



March-April, 2023

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 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!

In-Person Meetings Returning Soon

Based on the expectation at press time that Governor Newsom will end California's COVID-19 State of Emergency at the end of February, the City of Sebastopol is preparing to hold all meetings in a combination remote/in-person format. The public will have the opportunity to watch and participate in meetings both in person and remotely. Watch the city website (www.cityofsebastopol.org) and Facebook page (@CityofSebastopolCA) for more information and details.

Engineering Projects Update

- Late March: **Bodega Ave digouts** restart, affecting traffic from High St. to Nelson Way
- March & April: **Parklets** program draft reviewed; public comments invited

The following projects will be advertised for bid in February with construction expected in:

- May: **Bodega Ave Bike Lane/Rehabilitation Phase 1** (High St. to Robinson Rd.)
- May: **Parquet Street Water and Sewer Replacement and Slurry Seal**, including a small portion of Calder Ave.
- Spring: **Zimpher Creek** sewer main re-routing
- Spring: **Ives Park** pathway
- Late Spring/Early Summer: **ADA-curb ramps project along SR 116**

Visit the City website for more information. <http://bit.ly/3Y9DWVC>



Electrification Survey



The City of Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is conducting a brief survey to learn more about residents' views and needs related to switching from natural gas to electricity in their homes. We are pursuing this with the intention of reducing greenhouse gases and improving air quality. Your input will help guide the City's efforts on this issue.

Link to survey: <https://bit.ly/SebElectrificationSurvey>. For questions or issues with the survey, contact ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org. Learn more about the Climate Action Committee on the City website here: <http://bit.ly/3bv11Ky>.

Survey Ends: **April 30, 2023**

Organic Compost Giveaways April 2 & May 6

The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee will host organic compost giveaways on two dates this spring. Home and school gardeners are in invited to come to the pick-up site and load their free compost.

Event Details:

Sunday, April 2, 2023 &

Saturday, May 6, 2023

From: 9am – 12pm

Location: 425 Morris Street,
Sebastopol (behind Youth Annex)

Free ½ cubic yard per household - self serve, come prepared with shovels, gloves, containers, or truck.

Contact: Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com
or ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org

Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is a group of dedicated citizens in Sebastopol working to address the global climate emergency through local action.



Sebastopol Walks are Back!



See what you've been missing from the driver's seat . . .

It's the best time of year to enjoy walking in Sebastopol! Be a tourist in your own small town and walk where you've never walked before. Walks are the last Saturday of the month starting at 9am (Meet at the Downtown Plaza).

Upcoming Walks:

March 25 – Saturday, 9am
Businesses Behind the Scenes
Leader: Diana Rich

May 6 – Saturday, 9am
(date changed to May 6 due to Apple Blossom Parade April 29)
iWalk iEat Local in Sebastopol #4
Leader: Neysa Hinton

Visit the Sebastopol Walks page on the City's website for more information and the 2023 schedule:
<http://bit.ly/3JpLzmi>.

Upcoming Budget Committee Meetings

Several important budget meetings are coming up over the next few months, starting in March. Agendas will be posted on the Meetings page (<https://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event>) the Thursday before each session. Have a say in how your tax dollars are spent!

Community Events

SDFE 2023 - MARCH 16-19
SEBASTOPOL DOCUMENTARY
FILMFESTIVAL
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Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival

The 2023 Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival is almost here. The live festival dates (March 16-19, 2023) will be followed by a virtual event (March 20-29, 2023).

Visit www.sebastopolfilmfestival.org for more information.

Green News

Senate Bill 1383, which went into effect in January 2022, requires that all residents and businesses separate organic materials from the garbage so that they can be composted. All homes and businesses should now have a green bin for compostable materials. Additionally, large food producing businesses such as grocery stores must donate excess food to feed people and decrease food insecurity. For a list of commercial edible food recovery organizations visit <https://zerowastesonoma.gov/materials/food>.

For complete information on SB 1383, visit www.zerowastesonoma.gov/sb1383.

For a downloadable flyer with quick tips, information on what to compost and how to get a green bin, visit <http://bit.ly/3HyDA3w>.



Community Garden Plots Available



Sebastopol's Climate Action Committee has been working to improve and revitalize the Community Garden at the Laguna Skategarden. Several plots are now available and are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a \$20 annual fee, and a \$25 one-time security deposit.

Where: 6750 Laguna Park Way, Sebastopol

How: Call **823-6167** for information or to apply.

Apple Blossom Parade & Festival



The signs of spring are also a sign that the Apple Blossom Parade & Festival are happening soon. This year's theme is Sonoma County Blossoms "Celebrate Sonoma County." Parade is

Saturday April 29. Festival is Saturday and Sunday.

For more information visit appleblossomfest.com.