

City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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September 24 - September 30 Special Weekly Edition of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

Please visit <u>socoemergency.org</u> for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

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QUICK FACTS

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED IN PUBLIC SETTINGS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS: CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER REQUIRES WEEKLY TESTING OR PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: CLICK HERE

 AMENDMENT NO.1 TO COUNTY HEALTH ORDER EXTENDS THE COMPLIANCE DATE FOR TESTING REQUIREMENTS: CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY ISSUES HEALTH ORDER FOR ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE K-12 SCHOOLS: CLICK HERE

RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER: OUTDOOR MASKING IN SCHOOL SETTINGS: CLICK HERE

GUIDANCE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER: YOUTH SPORTS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: CLICK HERE

RESIDENTS 12+ YEARS OF AGE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR VACCINES: CLICK HERE

SONOMA COUNTY COVID VACCINATIONS AT A GLANCE*: CLICK HERE

- PERCENT 12+ PARTIALLY VACCINATED 7.8%
- PERCENT 12+ FULLY VACCINATED 76.7%

25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: CLICK HERE

*Information updated as of Friday, October 1st at 11am.

We're Saving Water YOU CAN TOO! We're Saving Water YOU CAN TOO! WWW.sebsaveswater.com

CELEBRATE CALIFORNIA WATER PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK OCT. 2-10

The California Legislature officially designated the first week in October California Water

Professionals Appreciation Week. It is intended to highlight the important role of water industry professionals and local public water agencies in ensuring safe and reliable water, wastewater, and recycled water in California.



We're celebrating by highlighting our two lead Water and Wastewater Operators. Learn more about them below.

Water is Essential and so are You!

Celebrating #essentialworker:

Anthony Drolet

Senior Sanitary Sewer System Operator

City of Sebastopol, Public Works Department





Anthony Drolet, Senior Sanitary Sewer System Operator,

My career in water and wastewater began in 2004 when I started working for a private contractor performing sewer main cleaning and CCTV inspections. From there I moved on to another private contractor and was tasked with ground water sampling and environmental remediation. In 2007 I started working for a municipality in Sonoma county and for the next 11 1/2 years my job was to perform maintenance and repairs to their sewer and water systems. During that time, I acquired my Water Distribution grade 3 license and my grade 1 Wastewater Collections Certification. In 2018 I started working for the City of Sebastopol in the Public Works Department as a Maintenance Worker 2. Since then, I have acquired my Water Treatment Grade 1 license and have upgraded my Wastewater Collections Certification to a grade 2. I was also just recently promoted to Senior Sanitary Sewer Operator.

Water is Essential and so are You!

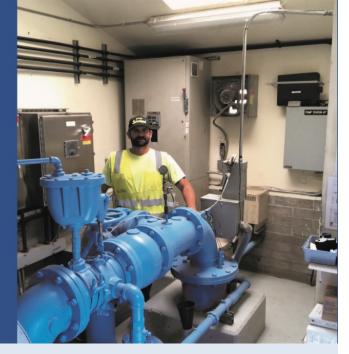
Celebrating #essentialworker:

Andrew Cerini

Senior Water System Treatment Operator

City of Sebastopol, Public Works Department





Andrew Cerini, Senior Water System Treatment Operator,

I joined the City of Sebastopol's Public Works Department in 2016 as the Water Treatment Plant Operator. Prior to the City of Sebastopol, I was a Utilities System Operator II at the City of Santa Rosa for 7 years. While at the City of Santa Rosa I gained experience on how to operate, maintain and repair a municipal Water and Sewer system. During my time at The City of Santa Rosa I obtained my T2-Treatment and D1-Distribution License from the California State Water Resources Control Board, as well as a Sewer Collections 1, from CWEA and certification from the AWWA to test Water Back-flows. So far at Sebastopol, I upgraded my Distribution and Sewer Collection license. All the experience has helped me manage the task of water treatment and maintaining water quality for the City of Sebastopol.

2021 AGED TO PERFECTION FUNDRAISER FOR SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER IS OCTOBER 23RD

The Sebastopol Area Senior Center's annual fundraiser Aged to Perfection (which has been postponed for a year and a half), supports critical senior services and programs. This year all money raised will benefit their kitchen remodel and Harvest Cafe lunch program.

Date: Saturday, October 23rd

Where: The Blue Ridge Kitchen Event Center in The Barlow - 6770 McKinley St ~ Ste 100 | Sebastopol

Time: 5:30pm - 10:00pm

Cost: \$125 - All Inclusive

Ticket

*Vaccine Proof required or

negative COVID test (must be administered no more than 72 hours prior to the event)

2021 HONOREE

Linda Civetello, former Executive Director of the Sebastopol Area Senior Center

THE EVENING INCLUDES:

Senator Mike McGuire will be there auctioning off some amazing dinner packages Dinner bites by A Guy and His Grill (veggie options available, too)
Tickets are ALL INCLUSIVE (includes food and wine, beer, or non-alcoholic beverages)
Enter our raffle for a chance to win the Wine Sweepstakes (bottles of high-end Sonoma County wines) and so much more!

For more information and to buy tickets visit the Sebastopol Area Senior Center's website **HERE**.



ARE YOU EARTHQUAKE PREPARED?



This summer, 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 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 WEAcapable 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**.

WATER CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK



Rosemary - Resident of Burbank Heights & Orchards

Water savings are urgently needed. See the City's <u>Water Conservation</u> <u>page</u> for actions you can take to reduce water usage and check out these indoor and outdoor water conservation tips from the <u>Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership</u>.

Click **HERE** to view this week's video tips from Rosemary at Burbank Heights to help you reduce your water consumption.

GET YOUR WATER SAVING SEBASTO-PAIL 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 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.



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.



ZERO WASTE SONOMA MINI-GRANTS FOR REUSABLE FOODWARE



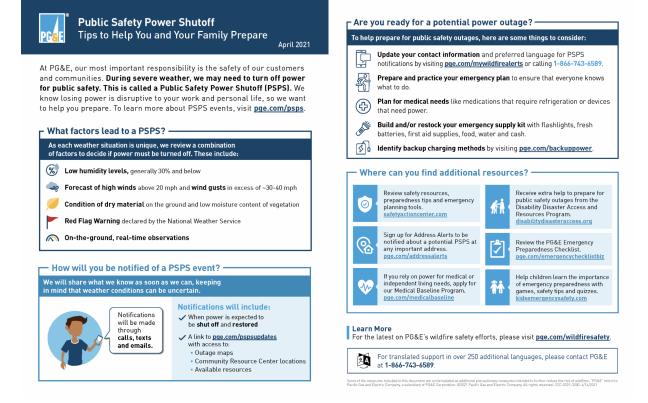
Zero Waste Sonoma has a mini-grant program of up to \$250 to help businesses purchase reusable food ware supplies and materials. Eligible expenses for reusable food service ware may include, but are not limited to: baskets, plates, bowls, ramekins, cups, mugs, trays utensils, bulk dispensers, self-service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

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

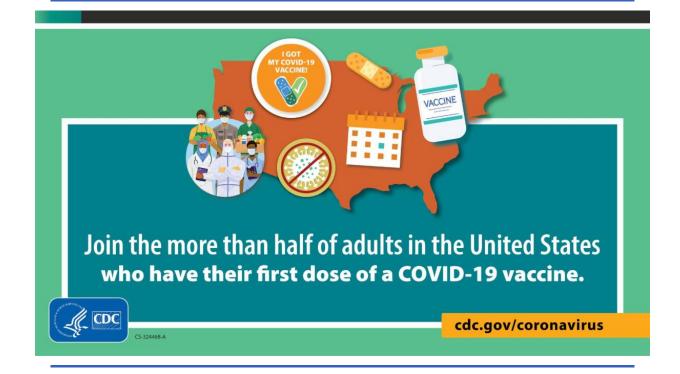
See the **SoCoEmergency Calendar** for a list of testing locations in the County.

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

Sonoma County COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

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





SONOMA COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



See the <u>Tenant and Housing</u>
<u>Resources</u> 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





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.

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



PRACTICE VEHICLE SAFETY TO PREVENT WILDFIRE





HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT SEBASTOPOLREADY.ORG?

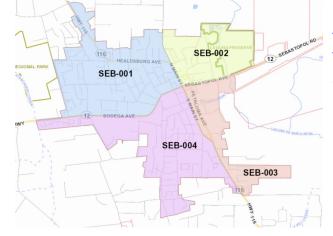
Visit <u>SebastopolReady.org</u>, an emergency and disaster preparedness and readiness resource with information on how neighbors can prepare to provide care, safety and comfort simply by working together.



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 <u>Fire Department</u> 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.)



Sebastopol Addresses Outside
City Limits - Evacuation Map (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 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 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.

Other Ways to Stay Informed
Sebastopol Police Dept. f
Sebastopol Fire Dept. f
City of Sebastopol f



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 October 5, 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: Planning Commission Meeting of October 12, 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
- Next Meeting: <u>Design Review Board Meeting of October 6, 2021 @ 4:00 PM</u>

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: <u>Public Arts Committee Meeting of October 6, 2021 @ 10:30AM</u>



GENERAL INFO

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



Harvest Cafe at the Senior Center now offers lunch three days per week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 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.

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.sebastopolseniorcenter.org/lunch-at-harvest-cafe. Or call Gerald Lowe, Food Program Manager, at 707-827-8431. Proof of COVID-19 vaccine is required.

GOT APPLES? RESERVE THE SLOW FOOD SEBASTOPOL APPLE PRESS



It's apple season in Sonoma County, and the

Slow Food Sebastopol Community Apple
Press opened to the public on Saturday,
August 7th at the Luther Burbank Experiment
Farm in Sebastopol, and runs every weekend
until October 24th. People are welcome to bring
their own apples and a group of volunteers will
assist them in making fresh pressed apple juice.

Reservations required. Click <u>here</u> to reserve the apple press.

Interested in volunteering? Click <u>here</u> for more information.



