



March-April, 2019

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 is chock-full of information on City services, public meetings, and community resources. Or, stop by City offices any time we are open!

Community Helps Set Goals

A special City Council meeting and public forum took place at City Hall on January 29 to discuss the City's goals for 2019 and beyond. The Council sought input from community members



in developing its list of goals and priorities to be applied in the coming two years. Top priorities that were put forward by participants included; disaster preparedness, zero-waste efforts, increasing parkland, among others.

Watch the City's website, Facebook page and local newspapers for announcements on future goal-setting sessions.

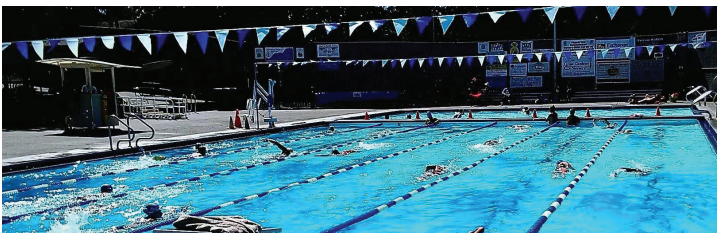
For those interested, a video of the special city council meeting is available on livestream.com/accounts/14608643.

Ives Pool Heats Up!

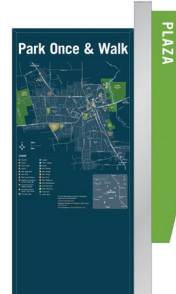
Ives Pool has a brand-new heater. Public Works has completed installation of the pool's new heater after it stopped in mid-January, causing the pool to close for a few weeks. The new spring schedule is now in effect, Monday-Friday 6am-8:30pm, Saturday 7:30am-3pm and Sunday 7:30am-4:30pm.

Ives Pool serves some 85,000 visitors each year and is usually open year-round, including holidays.

For updates about Ives Pool, visit the Ives Pool website at www.ivespool.org, [Facebook page](#), or call (707) 823-8693.



New Signs Are Afoot



Sebastopol residents and visitors may have noticed new signs popping up around town recently. The new signs are part of two initiatives to help showcase some of Sebastopol's most popular destination points and advance the City's commitment to a more walkable, bike-friendly environment.

The Wayfinding Program consists of blue, green and teal signs placed around town, including a large map kiosk in the central plaza; three park signs at Ives Park, Willard Park and Laguna Youth Park; and a dozen smaller versions throughout the downtown area. Placed at a level that is convenient to read for those on foot as well as in vehicles, the signs are intended to indicate how easy it is to park once and walk to many downtown locations.

The Sebastopol PedLine is a series of four, color-coded, self-guided, walking tours of Sebastopol leading from the Downtown Plaza to the Laguna (the green line), Ives Park (the blue line) and Florence Avenue (the pink line) and from the entrance of the Joe Rodota Trail on Petaluma Avenue to Ives Park (the purple line). The PedLine was first introduced at the Eco-Tourism Open House in 2013 and is a project of Cittaslow Sebastopol. For more information about the PedLine, visit PedLine.org.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

Community garden plots at Sebastopol Skategarden park are currently available. The site, which is located across the



street from the Barlow project, will assign plots on a first come, first-serve basis. There is a \$20 annual fee, and a \$25 one-time security deposit.

For more information or to apply to obtain a garden plot, call (707) 823-6167.

Sebastopol May Say “NO to Polystyrene Foam

The Use and Sale of Disposable Food Service Ware and Other Products Containing Polystyrene foam may soon come to an end in Sebastopol.

On March 5, City Council conducted its first reading and held a public hearing on the topic of eliminating the use of polystyrene foam and other non-compostable and non-recyclable items, as part of its regular City Council meeting. At press time, results of the hearing were not yet available.

For more information see the city website or contact the City of Sebastopol Engineering Department at **707-823-2151, ext. 206**.



If It's Spring, It Must Be Apple Blossom Time

It's almost that time of year and the Apple Blossom Parade & Festival is coming soon. The highly anticipated annual event celebrates the diversity within our community, an aspect which will be portrayed in this year's theme, "It Takes a Village to Blossom." Filled with great food and entertainment for the whole family, this is an event you won't want to miss.



Saturday April 13, 2019 is the Festival & Parade (Parade starts at 10 am on Main St.) and the Festival & Blues Music Explosion will continue through Sunday April 14, 2019.

Tickets are sold daily, and are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors (62+) & students (11-17), and children under 10 enter FREE. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. The festival will be held at Ives Park and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts at the Veterans Memorial Building. For more information visit appleblossomfest.com.

Word of the Season



Sebastopol Economic Vitality Theme for March & April

Park Village Celebration

Park Village celebrated the first phase of improvements to the affordable housing campus and opening of its Community Center with an "Office Warming" on February 20. In collaboration with the City of Sebastopol, West County Community Services (WCCS) officially launched the Park Village project in March 2017, with the aim to create sustainable housing solutions for some 30% of the city's



homeless population and provide capital improvements to the city-owned property, formerly known as the Village Mobile Home Park and is located at the eastern entrance to Sebastopol on Highway 12.

Occupy Bench Dedication



Photo: Jim Wheaton

A ceremony to dedicate the Occupy Bench in Sebastopol's Town Plaza has been tentatively scheduled for April 7. Three years in the making, the handsome circular bench was initiated to commemorate the Occupy Movement (2011-2013) and provide a place for community discussion in the plaza. Funds for materials for the bench were provided by the City of Sebastopol, Occupy Sebastopol, and private donations. Craftsmen Jim Wheaton, Steve Pierce and Peter Santulli led the all-volunteer team who dedicated hundreds of hours to create the bench, which was installed on November 29, 2018. To learn more about the process to hand-craft the bench and to stay updated on dedication plans, visit the [Occupy Bench Facebook page](#).

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