



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**February 25 - March 3 Special Weekly Edition of  
Sebastopol Community Newsletter**

Please visit [socoemergency.org](http://socoemergency.org) for the most up-to-date information on the coronavirus crisis in Sonoma County.

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## **QUICK FACTS**

SONOMA COUNTY HEALTH ORDER C19-36 RESCINDS THE LOCAL MASK MANDATE, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 15 AT 11:59PM:  
[CLICK HERE](#)

AMENDED RECOMMENDATION OF THE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER: EMPLOYERS REQUIRE WORKFORCE TO SHOW PROOF OF PRIMARY VACCINATION OR AT LEAST TWICE WEEKLY TESTING: [CLICK HERE](#)

25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL:  
[CLICK HERE](#)

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## CITY COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE SISTER CITY AND WHOLE OF UKRAINE

At the March 1st City Council Meeting, the City Council approved the Resolution Affirming Support for our Sister City Ukraine and the Whole of Ukraine.

The City of Sebastopol affirms our support for our Sister City, Chyhyryn, Ukraine, and the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine. The City of Sebastopol has been Sister Cities with the City of Chyhyryn, Ukraine since 1993; and, the Cities of Sebastopol and Chyhyryn have developed deep and meaningful bonds of friendship through cultural exchanges of people of all ages; Sebastopol and Chyhyryn residents staying in each other's homes and sharing each other's lives.



The Mayor and members of the City Council of the City of Sebastopol, condemn the violation of Ukraine's sovereign nation borders, independence and territorial integrity, and oppose the unnecessary and tragic loss of life this unprovoked armed conflict has caused, and affirm our support for our Sister City, Chyhyryn, Ukraine, and the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

Read the full Resolution [HERE](#).

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## SEBASTOPOL WORLD FRIENDS STANDS WITH UKRAINE

[Sebastopol World Friends](#), the organization that directs the City of Sebastopol's Sister City program with Chyhyryn, Ukraine, operates from the primary guiding principle to support "World



Peace, One Friend at a Time.”

During this heartbreaking and challenging time, Sebastopol World Friends has compiled a list of some of the worthy organizations which currently seem to be positioned to receive U.S. donations and get them to Ukrainians who have been impacted by the current conflict. See the Sebastopol World Friends [How to Donate](#) page


for more information. SWF will continue to update this page with information as they learn it.

## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 MASKING UPDATE

As of March 1, 2022, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) no longer requires masks in indoor public settings, regardless of vaccination status. The requirement that unvaccinated individuals mask in indoor public settings moved to a strong recommendation that all persons, regardless of vaccine status, continue indoor masking.

Universal masking shall remain required in specified high-risk settings -public transit, health care settings, emergency shelters, correctional facilities, homeless shelters and long-term care facilities.

For more detailed information from CDPH, click [HERE](#).



February 28th, 2022  
**COVID-19 MASKING UPDATE:**

**Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, masks will not be required but are strongly recommended for unvaccinated individuals in most indoor settings.**

**Masks are still required for everyone in these public settings:**

PUBLIC TRANSIT	HEALTH CARE SETTINGS
EMERGENCY SHELTERS	CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES
HOMELESS SHELTERS	LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

## AFTER MARCH 11 MASKS NO LONGER REQUIRED IN SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE FACILITIES

Per the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), after March 11, masks will no longer be required in schools and childcare facilities, regardless of vaccination status. CDPH strongly recommends that individuals in these settings continue to mask in indoor settings when the universal masking requirement lifts.

Local jurisdictions may have additional requirements beyond the state guidance.



February 28th, 2022

## **COVID-19 GUIDANCE UPDATE:**

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**SEBASTOPOL'S HOUSING ELEMENT CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING - MARCH 7TH**



## SEBASTOPOL HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Special City Council Meeting for the Workshop on Draft Housing Strategy, which was continued from the March 1st City Council Meeting, will be held **Monday, March 7th at 6pm** via teleconference only. Please see the City Council [meeting page](#) for details and links to the agenda, meeting info, and Zoom.

We're updating Sebastopol's Housing Element, and we want you to be part of the conversation. We're holding this public meeting to gather your input and create a community-driven housing plan. You are encouraged to join this meeting to learn more and share your thoughts.

During the meeting we'll give an overview of the process, community needs, and proposed solutions, and you'll have time to ask questions and let us know what you think. Learn more here: <https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Housing-Element>

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## SHARE YOUR INPUT IN THE CLIMATE ACTION SURVEY





## SEBASTOPOL CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK

# WHAT ARE YOUR CLIMATE CHANGE CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES?

Take the survey to share your input:

<https://bit.ly/Seb-Climate-Survey>



Take 5 minutes to share your climate change concerns, ideas, and priorities by completing the climate action survey at <https://bit.ly/Seb-Climate-Survey>. Your responses will help inform the development of Sebastopol's Climate Action Framework, a roadmap for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change in Sebastopol. *Para tomar la encuesta en español, haz click [AQUÍ](#).*

To learn more about the Framework, visit <https://bit.ly/ClimateActionFramework>.

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## SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER LGBT+ FRIENDSHIP MIXER FUN

On Friday, February 25th local seniors boarded the free #24 bus and headed to Ragle Park for the Sebastopol Area Senior Center's LGBT+ Friendship Mixer. It was a beautiful day of fun and friendship!





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## SEBASTOPOL WALKS ARE BACK!



Walks are scheduled for the last Saturday of the month through November. The events will vary in focus, length, and difficulty, based upon the routes chosen by the morning's leaders. See the [Sebastopol WALKS flyer](#) for a list of upcoming walks.

Some walks will be mainly for exercise to show participants how to connect places in town by foot and others will be informational. Some are new routes and new subject matter; others are updated versions of favorites.

The purpose of the WALKS program is to build interest in Sebastopol as a health-oriented community and help people experience the connectivity of our network of streets, sidewalks, paths, trails and alleys. Participants will learn that they can get around town without driving their car and that they can enjoy the outdoors on foot. They will learn about Sebastopol's social, cultural, and political history as well as its municipal functions.

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## SEBASTOPOL ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY - MARCH 12TH



The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is hosting an organic compost giveaway on Saturday, March 12th from 10am to 1pm. Home and school gardeners are invited to come to the pick-up site with COVID safe masks, shovels, gloves, a tarp and a car with containers or a pick-up truck and load their free compost (email ahead of time if you need assistance with loading).

### **Event Details:**

Saturday, March 12, 2022



From: 10am – 1pm  
Location: 425 Morris Street Sebastopol - Behind Youth Annex

*Free ½-1 Cu.Yd. per household - self serve, come prepared with shovels, gloves, mask, containers, or truck*

Compost applied to garden beds and around trees will boost plants with nutrients, replenish the soil microorganisms and organic matter which in turn improves soil health and carbon sequestration. Healthy soil absorbs and retains water best which is super important during droughts.

- Healthy soil will require less irrigation during dry periods between rains.
- Healthy soil will absorb more water during heavy rains resulting in less runoff and erosion.

Home gardener Terri Moon happily reported, “After applying the compost from the Sebastopol fall give away I went from watering my garden every other day to watering once a week.”

**Contact:** [Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com](mailto:Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com) or [ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto: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.

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## SUBMISSIONS SOUGHT FOR SEBASTOPOL'S COMMUNITY SCULPTURE GARDEN IN IVES PARK



**Support Person #1**  
Artist: Beth Hartmann



**Zephyra**  
Artist: Sculpture Jam



**Medallion**  
Artist: Briona Hendren

The Sebastopol City Council and its Public Arts Committee (PAC) invite Sonoma County-based artists to submit proposals for the new Community Sculpture Garden (CSG) located along the pedestrian walk between Ives Park's Calder Creek and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. The CSG will eventually be comprised of eight sculptures. The first three sculptures were installed in January. Submission information may be found [HERE](#).

**Submissions close April 15.**

An official Opening Day event is planned for the summer.

Stay tuned!

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## UPCOMING MAP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD (MYN) CLASSES

### MYN Classes

Being prepared together

Classes are on Zoom on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm

Registration & Zoom link -

[sebastopolready.org/calendar](https://sebastopolready.org/calendar)



### Upcoming Classes

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

Learn more about the MYN program and classes [HERE](#).

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## UPCOMING SEBASTOPOL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATION UNIT (SNCU) TRAININGS



### SNCU Trainings

Radio use, best radio options and message protocols

Trainings are from 1:00-2:30 pm

Registration (limit 12) & location

- [sebastopolready.org/calendar](https://sebastopolready.org/calendar)

### Upcoming Trainings

March 26

April 24

May 28

June 26

Learn more about about the SNCU program and trainings [HERE](#).

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## 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-Marín Saving Water Partnership](#).

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

- Use a water stop/dam to reduce the amount of water used in a flush. Don't use bricks because they will eventually crumble and could damage the working mechanism of the toilet. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.



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## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### Police Department

#### [Police Officer](#)

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

#### [Police Records and Support Services Manager](#)

**Deadline to Apply: 3/11/2022**

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

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## 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.

Although many test sites say “walk-ins welcome” health officials now do not want people with symptoms standing in lines for tests. They suggest staying home and trying to schedule a test. You can also order 4 free at-home tests per household. Find more information at <https://www.covidtests.gov>.

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# CITY NEWS

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Special City Council Meeting of March 7, 2022 @ 6:00 PM](#)

### 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of March 8, 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 [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of March 16, 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 [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

- **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.

**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](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of March 9, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### CHECK OUT THE SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY VIRTUAL EVENTS FOR MARCH

Join the Sonoma County Library for virtual events throughout the month of March. Programming for all ages, including storytimes, coding classes, yoga, and more!

All events are free and you don't

need a library card to attend, however registration is required. See the full calendar of upcoming events

here: <https://events.sonomalibrary.org/events/month>



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