



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**March 25 - March 31 Special Weekly Edition of
Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

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25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL:
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TAKE THE HOUSING ELEMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

As part of the Housing Element Update Process, the City is seeking your input on potential policies and programs to address housing needs in the community. Please fill out (and share!) the below survey by **April 15th**.

[Policies and Programs Community Input Survey](#) (English)

[Policies and Programs Community Input Survey](#) (En Español)

As part of the Housing Element Update Process, the City is seeking your input on potential policies and programs to address housing needs in the community.

Please use the QR code or follow the link to take the survey.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHS_Eng

Como parte del Proceso de Actualización del Elemento de Vivienda, la Ciudad busca su opinión sobre posibles políticas y programas para abordar las necesidades de vivienda en la comunidad.

Por favor use el código QR o sigue el enlace para tomar la encuesta.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/DHS_Esp

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH FREE ORGANIC COMPOST

Compost builds healthy soil and helps retain

water!

The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee and the City of Sebastopol will be hosting an Earth Day Organic Compost Giveaway on Sunday April 24, 2022. This free event is open to home and school gardeners from the Sebastopol to Occidental area.

Home and school gardeners are invited to come to the compost pick up site with covid safe masks, shovels, gloves, a tarp and a car with containers or a pick-up truck prepared to load their own compost. Volunteers will be on hand to assist with parking at the compost site. People in need of loading help should let the onsite volunteers know they will need assistance.



Gardeners throughout Sonoma County are encouraged to attend compost giveaways in their closest town. Zero Waste Sonoma, along with cities and local groups are planning events throughout much of the county to aid in getting compost into gardens for spring. A few of the planned events are; Santa Rosa - TBD, Windsor - Saturday April 9th, Healdsburg - Wednesday May 4th, and Cotati – TBD in late May. Check compost on the Zero Waste Sonoma calendar at <https://zerowastesonoma.gov/calendar>.

Event Details:

Sunday, April 24, 2022

From: 10am – 1pm, shoveling will begin at 10am until the pile is gone

Location: 425 Morris Street Sebastopol (behind the Youth Annex)

Free 1/2 Cu.Yd. per household - self serve, come prepared with shovels, gloves, mask, containers or truck (1/2 cu yd = ½ truck bed)

Contact:

For questions or to volunteer to help at the compost giveaway please email

Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com or ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST

Provided by **Sebastopol Climate Action Committee**,
City of Sebastopol, Zero Waste Sonoma, and Napa Recycling

When: Sunday 4/24
10 am - 1pm
(or until the pile is gone!)



Where: 425 Morris St.
(Behind Community Center Youth Annex)

Bring: Shovels, Buckets or Bags, Tarps,
Gloves, Pick-up Truck, Masks
(up to 1/2 cubic yard per household!)

Why: Compost Builds Soil and Retains Water!
Get Some for your Spring Garden!

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

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

**THE APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE AND FESTIVAL IS
ALMOST HERE!**



The Apple Blossom Parade & Festival are happening soon. The highly anticipated annual event is back in its full glory to celebrate the diversity within our community. This year's theme is "Mask-A-Rade," and the event is sure to be filled with great food and entertainment for the whole family. You won't want to miss it. **Saturday April 23, 2022** is the Festival & Parade (Parade starts at 10am on Main St.) and the Festival will continue through **Sunday, April 24, 2022**.

For more information visit appleblossomfest.com.

RV PARKING ORDINANCE GOES INTO EFFECT MARCH 26, 2022

Sebastopol Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parking Ordinance No. 1136 goes into effect on March 26, 2022. The ordinance is intended to ensure there is adequate parking for residents of the city and to regulate the parking of vehicles actively used as sleeping accommodations. In short, RVs may not be parked:

- less than 30 feet from any street corner at any time,
- in commercial areas between 7:30am and 10pm,
- on any public street in the city that is zoned residential at any time (exception for resident, tenant or out-of-town visitor to load/unload the vehicle for a period not to exceed 72 hours)



These prohibitions do not make up the entire ordinance and there are a number of exceptions to the prohibitions. Read the [ordinance](#) for full details. For questions about the ordinance, please see the FAQs [here](#) or email Sebastopol Chief of Police Kevin Kilgore at kkilgore@sebpd.com.

LOCAL ROAD SAFETY PLAN DRAFT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND FEEDBACK



City of Sebastopol Local Road Safety Plan

A Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP) is a safety planning process that uses a systematic data-driven analysis to proactively address local roadway safety needs, evaluating input from multiple key stakeholders. The LRSP includes stakeholder engagement that represent the 5 E's of Traffic Safety: Engineering, Enforcement, Education, Emergency Response, and Emerging Technologies.

In late 2021 and early 2022 a survey was conducted to gather input from the community on roadway safety needs.

The [LRSP Draft Document](#) is now available for public review and comment through April 8, 2022.

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!

TAKE THE 10-MINUTE FIX-A-LEAK CHALLENGE


Did You Know that easy-to-fix water leaks account for nearly 1 trillion gallons of water wasted each year in U.S. homes? In fact, the average household leaks nearly 10,000 gallons of water per year, or the amount of water it takes to wash 300 loads of laundry, and could be costing you an extra 10 percent on your water bills.

In just 10 minutes, you can search your home for leaks and crack down on water waste. Many common household leaks are quick to find and easy to fix. Worn toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking showerheads are all easily correctable and can save on your utility bill expenses and water in your community.


PLEASE NOTE: The City of Sebastopol does not offer free dye tabs, but food coloring works just as well.

Download the Take the 10-Minute Fix-a-Leak Challenge PDF [HERE](#).
Click [HERE](#) for the PDF en Español.

Take the 10-Minute Fix-a-Leak Challenge



Find and Fix Leaks to SAVE WATER




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So put on your detective hat, lace up your running shoes, and take this 10-minute challenge to detect and chase down leaks!

epa.gov/watersense/fix-leak-week





Checklist for Chasing Down Leaks

Here are some of the places leaks may be hiding in your home.

Some leaks require a simple fix—a worn toilet flapper, loose pipe connection, or showerhead with stray spray. But you may want to consult a licensed plumber to stop your running toilet, broken sprinklers, water heater drips, or malfunctioning water supply lines. Take a quick inventory of clues to water waste:

IN THE BATHROOM

- Toilets: Listen for running water and conduct the food coloring test described on the first page.
- Faucets: Listen for drips and turn on the tap to check for water going the wrong direction.
- Showerheads: Turn on and look for drips or stray sprays that can be stopped with plumber's tape.
- In the tub: Turn on the tub, then divert the water to the shower and see if there's still a lot of water coming from the tub spout; that could mean the tub spout diverter needs replacing.
- Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.

IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM AND/OR UTILITY ROOM

- Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipe connections.
- Clothes washer: Check for pooling water, which could indicate a supply line leak.



DON'T FORGET TO GO OUTSIDE

- At the spigot: Ensure tight connections with the hose and see if the hose washer needs replacing.
- In-ground irrigation system: Check for broken sprinklers or nozzles spraying in the wrong direction. You may want to consult an irrigation auditor through Qualified Water Efficient Landscaper training at qwel.net.

THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE

If any of your fixtures needs replacing, remember to look for the WaterSense label when purchasing plumbing products. WaterSense labeled products are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water and perform as well or better than standard models.


For more information, visit savingwaterpartnership.org

IN THE KITCHEN


- Faucet: Listen for drips and tighten aerators or replace fixtures if necessary.
- Sprayer: Check to make sure water is spraying smoothly and clean openings as needed.
- Under the sink: Check for pooling water under pipes and rust around joints and edges.
- Appliances: Check for pooling water underneath dishwashers and refrigerators with ice makers, which could indicate a supply line leak.

FOR THE KIDS



Kids aren't just the leaders of tomorrow, they're the dreamers and doers of today. "Test Your WaterSense" and try other fun activities at Fix-a-Leak Kids Zone at www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-kids

MARK AN X FOR LEAKS



savingwaterpartnership.org
savingwaterpartnership.org



RECYCLE ZONE

CRV REDEMPTION CENTER

NOW OPEN!

Located at the Community Church of
Sebastopol Parking Lot
1000 Gravenstein Hwy N.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY 10A - 2P

*Please separate plastic, glass, and aluminum beverage containers.

*Do not crush cans.



CALHFA'S ADU GRANT PROGRAM IS OPEN

The California Housing Finance Agency is excited to announce their Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Grant Program.

The ADU Grant provides up to \$40,000 to reimburse pre-development and non-recurring closing costs associated with the construction of the ADU.

Predevelopment costs include site prep, architectural designs, permits, soil tests, impact fees, property survey, and energy reports.



Homeowners earning less than CalHFA's income limits (available [here](#)*) are eligible for the grant.

Full program details are available [here](#).

ARTSTART YARD SALE - APRIL 9TH



Artstart is hosting a fundraising event at the Artstart studio warehouse on Saturday, April 9th. They're cleaning out their attic and have also gathered lots of interesting donations. Lots of art supplies and a great selection of artwork, from student work to fine art pieces. Painted furniture and unique garden art. Collectibles from Star Wars and Matchbox cars. Featuring award winning KRSH-FM Radio DJ, **Bill Bowker's CD Collection!** And much more.

All proceeds support the MISSION of Artstart, to provide mentoring and stimulating arts work experience for teens, while creating publicly and privately commissioned artwork for our community.

Artstart is an award winning 501(c) (3) non-profit organization founded in 1999.

Date: Saturday April 9, 2022

Time: 9am to 3pm.

Location: 317 Sutton Place, Santa Rosa



OPENING ON SONOMA CLEAN POWER'S COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sonoma Clean Power is recruiting volunteers for openings on its Community Advisory Committee. This is a meaningful opportunity to provide input toward Sonoma Clean Power's innovative customer benefits, renewable energy projects, and assist with shaping clean energy goals for the community.



About the Community Advisory Committee:

The Community Advisory Committee comprises volunteers who typically meet once per month to make recommendations and provide input to the Board of Directors on topics such as: customer benefits; the review of budgets & rates; and the general operations of the agency. Members serve four-year terms following appointment by the Board of Directors.

They are seeking engaged, committed, and awesome individuals who want to help their equally awesome staff and Board combat the climate crisis. This is a unique opportunity for committed individuals to directly support the Agency's work. They welcome all applicants, and would especially encourage individuals that represent impacted, historically under-resourced communities, people of color, women and those who identify as LGBTQI+ to apply.

Currently, there is one (1) immediate opening on the Committee which they are seeking to fill. Click [here](#) for more information and the application. If you have questions, please email Sonoma Clean Power's Clerk of the Board at meetings@sonomacleanpower.org.

Recruitment Timeline

March 10, 2022: Recruitment opens.

June 1, 2022: Recruitment closes and the ad hoc will review applications and interview applicants.

July 7, 2022: Board ad hoc makes recommendation to full Board of Directors and an appointment is made from the pool of applicants.

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:

- Resources for Multi-family Property Owners, April 6, 10:30 a.m. - noon. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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

[Facade Improvement Program Application Packet](#)

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!

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS SAVE LIVES

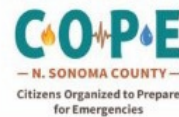
The value of neighbors working together to be prepared for emergencies continues to grow across Sonoma county. The Sebastopol Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Program and the Sebastopol Neighborhood Communication Unit (SNCU) Program play an important part in supporting local area residents to be prepared to help each other during an emergency.



<p>Get Connected, Get Ready, and Be Safe</p>	<p>Your Contribution Has Value</p>	<p>Build Community On Your Block, In your Building, On Your Road</p>
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Learn More:

SoCoEmergency.org/get-ready/neighborhood-programs/
Or Call 707-565-3528



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

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 message protocols

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

Upcoming Trainings

April 24
May 28
June 26

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

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:

- **Let your pots and pans soak instead of letting water run while you clean them. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**



Let your pots and pans soak instead of using running water.



ASK SLOW CAT!

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: How did Sebastopol get its name?

ANSWER: The name of Sebastopol first came into use in the late 1850s as a result of a prolonged and lively fistfight in the newly formed town, which was likened to the long British siege of the Russian seaport of Sevastopol during the then-raging Crimean War. Britain, France, Sardinia and Turkey fought Russia in this war, one of the first wars to be directly reported by journalists and photographers. The Crimean War was also the origin of improved medical care of the wounded, primarily due to the efforts of Florence Nightingale, who formed a nursing corps to care for wounded British soldiers. Evidently, many Americans in the west sympathized more for the Russian than for the British cause as there were at one time four other Sebastopol's in California; one in Napa County, renamed Yountville, one each in Tulare, Sacramento, and Nevada counties.



Have a question about the town we all know and love? Want to know more about the history of Sebastopol? We want to answer your questions. Submit a question via email to by clicking the button below. We'll post answers in our weekly newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Submit A
Question

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.

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.

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>.

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 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
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of April 12, 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 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

- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of April 6, 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

- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of April 13, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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