



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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September 3 - September 9 Special Weekly Edition of  
Sebastopol Community Newsletter

Please visit [socoemergency.org](http://socoemergency.org) for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

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## 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 - 7.5%
- PERCENT 12+ FULLY VACCINATED - 75.1%

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

\*Information updated as of Friday, September 10th at 11am.

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## National Preparedness Month

Prepare to Protect



**GET PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES!**

# SEPTEMBER IS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

SEPTIEMBRE ES EL MES DE PREPARACIÓN EN CASO DE EMERGENCIA

**Are you Sonoma Ready?**  
**¿Estás preparado?**



**Sign up for these events!**  
***Regístrate para los siguientes eventos.***

Are you ready if disaster strikes? Learn how to prepare yourself and your loved ones in case of an emergency with virtual events through the [Emergency Preparedness: Sonoma Ready Series!](#)

**Advanced registration is required.** See a selection of events [here](#). Some events offered with simultaneous Spanish interpretation.

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## IVES PARK IMPROVEMENTS FROM ROTARY GRANT AND SPECIAL DONATION

### GREAT NEWS!

The City of Sebastopol has been working with our local Rotary service groups on potential improvement projects for Ives Park.

We were notified this weekend that the Rotary Foundation has approved our district grant to implement repairs and improvements to the wood stage as well as replacing the old plastic pipe playground border with an attractive redwood border material.

These Rotary improvements are valued at approximately **\$9,000** and are being donated at no cost to the city.

### MORE GREAT NEWS!

Local residents Kurt Noble and Kate Haug made a donation toward the Children's Playground to improve the fencing, install a 36" live Oak, and purchase a redwood Picnic Table from the Probation Camp program. They also donated to the Rotary to help replace the plastic pipe border.

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## SEPT. 18 THE APPLE BLOSSOM PARADE IS BACK



The 2021 parade starts at **10am on Saturday, September 18th**. It starts at Analy High School and runs straight down Main St. and ends at Calder Ave. at noon. Check the [AppleBlossomFest.com](https://www.appleblossomfest.com) website for updates on the parade.

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## SONOMA COUNTY ART TRAILS COMING SOON!

SONOMA COUNTY  
**ART TRAILS**  
SEPTEMBER  
18-19 & 25-26  
10 AM TO 5 PM

Sonoma County Art Trails open studios tour is coming soon! Mark your calendar for Sept. 18-19 and Sept. 25-26 and start planning your Art Trails itinerary.

See the Sebastopol Center for the Arts [website](#) for more information, a list of participating artists, and to download the Sonoma County Art Trails Collector's Guide.

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# SEBASTOPOL ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY - SEPTEMBER 25

## Sebastopol Organic Compost Giveaway



It is a great time to prepare your gardens and soil for fall!

**The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee will be hosting an organic compost giveaway** on Saturday, September 25th from 9am to 1pm. Home and school gardeners are invited to come to the pick-up site with COVID safe masks, shovels, gloves, a tarp and a car with containers or a pick-up truck and load their free compost (email ahead of time if you need assistance with loading).

### Event Details:

Saturday, Sept. 25

From: 9am – 1pm

Location: 425 Morris Street Sebastopol - Behind Youth Annex

**Free ½-1 Cu.Yd. per household - self serve**, come prepared with shovels, gloves, mask, containers or truck

Contact: [Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com](mailto:Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com) or  
[ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org)

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**WE NEED YOUR INPUT!  
PLEASE TAKE THE WATER METER SURVEY  
TODAY!**

## SEBASTOPOL WATER METER SURVEY



The ongoing drought emergency has made water conservation a top priority in our community. The City of Sebastopol is exploring ways to give its water customers tools to gain greater control over their own usage and to be alerted to leaks in real time.

Many other water providers in our region have found success with cellular water meters and an accompanying app where customers will have instant access to this information.

If you're a Sebastopol Water customer (meaning that you live within Sebastopol City Limits, are not on a well, and receive a bill for your water use from the City of Sebastopol) and haven't already done so, please take a [short survey](#) and let us know if you feel that such a program would be of value. Survey results will be shared with the City Council to help inform their decision-making

process about the cellular water meter program.  
Survey ends October 1.

Here are details about the product and app for your review if you'd like more information before filling out the survey:

Product: <https://www.badgermeter.com/products/endpoints/>

For an interactive demo of what the app looks like, click this link: <https://eyeonwater.com/dashboard/demo>

**Email:** demo (You do not need to enter your email address.)

**Password:** demo (Note that the demo shows a sample address in Los Gatos.)

**This survey will end on October 1, 2021.**

[Take the Survey](#)

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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:

- **When you are washing your hands, don't let the water run while you lather. Turning off the water while washing your hands can save 6 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!

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**



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.



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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 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.

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## 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/backupper](http://pge.com/backupper).

### Where can you find additional resources?

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

### 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-0221-0200: 4/14/2021

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

## ASK SLOW CAT!

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:** How close are we to 25% reduction in water use?

**ANSWER:** The percentage of reduction in water used during the months of June, July and August from 2020 to 2021 is:

- June – 6.2%
- July – 17.3%
- August – 19.6%



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**

## 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.

The graphic features a map of the United States in orange. Overlaid on the map are several icons: a circular badge with a checkmark and the text "I GOT MY COVID-19 VACCINE!", a white bandage, a white vial labeled "VACCINE", a calendar, a circular icon with a virus particle and a red prohibition sign, and a circular inset showing healthcare workers in white coats and masks. Below the map, the text reads: "Join the more than half of adults in the United States who have their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine." In the bottom left corner is the CDC logo with the text "CS-324468-A". In the bottom right corner is a yellow box with the text "cdc.gov/coronavirus".

## SONOMA COUNTY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

See the [Tenant and Housing Resources](#) page on the City's website for more information, FAQs, and links to



apply.

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?*

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## 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](#)

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## 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



## DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN?



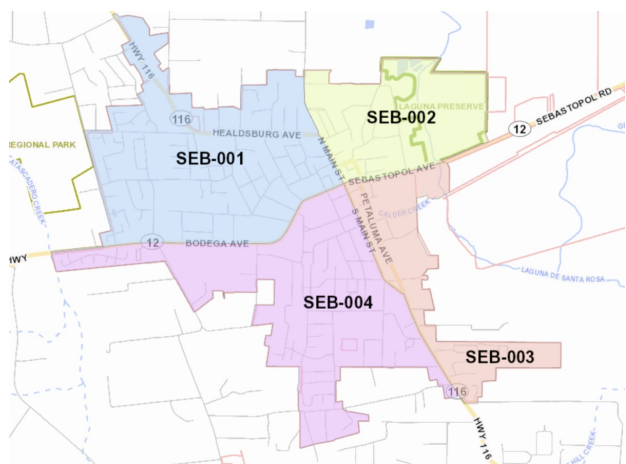
A Family Communication Plan should designate one out-of-area friend or relative as a point of contact to act as the single source of communication among family members in case of separation. It's easier to call or message one person and let them contact others than to try and call everyone when phone, cell, and internet systems can be overloaded or limited during a disaster. Learn more ways you can be Evacuation Ready at [readyforwildfire.org](https://readyforwildfire.org).

## 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.



## 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.)

# 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)

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](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 September 21, 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 September 14, 2021 @ 6:00 PM](#) has been CANCELLED.

(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 September 15, 2021 @ 4:00 PM](#) 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](mailto:amontes@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of October 6, 2021 @ 10:30AM](#)



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## GENERAL INFO

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### 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.

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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.sebastopolseniorcenter.org/lunch-at-harvest-cafe](http://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.

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### 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 [here](#) to reserve the apple press.

Interested in volunteering? Click [here](#) for more information.

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