



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](#)

SONOMA COUNTY LET RESTRICTIONS ON LARGE GATHERINGS
EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 10: [CLICK HERE](#)

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](#)

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



JAMES PACATTE IS SEBASTOPOL'S NEWEST LOCAL WHO MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Jim Pacatte & wife Rosemarie

At its February 1 meeting, the Sebastopol City Council recognized James (Jim) Pacatte as the newest Local Who Makes a Difference. For decades, the longtime Sebastopol resident and Noon Club Rotarian has given generously of his time, energy, equipment, and funding to just about any project for the betterment of the community that requires construction know-how. Highlights include leading the team that undertook post-flood repairs at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center, installing new benches at the library, and working on the Super Playground and Garzot Building at Libby Park. Currently he is working on interior and exterior renovations at the Sebastopol Senior Center. Look for more details about Jim in coming weeks on the City website.

CALDER CREEK NATURALIZATION PLAN CHOSEN

At the February 1 City Council Meeting, the plan for the Calder Creek Naturalization project was chosen between two options brought forth by the Planning Commission. The City Council unanimously selected Option B, which will retain Polley Field and the other major Master Plan elements, while providing for a naturalized, meandering creek through Ives Park.



Option B: “Updated Charrette”

– This concept is based on an alignment and layout developed with the Ives Park Subcommittee/staff in an online charrette. The stream in this alternative has an appropriate level of channel length and sinuosity that makes it a dynamically stable channel. This means minimal “hard” engineering (retaining walls, guardrails, etc.) would be needed to maintain public safety. The meanders in the channel create opportunities for activity nooks such as picnic areas, enhances the art walk installations, and also helps to create a larger space for a great lawn event space. The is a low maintenance stream alignment that moves the creek away from the redwood trees.

Impact to Ives Park Master Plan:

The biggest change in Option B would be the elimination of the second gathering lawn east of the pool/south of the existing playground. It would instead retain the playground area in the general current location (with a possible expansion). The event space in the southwest portion of the park would need to be a slightly smaller event space created by the creek channel than in the Master Plan, but would curve further north toward the ball field; this option would potentially retain some of the redwood trees within the lawn/event space as well. This option has the potential to enhance the creek’s health; create creek-side spaces and opportunities to interact with the creek; and, retain all the major components of the Master Plan.

SONOMA COUNTY LET RESTRICTIONS ON LARGE GATHERINGS EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 10TH



Sonoma County to let restrictions on large gatherings expire on February 10

With COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations declining, Sonoma County Health Officer Dr. Sundari Mase made clear on February 4th that a health order temporarily restricting the size of large gatherings will expire as scheduled at 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 10.

“The numbers are trending in the right direction, and there are clear signs that we are now past the peak of the winter surge in COVID-19 cases,” said Dr. Sundari Mase, the county’s health officer. “I am confident we will be able to safely lift our temporary restrictions on the size of gatherings starting Feb. 11.”

However, Dr. Mase strongly encouraged residents, particularly seniors over the age of

65 with underlying health conditions and people who have not yet been boosted or vaccinated, to avoid large gatherings and continue wearing masks indoors around people outside their household, noting that the omicron surge is not yet over.

Read the press release [HERE](#).

TWELVE BAY AREA HEALTH OFFICIALS TO LIFT MOST INDOOR MASK MANDATES ON FEBRUARY 16TH

Masks still strongly recommended; vaccines and boosters urged to further strengthen defenses

Santa Rosa, CA – February 9, 2022 – In alignment with the State, the Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and the City of Berkeley will lift universal mask requirements for most indoor public settings beginning Wednesday, February 16.

Unvaccinated individuals over age 2 will continue to be required to wear masks in all indoor public settings.

Businesses, venue operators and hosts may determine their own paths forward to protect staff and patrons and may choose to require all patrons to wear masks.

The change aligns with the California Department of Public Health’s decision to let expire the statewide indoor mask requirement, which was instated on December 15 during the latest COVID-19 surge. **Indoor masking is still required by the state for everyone, regardless of vaccination status, in public transportation; health care settings; congregate settings like correctional facilities and homeless shelters; long-term care facilities; and in K-12 schools and childcare settings.**

Read the full press release [HERE](#).

Read the Order [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.

CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY NOW OPEN



SEBASTOPOL CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK

WHAT ARE YOUR CLIMATE CHANGE CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES?

Take the survey to share your input:

<https://bit.ly/Seb-Climate-Survey>



Take 5 minutes to share your climate change concerns, ideas, and priorities by completing the climate action survey at <https://bit.ly/Seb-Climate-Survey>. Your responses will help inform the development of Sebastopol's Climate Action Framework, a roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change in Sebastopol.

To learn more about the Framework, visit <https://bit.ly/ClimateActionFramework>.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS AND CREATIVE LOCALS

It's the Sebastopol Community Upcycled Art Project

The Art Project is to be designed to educate and inspire by activating potential in affecting climate change. It is to be created through contributions from the community. **This project will symbolize the interconnectivity of all life.**

- The Central Art Piece will be a kaleidoscope of upcycled glass housed in a welded case.
- The supporting art pieces will be installed throughout town.



Community artists are invited to create supporting pieces that will:

- explore innovative ways to address the environmental challenges we are currently facing.
- be curated from the abundance that already exists within our lives.
- utilize upcycled materials.

- specifically address subjects under the **general category of climate change: water, air, solar, carbon sequestration, social inequities, our waste stream, and consumption.**

Alongside the supporting art pieces will be a companion QR code that links the viewer to a website which will include information on: the makers of the piece, the topic of the piece, actions regarding the topic, and any recent news on local organizations working on a goal related to the topic.

Submissions accepted on a rolling basis for supporting art piece proposals.

For more information and the Art Piece Submission form click [HERE](#).

Completed forms should be turned in to the Planning Dept. at Sebastopol. City Hall or emailed to ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org

SONOMA COUNTY ANNOUNCES FOUR WEEKEND COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICS AT SONOMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The County of Sonoma will expand access to pediatric and adult COVID-19 vaccines and boosters through a series of large-scale vaccine clinics at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds starting Saturday.

Up to 500 vaccines can be administered per day at these clinics, which will be held in the Garrett Building on the Fairgrounds campus. Clinics will be held Saturday and Sunday for each of the next four weekends, Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 5-6, 12-13, and 19-20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Read the full press release [HERE](#).

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit socoemergency.org/vaccine



COUNTY OF SONOMA

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

*Vaccines are safe, effective and free.
First, second and booster doses are available.
All are welcome, ages five and over.*

Sonoma County Fairgrounds Garrett Building

**Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 29-30
Feb. 5-6, 12-13 and 19-20 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa (*Brookwood Avenue entrance*)

No appointment needed. No proof of citizenship status required.



For more information about COVID-19 vaccines,
visit socoemergency.org/vaccine or call (707) 565-4667.

COVID-19 TESTING UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Due to staffing shortages throughout the state, testing appointments for COVID-19 are challenging to book right now. When searching, take the next available testing appointment even if it is many days from now. If you have symptoms, stay home. If you do not have symptoms but have reason to think you might have been exposed to COVID-19, visit the [SoCoEmergency Isolation and Quarantine page](#) for the latest guidance. Thank you for your patience.

Click [HERE](#) for information on scheduling a test.

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).

SONOMA COUNTY COVID-19 MASK GUIDANCE

Masks provide an extra layer of protection against COVID-19. If you wear a cloth mask, we recommend wearing a surgical mask underneath it to improve the seal, or for better protection upgrade to a fitted N95 mask. With rising COVID cases, we must also increase our protections. Additional masking resources and guidance are available [HERE](#).

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COVID-19 MASK GUIDANCE

Which masks provide the best protection from COVID-19?

Good	Better	Best
Fabric mask with three or more cloth layers	Double mask (surgical + cloth mask)	N95 KN95 KF94

[SoCoEmergency.org](https://www.socoemergency.org)

MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO CONSERVE WATER

A New Year's Resolution That's Easy to Keep!

Join Sebastopol's **Water Upgrades \$ave** today!

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A New Year's resolution that's easy to keep! Join Sebastopol's Water Upgrades \$ave program and make conserving water easy and affordable. As California enters its third year of drought, why not make your home part of the solution?

It's simple – schedule a free water assessment to select the water efficiency upgrades that are best for you. We install them with little-to-no upfront cost, and you pay a fixed charge on your water bill that is lower than the estimated savings – so you begin saving right away.

Enroll today to start saving, visit www.waterupgradessave.org or call 877-

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:



When purchasing new appliances, check the requirements of various models and brands, some use less water than others.



- If you are considering the purchase of any new appliances that use water, check the water requirements of the various models and brands. You'll find that some use less water than others. 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 [website](#) 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.

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>.

Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics



See the [SoCoEmergency Calendar](#) for a list of upcoming vaccination clinics in the County.

Join the more than half of adults in the United States who have their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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The graphic features a map of the United States in orange, overlaid with various icons: a circular badge with a checkmark and the text "I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!", a bandage, a white vaccine bottle labeled "VACCINE", a calendar, a circular icon with a virus and a red prohibition sign, and a group of healthcare workers in white coats and masks. The CDC logo is in the bottom left corner, and the website URL is in an orange box at the bottom right.

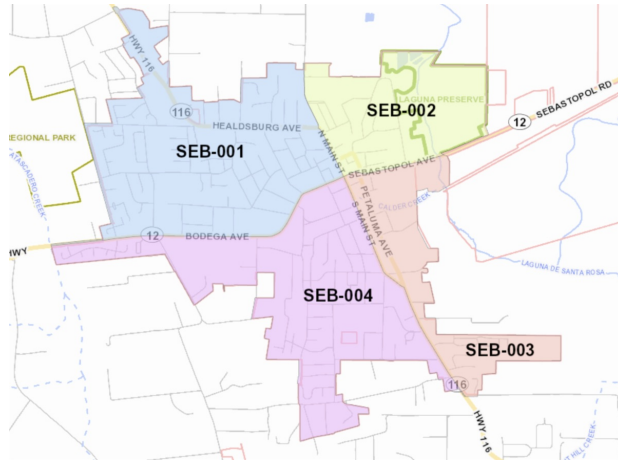
LEGAL AID OF SONOMA COUNTY IS HERE TO HELP PEOPLE IMPACTED BY COVID-19



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.

[Sebastopol City Limits - Evacuation Map](#) (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 February 15, 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 February 22, 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 kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of February 16, 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 kvanstrom@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 kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
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- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of February 23, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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