

City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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June 17 - June 23 Special Weekly Edition of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 MASKING UPDATES: CLICK HERE

25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL: CLICK HERE



NO FIREWORKS IN SEBASTOPOL!

Reminder from Sebastopol Fire and Police Departments: Please remember as you celebrate Independence Day this year, there are NO types of fireworks that are legal in Sebastopol. We are in the midst of extreme drought conditions, so please be safe and don't endanger our neighborhoods by setting off fireworks of any kind. Fireworks are also prohibited in all Sebastopol parks. There are lots of other great ways to celebrate the Fourth like the July 3rd Fireworks Extravaganza & Music Festival at Analy High School. Have fun and be safe!





NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CITY COUNCIL JULY 18

The next General Municipal Election will be held on November 8, 2022. City of Sebastopol voters will be asked to elect three candidates to serve a four-year term on the City Council. Terms for Councilmembers Una Glass, Sarah Glade Gurney and Patrick Slayter expire at the end of this year.

The Nomination period is July 18 through August 12. Candidates may pull papers to run for the offices listed above during the nomination period.

CITY COUNCIL NOMINATIONS OPEN

JULY 18





Candidate Eligibility

- A candidate must be a United States citizen;
- 18 years old on or before the election day and a citizen of the state (Government Code Section 1020);
- A registered voter living in the City of Sebastopol at the time nomination papers are issued (The City Clerk will verify voter registration with the County of Sonoma Registrar of Voters.) Unless otherwise specifically provided, no person is eligible to be elected or appointed to an elective office unless that person is a registered voter and otherwise qualified to vote for that office at the time that nomination papers are issued to the person as provided for in Section 10227 of the Elections Code.
- <u>Conviction of Crimes</u> A person is disqualified from holding any office upon conviction of designated crimes as specified in the Constitution and the laws of the State of California (Government Code Section 1021).

Candidate Fees

There are no City of Sebastopol filing fees, however, candidates who choose to have their "Candidate Statement of Qualifications" printed in the sample ballot issued by the County Registrar of Voters must bear the actual cost of printing and distribution. Candidates who opt for this printing are required to pay the fee when the nomination paper and forms are filed with the City of Sebastopol City Clerk.

Please visit the <u>Elections and Voting Page</u> of the City of Sebastopol website for complete details and eligibility requirements.

RECOLOGY CARES PROGRAM

Through the Recology Cares Program, households in Sebastopol may be eligible for a 15% discount on their Recology bill. Participation in the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) CARE program automatically qualifies you for the Recology Cares program.

To apply for the program, simply mail or email us (recologysonomamarin@recology.com) a copy of your most current PG&E bill showing participation in their CARE program. Discount will be applied to the billing cycle in which the documentation is received.



The name and address on your PG&E account must match the name and address on your Recology account. Please note that you may be asked to

verify annually.

SEBASTOPOL TOWN HALL ON STATUS OF SERVICES TO THE UNHOUSED - JUNE 30TH



Presented by the Sebastopol Ad Hoc Committee on the Unhoused.

Report to the public on the status and progress of services to the unhoused in Sebastopol. An overall summary will be presented, as well as specific updates on Horizon Shine, Elderberry Commons, Park Village, and Sebastopol's Homeless Outreach Worker. We welcome all who are interested in this topic to attend and participate in learning more about the programs and communities being served who are working to make better lives in Sebastopol.

Sebastopol Town Hall

Status of Services to the Unhoused June 30, 2022 6pm-8pm Via Zoom

Learn more about the meeting **HERE**.

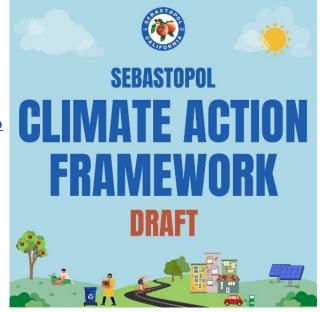
Sign up <u>HERE</u> to receive information on Housing issues in Sebastopol.

REVIEW THE DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION FRAMEWORK

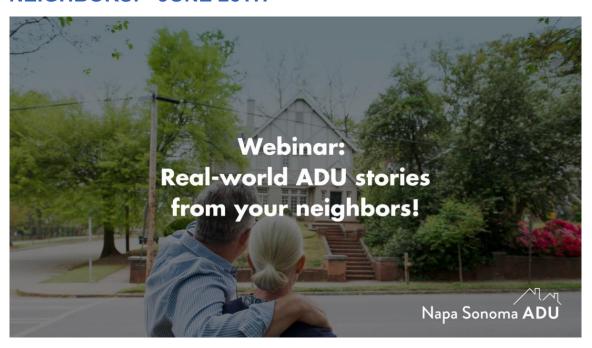
On June 16th the City released a draft version of the Sebastopol Climate Action Framework. The Framework highlights opportunities for additional climate action in Sebastopol and sets goals for action in the areas of transportation, sustainable land use, buildings, and clean energy, and

more.

Community members are invited to review and comment on the draft Framework, which can be found on the City website at https://bit.ly/ClimateActionFramework. Please email any comments to ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org or drop them off at City Hall by July 7th.



WEBINAR: REAL-WORLD ADU STORIES FROM YOUR NEIGHBORS! - JUNE 28TH



Join us for a roundtable conversation with local homeowners who have recently completed real-world ADU (Accessory Dwelling Unit) builds in Napa and Sonoma Counties with help from the nonprofit Napa Sonoma ADU Center!

Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 **Time:** 6:00pm to 7:30pm

REGISTER HERE

We'll cover:

- Real-world permitting & building experiences
- Real talk about lessons learned, challenges, & tips
- Our NEW Standard Plans Program, launching June!
- YOUR questions, answered live!

Presented by the Napa Sonoma ADU Center, a nonprofit organization fiscallysponsored by Napa Valley Community Foundation with support from

COMMUNITY UPCYCLED ART PROJECT STILL SEEKING SUBMISSIONS

The Sebastopol Community "heArt" project is seeking submissions for upcycled art creations made from repurposed materials that will be displayed throughout town.

Community artists are invited to create supporting pieces that will:

- explore innovative ways to address the environmental challenges we are currently facing.
- be curated from the abundance that already exists within our lives.
- utilize upcycled materials.
- specifically address subjects under the general category of climate change: water, air, solar, carbon sequestration, social inequities, our waste stream, and consumption.

Submissions accepted on a rolling basis for supporting art piece proposals.



For more information and the Art Piece Submission form click HERE.

Completed forms should be turned in to the Planning Dept. at Sebastopol City Hall or emailed to ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org

SONOMA COUNTY ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION ANNOUNCES NEW SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES



The County of Sonoma, Energy and Sustainability Division is pleased to announce the latest homeowner workshops in an on-going series for those interested in learning more about the benefits of making improvements that will help make your home more resilient.

The workshops cover a range of topics including evaluating energy use, making a project plan, funding your projects, solar photovoltaics and battery storage, water conservation, wildfire safety, and understanding heat pumps for HVAC and water heating.

Presentations will also include information about the County's property-based financing program and other resources such as no-cost consultations, rebates and incentives to get projects done.

To register, please click on the workshops below that you would like to attend. All registered attendees will receive copies of the presentation and slides upon conclusion of the workshop.

REGISTER TODAY: Workshops are held on Wednesdays 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- June 29, 2022: Solar and Battery Storage Basics
- July 6, 2022: Saving Energy at Home Your House is a System
- July 13, 2022: Saving Water to Combat Drought
- July 20, 2022: <u>Funding Your Improvements Incentives, Rebates, and Financing</u>
- July 27, 2022: <u>Understanding Residential Heat Pumps for HVAC and Water Heating</u>

For more information or to RSVP directly, call 707-565-6470 or email GSenergy@sonoma-county.org

For the press release and to learn more, click **HERE**.

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

Upcoming TrainingsJune 26

Learn more about the SNCU program and trainings <u>HERE</u>.

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:





Recycle indoor water to use on plants.

 Recycle indoor water to use on plants. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Police Department

Police Officer

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

<u>Police Communications Dispatcher</u> (Entry Level)

Deadline to Apply: 7/8/2022

<u>Police Communications Dispatcher</u> (Lateral)

Deadline to Apply: 7/8/2022

See the city <u>website</u> for additional information and requirements on these current opportunities to participate in the

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



CHECK OUT SEBASTOPOLREADY.ORG

<u>SebastopolReady.org</u> is an emergency and disaster preparedness and readiness resource with information on how neighbors can prepare to provide care, safety and comfort simply by working together.



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 athome 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 "<u>Meetings</u>" 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: <u>City Council Meeting of July 5, 2022 @ 6:00 PM</u>

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 <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: <u>Planning Commission Meeting of June 28, 2022 @ 6:00 PM</u>

(**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

Next Meeting: <u>Design Review Board Meeting of July 6, 2022 @ 4:00 PM</u>

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
- 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
- Next Meeting: Climate Action Committee Meeting of July 13, 2022 @ 3:30 PM



COMMUNITY NEWS

CALL FOR ENTRIES FOR "PULP: BOOK & PAPER ARTS" - DEADLINE JUNE 27

CENTERARTS FOR THE



The deadline to submit work for "Pulp: Book and Paper Arts" at Sebastopol Center for the Arts is coming up quickly. **Deadline for submissions is Monday, June 27.**

We're looking for innovative or traditional explorations of book arts, paper arts, and paper sculptures, including paper objects, book-art-related objects, altered books, and sculptural and wall-mounted pieces, as well as more traditional artists' books, letterpress printing and bookbinding. Jurors are Alicia Bailey and Helen Hiebert; Show coordinators are Renee Owen and Jennylynn Hall.

See our **Call for Entries page** for details.

Alicia Bailey, curator and artist, is currently the director of Abecedarian Books. She has been working with book forms since the mid-nineties, has owned and run a successful gallery dedicated to book arts, and is the visionary and curator behind the annual Artists' Book Cornucopia.

Helen Hiebert is a Colorado artist who constructs installations, sculptures, films, and artists' books and works in paper using handmade paper as her primary medium. She teaches, lectures and exhibits her work internationally and online, and is the author of several how-to books about papermaking and paper crafts.

The exhibition runs from July 23 to Sept. 3, 2022.

LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE DELIVERS FUN, LEARNING AND PRIZES JUNE 6 - AUGUST 13



Join the Sonoma County Library's <u>Summer Reading Challenge</u> for exploration, learning and fun. The Summer Reading Challenge runs from June 6 to August 13 and participants of all ages are challenged to read 20 minutes each day. The library's summer reading offerings include the reading challenge, a <u>community scavenger hunt</u> and virtual and inperson <u>events</u>.

Sign up for the challenge and track your reading online at <u>sonomalibrary.beanstack.org</u>, with the Beanstack Tracker app or by <u>visiting your local library branch</u> for paper logs.

"Sonoma County Library's Summer Reading Challenge celebrates learning—your way. Read something that sparks your curiosity for at least 20 minutes a day. Reading together is a great way to connect with family and friends," said Aleta Dimas, Adult Services Administrator at the Sonoma County Library. "Join us by reading wherever, however and whatever you enjoy, to foster a lifetime of learning!"

Children who don't read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall, a concept known as the "summer slide." Reading programs work to prevent this loss of information.

eBooks, audiobooks, eAudiobooks, physical books, graphic novels and even books read out loud by a loved one, all reading counts. Record your minutes regularly to be eligible for weekly raffle prizes. Plus, earn free books when you read for eight hours and again at 16 hours. Reading time must be recorded via Beanstack—or turned in by paper log—by August 13 to be eligible for the grand prize raffle.

Visit <u>sonomalibrary.org/summerreading2022</u> to learn more about the library's Summer Reading Challenge, and go to <u>sonomalibrary.org/scavengerhunt</u> to join the library's family-friendly community scavenger hunt.

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.

49TH ANNUAL JULY 3RD FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA & MUSIC FESTIVAL





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