

City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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December 3 - December 9 Special Weekly Edition of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

Please visit **socoemergency.org** for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

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SONOMA COUNTY ISSUES COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR HOLIDAY GATHERINGS, TRAVEL: CLICK HERE

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 8.6%
- PERCENT 5+ FULLY VACCINATED 74.5%

25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: CLICK HERE

*Information updated as of Friday, December 10th at 11am.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTS NEW MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 7, the Sebastopol City Council elected Patrick Slayter as Mayor and Neysa Hinton as Vice Mayor/Mayor Pro Tem.

Outgoing Mayor Una Glass thanked the public, her colleagues on the Council, and City staff for their support and highlighted some of the Council's accomplishments over the past year.

This is Patrick Slayter's fourth term heading the City Council. He has served on the Council since 2010 and previously served as mayor in 2015, 2018, and 2020. Learn more about Mayor Slayter here.

Neysa Hinton has served on the City Council since 2016. She served as vice mayor in 2018 and as mayor in 2019. Learn more about Vice Mayor Hinton here.



Mayor Patrick Slayter



Vice Mayor Neysa Hinton

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.

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR SOME SEBASTOPOL BOARD, COMMISSION & COMMITTEE OPENINGS

City of Sebastopol Planning Commission

Two Openings (These openings are for the following: among residents of the City of Sebastopol or shall be the owner of a business within the City of Sebastopol)

Job Notice

General Application

DEADLINE: December 16, 2021

City of Sebastopol Climate Action Committee

The City has openings for the following positions:

- Youth Representative (ages 17-23)
- Environmental Justice Representative

Job Notice

General Application

Youth Application

DEADLINE: December 16, 2021



City of Sebastopol Design Review Board/Tree Board

The City has Three Openings as Follows:

One Opening in Category A and Two Openings in Category C

Job Notice

General Application

DEADLINE: December 16, 2021

City of Sebastopol Zero Waste Subcommittee

The City has openings for the following positions:

- Commercial Entity Representative
- Citizen Representative
- Youth Alternate

Job Notice

General Application

Youth Application

DEADLINE: December 16, 2021

Please contact City Hall at **707-823-1153** or <u>info@cityofsebastopol.org</u> for applications or information.

IVES PARK / CALDER CREEK NATURALIZATION PROJECT UPCOMING MEETING - DEC. 14

PLANNING COMMISSION CALDER CREEK NATURALIZATION MEETING



DECEMBER 14, 2021 AT 6PM

The City of Sebastopol adopted the Ives Park Master Plan in March 2013. One important component of this plan is to 'naturalize' Calder Creek, which runs through the park in a concrete channel. The City is working with WRI (Waterway Restoration Institute) and a Switzer Foundation Fellow to help envision what the naturalization of Calder Creek could be, both within Ives Park, as part of the Master Plan, as well as up-and down-stream. There will be several community meetings on this project, hosted by the Planning Commission, which also serves as the City's Parks Commission.

MEETING INFO

Calder Creek Naturalization - Design Alternatives

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Time: 6pm

See the <u>Meeting Page</u> on the City's website for more information and Zoom

login info.

WEST COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES HOSTING FACEBOOK LIVE ON SERVICES AVAILABLE IN GREATER SEBASTOPOL - DEC. 13

West County Community Services is hosting a Facebook Live on **December 13, 2021, at 6:00 PM** where they will be giving an update and hosting a discussion on current and planned housing and mental health services available in Greater Sebastopol.

Items to share and discuss include:

- focus of Sebastopol Homeless Outreach Coordinator
- Park Village successes and updates
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and how to access it



 Mental health walk-in and group support available at Wellness & Advocacy Center

Facebook Live Link

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?

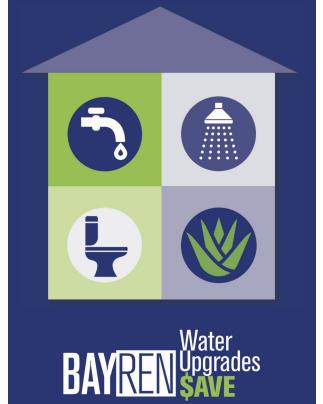
The Locals Who Make a Difference (LWMAD) program recognizes and acknowledges Sebastopol community members for their contributions in helping to make Sebastopol a better place to live. Nominations for the next LWMAD honoree will close on **December 30, 2021**.

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 solution¹. 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 www.bayren.org/homeowners/water-efficiency-upgrades or call 877-846-8795 to do your part for the California drought!

¹ Alexander, Kurtis. "The drought is going to stick



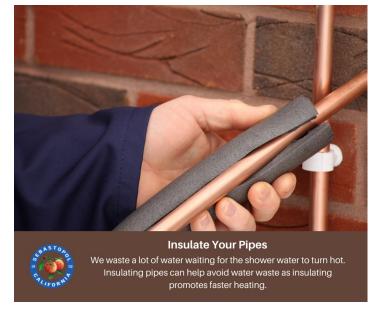
around for a third year in California, federal scientists project." San Francisco Chronicle, 18 Nov.

2021, https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/
https://w

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:



Insulate your pipes.

We waste a lot of water waiting for the shower water to turn hot. Insulating pipes can help avoid water waste as insulating promotes faster heating. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.

16TH ANNUAL BUCKET BRIGADE BLOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

It's time for the 16th Annual Bucket Brigade Blood Drive Challenge! The Bucket Brigade is a friendly competition among participating fire departments in Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties to demonstrate which department can attract the most donors. More donors equal more lives saved! Last year in

December and January, our local Bucket Brigade provided 750 lifesaving units.

Be a donor in this life saving challenge!

Sebastopol Fire Station

Location: 7425 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Time: 1:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Appointment Link: Click Here to Donate Blood on December 14th

Click **HERE** to download a PDF of the flyer.



Sebastopol Fire Station

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 1:15 PM – 5:30 PM 7425 Bodega Ave. Sebastopol, CA 95472



Scan the code to make your appointment.

Appointments encouraged.

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877-258-4825 or visit us at **vitalant.org**



All donors receive a Bucket Brigade T-shirt as our thank you.



ONE HOUR AT A TIME

<u>Sebastopol Time Bank</u> is a network of local residents who help each other by sharing their skills and talents on an hour-for-hour basis.

Virtual orientations are held by appointment and on the 10th of each month at 5pm. To register or receive more details email info@sebastopoltimebank.org.



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

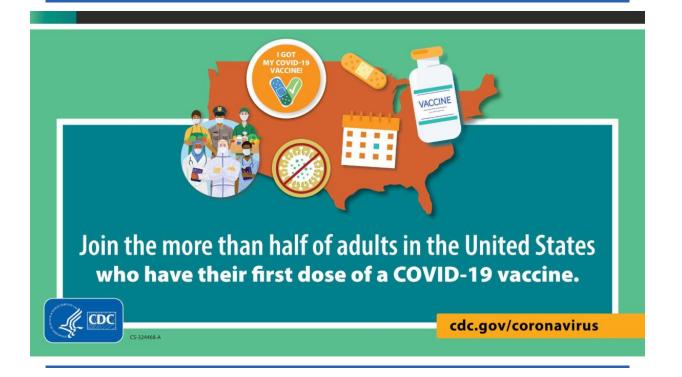
See the **SoCoEmergency Calendar** for a list of testing locations in the County.

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.



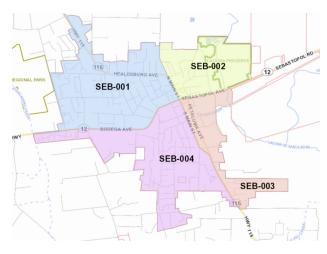
LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19



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 "<u>Meetings</u>" 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 December 21, 2021 @ 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 <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: <u>Planning Commission Meeting of December 14, 2021 @ 6:00</u>
 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 amontes@cityofsebastopol.org
- Next Meeting: Design Review Board Meeting of December 15, 2021 @ 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 <u>amontes@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

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR PRESENTED BY THE LEGACY - DECEMBER 9-13

• When: Dec 9th - Dec 13th

• Where: 720 Gravenstein Hwy N (in the Redwood Marketplace Shopping

Center by Lucky's)Hours: 10am - 5pm

All proceeds benefit the Sebastopol Area Senior Center



presented by THE LEGACY

5 Days Only

Dec 9th - 13th | 10am - 5pm gifts | trees | ornaments all your holiday needs

720 Gravenstein Hwy N.

Located in the Redwood Marketplace Shopping Center by Lucky's Supermarket & O'Reilly Auto Parts

> sebastopolseniorcenter.org/ holiday-bazaar The Legacy: 707-823-7520



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.



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

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.

