

City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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November 5 - November 11 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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SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES MANDATORY INFLUENZA VACCINATION OF WORKERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES: CLICK HERE

 AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXTENDS THE COMPLIANCE DATE UNTIL NOV. 30, 2021: CLICK HERE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER: FLU VACCINATIONS (IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL SONOMA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, AND EMS EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THE FLU VACCINE THIS YEAR.): CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC SETTINGS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS: CLICK HERE

 AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN STABLE COHORTS OF FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS: CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY COVID VACCINATIONS AT A GLANCE*: CLICK HERE

- PERCENT 12+ PARTIALLY VACCINATED 7.5%
- PERCENT 12+ FULLY VACCINATED 79.3%

25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: CLICK HERE

*Information updated as of Friday, November 12th at 11am.



CITY LOOKS AT POSSIBLE AGREEMENT WITH SONOMA APPLIED VILLAGE SERVICES (SAVS) TO ADDRESS MORRIS STREET UNHOUSED

Sebastopol, as with many other communities across the nation, has been grappling with the issue of a growing number of unhoused individuals on our streets.

On October 27, <u>Sonoma Applied Village Services</u> (SAVS) presented the Sebastopol City Council Ad Hoc Committee on the Unhoused (Mayor Una Glass and Council Member Diana Rich) with an opportunity to take advantage of \$368,000 in county funding that SAVS has secured for the alleviation of homelessness. In order to utilize the funds, an agreement must be put in place between the City of Sebastopol and SAVS before December 8.

The <u>SAVS proposal</u>, as currently written, says that SAVS will set up, manage, supervise, and provide wrap-around services (a team-based, collaborative case management approach that provides support services such as referrals to counseling, food, health care, etc.) for a temporary RV village on city-owned property at 425 Morris Street (the empty lot adjacent to Wischemann Hall and the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center Annex). This location may or may not be tenable for a number of reasons and there are many details to be worked out, but the deadline to access the funding is fast approaching. The City Council is contemplating signing an initial agreement with SAVS to at least secure the funds and give the committee and greater community time to develop a fully fleshed out plan and accompanying budget.

The City Council is seeking input from our community on this matter. We understand that this is an issue that creates strong opinions, and we ask that you please take a look at the work that has been done by the committee and City Council to date. A special City Council Meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 30. To stay updated, please sign up to receive City Council Meeting Agendas <a href="https://example.com/heeting/neeting/

Important links:

October 27 SAVS Proposal

October 27 Staff Report on the Proposal

October 27 City Council Meeting Recording

November 2 Overall Report from Ad Hoc Committee

November 2 City Council Meeting Recording

City Council Member and Committee on the Unhoused Member Diana Rich has also compiled a detailed timeline on committee work and the SAVS proposal here.

SEBASTOPOL CHAMBER HOSTS FACE COVERING DISCUSSION FOR BUSINESSES WITH POLICE CHIEF KEVIN KILGORE

The Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce will host a discussion with Police Chief Kevin Kilgore to help business owners and managers support employees with language to use when in an uncomfortable situation with a customer regarding mask wearing protocols.

In response to a recent incident at a Sebastopol retailer, Vice Mayor Sarah Glade Gurney asked that a conversation be facilitated between Police Services and local businesses (employers/manager/employees) who have questions on how to respond when visitors are resistant to wearing a face covering in their establishment.



SEBASTOPOL Chamber of Commerce

& Visitor Center

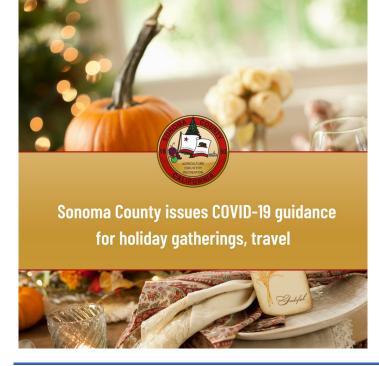
Date: Tuesday November 16th, 1:30pm

Location: Zoom

Please email Linda Collins, Executive Director of the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce, for information on how to join the Zoom meeting: linda@sebastopol.org

SONOMA COUNTY ISSUES COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR HOLIDAY GATHERINGS, TRAVEL

Santa Rosa, CA – November 8, 2021 – People planning to travel and attend gatherings over the upcoming holidays should take



steps now to protect themselves from COVID-19 and ensure they have proper documents required by some destinations, airlines and events to prove their vaccination or testing status.

People who are not vaccinated should avoid travel and holiday gatherings, said Sonoma County public health officer Dr. Sundari Mase, citing guidance issued recently by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

See the full Press Release HERE for guidelines and more information.

16TH ANNUAL BUCKET BRIGADE BLOOD DRIVE CHALLENGE

It's time for the 16th Annual Bucket Brigade Blood Drive Challenge! The Bucket Brigade is a friendly competition among participating fire departments in Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino counties to demonstrate which department can attract the most donors. More donors equal more lives saved! Last year in December and January, our local Bucket Brigade provided 750 lifesaving units.

Be a donor in this life saving challenge!

Sebastopol Fire Station

Location: 7425 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Time: 1:15 pm – 5:30 pm

Appointment Link: Click Here to Donate Blood on December 14th

Click **HERE** to download a PDF of the flyer.

BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



Sebastopol Fire Station

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 1:15 PM – 5:30 PM 7425 Bodega Ave. Sebastopol, CA 95472



Scan the code to make your appointment.

Appointments encouraged.

For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877-258-4825 or visit us at **vitalant.org**



All donors receive a Bucket Brigade T-shirt as our thank you.



FREE HOLIDAY PARKING AT REGIONAL PARKS FOR VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

Veterans Day pass waives parking fees Nov. 11-Nov. 14, 2021

In honor of Veterans Day, military members, veterans and their families can receive free parking at all Sonoma County Regional Parks on the holiday and weekend.

Active duty military, veterans and their families can visit county-managed parks and trails with a special pass that waives the \$7 day-use parking fee from Thursday, Nov. 11, through Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021.



Visitors must obtain the parking pass in advance at one of the following locations by showing a valid military identification card, a Veterans Affairs card, a veteran's identification card or an honorable discharge record. Sonoma County residency is not required.

- County of Sonoma's Veterans Services Office, 3725 Westwind Blvd., Suite 100, in Santa Rosa, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Nov. 11).
- Santa Rosa VA Clinic, 3841 Brickway Blvd., in Santa Rosa, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Nov. 11).
- Sonoma County Regional Parks' office, 2300 County Center Drive, Suite 120A, in Santa Rosa, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed Nov. 11).

Regional Parks offers the passes with support from the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and in collaboration with the Sonoma County Human Services Department to honor the sacrifices and contributions of local veterans and their families.

See the full Press Release HERE.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS, PROFESSIONAL AND ASPIRING

Help us update the <u>City of Sebastopol's Zero Waste Committee</u>

<u>Webpage</u> by designing artwork for a new banner image. Your Design could be the Winner. Don't wait. Enter now.

- THEME: ZERO WASTE!
- Ideas to spark your internal muse: composting, recycling, waste reduction, water saving, preservation, clean, participation, apples (Gravenstein), save & protect the earth, upcycled/junk art...plus so much more. We are looking for inspired and inspiring images that are fun, unique, and so-very-Sebastopol! Let your imagination go!
- Submit digital entries (1900 x 700 pixels) to http://tinyurl.com/mtw59z6h
- Drop off hand-drawn/painted/created (19 x 7 inches) designs to City Hall Mailslot - 7120 Bodega Ave
- Deadline November 15th. \$250 Prize. Don't wait!
- Questions? Email ZeroWasteCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org
- Share far and wide!!

Please see attached **poster** for more information.

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ZERO WASTE COMMITTEE

WEBSITE BANNER



CONTEST



DEADLINE NOVEMBER 15 2021

Hard copy to the City Hall Mailslot - 7120 Bodega Ave More info and digital submissions at tinyurl.com/mtw59z6h

VISUAL ELEMENTS

Composting, Recycling, Waste Reduction, Water Saving, Preservation, Clean, Participation, Apples (Gravenstein), Save & Protect the Earth, Upcycled/Junk Art

GUIDELINES

- · Original photography, digital or visual art
- 1900 x 700 pixels or 19" x 7"
- Appropriate for all ages/groups and for use on City website



Questions? ZeroWasteCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org

WEBINAR: HOW TO CREATE AN ADU PERMIT APPLICATION - NOVEMBER 16



Free Webinar: How to Create an ADU Permit Application

Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00 pm

Register **HERE**

Are you a homeowner who wants to:

Build a passive income stream? Create a home for an elderly parent? Plan for your retirement?

If so, an Accessory Dwelling Unit may be the perfect solution for you!
REGISTER NOW for a FREE webinar with Planning & Building Dept staff from the cities of Napa and Santa Rosa and an ADU Expert -- and ask them your questions LIVE!

The webinar will cover:

The step-by-step ADU Permit Application process
Real-world sample ADU permit applications
Common mistakes made on permit applications & how to avoid them
Which ADU professionals to engage for help with your permit application

Spanish language translation will be provided via Zoom. Se proporcionará interpretación al español a través de Zoom.

WHAT WILL YOUR LIBRARY LOOK LIKE IN 10 YEARS?



The Sonoma County Library is updating their Facilities Master Plan, so they can maintain libraries that are centers for community learning and civic engagement for future generations of learners. Your input via this survey will help them thoughtfully

invest in public library buildings.

Learn more and take the survey: sonomalibrary.org/facilities2021

RADIO USE DURING EMERGENCIES IN THE SEBASTOPOL AREA



FRS radios – walkie talkies – are able to communicate in and around your neighborhood during emergencies when the power is out! Learn why, when and how to use them effectively! Classes are offered in Sebastopol by volunteers of the Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit. See the calendar posted on SebastopolReady.org for dates, locations, and how to register. Or contact SNCU directly at information.sncu@gmail.com.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: RELAUNCH SEBASTOPOL

As leaders and representatives entrusted with strengthening the City of Sebastopol's future, the City Council is seeking Proposals for Community Vitality/Economic Vitality for Relaunch Sebastopol.

PURPOSE:

To carry out the duties to enhance community and economic vitality for Sebastopol and coordinate a variety of organizations and interests towards a common goal of increased community vitality. The City wants to enhance

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



Sebastopol as the welcoming and safe destination with a rich history, abundance of culture and attractions, and a beautiful City to see by foot or bike.

NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Sebastopol will receive Proposals until **5:00 PM**, **December 4**, **2021** to provide services for Community Vitality/Economic Vitality. No Proposals will be received or considered after that time. The resulting contract from this Request for Proposal will have a term of one year or longer depending upon proposed costs of services.

See the full Request for Proposals **HERE**.

SONOMA COUNTY FALL WORKSHOP SERIES

The County of Sonoma, Energy and Sustainability Division is pleased to announce the latest workshops in an on-going 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, making a project plan, funding your projects, solar photovoltaics and battery storage, water conservation, wildfire safety, and converting to electric at home. In addition to the workshops for homeowners, we are happy to announce that we have also added a workshop for non-residential companies that would like to learn about resources that can help

businesses be more energy efficient and sustainable.

Presentations will also include information about financing and other resources such as rebates and incentives to get your projects started. To register, please click on the workshops below that you would like to attend.

Be Sustainable – a free business workshop Wednesday, Nov. 17 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

<u>Ser Sostenible: un taller gratis para empresas</u> Wednesday, Nov. 17 - 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Saving Energy at Home

Wednesday, Dec. 1 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

<u>Funding Your Projects – Rebates and Financing</u> Wednesday, Dec. 8 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

For more information, visit the County of Sonoma website <u>HERE</u> or to RSVP directly, call 707-565-6470 or email <u>GSenergy@sonoma-county.org</u>

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:



 Wash vegetables in a pan or bowl of water instead of under a running faucet. Washing vegetables in a pan or bowl can save 5 gallons per day. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.

ZERO WASTE SONOMA MINI-GRANTS FOR REUSABLE FOODWARE



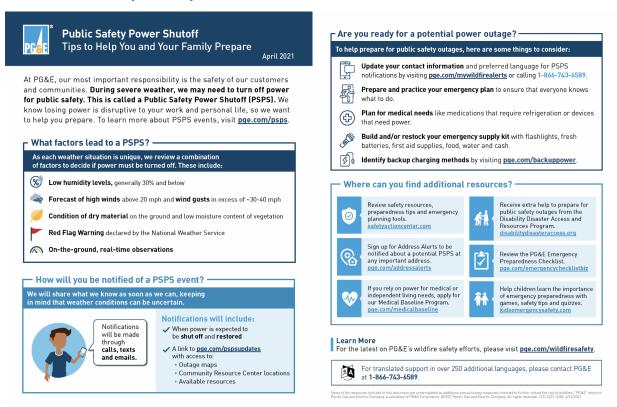
Zero Waste Sonoma has a mini-grant program of up to \$250 to help businesses purchase reusable food ware supplies and materials. Eligible expenses for reusable food service ware may include, but are not limited to: baskets, plates, bowls, ramekins, cups, mugs, trays utensils, bulk dispensers, self-service bins, dishwashers, and payment to third-party

support for reuse. Establishing a rentable Party Kit with reusable food ware is another eligible expense.

Click **HERE** for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Funding is limited, and available only on a first come, first served basis. Zero Waste Sonoma may not be held responsible if this funding runs out before you are reimbursed.

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A PUBLIC SAFETY POWER SHUTOFF (PSPS)?



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: <u>WWW.PGE.COM/PSPS</u>
DOWNLOAD THE PSPS TIPS PDF <u>HERE</u>.



Police Officer

Deadline to Apply: Open 10/18/21 (Open and Continuous)

See the city <u>website</u> 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 Planning Commission

Two Openings (These openings are for the following: among residents of the City of Sebastopol or shall be the owner of a business within the City of Sebastopol)

Job Notice

General Application

DEADLINE: December 2, 2021



City of Sebastopol Climate Action Committee

The City has openings for the following positions:

- Youth Representative (ages 17-23)
- Environmental Justice Representative

Job Notice

General Application
Youth Application

DEADLINE: December 2, 2021

City of Sebastopol Design Review Board/Tree Board

The City has Three Openings as Follows:
One Opening in Category A and Two Openings in Category C

Job Notice

General Application

DEADLINE: December 2, 2021

City of Sebastopol Public Arts Committee

The City has Three Openings as Follows:
One Opening each in Category 1, Category 2 and Category 3

Job Notice

General Application

DEADLINE: December 2, 2021

City of Sebastopol Zero Waste Subcommittee

The City has openings for the following positions:

- Commercial Entity Representative
- Citizen Representative
- Youth Alternate

Job Notice

General Application

Youth Application
DEADLINE: December 2, 2021

Please contact City Hall at **707-823-1153** or <u>info@cityofsebastopol.org</u> for applications or information.

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

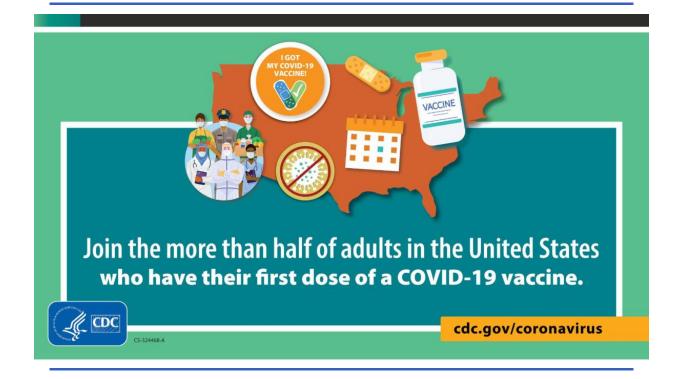
See the <u>SoCoEmergency Calendar</u> for a list of testing locations in the County.

See the **SoCoEmergency Testing** page for more information.

Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics



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



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

HOW DOES THE SEBASTOPOL POLICE DEPARTMENT USE NIXLE?

Every agency uses Nixle a little differently because they are trying to best meet their community's needs. The Sebastopol Police Department will issue Nixle alerts only for emergencies and significant community impact events (see definitions below).

EMERGENCY – A public safety related event or situation in which the community may be in imminent danger. Examples are the following, but not limited to:

- Flooding
- Wildfire
- Evacuations
- Shelter-in-place
- Active shooter



COMMUNITY IMPACT – An event or situation involving significant impact to community infrastructure, which is likely to disrupt everyday life and/or generate calls to the police. Examples are the following, but not limited to:

- · Significant road closures
- Power outages
- · Down powerlines
- Potentially dangerous wildlife sightings (bears, mountain lions, etc.)
- Water main break

Go to www.nixle.com to sign up and manage your account to have more control over the types of messages you receive. You can also get help at www.nixle.com/resident-fags/.

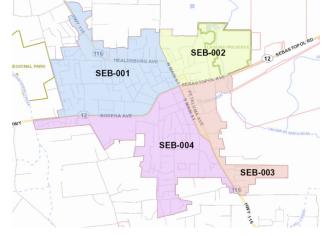
HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT SEBASTOPOLREADY.ORG?

Visit <u>SebastopolReady.org</u>, an emergency and disaster preparedness and readiness resource with information on how neighbors can prepare to provide care, safety and comfort simply by working together.



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.

<u>Sebastopol City Limits -</u>
<u>Evacuation Map</u> (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.)

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**.

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 to 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 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.



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 "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 November 16, 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: <u>Planning Commission Meeting of November 23, 2021 @ 6:00</u>
 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: <u>Design Review Board Meeting of November 17, 2021 @ 4:00 PM</u> has been CANCELLED.

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 amontes@cityofsebastopol.org

• Next Meeting: Public Arts Committee Meeting of December 1, 2021 @ 10:30AM



