

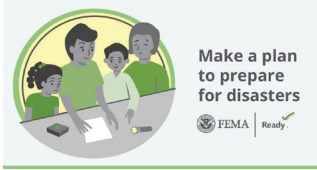


September-October 2022

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!

September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month (NPM) is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. The 2022 theme is **“A Lasting Legacy. The life you’ve built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.”**



NPM is a project of FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and ready.gov (a Department of Homeland Security national public service campaign designed to educate and empower the American people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters.) Make your emergency plans today! Visit the following sites to learn more.

Preparedness Resources

- ready.gov – Emergency and disaster preparedness information from the Department of Homeland Security
- socoemergency.org – Sonoma County emergency and preparedness information
- caloes.ca.gov – California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services website
- readyforwildfire.org – CAL FIRE’s wildfire preparedness website
- firesafecouncil.org – California’s Fire Safe Council Website
- Pge.com/wildfiresafety – PG&E’s website on what to do before, during, and after a wildfire
- Prepareforpowerdown.com - PG&E’s website on how to prepare for planned Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events

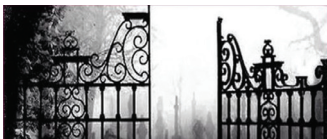
Sign up for Emergency Alerts

- Nixle:** Text your zip code to **888777** or sign up online at <https://local.nixle.com/register/>
- SocoAlert:** Visit socoalert.com

WSCHS Sebastopol Cemetery Walk

October 7th & 8th, 2022

<https://brownpapertickets.com/event/5518374>



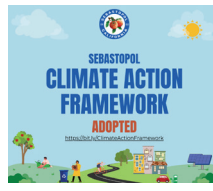
Sebastopol Has a New Interim Chief of Police

Lieutenant Ron Nelson has been appointed Interim Chief of Police after the departure of Chief Kevin Kilgore at the end of August. Interim Chief Nelson has almost thirty years of experience in law enforcement including twenty-two years with the Santa Rosa Police Department. Upon retirement from Santa Rosa, he was recruited and hired by the Sebastopol Police Department (SPD) as an Interim Lieutenant in September 2020. He has overseen the SPD Operations Division since being hired and has worked in partnership with Chief Kilgore since February 2021 when Kilgore was brought on as Chief of Police. He has also served as the Acting Police Chief on several occasions when Chief Kilgore was absent.



Climate Action Framework Adopted

On July 19th, 2022, the Sebastopol City Council adopted a Climate Action Framework (<https://bit.ly/3oxSApk>), a document that will guide the City as it works to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for climate impacts such as drought and wildfires. The Framework provides an overview of Sebastopol’s climate progress so far and sets goals for additional action.



Community members are invited to participate in next steps, including evaluating and prioritizing actions for the City to take and making personal changes. To learn more, read the full press release here <https://bit.ly/3ox9IB8> or visit <https://bit.ly/ClimateActionFramework>.

Sebastopol Chamber Community Awards



The Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center is hosting the 46th Community Awards on September 28, 2022. Winners are nominated, voted on and selected by the local community.

Categories include: **Citizen of the year**, **Business of the year**, **Volunteer of the year** and much more.

Visit <https://www.sebastopol.org/events-Community-Awards> for more info.

Polystyrene Foam Ban and Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance Updated



The Sebastopol City Council recently updated its existing Polystyrene Foam Ban and Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance (<https://bit.ly/3JIN4dv>) that went into effect in November of 2019. The ordinance initiated a series of requirements to advance the Council's long-term goal to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in the city. The measures included banning polystyrene foam takeout food service ware and retail sales (packing peanuts, coolers, etc.), and required that all take-out food ware be either compostable or recyclable, apart from coffee cups and soup/hot liquid containers.

Effective August 1st, 2022, the updated ordinance, now named the Zero Waste Food Ware Ordinance, brings requirements in line with other localities in the county. The following provisions were added to the original ordinance:

1. Food ware containing Per – and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) is prohibited
2. Dine-In Food Facilities within in the City shall:
 - a. Only use Reusable Food Ware and Reusable Food Ware Accessories;
 - b. Offer Condiments in a Reusable dispenser or format rather than pre-packaged single-use packets
3. Food facilities which provide customer-facing waste containers shall provide all three waste stream containers for customers (compost, recycling, garbage)
4. Food Facilities within the City offering take-out shall provide options for customers to affirmatively request food ware accessories [e.g., condiment packets, utensils] separate from orders for food and beverages
5. Plastic bags for takeout food are prohibited

Event Food Service Ware Requirements for Vendors: <https://bit.ly/3zQCLzk>

Food Service Ware Alternatives: <https://bit.ly/3SFFq7C>

Non-Food Service Ware Alternatives: <https://bit.ly/3SU3dkz>

Got Apples? Reserve the Slow Food Sebastopol Community Apple Press



It's apple season in Sonoma County, and the Slow Food Sebastopol Community Apple Press is open to the public at the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm in Sebastopol and will run on weekends until October 23rd. People are welcome to bring their own apples and a group of volunteers will assist them in making fresh pressed apple juice.

For more information visit: <https://bit.ly/3oMjLNj>

Reservations required. Visit <https://bit.ly/3A9fhUM> to reserve the apple press.

Interested in volunteering? Visit <https://bit.ly/3QbgFOZ> for more information.

BayREN Water\$aves Updates

As California continues to be in a severe drought, now is the time to make your home part of the solution. Join Sebastopol's Water Upgrades \$ave program and make conserving water easy and affordable. You select water-efficient upgrades (toilets, showerheads, and aerators) that lower your water use and save on your utility bills. To learn more, visit <https://www.bayren.org/waterupgradessave> or call 877-846-8795 to do your part for the California drought!



BayREN Program Numbers as of August 2022

Enrollments: 156

Estimated Gallons of Water Saved Per Year: 211,839

Estimated Therms Saved Per Year: 8,879

Free Organic Compost Giveaway



Applying Compost is one of many things you can do for the climate, it helps build soil health while retaining water!

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2022

Time: 9am-12pm (or until the pile is gone)

Location: 425 Morris St. (behind the Community Center Youth Annex)

1/2 cubic yard per household (more available for school gardens or multi-family gardens)

The free compost events are provided by the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee, The City of Sebastopol, Zero Waste Sonoma, and WM Redwood of Novato. See the Climate Action Committee page for more information: <https://bit.ly/3d8Of9W>

Pay Your Water & Sewer Bill Online

Sebastopol offers online billpay for water and sewer service. What are the benefits of online billpay? It's secure, convenient, and green! With an online account, you can set up paperless billing, have your statement emailed to you, see a full detailed statement of your bill, see your statement immediately as soon as we post billing instead of waiting for a copy of the statement in the mail, and you can set up autopay or just make payments via credit or debit card with the weblink as well.



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