



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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October 15 - October 21 Special Weekly Edition of  
Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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## QUICK FACTS

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES MANDATORY INFLUENZA VACCINATION OF WORKERS AT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES: [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 HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES WEEKLY TESTING OR PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: [CLICK HERE](#)

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- AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXTENDS THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR TESTING REQUIREMENTS: [CLICK HERE](#)
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SONOMA COUNTY ISSUES HEALTH ORDER FOR ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE K-12 SCHOOLS: [CLICK HERE](#)

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RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER: OUTDOOR MASKING IN SCHOOL SETTINGS: [CLICK HERE](#)

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GUIDANCE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER: YOUTH SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: [CLICK HERE](#)

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RESIDENTS 12+ YEARS OF AGE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES: [CLICK HERE](#)

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SONOMA COUNTY COVID VACCINATIONS AT A GLANCE\*:  
[CLICK HERE](#)

- PERCENT 12+ PARTIALLY VACCINATED - 7.1%
  - PERCENT 12+ FULLY VACCINATED - 78.6%
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25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: [CLICK HERE](#)

**\*Information updated as of Friday, October 22nd at 11am.**

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# We're Saving Water YOU CAN TOO!



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

## MORE RAIN IS ON THE WAY - BE PREPARED

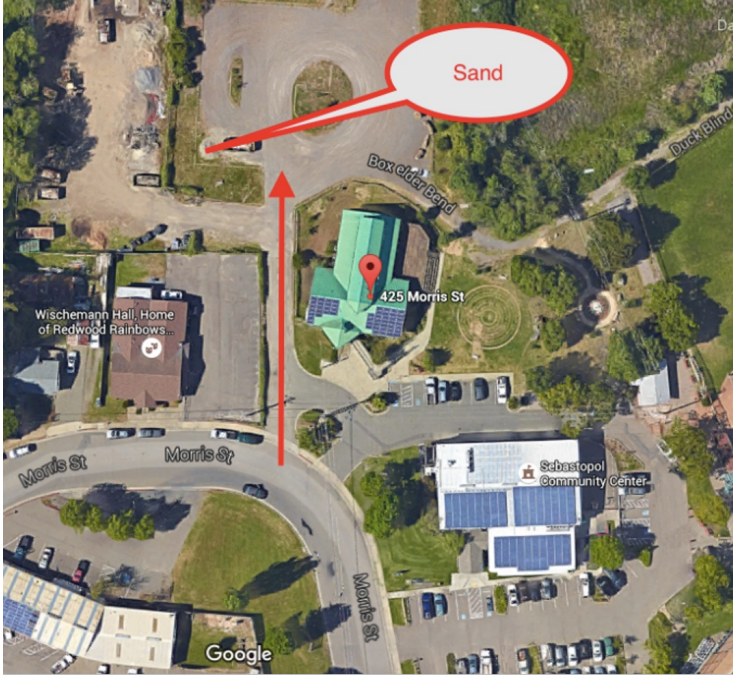
Additional rainfall is expected through this weekend and into next week. Check your preparedness kits for wet and cold weather. Roads will be slippery with oil residue buildup so be sure to practice these safe driving tips when driving in the rain:

1. Wait Until Weather Improves if Possible
2. Double Check Your Car's Equipment
3. Slow Down
4. Turn On Your Headlights
5. Use Your Windshield Wipers
6. Maintain a Safe Distance Between Cars
7. Avoid Heavy Breaking
8. Watch Out for Standing Water



## SANDBAGS AVAILABLE BEHIND YOUTH ANNEX

With more rain in the forecast, Sebastopol residents in need of



sandbags may pick them up from behind the Youth Annex at 425 Morris Street (see map). Please note that residents must fill the sandbags themselves. Shovels will be available onsite. The maximum number of bags per resident is 25.

## NO FARMERS' MARKET THIS WEEK DUE TO EXPECTED RAIN

Due to the expected rain this weekend, Sunday's Sebastopol Farmers' Market has been cancelled.



## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN PUBLIC WORKSHOP - OCTOBER 26TH



# LOCAL HAZARD



# MITIGATION PLAN

The City of Sebastopol is in the final stages of a planning effort to assess risks from natural, human health, and human-caused hazards and to identify ways to reduce those risks. The planning process resulted in a comprehensive update to the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP). The preparation of a LHMP is required under the Federal

Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 as a prerequisite to be eligible to receive federal disaster assistance and funding.

Most people who live and work in the City of Sebastopol are vulnerable to a wide range of natural hazards, including earthquakes, flooding, and wildfires. The community may be exposed to potential human-health hazards and human-caused hazards associated with hazardous material incidents. Climate change is also expected to intensify the impacts of natural hazards assessed in the plan. The LHMP provides the City with valuable tools to identify risks and mitigate hazards through future project-specific mitigation actions and climate adaptation strategies.

The City will be hosting a second virtual Public Workshop during the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting on **Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** The second workshop will be an opportunity to learn more about the updated Public Review Draft LHMP including the planning process, the hazards assessed, and the mitigation actions included in the plan. Following the presentation there will be an opportunity for the public to comment on the Draft LHMP. The community is encouraged to participate by providing feedback during the virtual Public Workshop, visiting the City's LHMP webpage, and reviewing the Public Review Draft LHMP. Information on how to participate is provided below:

- **Public Workshop** – Tuesday, October 26, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
  - Join the Zoom Meeting at: <https://bit.ly/LHMPZoomMeeting>
  - Meeting ID: 894 8333 0962, Passcode: 562564.
- [Public Review Draft LHMP](#)
- [City of Sebastopol Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Webpage](#)
- **Review Period:** Wednesday October 20, 2021 to Thursday November 18, 2021
- **Submit comments through the Electronic Submittal Form:** <https://bit.ly/3G4zqPo>

Questions may be directed to Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director by calling (707) 823-6167 or by email at [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org).

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## UPCOMING PLANNING COMMISSION CALDER CREEK NATURALIZATION PROJECT PUBLIC MEETINGS

# IVES PARK / CALDER CREEK NATURALIZATION PROJECT UPCOMING MEETINGS

The City of Sebastopol adopted the Ives Park Master Plan in March 2013. One important component of this plan is to 'naturalize' Calder Creek, which runs through the park in a concrete channel. The City is working with WRI (Waterway Restoration Institute) and a Switzer Foundation Fellow to help envision what the naturalization of Calder Creek could be, both within Ives Park, as part of the Master Plan, as well as up- and down-stream. There will be several community meetings on this project, hosted by the Planning Commission, which also serves as the City's Parks Commission.

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Public Meetings (**all meetings start at 6 pm** and can be accessed at the City's Meeting Link: <https://bit.ly/3glqv9j>)

**Tuesday, October 26, 2021** - Calder Creek Naturalization - Design Basis/Discussion

- Meeting Page: <https://bit.ly/2Zh73gr>

**Tuesday, December 14, 2021** - Calder Creek Naturalization - Design Alternatives

- Meeting Page: <https://bit.ly/3G9x2XO>

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022** - Calder Creek Naturalization - Concept Plan Presentation

See the Parks Planning page for more information: <https://bit.ly/3C6uVBs>



CLICK [HERE](#) TO DOWNLOAD A PDF WITH CLICKABLE LINKS  
OR VISIT THE PARKS PLANNING PAGE [HERE](#).

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**TAKE THE SURVEY ABOUT HOUSING ISSUES IN  
SEBASTOPOL NOW**

# CITY OF SEBASTOPOL HOUSING NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES SURVEY



The City of Sebastopol is preparing an update to its General Plan Housing Element. The Housing Element sets forth the City's goals and policies related to housing for the 2023-2031 planning period.

Housing issues affect the entire community — residents, employers, and the public and private sectors. The purpose of this survey is to identify any unique housing issues in Sebastopol and craft solutions that meet the needs of everyone in the community.

\*All input will remain anonymous.

**Survey ends November 10, 2021.**

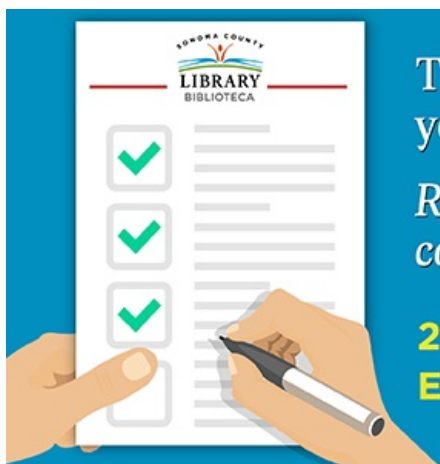
[SURVEY \(English\)](#)

[SURVEY \(En Español\)](#)

See the [Housing Element](#) page on the City's website for more information.

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## WHAT WILL YOUR LIBRARY LOOK LIKE IN 10 YEARS?



Take a short survey and tell us what your library will look like in 10 years.

*Responda una breve encuesta y díganos cómo será su biblioteca en diez años.*

**2021 Facilities Master Plan  
Equity • Resiliency • Opportunity**

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](https://sonomalibrary.org/facilities2021)

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## 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](http://SebastopolReady.org) for dates, locations, and how to register. Or contact SNCU directly at [information.sncu@gmail.com](mailto:information.sncu@gmail.com).

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## 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

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](#).

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



### RELAUNCH SEBASTOPOL

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## CALLING ALL ARTISTS, PROFESSIONAL AND ASPIRING

Help us update the [City of Sebastopol's Zero Waste Committee Webpage](#) 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](mailto:ZeroWasteCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org)
- Share far and wide!!

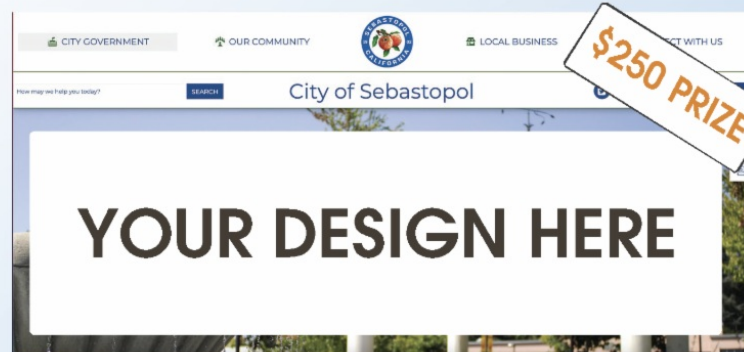
Please see attached [poster](#) for more information.

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL**  
ZERO WASTE COMMITTEE

**WEBSITE BANNER**

**DESIGN**

**CONTEST**



**DEADLINE**  
**NOVEMBER 15 2021**

Hard copy to the City Hall Mailslot - 7120 Bodega Ave  
More info and digital submissions at [tinyurl.com/mtw59z6h](http://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](mailto:ZeroWasteCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org)

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.

**[Wildfire Safety – How Resilient is Your Home](#)**

**Wednesday, Oct. 27 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**[Solar Power and Battery Back-up Basics](#)**

**Wednesday, Nov. 3 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**[Conserving Water to Combat Drought](#)**

**Wednesday, Nov. 10 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**[Be Sustainable – a free business workshop](#)**

**Wednesday, Nov. 17 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

**[Ser Sostenible: un taller gratis para empresas](#)**

**Wednesday, Nov. 17 - 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**[Saving Energy at Home](#)**

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

**[Funding Your Projects – Rebates and Financing](#)**

**Wednesday, Dec. 8 - 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

For more information, visit the County of Sonoma website [HERE](#) or to RSVP directly, call 707-565-6470 or email [GSenergy@sonoma-county.org](mailto:GSenergy@sonoma-county.org)



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## ARE YOU EARTHQUAKE PREPARED?

Don't let an earthquake catch you off guard! The California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) launched the first ever statewide public earthquake warning system, Earthquake Warning California. Californians can receive earthquake warnings with the state's free MyShake App, which can be downloaded on the Apple App Store or

## The free MyShake App provides earthquake warnings for California.

Learn more at [earthquake.ca.gov](http://earthquake.ca.gov) and download the MyShake App on the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Google Play on smartphones or tablets. The MyShake App is currently available in English and Spanish, with other languages in the works. The technology links mobile devices with ground sensors to send warnings to those in the nearby area when significant shaking is detected so that individuals have a few extra moments to take protective actions, such as to drop, cover, and hold on.

Earthquake Warning California also includes Android Earthquake Alerts that are built into new and updated Android devices and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) for WEA-capable mobile devices. Cal OES encourages individuals with WEA-capable mobile devices to still download the MyShake App, since the

MyShake App and Android Earthquake Alerts are issued when a magnitude 4.5 earthquake is anticipated, while WEAs will alert users when a 5.0 magnitude earthquake is expected.

### How does it work?

The MyShake App uses technology that includes seismic sensors located deep in the ground. When shaking is detected, the system issues a warning to nearby mobile devices. For this reason, MyShake App and Android Earthquake Alert users must set their app location settings to “always on” to ensure they receive an earthquake warning even if the app isn’t open.

The MyShake App and Android Earthquake Alerts issue warnings when a 4.5 magnitude earthquake is anticipated, while WEAs are sent when a 5.0 magnitude earthquake is expected. The length of warning depends on a number of factors, including how big the earthquake is, how deep it started in the earth, how close the seismic sensors are to each other, and how quickly the data can move from the seismic sensors to MyShake users.

There may be times where an alert is issued and no shaking is felt. Cal OES reminds Californians to always react with the assumption that shaking is about to occur when they receive an alert. Do not take shelter in a doorway, near glass windows, or large structures that can be compromised in an earthquake, such as freeway overpasses.

When you receive an earthquake warning alert or start to feel shaking, be sure to drop, cover, and hold on until shaking stops. When seeking cover, make sure your entire body is underneath a sturdy table or desk, or get down near an interior wall or low-lying furniture that will not topple over. If driving, safely pull over to the side of the road and pull the parking brake. With appropriate planning and preparation, you can be one step ahead of an earthquake, prevent injuries, and help build a resilient community.

To learn more about Earthquake Warning California, the MyShake App, or the other earthquake warning resources, visit [earthquake.ca.gov](http://earthquake.ca.gov).

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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:

- **Install aerators with flow restrictors on kitchen and bathroom faucets. Installing aerators can save 14 gallons per day. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**



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## GET YOUR WATER SAVING SEBASTO-PAIL NOW



Pick up your Sebasto-Pail at the Public Works Department. It's the perfect way to collect the running water while you wait for hot water, and use it to water plants.



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 bucket.

As the Sebastopol Buckets were purchased with water enterprise funds we are asking that the buckets be supplied to current residents that have a City of Sebastopol Water account.

Use your new Sebasto-Pail to collect the running water while you wait for hot water and use it to water plants. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.

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## GET YOUR WATER SAVING YARD SIGN NOW!

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!



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**ZERO WASTE SONOMA MINI-GRANTS FOR REUSABLE**



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)?



At PG&E, our most important responsibility is the safety of our customers and communities. **During severe weather, we may need to turn off power for public safety. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS).** We know losing power is disruptive to your work and personal life, so we want to help you prepare. To learn more about PSPS events, visit [pge.com/psps](http://pge.com/psps).


### What factors lead to a PSPS?

As each weather situation is unique, we review a combination of factors to decide if power must be turned off. These include:

- Low humidity levels**, generally 30% and below
- Forecast of high winds** above 20 mph and **wind gusts** in excess of ~30-40 mph
- Condition of dry material** on the ground and low moisture content of vegetation
- Red Flag Warning** declared by the National Weather Service
- On-the-ground, real-time observations**

### How will you be notified of a PSPS event?

We will share what we know as soon as we can, keeping in mind that weather conditions can be uncertain.



Notifications will be made through **calls, texts and emails.**

**Notifications will include:**

- ✓ When power is expected to be **shut off and restored**
- ✓ A link to [pge.com/pspsupdates](http://pge.com/pspsupdates) with access to:
  - Outage maps
  - Community Resource Center locations
  - Available resources

### Are you ready for a potential power outage?

To help prepare for public safety outages, here are some things to consider:

- Update your contact information** and preferred language for PSPS notifications by visiting [pge.com/mywildfirealerts](http://pge.com/mywildfirealerts) or calling 1-866-743-6589.
- Prepare and practice your emergency plan** to ensure that everyone knows what to do.
- Plan for medical needs** like medications that require refrigeration or devices that need power.
- Build and/or restock your emergency supply kit** with flashlights, fresh batteries, first aid supplies, food, water and cash.
- Identify backup charging methods** by visiting [pge.com/backuppower](http://pge.com/backuppower).

### Where can you find additional resources?

- Review safety resources, preparedness tips and emergency planning tools. [safetyactioncenter.com](http://safetyactioncenter.com)
- Receive extra help to prepare for public safety outages from the Disability Disaster Access and Resources Program. [disabilitydisasteraccess.org](http://disabilitydisasteraccess.org)
- Sign up for Address Alerts to be notified about a potential PSPS at any important address. [pge.com/addressalerts](http://pge.com/addressalerts)
- Review the PG&E Emergency Preparedness Checklist. [pge.com/emergencychecklistbiz](http://pge.com/emergencychecklistbiz)
- If you rely on power for medical or independent living needs, apply for our Medical Baseline Program. [pge.com/medicalbaseline](http://pge.com/medicalbaseline)
- Help children learn the importance of emergency preparedness with games, safety tips and quizzes. [kidsemergency.com](http://kidsemergency.com)

### Learn More

For the latest on PG&E's wildfire safety efforts, please visit [pge.com/wildfiresafety](http://pge.com/wildfiresafety).

For translated support in over 250 additional languages, please contact PG&E at 1-866-743-6589.

Some of the measures included in this document are contemplated as additional precautionary measures intended to further reduce the risk of wildfires. "PG&E" refers to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of PG&E Corporation. ©2021 Pacific Gas and Electric Company. All rights reserved. CCC-0221-2000. 4/14/2021

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: [WWW.PGE.COM/PSPS](http://WWW.PGE.COM/PSPS)  
DOWNLOAD THE PSPS TIPS PDF [HERE](#).**

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Administrative Services Department**  
**[Junior Accountant](#)**  
**Deadline to Apply: October 29, 2021**

**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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## 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.

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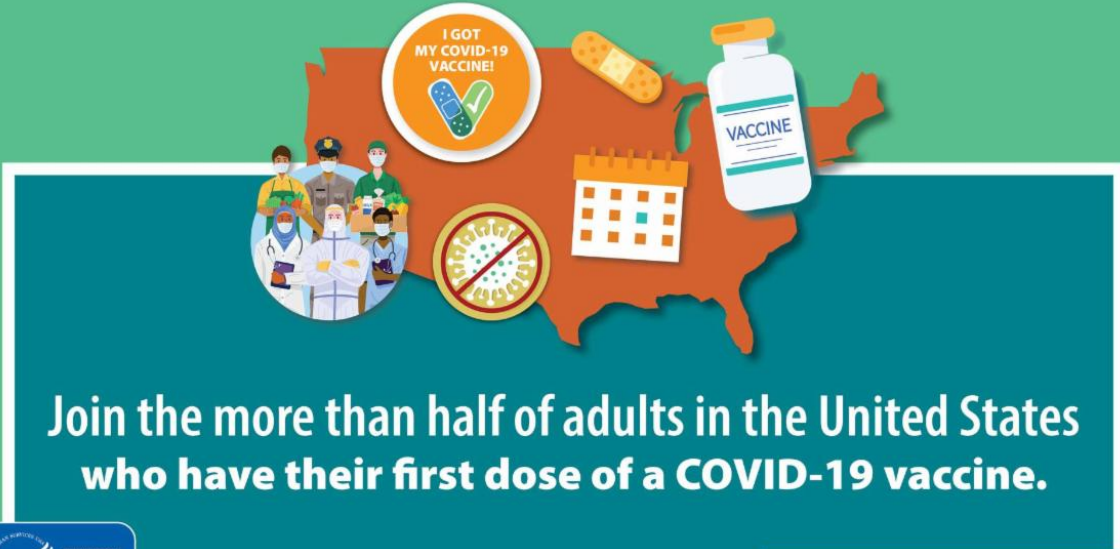
# Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

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See the [SoCoEmergency Calendar](#) for a list of upcoming vaccination clinics in the County.

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



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://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?*

See the [Tenant and Housing Resources](#) 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.

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## EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

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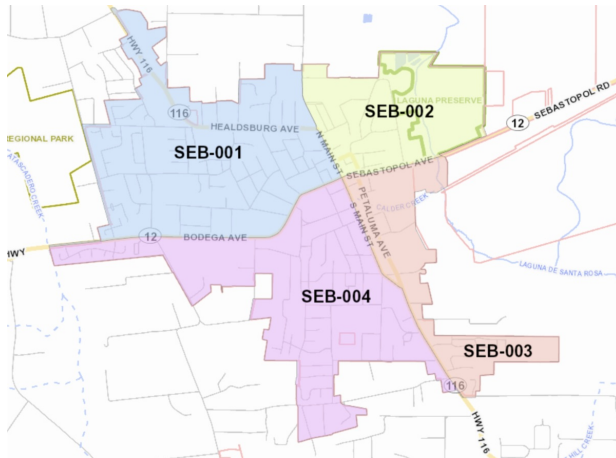
### HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT SEBASTOPOLREADY.ORG?

Visit [SebastopolReady.org](https://sebastopolready.org), 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.



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### 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.

[Sebastopol City Limits - Evacuation Map](#) (Enter your address in the top right search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

[Sebastopol Addresses Outside City Limits - Evacuation Map](#) (Enter your address in the top left search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

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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.

Text Fire or Fuego (for Spanish) to 211-211 for updates.



# 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)

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## 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](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 November 2, 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 [kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of October 26, 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](mailto:amontes@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of November 3, 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>

- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to [amontes@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:amontes@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of November 3, 2021 @ 10:30AM](#)



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## GENERAL INFO

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**Check out the Sebastopol Center for the Arts fantastic education program!**

The classes include the Creative Process in Watercolor Online, Come Play with Clay, Weave a Gift, Colored Pencil III, ART SPOTS, and more.

### [Adult Classes](#)

Classes are coming up soon so check them out and act fast. For full details visit the Sebastopol Center for the Arts website [HERE](#).

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## THE SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER'S NEW HARVEST CAFE IS OPEN



Harvest Cafe at the Senior Center now offers lunch Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch is open to all, with to-go options available. Members pay a moderate price of \$10 per lunch; \$12 for non-members. Lunch includes entrée, dessert, and drink. All dishes are homemade by renowned Chef Gerald who focuses on using the most fresh and local ingredients as possible including cage-free eggs, free-range and grass-fed meats, and organic fruits and vegetables.

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## WANT TO VOLUNTEER AT THE CAFE?

A variety of roles are available from serving lunch to seniors, setting up for

lunch service, helping with dishes, meal prep, and much more. The ideal volunteer is able to commit to one 4-hour shift per week. Volunteering is proven to have benefits including improved quality of life, stronger social networks, increased levels of physical activity and even lower mortality rates.

For more information or to apply to become a volunteer, visit [www.sebastopol senior center.org/lunch-at-harvest-cafe](http://www.sebastopol senior center.org/lunch-at-harvest-cafe). Or call Gerald Lowe, Food Program Manager, at 707-827-8431. Proof of COVID-19 vaccine is required.

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