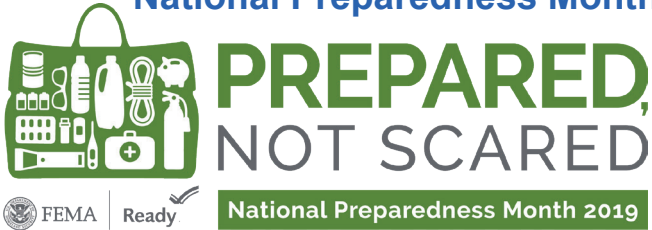




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The City of Sebastopol community newsletter is one way to stay in touch with what's going on in Sebastopol. Our web site, [CityofSebastopol.org](http://CityofSebastopol.org) is another. It's chock-full of information on City services, public meetings,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

## September is National Preparedness Month



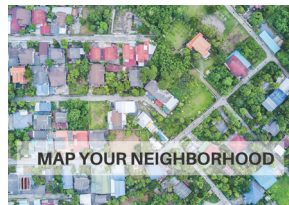
National Preparedness Month (NPM), is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year.

NPM is a project of FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) and [ready.gov](http://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 sites to the right to learn more. [—————>](#)

## Neighborhood Communications Update & Fire Extinguisher Classes Sept. 28

Help your neighborhood connect and become more resilient! On September 28 from 9am until noon at the Sebastopol Fire Station on Bodega Ave., participants will receive information and updates on the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) program, future MYN class opportunities, and the new MYN Leader Council supporting neighborhood efforts to work together. Attendees will also learn about the new Sebastopol Communications Group (SCG) by watching and listening as they connect "neighborhood-level" information during a simulated emergency using their new network of local Amateur Radio Operators. The SCG will provide information and education on radio equipment and use.



Three one-hour Fire Extinguisher Classes will teach the most effective use of a fire extinguisher and allow students the opportunity to extinguish a live (but contained) fire. Fire Extinguisher Class space is limited. Early sign-ups are required. Contact Skip Jirrels, City of Sebastopol Public Safety Coordinator at [sjirrels@gmail.com](mailto:sjirrels@gmail.com) or (707) 799-2204.

## Preparedness Resources

[ready.gov](http://ready.gov) – Emergency and disaster preparedness information from the Department of Homeland Security

[socoemergency.org](http://socoemergency.org) – Sonoma County emergency and preparedness information

[caloes.ca.gov](http://caloes.ca.gov) – California Governor's Office of Emergency Services website

[readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org) – CAL FIRE's wildfire preparedness website

[firesafecouncil.org](http://firesafecouncil.org) – California's Fire Safe Council Website

[Pge.com/wildfiresafety](http://Pge.com/wildfiresafety) – PG&E's website on what to do before, during, and after a wildfire

[Prepareforpowerdown.com](http://Prepareforpowerdown.com) - PG&E's website on how to prepare for Planned Public Safety Power Shutdown (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](http://socoalert.com)

## Greg Jacobs is Sebastopol's Newest "Local Who Makes a Difference"

Sebastopol native Greg Jacobs may be best known as the Sonoma County prosecutor who obtained the guilty verdict for Richard Allen Davis in 1996 for the abduction and murder of Polly Klaas, but Greg has been instrumental in many community projects in Sebastopol and beyond. Greg's nominator noted his "never-ending support of the Sebastopol Rotary 'Learn to Swim' program which has taught over 11,500 West Sonoma County second graders how to swim. He has served on the Sebastopol Parks and Recreation Commission and was Board Secretary for the Sebastopol Cultural and Community Center. With his love for music, a trumpet player, he performs with the Sebastopol Community Band." Learn more about Greg on the city's **Locals Who Make a Difference** page: <http://bit.ly/LWMADSeb>



## 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 now open to the public at the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm in Sebastopol. Every weekend until October 26, people are welcome to bring their own apples and a group of volunteers will assist them in making fresh pressed apple juice. Reservations required. Visit <http://www.slowfoodrr.org/applepress.html>. Interested in volunteering? Visit <http://www.slowfoodrr.org/volunteering-join-apple-core/>



## Sebastopol Receives \$1.5 Million for Flood Recovery



At the July 16 City Council meeting Assembly Member Marc Levine presented a check for \$1.5 million to the City of Sebastopol to aid in flood recovery. Funds were allocated under "Aid to Local Government" in Assembly Bill 74 in the \$214.8 billion California

2019-2020 State Budget.

Immediately after the flood, Cal OES (Office of Emergency Services) and FEMA conducted a walk-through of the flood area with Mayor Hinton and city officials and worked with city staff to assess damages and estimate recovery costs. Initial estimates showed over \$3 million in physical damage to City-owned properties and \$168,000 in overtime and fuel costs for the City's Public Works and Building & Safety Departments.

The Budget Subcommittee will bring recommendations for distribution of the funds before Council in September.

## Bus Buddies Program Returns in September and October

Bus Buddies are back, and so are the free fares on the electric Sebastopol Shuttle (Route 24). The City Council again approved the annual subsidy to keep Route 24 fare-free. Every Thursday in September and October, community leaders including the mayor and members of the City Council will be your "Bus Buddy" for a loop around town. Hop on at the Transit Hub on McKinley Street near the Rialto at 9:15 am (or anywhere along the route). In related news, Sonoma County Transit has added a new morning trip at 7:45 to allow commutes to the Sebastopol Charter School. See the Sonoma County Transit website for complete route details and schedule. <http://bit.ly/SCT24>



## Sebastopol is EverGreen

The City of Sebastopol will soon be powered by Sonoma Clean Power's EverGreen service. The locally produced power is 100% renewable and is comprised of multiple sources such as hydropower, geothermal, solar, biomass, and wind, which will help remove most greenhouse discharge from electricity use. It is set to power all city-owned equipment. The shift in utility providers will cost the city an additional \$41,500 a year.



## New Online Tool Estimates Costs to Build an Accessory Dwelling Unit



The City of Sebastopol is partnering with Sonoma County and other Sonoma cities, and the County of Napa, to develop a regional **Accessory Dwelling Unit Calculator** (<http://sonomanapa.aducalculator.org/>) to encourage our

constituents to build accessory dwelling units (ADUs). This online tool helps individuals estimate the costs, returns, and benefits associated with building an ADU.

Based on San Mateo County's Second Unit Calculator, the Sonoma/Napa calculator was developed with funding from ABAG/MTC, the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Community Foundation Sonoma County, and Napa Valley Community Foundation.

Find out more about Accessory Dwelling Units and whether your property meets the requirements to add a new ADU.

If your property meets the requirements for an ADU, enter your specific information into the **cost estimate calculator**. <http://sonomanapa.aducalculator.org/>

## Sebastopedal Green Gets Rolling September 21

The first in a series of new events to raise awareness of, and educate the community about, the new bike lanes in town happens Saturday, September 21 from 9:00 to 11:00am. A 4-mile bike ride, sponsored by the City of Sebastopol and the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, will be guided by League of American Bicyclist-certified instructors. Arrive early for free safety checks, helmet fittings, and special instruction for kids. Event begins at the Sebastopol Police Station.



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