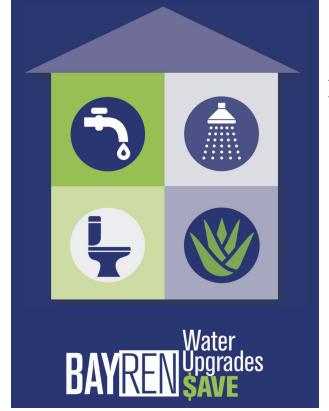
The Locals Who Make a Difference (LWMAD) program recognizes and acknowledges Sebastopol community members for their contributions in helping to make Sebastopol a better place to live. Nominations for the next LWMAD honoree will close on **December 30, 2021**.

To nominate someone from the Sebastopol community, learn about past honorees or the program, visit the <u>Locals Who Make a Difference</u> section of the City website.

# SEBASTOPOL'S WATER UPGRADES \$AVE PROGRAM MAKES CONSERVING WATER EASY & AFFORDABLE

As California prepares for its third year of the drought, now is the time to make your home part of the solution<sup>1</sup>. Join Sebastopol's Water Upgrades \$ave program and make conserving water easy and affordable. You select water-efficient upgrades (toilets, showerheads, and aerators) that lower your water use and save on your utility bills. To learn more, visit <a href="www.bayren.org/homeowners/water-efficiency-upgrades">www.bayren.org/homeowners/water-efficiency-upgrades</a> or call 877-846-8795 to do your part for the California drought!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Alexander, Kurtis. "The drought is going to stick



around for a third year in California, federal scientists project." San Francisco Chronicle, 18 Nov.

2021, https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/ The-drought-is-going-to-stick-around-for-a-third-16632649.php

**Invest in Low Flush Toilets** 

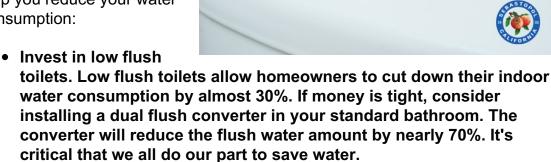
Low flush toilets allow homeowners to cut down their indoor water consumption by almost 30%. If money is tight, consider installing a dual flush converter in your

standard bathroom. The converter will reduce the flush water amount by nearly 70%.

### 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:



#### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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



See the city <u>website</u> 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.



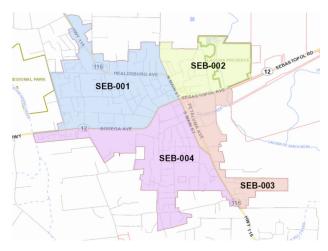
### LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19



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**

#### 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 <u>Fire Department</u> page of the City's website.

<u>Sebastopol City Limits -</u>
<u>Evacuation Map</u> (Enter your address in the top right search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

<u>Sebastopol Addresses Outside</u>
<u>City Limits - Evacuation Map</u> (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**.

#### **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: <a href="http://bit.ly/sebcctv">http://bit.ly/sebcctv</a>
- 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: <u>City Council Meeting of December 21, 2021 @ 5:30 PM</u>

#### **Planning Commission Meetings:**

Meeting Days: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month

• Meeting Time: 6pm

Livestream Link: <a href="http://bit.ly/sebcctv">http://bit.ly/sebcctv</a>

- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- Next Meeting: <u>Planning Commission Meeting of December 28, 2021 @ 6:00</u>
   <u>PM</u> has been CANCELLED.

(**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: <a href="https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx">https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx</a>)

#### **Design Review Board Meetings:**

• Meeting Days: First and Third Wednesday of each month

• Meeting Time: 4pm

Livestream Link: <a href="http://bit.ly/sebcctv">http://bit.ly/sebcctv</a>

 To submit comments before meeting, send an email to ksvanstrom@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 <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>

• Next Meeting: There are currently no meetings scheduled.



# 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.



The program will reimburse a property owner or tenant for 75% of new improvements up

to \$2,500. Eligible improvements include painting, new signage, awnings, landscaping, exterior lighting, and local permit fees. Façade building improvements (new windows, changing materials, etc.) are also eligible; however, please note that larger changes may require Design Review approval as well.

The objective of the Façade Improvement Program is to provide an incentive to property owners and/or tenants to enhance the physical appearance of buildings and landscapes. This public/private partnership investment is intended to leverage private capital with public funds for greater community economic benefit.

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 2021-2022 are:

- Tuesday, January 18, 2022
- Tuesday, April 19, 2022

It is anticipated that the Board will hear the Façade Improvement Submittals on February 16, 2022 and May 4, 2022 or May 18, 2022. Note, funding is limited based on the adopted City Budget. Funding may be entirely allotted in early rounds.

Applications are required to be submitted a minimum of two (2) weeks before the scheduled Design Review Board Meeting. If an application is submitted after the quarterly deadline it may be pushed to the following meeting.

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

**Facade Improvement Program Application Packet** 

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# CHECK OUT THE CURRENT EXHIBIT AT THE WESTERN SONOMA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - CLASSY CARS AND THEIR CARE



This exhibit takes a look at the automotive businesses in Sebastopol from the early 1900's to today and includes auto dealerships, parts stores, repair shops, and gas stations.

Learn about the longest running address where a gas station has been since 1932, plus the oldest building, built as a modern Mobil Oil Service Station in 1940, still standing today.



Take a step back in time with our pictorial display which will let you reminisce about the town as you remember it.

You will also see a large collection of 4" hub caps, over 50 radiator badges, and hand tools actually used at a local gas station by its operator in 1958. Also on display are war time ration mileage stamps, a 1932 Sebastopol Chevrolet Co. checkbook, and a curbside gas pump from the 1910's to name a few items.

The Museum is open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

See the **WSCHS website** for more information.

Image from Western Sonoma County Historical Society <u>website</u>.

