



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**March 11 - March 17 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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SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER C19-36 RESCINDS THE  
LOCAL MASK MANDATE, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15 AT 11:59PM:  
[CLICK HERE](#)

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

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**SEBASTOPOL SHOWS SUPPORT FOR OUR SISTER CITY  
CHYHYRYN, UKRAINE AND ALL UKRAINIANS WITH BLUE  
AND YELLOW LIGHTS IN THE PLAZA**



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**UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS - APRIL 4TH & 7TH**

Important budget meetings are coming up on April 4th

and 7th. The public is invited to join the meetings via Zoom. See the Meeting Page links for the meeting agenda and Zoom info.



### **FY22-23 Budget Discussion #2**

**Date:** Monday, April 4, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 PM

[Meeting Page](#)

### **FY22-23 Budget Discussion #3**

**Date:** Thursday, April 7, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

Have a say in how your tax dollars are spent!

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## **NEW RECYCLING & REDEMPTION CENTER NOW OPEN IN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SEBASTOPOL PARKING LOT**

The new Beverage Container Recycling Pilot Program has come to Sebastopol. A new recycling kiosk housed in a shipping container is now open at the north end of town in the Community Church of Sebastopol parking lot at 1000 Gravenstein Hwy N.



The recycling and redemption center is operational as of Monday, March 14th and business hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10am to 2pm. Customers can bring their cans and bottles, separated by material type, to be weighed onsite, with max of 25lbs of each material accepted per customer per day. Bagged materials will be inspected and weighed on site with state certified scales. Payments will be issued via printed check or Venmo and a 10% shrinkage fee will be deducted from the total beverage container deposit reimbursement. A rechargeable battery (similar to what powers RV equipment) will power the recycling center electronics to begin, and a solar power component may be installed at a later date.

This program was made possible through the partnership between the City of Sebastopol, the Community Church of Sebastopol, grocery stores, Zero Waste Sonoma, and the recycler Petaluma Recycling Center (a program of United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay).

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## **SONOMA COUNTY ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP SERIES**



# COUNTY OF SONOMA ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

**Learn how to make your home or business more energy resilient.**

The County of Sonoma Energy and Sustainability Division is hosting workshops in an ongoing series for those interested in learning more about the benefits of making improvements that will help make your home or business more resilient.

The workshops cover a range of topics including evaluating energy use, funding your projects, solar photovoltaics and battery storage, water conservation, and wildfire safety. In addition to the workshops for homeowners, we are happy to announce that we have also added a workshop for multi-family property owners and managers who would like to learn about resources available for upgrades to make the property more comfortable and resilient while saving money. Presentations will include information about financing and other resources such as rebates and incentives to get projects started.

## **REGISTER TODAY:**

- Saving Energy at Home, March 23, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- Practical Drought Solutions for Your Home, March 30, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- Resources for Multi-family Property Owners, April 6, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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## **SDFF RETURNS AS AN IN-PERSON EVENT MARCH 24-27**

The 2022 Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival is returning an in-person event March 24-27. The live festival dates will be followed by a virtual event featuring a limited selection of streaming films.

Visit [www.sebastopolfilmfestival.org](http://www.sebastopolfilmfestival.org) for more information.



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## **CITY OF SEBASTOPOL FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

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.

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. The final deadline for applications for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 is: **Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

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](mailto:KSvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

[Facade Improvement Program Application Packet](#)

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## SEBASTOPOL WORLD FRIENDS STANDS WITH UKRAINE

[Sebastopol World Friends](#), the organization that directs the City of Sebastopol's Sister City program with Chyhyryn, Ukraine, operates from the primary guiding principle to support "World Peace, One Friend at a Time."

During this heartbreaking and challenging time, Sebastopol World Friends has compiled a list of some of the worthy organizations which currently seem to be positioned to receive U.S. donations and get them to Ukrainians who have been impacted by the current conflict. See the Sebastopol World Friends [How to Donate](#) page for more information. SWF will continue to update this page with information as they learn it.



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## SHARE YOUR INPUT IN THE CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY



## 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. *Para tomar la encuesta en español, haz click [AQUÍ](#).*

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

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## 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!

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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

April 20

May 18

June 15



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

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## UPCOMING SEBASTOPOL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION UNIT (SNCU) TRAININGS



### 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

March 26

April 24

May 28

June 26

Learn more about 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-Marín Saving Water Partnership](#).



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

Select one glass to use for drinking each day.



- **Select one glass to use for drinking each day. It will take your dishwasher longer to fill up, and it will not need to be used as frequently. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**

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## 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.

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## SEBASTOPOL BOARD, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE OPENINGS

### City of Sebastopol Design Review Board/Tree Board

The City has One Opening in Category C - a person **not** in subsection A or B of this section.

A. Two persons, at least one of whom shall be a licensed architect and at least one of whom shall be a licensed landscape architect.

B. One person who may be any of the following: architect, landscape architect, building designer, building contractor, landscape contractor.

[Job Notice](#)

[General Application](#)





**DEADLINE: April 26, 2022**

### **City of Sebastopol Public Arts Committee**

The City has One Opening in Category 2 - a person with experience in the public art field as either an artist, installer or designer.

[Job Notice](#)

[General Application](#)

**DEADLINE: April 26, 2022**

Applications and further information are available at the City of Sebastopol Planning Department, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472. For questions please contact Associate Planner John Jay at 707-823-6167 or [jjay@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:jjay@cityofsebastopol.org).

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## **COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES**

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# 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>.

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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 April 5, 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 March 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of April 6, 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 [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
  
- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of March 23, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### CHECK OUT THE SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR MARCH

Join the Sonoma County Library for virtual events throughout the month of March. Programming for all ages, including storytimes, coding classes, yoga, and more! All events are free and you don't need a library card to attend, however registration is required. See the full calendar of upcoming events



**SONOMA  
COUNTY  
LIBRARY**

here: <https://events.sonomalibrary.org/events/month>

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