



July - August, 2020

The City of Sebastopol community newsletter is one way to stay in touch with what's going on in Sebastopol. Our web site, [CityofSebastopol.org](http://CityofSebastopol.org) is another. It's chock-full of information on City services, public meetings, and community resources. Or, stop by City offices any time we are open!

## The New Libby Park Playground is Complete

The playground at Willard F. Libby Park is now ready with fun new interactive equipment for kids of all ages and abilities to enjoy once the Sonoma County Health Officer allows the reopening of playgrounds.

The new playground was made possible by funding from the two Rotary Clubs of Sebastopol who contributed \$30,000 of the \$144,000 budget. In addition to the financial support, the Rotary Clubs helped out onsite. The bulk of the remaining funding came from a State Proposition 68 Park Grant.

The new inclusive playground was designed with the community and children of Sebastopol in mind. A citizen survey was conducted from August 30 to September 23, 2019 to allow the community, especially the children, to have input in what kind of play structures the playground would include.

The community made their voices heard with over 500 respondents to the survey. The top three vote getters were 'Global Motion,' 'Zipkrooz,' and the 'Oodle Swing' (an ADA accessible swing that is universally accessible and family-friendly). The playground designers incorporated the top voted structures into the overall design scheme.



Barbara Barney presents check from Sebastopol Rotary Clubs to Public Works Superintendent Dante Del Prete May 20, 2020  
Photo by Jacqui Harmann



Rotary volunteers add finishing touches on May 23, 2020  
Photo by Jerry Meshalum

## Downtown Curbside Pickup Locations

As of print time, the city has two curbside pickup locations on Main Street for businesses in downtown Sebastopol. Public Works will make location adjustments as work progresses on the Caltrans ADA project. Currently, locations are in the vicinity of 150 N. Main Street and 124 S. Main Street. Look for the green signs.



The city is in the process of providing additional curbside delivery locations in an effort to help our local businesses. If your business offers curbside pickup, please call [707-823-6167](tel:707-823-6167) or email [business@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:business@cityofsebastopol.org) with this information it will help guide the City in looking at possible additional locations.

## No Sale of Fireworks in Sebastopol This Year

At its May 19 meeting, the Sebastopol City Council voted to ban the sale of fireworks within Sebastopol City Limits this year.



From the Staff Report: "Typically, the City would recommend approval for these [fireworks sale] permits; however, with the COVID 19 pandemic, this is not a typical permit and requires... what is best for the health and safety of our community during this serious public health threat to all individuals."  
<https://bit.ly/May19StaffReport>

## Next Phase of Tree Replacement on Main Street Completed

The next phase of tree replacement on Main Street was completed in May. Trees on the east side of the 100 block of South Main Street were replaced with the new Main Street Crape Myrtle variety.

## City Temporarily Approves Outdoor Dining on Sidewalks & Public and Private Parking Areas

In an effort to help bolster local business, City Manager Larry McLaughlin brought forth an urgency item at the May 19th City Council meeting that temporarily allowed restaurants to offer outdoor seating. These are "limited time encroachment permits," good only for as long as the COVID-19 emergency limits how restaurants would normally do business.



At the June 2nd City Council Meeting, the City Council unanimously approved the motion for sidewalks and public and private parking areas to be used for outside dining for restaurants that need them. The Planning Department has waived application and permitting fees and simplified the application itself.

The City is also working with Caltrans to allow parts of Caltrans-owned roadways to be used for "parklets" which re-purpose parking spaces.

Restaurants must receive permission from the city to participate. Interested restaurants may contact the Sebastopol Planning Department at (707) 823-6167 or via email at [business@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:business@cityofsebastopol.org).

## 2019 Consumer Confidence Report



This notice contains instructions for you to obtain important information about your drinking water.

Este reporte contiene las instrucciones mas recientes para obtener informacion importante sobre su agua potable.

To view your 2019 Consumer Confidence Report and to learn more about your drinking water, please visit the following: <https://bit.ly/2019ConsumerConfidenceReport>

## Sebastopol Years of Service Awards

### AUGUST

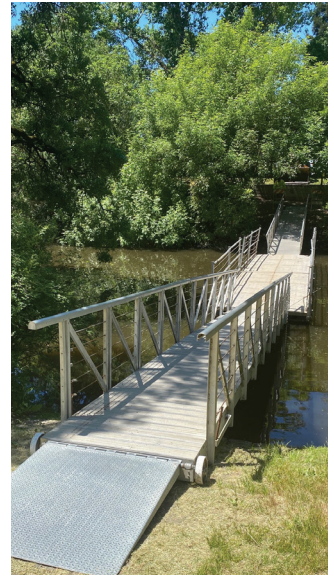
Joe Furry - Sebastopol Police Services - 10 years  
Pattie Murphy - Building and Safety - 20 years

### SEPTEMBER

Salvador Villanueva - Sebastopol Police Services - 5 years  
Juvenal Reyes - Public Works - 15 years  
Jack Piccinini - Sebastopol Fire Department - 40 years  
Henry Mikus - Engineering - 5 years

## The Laguna Bridge is in Place!

When the seasonal floating bridge goes up, summer can't be far behind. Public Works finished installing the bridge in mid-May and has also re-opened the Laguna Meadowlark Field trail system. The Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve is ready and waiting for pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy the outdoors. Social distancing rules will apply, so be sure to bring a face covering and put it on if you cannot maintain a distance of at least 6 feet between you and anyone who isn't a member of your household. The bridge is accessed behind the Little League field at the Community Center. Dogs are allowed if kept on leash at all times. Get the trail map here: <https://bit.ly/LagunaTrailMap>



## Now is the Time to Prepare for Fire Season



CalFire has several resources to help you make these preparations.

Visit the city's website at <https://bit.ly/Prepare4FireSeason> for resources and information.

