



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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## June 3 - June 9 Special Weekly Edition of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

Please visit [socoemergency.org](http://socoemergency.org) for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

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## QUICK FACTS

BAY AREA HEALTH OFFICERS URGE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AS COVID LEVELS RISE: [CLICK HERE](#)

RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS IN THE U.S. ARE NOW ELIGIBLE FOR ANOTHER ORDER OF FREE AT-HOME TESTS: [CLICK HERE](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 MASKING UPDATES: [CLICK HERE](#)

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



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## TAKE THIS QUICK SURVEY ABOUT THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL'S WEBSITE REDESIGN

The City of Sebastopol is committed to providing the public with a website that is informational, functional, and easy to navigate. Our goal is to streamline our online processes and information in the most usable way possible. We know that our website can do a better job in making it easier for folks to work with us, and that starts with YOU.

**This survey ends June 15, 2022.**

**City of Sebastopol**



**Redesign Survey**

[Take the Survey HERE](#)

or Scan the QR Code below



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## **ERIK BILLING PROMOTED TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

The City of Sebastopol is excited to announce the promotion of Erik Billing to the position of Public Works Assistant Superintendent. Erik's first day in his new position will be June 13, 2022.

Over the past eight years, Erik has advanced through Public Works maintenance positions to Senior Parks and Facilities Lead. The promotion to Assistant Superintendent establishes Erik as the second in command at the Sebastopol Public Works Department after Superintendent of Public Works Dante Del Prete. Among Erik's many achievements, he has developed and cultivated relationships with many of the city departments and outside agencies that will serve him well in this new position. Erik will dedicate his time to developing plans and strategies to continue to improve our Public Works operations while scheduling daily work assignments.



Join us in congratulating Erik and wishing him the best of luck in his new role!

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## **CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ISSUES PROCLAMATIONS IN RECOGNITION OF:**

Elder Abuse Awareness Month	June 2022
Immigrant Heritage Month	June 2022
LGBTQ+ Month	June 2022
Juneteenth Day	June 19, 2022



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## **SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY NEEDS SUMMIT - JUNE**



Brought to you by the City of Sebastopol and  
The Sebastopol Service & Action Coalition

**Sebastopol Community Needs Summit 2022**

Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 4:30-7:00pm

West County High School Cafeteria

**[www.sebsummit.org](http://www.sebsummit.org)**

Community Members: Learn about volunteer needs in town. Find just the right project for your skills & availability.

Nonprofits & Service Organizations: Do you need a helping hand? Connect with those perfect volunteers.

**It all comes together June 14 at the Summit!**

Contact us to RSVP and for more information.

**[SebastopolSummit@gmail.com](mailto:SebastopolSummit@gmail.com)**

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**SEBASTOPOL 120TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN PARTY -  
JUNE 18TH FROM 4-7PM**

Come to the Sebastopol Town Party on **June 18 from 4 to 7 pm in Ives Park**. There will be music, dancing, food trucks, and fun! Music from Stella Heath and Bandjango, Gabriel Wheaton, and Bohemian Groove. This is a free event in honor of the 120th anniversary of Sebastopol becoming an official town. Bring food for yourselves or buy food there from Jam's Joy Bungalow, Smokehouse BBQ, and more. Wine and beer available for purchase. Let's

celebrate Sebastopol! We're so lucky to live in such a beautiful and interesting place.

For questions and more info: <https://www.relaunchsebastopol.com/town-party>

**MUSIC FROM STELLA HEATH & BANDJANGO**  
PLUS GABRIEL WHEATON,  
AND BOHEMIAN GROOVE

**SEBASTOPO**  
**TOWN PARTY**  
**JUNE 18, 4-7 PM**

**IVES PARK**  
THIS IS A FREE EVENT. BRING FOOD OR BUY FOOD & DRINKS THERE!

CELEBRATE THE  
120TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE TOWN OF  
SEBASTOPOL

A PROJECT OF RELAUNCH SEBASTOPOL

**Remember dancing on the grass in Ives Park?  
MUSIC, DANCING, FOOD TRUCKS, FUN!**

**SEBASTOPOL TOWN HALL ON STATUS OF SERVICES TO  
THE UNHOUSED - JUNE 30TH**



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AD HOC  
COMMITTEE ON THE UNHOUSED

# TOWN HALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 30  
6PM - 8PM  
VIA ZOOM

<https://bit.ly/sebTH22>



Presented by the Sebastopol Ad Hoc Committee on the Unhoused.

Report to the public on the status and progress of services to the unhoused in Sebastopol. An overall summary will be presented, as well as specific updates on [Horizon Shine](#), [Elderberry Commons](#), [Park Village](#), and Sebastopol's Homeless Outreach Worker. We welcome all who are interested in this topic to attend and participate in learning more about the programs and communities being served who are working to make better lives in Sebastopol.

## Sebastopol Town Hall

Status of Services to the Unhoused  
June 30, 2022  
6pm-8pm  
Via Zoom

Learn more about the meeting [HERE](#).

Sign up [HERE](#) to receive information on Housing issues in Sebastopol.

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## CHECK OUT THE NEW VISIT SEBASTOPOL WEBSITE



Visit Sebastopol is an exciting new visitor-facing website. Here, visitors (and residents, too) will find resources galore on what to do, see, and experience in the heart of West County.

The new website is part of "[Relaunch Sebastopol](#)," a program initiated by the Sebastopol City Council to help our town recover from the economic and social ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program seeks to spur economic development and increase community vitality.

[www.visitsebastopolnow.com](http://www.visitsebastopolnow.com)

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## 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](http://sebastopolready.org/calendar)

### Upcoming Classes

June 15

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

  
SebastopolREADY  
neighbors helping neighbors

  
MYN

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## UPCOMING SEBASTOPOL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION UNIT (SNCU) TRAININGS

  
SebastopolREADY  
neighbors helping neighbors



### SNCU Trainings

Radio use, best radio options and message protocols

Trainings are from 1:00-2:30 pm

Registration (limit 12) & location

- [sebastopolready.org/calendar](http://sebastopolready.org/calendar)

### Upcoming Trainings

June 26

Learn more about the SNCU program and trainings [HERE](#).

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## 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:

- **Listen to gurgling sounds coming from your toilet. These noises indicate the flush valve needs to be adjusted to stop wasting water. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**

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## EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

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## 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.

More information on alerts may be found [here](#).

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# 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 [SoCoAlert.com](http://SoCoAlert.com) 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](http://nixle.com) to control which types of notifications you receive. Must register at [nixle.com](http://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  



### More information on emergency

alerts and notifications at

[SoCoEmergency.org](http://SoCoEmergency.org)

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

## 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.

Residential households in the U.S. are now eligible for another order of free at-home tests. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Each order now includes eight rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Your order of eight tests will come in two separate packages (four in each package) each with its own tracking number
- Packages are shipped at no cost to you
- To order your free at-home tests, visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

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## CITY NEWS

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [City Council Meeting of June 21, 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of June 14, 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of June 15, 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

- **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.

**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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of June 22, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)




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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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**LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE DELIVERS FUN, LEARNING AND PRIZES JUNE 6 - AUGUST 13**



Join the Sonoma County Library's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) for exploration, learning and fun. The Summer Reading Challenge runs from June 6 to August 13 and participants of all ages are challenged to read 20 minutes each day. The library's summer reading offerings include the reading challenge, a [community scavenger hunt](#) and virtual and in-person [events](#).

Sign up for the challenge and track your reading online at [sonomalibrary.beanstack.org](https://sonomalibrary.beanstack.org), with the Beanstack Tracker app or by [visiting your local library branch](#) for paper logs.

"Sonoma County Library's Summer Reading Challenge celebrates learning—your way. Read something that sparks your curiosity for at least 20 minutes a day. Reading together is a great way to connect with family and friends," said Aleta Dimas, Adult Services Administrator at the Sonoma County Library. "Join us by reading wherever, however and whatever you enjoy, to foster a lifetime of learning!"

Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall, a concept known as the "summer slide." Reading programs work to prevent this loss of information.

eBooks, audiobooks, eAudiobooks, physical books, graphic novels and even books read out loud by a loved one, all reading counts. Record your minutes regularly to be eligible for weekly raffle prizes. Plus, earn free books when you read for eight hours and again at 16 hours. Reading time must be recorded via Beanstack—or turned in by paper log—by August 13 to be eligible for the grand prize raffle.

Visit [sonomalibrary.org/summerreading2022](https://sonomalibrary.org/summerreading2022) to learn more about the library's Summer Reading Challenge, and go to [sonomalibrary.org/scavengerhunt](https://sonomalibrary.org/scavengerhunt) to join the library's family-friendly community scavenger hunt.

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## PEACETOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES JUNE 8 - SEPTEMBER 7



Head to the Barlow to take in the sweet sounds of summer as the Peacetown Summer Concert series kicks off on June 8. Every Wednesday, through September 7, the Barlow will be filled with music and dancing alongside a variety of local wines and food to enjoy from 4:30pm-7:30pm. To view this summer's music lineup, visit [peacetown.org](http://peacetown.org).

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