



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**August 5 - August 11 Special Weekly Edition of
Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

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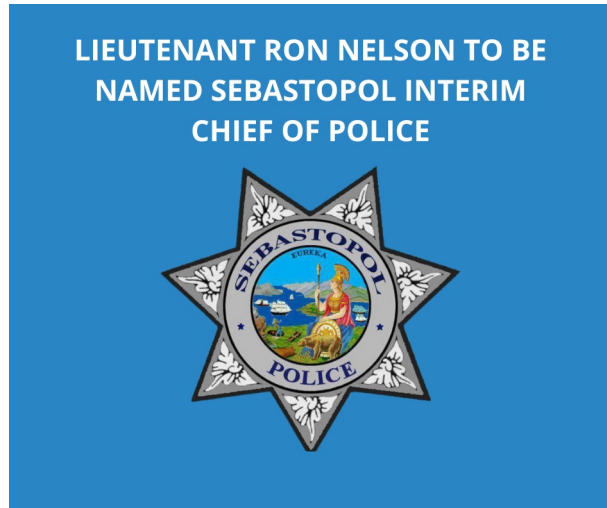
School is in Session. Slow Down Sebastopol!

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Kilgore to join City of Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety

On Wednesday, August 10, 2022, Sebastopol City Manager Larry McLaughlin announced that Lieutenant Ron Nelson will be appointed Interim Chief of Police upon the departure of Chief Kevin Kilgore, who will join Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety as Deputy Chief later this month. Lieutenant 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.



City Manager Larry McLaughlin stated, "We have a great group of dedicated officers and staff at the Sebastopol Police Department, and I'm pleased that we can make a seamless transition as Chief Kilgore leaves us. Lieutenant Nelson has a wealth of experience both inside and outside of our department and is a well-respected leader in the community. We're grateful that he's stepping up as Interim Chief of Police. We thank Chief Kilgore for his service with us over the past year and a half. I know I speak for our staff and City Council when I say that we wish Kevin the best in his new endeavor."

In his resignation letter, Kilgore stated that the decision to leave the Sebastopol Police Department [was] not easy and continued, "I am proud to say that I was your Chief of Police, and I am proud to have been a part of the Sebastopol Police Department and the City of Sebastopol."

THE GRAVENSTEIN APPLE FAIR IS THIS WEEKEND!

After a two-year hiatus, Sonoma County's beloved Gravenstein Apple Fair will be back in its full glory this Saturday and Sunday, **August 13-14** at Ragle Ranch Regional Park in Sebastopol. Enjoy live music, all things Gravenstein, local food, art & crafts, activities for kids, farm demonstrations, craft cider, craft beer, wine, and lots more. New in 2022: VIP Lounge!

This year the City of Sebastopol is



sponsoring the free Thunderstar Stages shuttle buses for the off-site parking lots at O'Reilly Media and Holy Ghost Hall and the Sebastopol Police Department is coordinating traffic at the Ragle Ranch Regional Park entrance.

Advanced tickets and

information: GravensteinAppleFair.com.

PICTURING SEBASTOPOL PHOTO EXHIBITION - AUG. 14

A collage of photos from Sebastopol, including a child with a baseball bat, a large orange cat sculpture, a pool, and a building. A red banner at the top left says 'PICTURING SEBASTOPOL A community photo exhibition'. A white box on the right contains the event details: 'Sunday Aug. 14, 1 pm Sebastopol Center for the Arts 282 S. High St'. A circular logo with a red heart and the text 'PICTURING SEBASTOPOL' is in the bottom left.

You're invited to the Picturing Sebastopol Photo Exhibition this Sunday!

This spring, Relaunch Sebastopol, a program of the City of Sebastopol, ran a photo contest asking people to send in photos of things that epitomize Sebastopol. Pictures came pouring in. See a selection of them at the Picturing Sebastopol photography exhibition at Sebastopol Center for the Arts (282 S. High St.) on Sunday, August 14, at 1 pm. This is a free event.

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD FOR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES



CITY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUGUST 17TH



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Vice Mayor Neysa Hinton
Una Glass
Sarah Glade Gurney
Diana Gardner Rich



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Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC
Mary Gourley
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City of Sebastopol

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF NOMINATION PERIOD FOR CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES – City of Sebastopol

Election 2022 - Municipal Election: November 8, 2022

Date: August 12, 2022

This is to inform you that the City of Sebastopol will be extending the Nomination Period to Wednesday August 17, 2022; 5:30 pm.

Incumbents (Glass, Gurney and Slayter) have not filed to re-run for City Council. Per Elections Code, if an incumbent fails to return Candidate nomination papers by the deadline (August 12th 2022 at 5:30 pm), the nomination period will be extended. Therefore, the City of Sebastopol is extending the nomination deadline to Wednesday, August 17, 2022; 5:30 pm.

Please contact the City Clerk acting as the City's Elections Official, to issue, receive or file all related nomination papers (E.C. 10227). ALL nomination documents must be received/submitted to the City Clerk's Office at one time and by appointment only.

Please contact the City Clerk at mjourley@cityofsebastopol.org or Office Phone at 707-823-1153 during office hours or my cell phone at 707-292-7910 if you have any questions.

See this [article](#) for nomination information for the 2022 City Council election.

Please visit the [Elections and Voting Page](#) of the City of Sebastopol website for more details and eligibility requirements.

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL 2022-2023 ADOPTED BUDGET

The City of Sebastopol's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Adopted Budget is now available on the City's website.

Click [HERE](#)



SEBASTOPOL FEATURED IN SF CHRONICLE'S BEST DAY EVER SERIES



We were excited to see the SF Chronicle taking notice of our little town in its Best Day Ever series. The article kicks off with this ringing endorsement: "Sebastopol is Wine Country's most quirky, laid-back destination — and it's getting incredibly hip." We agree. Check out the article [HERE](#).

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.

The [original ordinance](#), which went into effect in November of 2019, banned polystyrene foam takeout food ware and retail sales (packing peanuts, coolers, etc.), and required that all take out food ware be either compostable or recyclable, with the exception of coffee cups and soup/hot liquid containers (for which there is currently no commercially available compostable or recyclable products). “Compostable” plastic

items (cups, utensils, straws, etc.) are banned, as they are not accepted by commercial compost facilities and are also not accepted in recycling. The original ordinance also required that food vendors only give condiment packets, straws, lids, napkins, and single use utensils upon customer request.

Effective August 1st, 2022, the updated ordinance, now named the Zero Waste Food Ware Ordinance, now matches the Zero Waste Food Ware Ordinance passed by the Santa Rosa City Council. In addition to the requirements in the original ordinance (above), the Sebastopol City Council added the following provisions:

- Foodware containing Per – and Polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) is prohibited
- Dine-In Food Facilities within in the City shall:
 - Only use Reusable Food Ware and Reusable Food Ware Accessories;
 - Offer Condiments in a Reusable dispenser or format rather than pre-packaged single-use packets.
- Food facilities which provide customer-facing waste containers shall provide all three waste stream containers for customers (compost, recycling, garbage)
- 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
- Plastic bags for takeout food are prohibited

[Event Food Service Ware Requirements for Vendors](#)
[Food Service Ware Alternatives](#)
[Non-Foodservice Ware Alternatives](#)

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 vs. what is provided in the paper form, 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.



Sign up here <https://sebastopol.merchantransact.com/Login> and you will

be directed to a secure, cloud-based, off-site portal where you can log in, check your bills, see a history of usage, make a payment, or sign up for Auto Pay with your Credit or Debit card.

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS



The City of Sebastopol offers a program aimed at encouraging local businesses and property owners to improve commercial and industrial buildings. Upgrades, maintenance, and aesthetic enhancements will benefit the entire community and enhance the local economy.

With these objectives in mind, subject to funding availability, the Sebastopol Façade Improvement Program will provide a rebate for expenses incurred on new exterior property improvements made to commercial or industrial buildings within the City of Sebastopol.

To apply for the program a building owner or tenant, with the owner's approval, should fill out the attached application and include bid estimates for the proposed improvement(s). The Planning Department then reviews the submitted application for completeness and batches them to be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Design Review Board for approval. Deadlines for applications for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 are:

- **August 15, 2022**
- **October 10, 2022**
- **January 9, 2023**
- **March 13, 2023**

If you would like to apply for or discuss the program in more detail, please contact Kari Svanstrom, Planning Director at (707) 823-6167 or KSvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

Visit the [Facade Improvement Program](#) page on the City's website for more information.

WATER CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

Water savings are urgently needed. See the City's [Water Conservation page](#) for actions you can take to reduce water usage and check out these indoor and outdoor water conservation tips from the [Sonoma-Marin Saving Water Partnership](#).

Here's this week's tip to help you reduce your water consumption:

- Install a high efficiency shower head. Installing a high efficiency shower head can save 1 gallon of water per minute. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.



Install a High Efficiency Showerhead

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Police Department

Police Officer

Deadline to Apply: Open 10/18/21 (Open and Continuous)

Public Works Department

Senior Maintenance Worker - Promotional Only

Deadline to Apply: 8/19/22

See the city [website](#) for additional information and requirements on these current opportunities to participate in the management and growth in our community.

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



KNOW YOUR ZONE

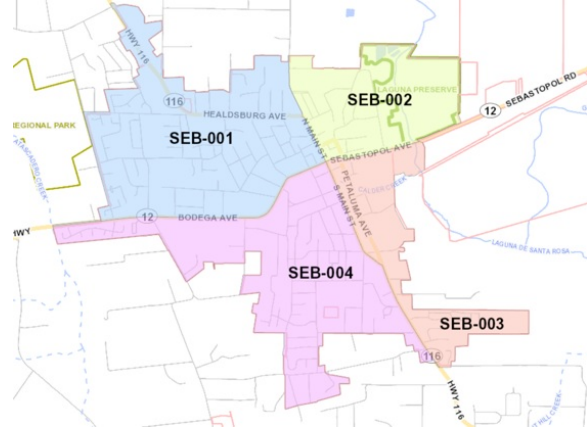
As summer weather continues, so does the danger of wildfire. Know your zone in case you need to evacuate. You can find links on the Fire Department page of the City's website [HERE](#).

[Sebastopol City Limits -](#)

[Evacuation Map](#) (Enter your address in the top right search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

[Sebastopol Addresses Outside City Limits - Evacuation Map](#)

(Enter your address in the top left search bar to find your evacuation zone.)



COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

COUNTY OF SONOMA

COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

Free, convenient, confidential COVID-19 testing is available to all Sonoma County residents, regardless of document status

See the [SoCoEmergency Calendar](#) for a list of testing locations in the County.

See the [SoCoEmergency Testing](#) page for more information.

Residential households in the U.S. are now eligible for another order of free at-home tests. Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Each order now includes eight rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Your order of eight tests will come in two separate packages (four in each package) each with its own tracking number
- Packages are shipped at no cost to you
- To order your free at-home tests, visit <https://special.usps.com/testkits>

CITY NEWS

CITY MEETINGS

All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link.

Agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the City website by clicking the "[Meetings](#)" link on the home page. Agendas will contain information about participating virtually in real time when this feature is available.

City Council Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Tuesday of each month

- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before the meeting:
 - **For Items Not on the Agenda:** Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items not on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the virtual City Council meeting. All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org
 - **For Items Listed on the Agenda:** Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items listed on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the agenda item during the virtual City Council meeting. **Email comments must identify the Agenda Item Number in the subject line of the email.** All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** City Council Meeting of August 16, 2022 @ 6:00 PM has been CANCELLED.

Planning Commission Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of August 23, 2022 @ 6:00 PM](#)

(NOTE: All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link. Information for meeting attendance can be found here: <https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx>)

Design Review Board Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 4pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of August 17, 2022 @ 4:00 PM](#)

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 10:30am
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of September 7, 2022 @ 10:30AM](#)

Climate Action Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3:30pm
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of August 24, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIORS CENTER'S OPEN HOUSE IS AUGUST 25TH

Learn more about what they do! Get involved!

- Classes & day trips
- Resources, lgbt+ program
- Transportation
- Tours of the Harvest Cafe & new kitchen
- The legacy thrift store
- Meet instructors and more!

Date: Thursday, August 25th

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Location: 167 N. High St in Sebastopol

RSVP [Here](#)

YOU ARE INVITED TO
SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER'S

Open House

CELEBRATING PHIL AARON DAY

AUGUST 25TH | 4PM - 6PM | THURSDAY

167 N. HIGH ST IN SEBASTOPOL

Free and
open
to the
community!

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR SENIOR CENTER
CLASSES & DAY TRIPS
RESOURCES, LGBT+ PROGRAM
TRANSPORTATION
THE LEGACY THRIFT STORE
MEET INSTRUCTORS AND MORE!

RSVP ON OUR WEBSITE OR CALL US 707-829-2440
PROOF OF COVID VACCINE REQUIRED



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AGED TO PERFECTION TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

This year's Sebastopol Area Senior Center annual fundraiser Aged to Perfection, will honor two people/groups for their incredible contributions to our community: Jim Pacatte and The Sebastopol Rotary.

The Evening Includes:

- A paddle raise auctioning off some amazing dinner packages
- Dancing to Pride & Joy
- Scrumptious eats by A La Heart
- A raffle with a chance to win the Wine Sweepstakes (bottles of high-end Sonoma County wines) and so much more!

Tickets are ALL INCLUSIVE and include food and wine, beer, or non-alcoholic beverages.

DATE: Saturday, September 17, 2022

LOCATION: Blue Ridge Kitchen Event Center in The Barlow

TIME: 5:30pm - 10pm
COST: \$150 per person

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)

the Sebastopol Area Senior Center presents

**~ SATURDAY ~
SEPTEMBER 17TH**

AGED TO PERFECTION

**HONOREES ~ JIM PACATTE
& THE ROTARY CLUB OF SEBASTOPOL**

**Wine Sweepstakes
Live Auction
Scrumptious Eats
Wine and Beer
Dancing to Pride & Joy**

**5:30PM
TO 10:30PM**

**AT THE BARLOW
BLUE RIDGE
EVENT CENTER**

A Harvest Celebration

SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER

PRIDE & JOY

\$150 ~ All Inclusive Tickets
sebastopolseniorcenter.org/aged-to-perfection
Phone: 707-829-2440

**PEACETOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES JUNE 8 -
SEPTEMBER 7**



Head to the Barlow to take in the sweet sounds of summer at the Peacetown Summer Concert series. Every Wednesday, through September 7, the Barlow will be filled with music and dancing alongside a variety of local wines and food to enjoy from 4:30pm-7:30pm. To view this summer's music lineup, visit peacetown.org.

VOLUNTEER AT THE HARVEST CAFE

Volunteer at The Harvest Cafe: The Harvest Café at the Sebastopol Area Senior Center, has helped serve our mission of feeding those in need for the last year. Volunteers are essential in making sure we continue to provide healthy meals to families, friends, and neighbors of our community. The position of kitchen server and kitchen helper supports by serving food to our community members that visit the Harvest Café.



To learn more visit:

<https://www.sebastopolseniorcenter.org/lunch-at-harvest-cafe>

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