



City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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May 20 - May 26 Special Weekly Edition of
Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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RESIDENTIAL HOUSEHOLDS IN THE U.S. ARE NOW ELIGIBLE
FOR ANOTHER ORDER OF FREE AT-HOME TESTS: [CLICK HERE](#)

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19
MASKING UPDATES: [CLICK HERE](#)

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



UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS - MAY 31 & JUNE 7

More important budget meetings are coming up on May 31st and June 7th. The public is invited to join the meetings via Zoom. See the Meeting Page links for the meeting agenda and Zoom info.

FY22-23 Budget Discussion #10

Date: Tuesday, May 31, 2022

Time: 2:00 PM

[Meeting Page](#)

FY22-23 Budget Discussion #11

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)



Have a say in how your tax dollars are spent!

SEBASTOPOL 120TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN PARTY - JUNE 18TH FROM 4-7PM

Come to the Sebastopol Town Party on **June 18 from 4 to 7 pm in Ives Park**. There will be music, dancing, food trucks, and fun! Music from Stella Heath and Bandjango, Gabriel Wheaton, and Bohemian Groove. This is a free event in honor of the 120th anniversary of Sebastopol becoming an official town. Bring food for yourselves or buy food there from Jam's Joy Bungalow, Smokehouse BBQ, and more. Wine and beer available for purchase. Let's celebrate Sebastopol! We're so lucky to live in such a beautiful and interesting

place.

For questions and more info: <https://www.relaunchsebastopol.com/town-party>

MUSIC FROM STELLA HEATH & BANDJANGO
PLUS GABRIEL WHEATON,
AND BOHEMIAN GROOVE

SEBASTOPOL
TOWN PARTY
JUNE 18, 4-7 PM

CELEBRATE THE
120TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE TOWN OF
SEBASTOPOL

IVES PARK
THIS IS A FREE EVENT. BRING FOOD OR BUY FOOD & DRINKS THERE!

RELAUNCH SEBASTOPOL

Remember dancing on the grass in Ives Park?
MUSIC, DANCING, FOOD TRUCKS, FUN!

The poster features a vibrant background with orange and blue diagonal stripes. At the top, a pink banner contains the text 'MUSIC FROM STELLA HEATH & BANDJANGO'. Below this, in blue text, are the names 'PLUS GABRIEL WHEATON, AND BOHEMIAN GROOVE'. The words 'SEBASTOPOL' are written in large, white, outlined letters, curving around a central graphic. The central graphic consists of overlapping circles in shades of blue, teal, and pink. The words 'TOWN PARTY' are written in large, white, bold letters across the center. Below that, 'JUNE 18, 4-7 PM' is written in white. To the right, a pink circle contains the text 'CELEBRATE THE 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF SEBASTOPOL'. At the bottom left, 'IVES PARK' is written in large, blue, bold letters, with a pink triangle to its left. Below it, in smaller blue text, is 'THIS IS A FREE EVENT. BRING FOOD OR BUY FOOD & DRINKS THERE!'. At the bottom right, a pink speech bubble contains the text 'RELAUNCH SEBASTOPOL'. The bottom of the poster is a solid blue band with white text: 'Remember dancing on the grass in Ives Park? MUSIC, DANCING, FOOD TRUCKS, FUN!'. The background also features photos of musicians and a young man.

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



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL AD HOC
COMMITTEE ON THE UNHOUSED

TOWN HALL

THURSDAY, JUNE 30
6PM - 8PM
VIA ZOOM

<https://bit.ly/sebTH22>



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 [HERE](#) to receive information on Housing issues in Sebastopol.

CHECK OUT THE NEW VISIT SEBASTOPOL WEBSITE

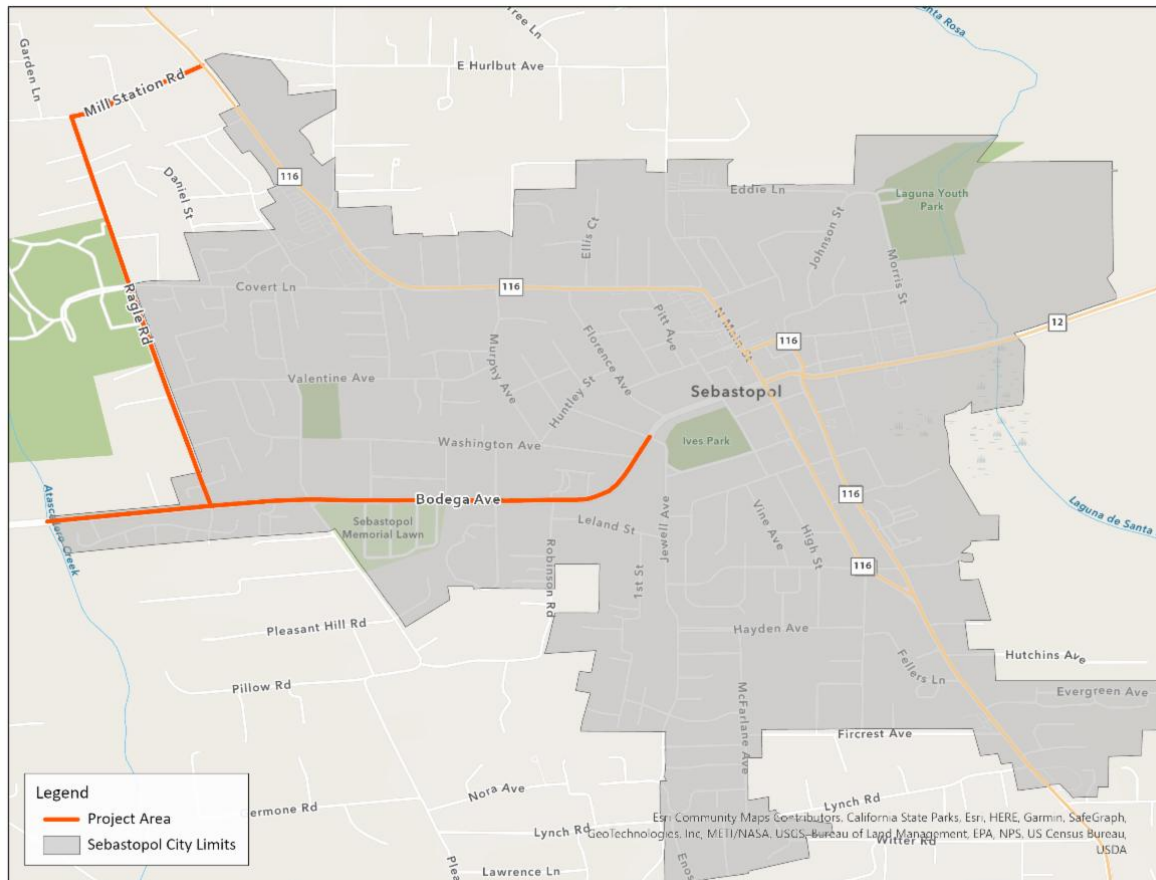


Visit Sebastopol is an exciting new visitor-facing website. Here, visitors (and residents, too) will find resources galore on what to do, see, and experience in the heart of West County.

The new website is part of "[Relaunch Sebastopol](#)," a program initiated by the Sebastopol City Council to help our town recover from the economic and social ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program seeks to spur economic development and increase community vitality.

www.visitsebastopol.net

TAKE THIS QUICK SURVEY ABOUT PROPOSED BIKE PATHS, BIKE LANES, AND SIDEWALKS IN WEST SEBASTOPOL



The City of Sebastopol and Sonoma County are partnering to make walking and biking safer and more comfortable travel options for people of all ages and abilities. Most of the proposed bike lanes and paths in the Sebastopol area have been completed, with the exception of Bodega Avenue, Ragle Road, and Mill Station Road.

The City and County are applying for state funding to complete these projects to provide pedestrians and bicyclists with greater protection from traffic and make it easier to access local destinations by walking or biking. An important part of the grant application is input from community members, so we would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to complete a brief survey to tell us about your experience walking or biking along Bodega Avenue, Ragle Road, and Mill Station Road and how you feel about the proposed project.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

This survey ends May 30, 2022.

Thank you for your help! If you are interested in learning more about the project, click [here](#) to view the concept plan illustrating the proposed improvements.

SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY NEEDS SUMMIT - JUNE 14TH



Brought to you by the City of Sebastopol and the Sebastopol Service & Action Coalition

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Time: 4:30pm to 7:00pm

Location: High School Cafeteria, 6950 Analy Ave, Sebastopol

Do you want to learn about volunteer needs in town? This is your opportunity to find just the right project that fits your skills and availability.

Does your Sebastopol-based non-profit or service organization need a helping hand? This is your opportunity to get the word out and connect with volunteers. Make sure you reserve an informational table space and get included in the Summit Guide 2022.

Fill out the RSVP form [HERE](#) to confirm your participation as an attendee or as a nonprofit wanting to table and/or be included in our Summit Guide 2022.

Summit Guide 2022: Do you also want to be included in this year's Guide? Make sure you complete our Survey [HERE](#).

Visit the City of Sebastopol's website [HERE](#) for more information.

Curious about last year's Summit Guide? Check it out [HERE](#).

Questions? Email SebastopolSummit@gmail.com

PICTURING SEBASTOPOL PHOTO CONTEST



Got a great photo of Sebastopol? Enter a photo you've taken of Sebastopol in the Picturing Sebastopol Photo Contest, and **you could win dinner for two at your favorite Sebastopol restaurant or more fabulous prizes.**

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JUNE 5TH

Picturing Sebastopol is sponsored by Sebastopol Center for Arts and the City of Sebastopol. We're looking for photographs of iconic Sebastopol places, scenes, and experiences - pictures that really say "This is Sebastopol." Learn more and upload your photo [here](#) or email it to hagarlaura@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY UPCYCLED ART PROJECT SEEKS SUBMISSIONS

It's the Sebastopol Community Upcycled heArt Project

The heArt Project is designed to educate and inspire by activating potential in affecting climate change. It is to be created through contributions from the community. **This project will symbolize the interconnectivity of all life.**

- The Central Art Piece will be a kaleidoscope of upcycled glass housed in a welded case.
- The supporting art pieces will be installed 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.**

Alongside the supporting art pieces will be a companion QR code that links the viewer to a website which will include information on: the makers of the piece, the topic of the piece, actions regarding the topic, and any recent news on local organizations working on a goal related to the topic.

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

PEACETOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES JUNE 8 - SEPTEMBER 7



Head to the Barlow to take in the sweet sounds of summer as the Peacetown Summer Concert series kicks off on June 8. 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.

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



Join the Sonoma County Library's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) 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 [community scavenger hunt](#) and virtual and in-person [events](#).

Sign up for the challenge and track your reading online at sonomalibrary.beanstack.org, with the Beanstack Tracker app or by [visiting your local library branch](#) 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!”

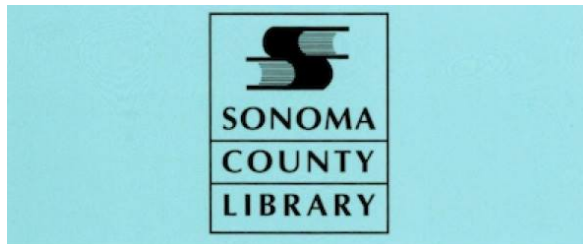
Children who don’t read during the summer can lose up to two months of learning by the time they return to school in the fall, a concept known as the “summer slide.” Reading programs work to prevent this loss of information.

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

SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION OPENING

Notice to the Community to fill Position on the Sonoma County Library Commission for a Representative from Sebastopol (Term Ends July 31, 2026)



SEBASTOPOL REPRESENTATIVE-SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION

The City of Sebastopol invites interested citizens to volunteer and apply to fill position as the City of Sebastopol Representative on the Sonoma County Library Commission - Term Ending Date - July 31, 2026

Applicants need not be a resident of the City but may be appointed from the City, Sebastopol Greater Area or any other location within Sonoma County.

The Commission generally meets monthly, with additional special meetings as needed. Each commissioner is liaison to a Library Advisory Board (LAB), attending LAB meetings and participating in an ex-officio capacity.

See the Sonoma County Library Commission Job Opening Description [HERE](#)
Click [HERE](#) for an Application

All applications must be signed and shall be submitted to the City Administration Offices, no later than **May 30, 2022 by 4:00 pm**. Interviews before the City Council will be scheduled for a later date.

Applications and further information are also available at the City of Sebastopol City Hall, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472;
email: mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org or phone 707-823-1153.

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

SebastopolREADY
neighbors helping neighbors

Upcoming Classes

June 15

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



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

Upcoming Trainings

May 28
June 26

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

PG&E PERFORMING ONGOING GAS SAFETY VEGETATION WORK

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is
performing ongoing gas safety vegetation work and our
communities can help keep the area above and around
the gas transmission pipeline safe.

It's important to keep the area above a gas
transmission pipeline clear of structures, trees and
brush, as they can block access in an emergency or for
critical maintenance work. These types of items can
also damage the pipe and potentially cause corrosion
which can lead to leaks. That's why, as part of their
commitment to safety, PG&E regularly inspects the
area above and around the pipeline and partners with
customers to address any items that pose a safety
concern.

The community can help keep the pipeline safe by:

- Calling 811 before starting a digging or landscaping project so any underground utilities can be marked.



- Monitoring and reporting any suspicious activity near pipelines.
- Following the guide to safe landscaping when deciding where to install new trees and plants.
- Ensuring structures are installed at least 14 feet away from the pipeline.

Visit the City's website [here](#) for more information and resources.

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:

- **Cover your swimming pool and spa, this helps to reduce evaporation. A pool cover can reduce water loss by 90%. It's critical that we all do our part to save water.**

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EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



TAKE STEPS TO PREPARE FOR WILDFIRES



Take steps to prepare for wildfires, like creating and practicing your wildfire action plan. Make getting ready for an emergency engaging for your little ones by involving them in the planning! Together we can all be prepared.

See the links below to:

[Create a Wildfire Action Plan](#)

[Prepare Your Family](#)

[Assemble an Emergency Supply Kit](#)

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 June 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

- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of June 14, 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 June 1, 2022 @ 4:00 PM](#) has been CANCELLED.

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 June 1, 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 kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org

- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of June 8, 2022 @ 3:30 PM](#)



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