

City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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July 23 - July 29 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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We're Saving Water YOU CAN TOO!



www.sebsaveswater.com



Water-conserving Sebastopol residents can stop by the Public Works Department office at 714 Johnson Street Monday through Thursday 8 AM to 4:30 PM to pick up a sign. Help spread the word!



WATER USE RESOLUTION EXTENDED TO COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL WATER CUSTOMERS

At the July 28th Special City Council Meeting, the Sebastopol City Council amended the Stage 2 Mandatory Compliance resolution to include commercial and industrial measures in addition to those being implemented by residential customers. The resolution is in response the California State of Emergency due to severe drought conditions and calls for an overall systemwide reduction goal of 25 percent. The following restrictions are now in place for Sebastopol Commercial and Industrial water customers:



- Restaurants may only serve water upon request and must optimize the use of commercial dishwashers.
- Hotel and lodging establishments must message about the drought,

- including laundering of linens only upon request.
- Pressure washing (except for public health and safety) is prohibited unless a variance is obtained.
- Water waste due to breaks, leaks, or excess use is prohibited. This
 includes leaking faucets, toilets, and appliances, as well as broken
 irrigation pipes, leaking irrigation valves, and broken sprinkler heads, and
 runoff from properties due to overwatering or misdirected sprinklers.

See the **resolution** for more information.

TAKE THE WATER METER SURVEY!

SEBASTOPOL WATER METER SURVEY



With water conservation a top priority, the City of Sebastopol is exploring ways to give its water customers tools to gain greater control over their own usage and to be alerted to leaks in real time. Many other water providers in our region have found success with cellular water meters and an accompanying app where customers will have instant access to this information.

We are conducting a short survey of water customers to gather input on whether or not they feel that such a program would be of value. Survey results will be shared with the City Council to help inform their decision-making process about the cellular water meter program.

This survey will end on October 1, 2021.

Take the Survey

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:

 Dishwashers use 4 to 7 gallons per load. Washing



Dishwashers use 4 to 7 gallons per load. Washing by hand uses 1.5 to 2.5 gallons per minute of running water.



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25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL



On July 6, 2021, the Sebastopol City Council passed a <u>resolution</u> (Stage 2 Mandatory Compliance) calling for mandatory 25% reduction of water use. This resolution limits or prohibits a number of activities including outdoor irrigation, filling of swimming pools, car washing, and others. Learn more about our region's water resources and how you can conserve them.

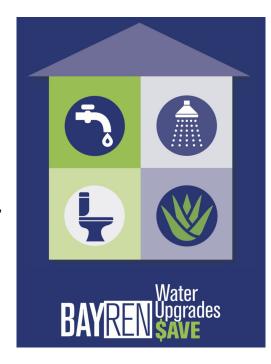
CHECK OUT WATER UPGRADES \$AVE, A WATER- AND MONEY-SAVING PROGRAM

The City of Sebastopol is proud to offer Water Upgrades \$ave, a water efficiency program that helps you save water and money.

Are you a single-family homeowner or renter?

It's simple to participate — enroll online or by phone and schedule a free home assessment to select the water efficiency upgrades that make the most sense for your property. The Program installs the upgrades with little-to-no upfront cost, and you pay a fixed on-bill charge that is lower than the estimated savings — so you begin saving right away.

Indoor upgrades include high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and aerators; future outdoor upgrades will support conversion to drought tolerant landscaping.



Participants get new building code—compliant upgrades that improve the property while reducing their water, sewer, and water-heating costs.

Are you a multi-family property owner?

Contact us today to schedule a project assessment and identify your savings opportunity.

Vice Mayor Gurney said that while "the Water Upgrades \$ave program will benefit local governments by buffering the impact of our rate increase, it will also help our local citizens by giving them an affordable tool to lower their water and energy use."

For more information, go to the program website <u>www.waterupgradessave.org</u> or call us at 877-846-8795.

PUBLIC NOTICE: DOWNTOWN PLAZA CLEANING - AUGUST 2-5



The Sebastopol Public Works Department will be cleaning the surfaces of the Downtown Plaza the week of August 2nd to August 5th, 2021.

To comply with drought restrictions, the surfaces will be cleaned using a hot water/steam pressure washing unit. This method is effective and will provide the desired cleaning results while using the least amount of water possible. This process has been discussed and approved by City Council in the interest of public health and safety as well as for the good of Plaza users.

Public Notice





PREPARE FOR WILDFIRE

TAKE STEPS TO PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES

Take steps to prepare for wildfires, like creating and practicing your wildfire action plan. Make getting ready for an emergency engaging for your little ones by involving them in the planning!

Together we can all be prepared. Learn more here.



ASSEMBLE AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Put together your emergency supply kit long before a wildfire or other disaster occurs and keep it easily accessible so you can take it with you when you have to evacuate. Plan to be away from your home for an





extended period of time. Each person should have a readily accessible emergency supply kit.

See <u>readyforwildfire.org</u> for more information on building an emergency supply kit.

MAKE YOUR LIVESTOCK EVACUATION READY

Cal Fire Tip: Hopefully you've taken steps to keep your family and home fire safe. Don't forget your livestock. With some advance planning you can increase their chances of surviving a wildfire by preparing for their evacuation. Learn how to make your livestock evacuation ready here.



SONOMA COUNTY ALIGNS WITH NEW CDPH MASKING RECOMMENDATIONS



In response to new CDC guidelines, the California Department of Public Health recommends masking for public indoor settings regardless of vaccination status to slow the spread of COVID-19 and the Delta variant. With cases of COVID-19 rising locally, Sonoma County aligns with the new CDPH recommendations.

Visit https://bit.ly/NR21-234 for more information on the updated face coverings guidance.

Masking recommendation information was accurate as of press time (noon on July 30). Please check **socoemergency.com** for current updates.

GET VACCINATED AND RECEIVE FREE ADMISSION TO SUMMER FUN FEST AT SONOMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

The Sonoma County Fairgrounds and the Sonoma County Medical Association are collaborating with the County's vaccination efforts by providing free admission and a free ride ticket to members of the public who receive a COVID-19 vaccine at the Jockey Club in Santa Rosa.

Sonoma County's Summer Fun Fest will run from July 28 through Aug. 8 (closed Monday

normal summer county fair. Read the press release here. Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Fun Fest. Must be 12 years and older to get the vaccine.

and Tuesday) at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds and will be a different version of the

GET YOUR VACCINATION FOR FREE ADMISSION TO THE SUMMER FUN FEST!

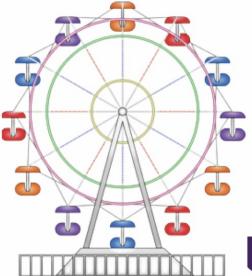
Vaccines are free, safe, fast, and simple! Walk-ins are welcome! Social Security, Insurance, and Citizenship are not required.

JULY 28 THROUGH AUG. 8 AT THE SONOMA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS:

- Starting on Wednesday, July 28 you can get a FREE admission ticket and FREE ride ticket after getting your vaccine at the Jockey Club, located at 1450
- Free admission to the Summer Fun Fest is good for any one day of your choice! Learn more about the Summer Fun Fest at the Sonoma County Fair.
- Vaccination hours are from 11a.m. to 6 p.m. Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson vaccines available. Closed Monday and Tuesday during the Summer

• Walk-in or visit <u>myturn.ca.gov</u> to make an appointment.

FREE ADMISSION AND FREE RIDE WHEN YOU GET VACCINATED!











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

GOT APPLES? RESERVE THE SLOW FOOD SEBASTOPOL APPLE PRESS



It's apple season in Sonoma County, and

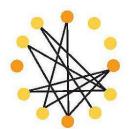


the <u>Slow Food Sebastopol Community</u>
<u>Apple Press</u> is opening to the public on
Saturday, **August 7th** at the Luther
Burbank Experiment Farm in Sebastopol,
and will run every weekend until **October 24th**. People are welcome to bring their
own apples and a group of volunteers will
assist them in making fresh pressed apple
juice.

Reservations required. Click here to reserve the apple press. Interested in volunteering? Click here for more information.



SEBASTOPOL AREA TIME BANK - BUILDING COMMUNITY 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.

SCULPTURE GARDEN CALL FOR ARTISTS

The City of Sebastopol Public Arts Committee is seeking proposals from Sonoma County based sculptors for the design, fabrication, and installation of durable and low-maintenance original public art suitable for placement in the Sebastopol Community Sculpture Garden (CSG), Ives Park, Sebastopol, California.

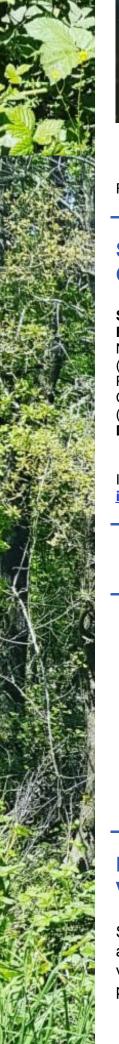






HELP REDUCE THE LOCAL IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE BY PARTICIPATING ON THE SEBASTOPOL CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is coming together to advise the city council on ways to address the climate emergency. Your ideas, expertise and support are essential to



reducing the local impacts of climate change.

We invite you to join us in bettering our local environment with your skills and passion by:

Joining one of our sub-groups: Education and Outreach, Energy, Carbon Sequestration, Funding, Equity, Transportation and Research

Attending the bi-monthly committee meetings as a member of the public.

For more information visit the **Sebastopol Climate Action Committee** page.

SEBASTOPOL BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Sonoma County Library Commission Representative from Sebastopol

Notice to the Community to fill Vacancy (Remaining Term) Due to Resignation for the Position on the Sonoma County Library Commission for a Representative from Sebastopol (Term Ends July 31, 2022)

DEADLINE: August 5, 2021



If you would like an application, please contact City Hall at 707-823-1153 or info@cityofsebastopol.org for applications or information.

COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics



See the **SoCoEmergency Calendar** for a list of upcoming vaccination clinics in the County.

RESIDENTS 12+ YEARS OF AGE ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES

Sonoma County residents 12+ years of age are now eligible for COVID-19 vaccines at several county clinics and pharmacies across the county.

 As of May 12, all residents in California 12 and older are now



- eligible for vaccination.
- Children ages 12 to 17 can only receive the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.
- Vaccine appointments are readily available in the County. Anyone who wants one can get an appointment at one of our many clinics, pharmacies or health centers in the County -- often the same day. All County-supported clinics are accepting walk-in patients.





(707) 565-4667. SoCoEmergency.org

Residents are still encouraged to make vaccine appointments through the https://myturn.ca.gov web site. Residents who need help making an appointment are encouraged to call the County COVID-19 hotline at 707-565-4667 in English and Spanish.

Visit https://socoemergency.org for more information.



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



cdc.gov/coronavirus

SONOMA COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE **PROGRAM**



COUNTY OF SONOMA

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Have you been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic? Do you need help with rent and utilities?

As of April 19, 2021, the County of Sonoma has started providing support to households impacted by COVID-19 through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

The program will provide payment assistance for tenants who are behind on rent and utilities. ERAP additionally provides options for landlords to participate and receive financial assistance. This program is open to all County residents, regardless



of immigration status, who are renters or landlords requiring rental assistance. Any community member can apply with any organization on this list regardless of where in Sonoma County they reside.

See the <u>Tenant and Housing Resources</u> page on the City's website for more information, FAQs, and links to apply.

COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF

American Rescue Plan

All funding programs below will be administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) Click here for more information

Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG)

Preliminary Application Checklist

FAQ

NEW: Community Navigator Pilot Program Click here for more information

Targeted EIDL Advanced Grant
Status: Eligible applicants contacted by SBA

Click here for more information

CA Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program Click here for more information

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

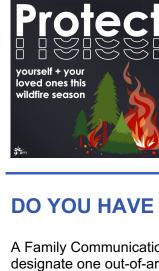
PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR LOVED ONES THIS WILDFIRE SEASON

During a wildfire event, the first priority is to protect yourself and your loved ones! If you are ordered to evacuate your home or the area, do so immediately.

Visit <u>SocoEmergency.org</u> and the <u>California</u>

<u>Department of Public Health</u> website for tips on how to prepare for wildfire.





DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN?

A Family Communication Plan should designate one out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as the single source of communication among family members in case of separation. It's easier to call or message one person and let them contact others than to try and call everyone when phone, cell, and internet systems can be overloaded or limited during a disaster. Learn more ways you can be Evacuation Ready at readyforwildfire.org.



DEFENSIBLE SPACE: KEEP YOUR PROPERTY LEAN AND GREEN TO HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY & HOME!



Defensible space, coupled with home hardening, is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either

from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in, to defend your home.

Learn more about creating defensible space at readyforwildfire.org.

PREVENT EQUIPMENT SPARKED FIRES!

Prevent equipment sparked fires. Are you doing the right thing the wrong way?

- Lawn mowers are designed to mow lawns, NOT weeds or dry grass.
- Be cautious of rocks, metal blades striking rocks create sparks and start fires.
- Ensure your chainsaw has a spark arrester and is working properly.





- Be sure to mow your lawn BEFORE 10 a.m., have a fire extinguisher and/or hose
- nearby, and NEVER mow if it's windy or excessively dry!

For additional CAL FIRE information on equipment safety, please visit: https://www.readyforwildfire.org/prevent-wildfire/equipment-use/.



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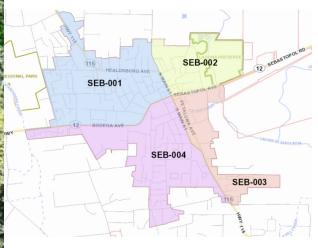
PRACTICE VEHICLE SAFETY TO PREVENT WILDFIRE



HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT SEBASTOPOLREADY.ORG?

Visit <u>SebastopolReady.org</u>, an emergency and disaster preparedness and readiness resource with information on how neighbors can prepare to

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.

Sebastopol City Limits -Evacuation Map (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.)

ALL OUTDOOR BURNING SUSPENDED



Sonoma Fire Prevention Division along with CalFire have announced the enactment of a burn suspension.



FIRE SEASON IS HERE! HARDEN YOUR HOME!

Fire Chief Bill Braga and CalFire want to remind us that fire season is here.

Now is the time to harden your home and property to better withstand wildfire.

See <u>readyforwildfire.org</u> for more information.



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 <u>here</u>.



KNOW YOUR ALERTS

The City of Sebastopol uses multiple notifications and warning systems to make sure emergency alerts are delivered to the people who need the information.



Emergency Alert System (EAS) - No Registration Required

National public warning system that will interrupt local broadcast tv and radio programming to provide an alert in the event of a large-scale emergency.



Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) - No Registration Required

Urgent alerts sent as text-like messages to your mobile phone based on your location (you will only receive notification if you are in the area of the emergency). WEAs have three alert categories—Imminent Threat, AMBER, Presidential. You must keep the factory settings on to your WEA- capable phone to receive a WEA.



SoCoAlert - Registration Required

Emergency notification service providing Sonoma County first responders the ability to alert residents by landline or mobile phone, text message and email about imminent threats to life and property in specific impacted areas. Register all addresses that you'd like to receive alerts for (work, child's school, etc.). You don't have to be in the location of the emergency to receive alert.

Must register at <u>SoCoAlert.com</u> OR call (866) 939-0911, press "0" at the menu, ask operator for assistance with registering for SoCoAlert.



Nixle - Registration Required

Community information service managed by Sonoma County Fire District and Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. Community messages are sent to email, and for critical emergencies, Alert messages are sent via text message and email (notifications are NOT delivered by phone call). Customize your settings at nixle.com to control which types of notifications you receive. Must register at nixle.com or text your zip code to 888-777



Local Radio and Television

Local news broadcasters to provide updates during an emergency. Tune radio to 1350 AM, 103.5 FM, 100.1 FM, 89.1 FM (bilingual), 98.7 FM (Spanish); watch preferred local TV news channel.



Hi/Lo Sirens

Sebastopol police cars and fire department vehicles are outfitted with new Hi/Lo sirens, a different sound than traditional sirens. This European-style, 2-tone siren will only be used in an emergency to alert residents within specific areas of the need to evacuate.

Other Ways to Stay Informed
Sebastopol Police Dept.

Sebastopol Fire Dept.

City of Sebastopol

Other Ways

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More information on emergency alerts and notifications at

SoCoEmergency.org

Thank you to the City of Santa Rosa for sharing their graphics.

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 August 3, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Planning Commission Meetings:

• Meeting Days: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month

• **Meeting Time:** 7pm

• Livestream Link: http://bit.ly/sebcctv

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

Next Meeting: Planning Commission Meeting of August 10, 2021 @ 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 amontes@cityofsebastopol.org

Next Meeting: Design Review Board Meeting of August 4, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

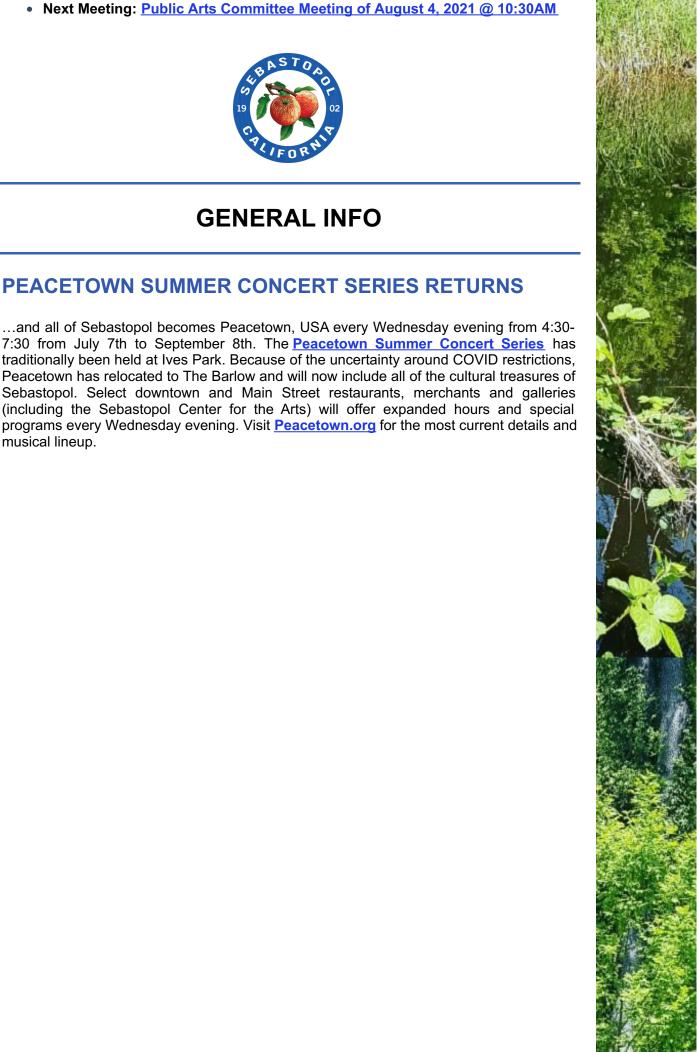
Meeting Days: First Wednesday of each month

• Meeting Time: 10:30am

Livestream Link: http://bit.ly/sebcctv

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...and all of Sebastopol becomes Peacetown, USA every Wednesday evening from 4:30-7:30 from July 7th to September 8th. The Peacetown Summer Concert Series has traditionally been held at Ives Park. Because of the uncertainty around COVID restrictions, Peacetown has relocated to The Barlow and will now include all of the cultural treasures of Sebastopol. Select downtown and Main Street restaurants, merchants and galleries (including the Sebastopol Center for the Arts) will offer expanded hours and special programs every Wednesday evening. Visit Peacetown.org for the most current details and musical lineup.





PEACETOWN

Music and Art Festival

July 7th to Sept 8th

Every Wednesday 4:30 -7:30

| Date | Event Center | Crooked Goat | Fern Bar/Woodfour |
|------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 7/7 | Gator Nation | Dream Farmers | The Musers |
| 7/14 | Pulsators | Free Peoples | Mundo Rio |
| 7/21 | Burrows & Dilbeck | Peace of G | Harman & Harman |
| 7/28 | Tom Rigney & Flambeau | Marshall House | Gabe Wheaton |
| 8/4 | Soul Section | Bohemian Hwy | Alexander's Band |
| 8/11 | Sol Horizon | Spike Sikes | Batacha |
| 8/18 | The Dirty Shames | La Matilda | Hoytus Rolen |
| 8/25 | Onye & the Messengers | Burnside | Solid Air |
| 9/1 | Soul Fuse | THUGS | Bluebyrds |
| 9/8 | Whiskey Family Band | Tommy Thomsen | (Surprise Guest) |

Family Friendly

Pet Friendly

Plus:

Nature walks in the Laguna
Peace Garden & Enlightenment Wheel
Patrick Amiot Junk Sculpture walk on Florence Ave
Music at Hopmonk Tavern and Community Market
Family Village and McKinley Stage w/Love Choir
Downtown at People's Music & Main Street Theater
Great food at fine restaurants

Become a Citizen or Sponsor a Stage
@www.peacetown.org

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