



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER C19-36 RESCINDS THE
LOCAL MASK MANDATE, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15 AT 11:59PM:
[CLICK HERE](#)

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH
OFFICER: EMPLOYERS REQUIRE WORKFORCE TO SHOW
PROOF OF PRIMARY VACCINATION OR AT LEAST TWICE
WEEKLY TESTING: [CLICK HERE](#)

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



CITY COUNCIL PASSES RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING ORDINANCE

In a special meeting on February 23, the Sebastopol City Council held a second reading of, and passed, an ordinance which prohibits parking recreational vehicles:

- on any public street in the city that is zoned residential at any time.
- on any public street in the city that is zoned commercial, industrial, or community facility at any time between the hours of 7:30am and 10:00pm.
- on any park, square, or alley at any time.
- in any city-owned parking lot at any time unless that person is conducting city-related business during business hours at the location for which the parking lot is designated.
- less than 30 feet from the corner of any street.



Exceptions are made for recreational vehicles parked:

- as a result of mechanical breakdown so as to allow the performance of emergency repairs on the vehicle for a period not to exceed 48 hours.
- on any public street in the city that is zoned residential so as to allow the use of a homeowner, tenant, or out-of-town visitor to load/unload the vehicle for a period not to exceed 72 hours.

The ordinance does not apply to commercial vehicles providing services to businesses, such as the delivery or picking up of goods or vehicles otherwise approved by other City of Sebastopol departments through that department's permitting process (e.g., construction vehicles).

The ordinance goes into effect on March 26, 2022. City Staff was directed to return to the Council with information on potential adjustments to the current 72-hour parking rule and to look at a possible permitting structure. The adopted ordinance will be available soon on the [Municipal Code link](#) on the City's website.

SEBASTOPOL WALKS RETURN FEBRUARY 26 LEAD BY COUNCIL MEMBER SARAH GLADE GURNEY

Postponed during the pandemic, the 14-year strong Sebastopol WALKS program will return on February 26 with an easy 3 to 4-mile moderately paced "Peace Poles Potpourri" walk lead by Council Member Sarah Glade Gurney who said, "I've designed the first 2022 walk to be rich in geographic features, hidden treasures, visual delights, and fun community members. My RELAUNCH route, called "Potpourri," will encourage you to come walking again, in March and the months following, and to engage in our community in a new way, as we emerge from the pandemic. The "Hosts" lined up to speak at the 10 stops include both individuals and organizations that you'll want to know about. What a range! From our Poet Laureate to Buzzy, from Anne of the Laguna Foundation to Janet with an 'art-full' front yard! Warm up your boots. Join me for a fun premier walking tour "South of Bodega" in Sebastopol."



The walk starts at the Sebastopol Plaza at 9am and returns at about noon. Pre-registration is not required. Walkers will be encouraged to wear a face covering and maintain a six-foot distance, if desired. The program will be canceled upon direction from the City Manager/Attorney in the event CDC guidelines indicate.



Walks are scheduled for the last Saturday of the month through November. The events will vary in focus, length, and difficulty, based upon the routes chosen by the morning's leaders. See the [Sebastopol WALKS flyer](#) for a list of upcoming walks.

Some walks will be mainly for exercise to show participants how to connect places in town by foot and others will be informational. Some are new routes and new subject matter; others are updated versions of favorites.

The purpose of the WALKS program is to build interest in Sebastopol as a health-oriented community and help people experience the connectivity of our network of streets, sidewalks, paths, trails and alleys. Participants will learn that they can get around town without driving their car and that they can enjoy the outdoors on foot. They will learn about Sebastopol's social, cultural, and political history as well as its municipal functions.

SEBASTOPOL ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY - MARCH 12TH



The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is hosting an organic compost giveaway on Saturday, March 12th from 10am to 1pm. Home and school gardeners are invited to come to the pick-up site with COVID safe masks, shovels, gloves, a tarp and a car with containers or a pick-up truck and load their free compost (email ahead of time if you need assistance with loading).

Event Details:

Saturday, March 12, 2022

From: 10am – 1pm

Location: 425 Morris Street Sebastopol - Behind Youth Annex

Free ½-1 Cu.Yd. per household - self serve, come prepared with shovels, gloves, mask, containers, or truck

Compost applied to garden beds and around trees will boost plants with nutrients, replenish the soil microorganisms and organic matter which in turn improves soil health and carbon sequestration. Healthy soil absorbs and retains water best which is super important during droughts.

- Healthy soil will require less irrigation during dry periods between rains.
- Healthy soil will absorb more water during heavy rains resulting in less runoff and erosion.

Home gardener Terri Moon happily reported, “After applying the compost from the Sebastopol fall give away I went from watering my garden every other day to watering once a week.”

Contact: Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com or ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org

Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is a group of dedicated citizens in Sebastopol working to address the global climate emergency through local action.

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](#).
Submissions close April 15.

An official Opening Day event is planned for the summer.

Stay tuned!

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

Upcoming Classes

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15



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

UPCOMING SEBASTOPOL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION UNIT (SNCU) TRAININGS

SNCU Trainings

Radio use, best radio options and

SebastopolREADY
neighbors helping neighbors



message protocols

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

Upcoming Trainings

February 27
March 26
April 24
May 28
June 26

Learn more about about the SNCU

program and trainings [HERE](#).

GO GREEN BY GOING PAPERLESS WITH YOUR WATER & SEWER BILL

Sebastopol offers online billpay for water and sewer service. What are the benefits of online billpay? It's secure, convenient, and green! With an online account, you can set up paperless billing, have your statement emailed to you, see a full detailed statement of your bill vs. what is provided in the paper form, see your statement immediately as soon as we post billing instead of waiting for a copy of the statement in the mail, and you can set up autopay or just make payments via credit or debit card with the weblink as well.



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SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY BENEFIT GRANTS & SPONSORSHIPS PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Sebastopol awards monies to programs or specific community projects that improve the quality of life and build civic pride in Sebastopol.

The City of Sebastopol recognizes the value that other organizations have in providing services that benefit the community and its members. The Community Benefit Grants and Sponsorships Program was created to



support, strengthen and sustain the City Council goals and priorities to achieve a better quality of life by improving the health and overall well being through investment in our Sebastopol community organizations.

The City of Sebastopol understands that in a crisis such as this unprecedented health and economic crisis, nonprofits step up to advocate for, and serve, our communities in these challenging times. Our City and Country continue to face a profound impact on the economy, which include our non-profit organizations and members of the community in these unusual times. In many

cases, the scope of operations will need to expand and evolve to accommodate increased demand for vital services.

Like many grants and programs, the demand for these funds exceeds availability. The City has limited funding for grants to our local non-profits and understands the critical need to help support our local non-profits. We also understand that many of our local non-profits revenues losses from closed programming and services have not quite returned to the level of normalcy, as well as anticipated shortfalls in fundraising continues, jeopardizes the need to provide these services to our community.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on program and instructions to apply.

The deadline for submission of applications is February 28, 2022.

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-Marín Saving Water Partnership](#).

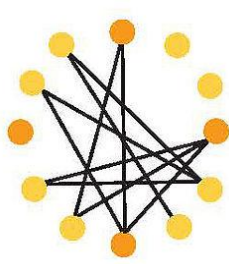
Here's this week's tip to help you reduce your water consumption:

- **Don't use hot water when cold water will do. Save water and energy by washing hands with soap and cold water instead of turning on the hot water and waiting for it to run hot. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**



SEBASTOPOL AREA TIME BANK - BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE HOUR AT A TIME

[Sebastopol Time Bank](#) 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)

[Police Records and Support Services Manager](#)

Deadline to Apply: 3/11/2022

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



COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Residential households in the U.S. can now order one set of 4 free at-home tests from [USPS.com](https://www.usps.com).

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>.

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 March 1, 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 kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of March 8, 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

- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of March 2, 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

- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of March 2, 2022 @ 10:30 AM](#)

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 ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of March 9, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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