

City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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December 31 - January 6 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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RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER: EMPLOYERS REQUIRE WORKFORCE TO SHOW PROOF OF PRIMARY VACCINATION AND BOOSTER OR AT LEAST TWICE WEEKLY TESTING: CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER C19-33 REQUIRES THAT WORKERS IN SCHOOLS ARE BOTH VACCINATED AND, WHEN ELIGIBLE, BOOSTED, OR TEST TWICE PER WEEK: CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER C19-32 REQUIRES THAT PERSONNEL IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, EMS, PHARMACIES, DENTAL OFFICES AND TEMPORARY DISASTER SHELTERS TO BE BOTH VACCINATED AND BOOSTED IF ELIGIBLE OR TEST TWICE PER WEEK: CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER C19-25 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 HEALTH ORDER RESCINDING AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ORDER C19-25: CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY COVID VACCINATIONS AT A GLANCE*: CLICK HERE

- PERCENT 5+ PARTIALLY VACCINATED 7.7%
- PERCENT 5+ FULLY VACCINATED 77.5%

25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: CLICK HERE

*Information updated as of Friday, January 7th at 11am.



COVID-19 TESTING UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Demand for testing after the holidays is making it difficult to get tested at a site or to obtain at-home tests. Officials recognize how frustrating this can be, especially for parents as children return to school, and urge patience. The county is working to increase the availability of testing, both PCR and antigen, and the state and federal governments hope to supply more free at-home tests soon. The state is sending at-home test kits directly to the Sonoma County

Office of Education for distribution.

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.

Click **HERE** for information on scheduling a test.



COUNTY OF SONOMA

COVID-19 TESTING: JAN. 10-16

Santa Rosa

Multi-day Clinics Coddingtown/Curative * Daily, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 1000 Coddingtown Center,

Fiesta Plaza/Curative * Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. 200 Siesta Way, Sonoma

Rohnert Park Community Center/Curative * Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. 5401 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park

Windsor Bluebird Center/Curative *

Monday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 25 Bluebird Drive, Windsor

West County Community Health Center/Curative Monday, Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 652 Petaluma Ave., Sebastopol

Foundry Wharf/Molecular Matrix * Monday, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 625 2nd St., Petaluma

New Life Christian Fellowship/Curative* Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 1315 Rand St., Petaluma

Roseland Community Center/Fox Home Health ** Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 779 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa

Redemption Hill Church/Molecular Matrix * Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 2100 Petaluma Hill Road, Santa Rosa

Monday January 10

Monte Rio Community Center/LHI* 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 20488 Hwy. 116, Monte Rio

Healdsburg Community Center/Curative * 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; 1557 Healdsburg Ave., Healdsburg

Andy Lopez Unity Park/Molecular Matrix * 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; 3399 Moorland Ave., Santa Rosa

Tuesday January 11

Petaluma Valley Baptist Church/LHI * 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; 580 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma

Cotati Park and Ride/LHI*

7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 146 St. Joseph Way, Cotati

Cloverdale High School/Curative

7 a.m.-2 p.m.; 509 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale

To search for clinics by date:



Wednesday January 12 Cotati Park and Ride/ LHI * 7 a.m.-7 p.m.;

146 St. Joseph Way, Cotati

Cloverdale High School/Curative *

7 a.m.-2 p.m.; 509 N. Cloverdale Blvd., Cloverdale

West County Community Services/Curative *

8 a.m.-3 p.m.; 15010 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville

Thursday January 13 Galvin Park/LHI

7 a.m.-7 p.m. 3330 Yulupa Ave., Santa Rosa

Geyserville Elementary School/Curative*

8 a.m.-2 p.m.; 21485 Geyserville Ave., Geyserville

Petaluma Valley Baptist Church/Molecular Matrix * 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; 580 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma

To search for

clinics by location:

Resurrection Parish/Curative *

8 a.m.-3 p.m.; 303 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa

Friday January 14

A Place to Play Park/LHI 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 2375 W. 3rd St., Santa Rosa

7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 721 S. McDowell Blvd., Petaluma

Petaluma Valley Baptist Church/Molecular Matrix 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; 580 Sonoma Mountain Parkway, Petaluma

Saturday January 15

Alliance Medical Center/LHI *

7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 1381 University Ave., Healdsburg

Knox Presbyterian Church/LHI *

7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 1650 W. 3rd St., Santa Rosa

Sunday January 16

West County High School/LHI * 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; 6950 Analy Ave., Sebastopol (student parking lot)

Boyes Hot Springs Park and Ride/Curative *

8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Hwy.12 & Thompson Ave., Boyes Hot Springs

Free, convenient, confidential COVID-19 testing is available to all Sonoma County residents, regardless of document status.

* Testing for any age with parent support ** Testing for toddlers and older

Curative: Walk-ups may not be available, make appointments at curative.com or call (888) 702-9042 Molecular Matrix: Walk-ups may not be available, make appointments at molecularmatrix.com/covidtesting LHI: Appointment recommended: *lhi.care/covidtesting* or call (888) 634-1123 | Fox Home Health: Walk-ins only.

Questions? Visit <u>socoemergency.org/test</u> or call (707) 565-4667

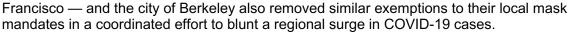
SONOMA COUNTY RESCINDS FACE MASK EXEMPTION FOR FULLY VACCINATED GROUPS & RECOMMENDS USE OF SURGICAL MASKS OR SOMETHING EQUIVALENT

Sonoma County joined four other Bay Area counties in rescinding exemptions to local public health orders that allowed stable groups of fully vaccinated people to remove their masks indoors in some workplaces, gyms, churches and other public settings.

Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask in all indoor public settings.

The exemption to Sonoma County's masking order was eliminated at 12:01 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021.

Four other Bay Area counties — Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin and San



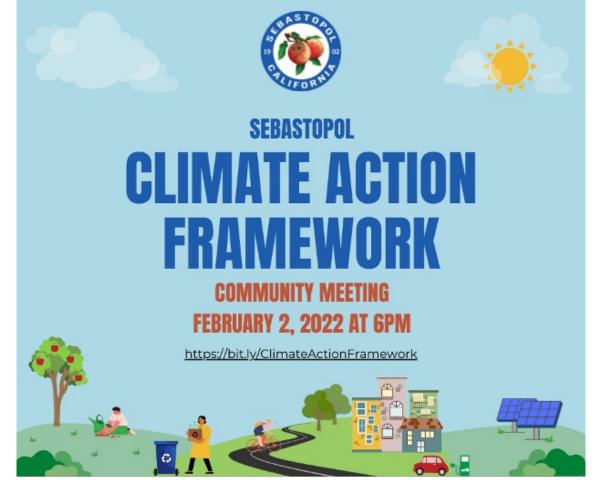


Masks are one tool to reduce transmission of the COVID virus. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention recommends snug-fitting masks that contain two or more layers and completely cover your nose and mouth, along with a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask. While cloth masks can stop large droplets exhaled by an infected person, a surgical mask or other FDA-approved mask are the best options because they also filter smaller aerosols and particles that transmit the COVID-19 virus, Dr. Mase said.

"Given how contagious the omicron variant is proving to be, cloth masks are just not as effective in stopping the spread of the virus," said Dr. Mase. "We recommend that everyone upgrade to a surgical mask or something equivalent."

For the press release and to learn more, click **HERE**.

SEBASTOPOL INVITES COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BE PART OF CLIMATE PLANNING PROCESS



The City of Sebastopol is beginning a community-centered process to create a Climate Action Framework. The Framework will provide a roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change in Sebastopol.

Join us via Zoom on February 2nd at 6pm for a community meeting to discuss the Framework and share your climate change concerns, ideas, and priorities. For more information, visit https://bit.ly/ClimateActionFramework.

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, CLICK HERE to share your input and learn more about the process.

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

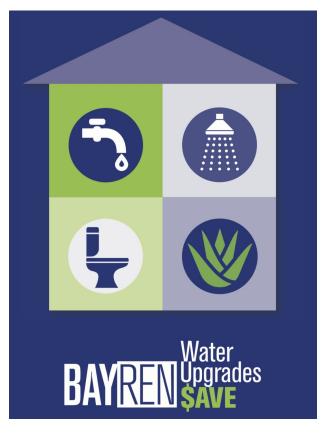
DROP-IN CENTER

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

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!

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

WATER CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

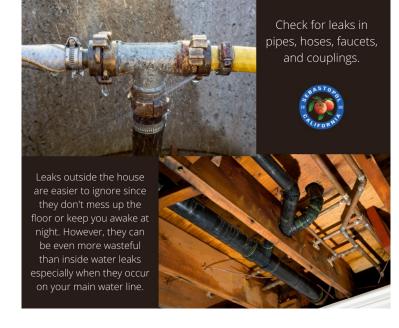
Water savings are urgently needed. See the

¹ Alexander, Kurtis. "The drought is going to stick around for a third year in California, federal scientists project." San Francisco Chronicle, 18 Nov.

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:

Check for leaks in pipes, hoses,



faucets, and couplings. Leaks outside the house are easier to ignore since they don't mess up the floor or keep you awake at night. However, they can be even more wasteful than inside water leaks especially when they occur on your main water line. 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)

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

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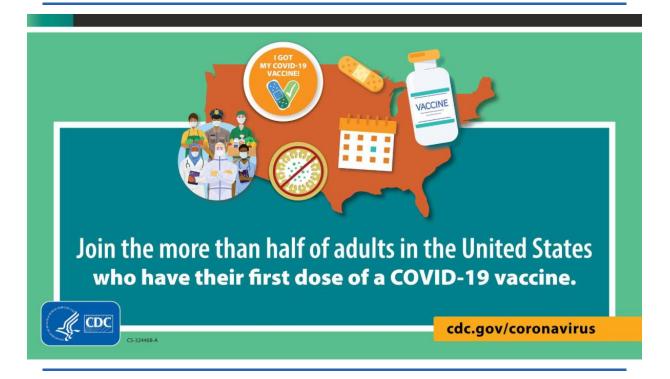
See the **SoCoEmergency Calendar** for a list of testing locations in the County.

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

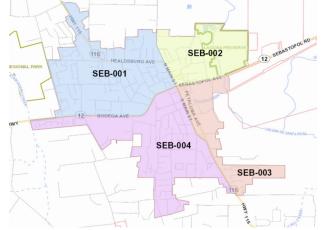


If you have employment questions, benefits questions, tenant protections questions, or any other legal issues related to the pandemic, please contact Legal Aid of Sonoma County. Visit their website here for more information.

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 **Fire Department** 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.)

Sebastopol Addresses Outside
City Limits - Evacuation Map (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: 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 18, 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 <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: <u>Planning Commission Meeting of January 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM</u>

(**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
- Next Meeting: Design Review Board Meeting of January 19, 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 <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: Public Arts Committee Meeting of February 2, 2022 @ 10:30 AM



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

SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY WINTER READING CHALLENGE & SCAVENGER HUNT

Read With Us

Have fun and earn prizes with the Sonoma County Library winter reading programs! Join Sonoma County Library's <u>Winter Reading Challenge</u> and <u>Scavenger Hunt</u> for a season full of joy and activities for everyone.



Get your read on with the 2022 <u>Winter Reading Challenge!</u> All ages are invited to read at least 600 minutes to complete the challenge—that's just 20 minutes a day!—and earn a limited-edition bookmark.

Sign up at <u>sonomalibrary.beanstack.org</u> or in the Beanstack app. Paper logs are available <u>at your local library</u>, or <u>download and print</u> from home.



Explore with the Sonoma County Library's family-friendly <u>virtual scavenger hunt</u> from December 18 to January 31!

For each task you complete, submit a photo or short video to the GooseChase App. Finish 10 of the 15 tasks to complete the challenge for a chance to win a Sonoma County Regional Parks Pass!

Learn more and sign up here.

Don't have a smart device? Email **events@sonomalibrary.org** for an alternative way to play!

SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY EXPANDS HOURS FOR ALL LIBRARIES



Starting: Jan. 3, 2022

Expanded hours for all libraries

Mon. Thu. Fri. Sat. 10 am - 6 pm

Tue. Wed. 10 am - 8 pm

Sunday at Central Santa Rosa 1pm - 5pm



More Time to Explore

Keep exploring with expanded hours at the Sonoma County Library! Effective January 3, all regional branches are open 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Monday through Saturday.

In addition to these hours, you can hang out at your local branch until 8:00 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, or enjoy your Sunday afternoon at the Central Santa Rosa branch.

- Open 10:00 am-6:00 pm Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays
- Open 10:00 am-8:00 pm Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Open 1:00-5:00 pm Sundays at Central Santa Rosa
- Visit <u>sonomalibrary.org</u> for special hours for Forestville, Occidental, and the History & Genealogy Library
- Online access 24/7 at sonomalibrary.org

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 <u>Sonoma County Transit</u> website for more information or click <u>HERE</u> for the new schedule.

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>.

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