



March - April, 2022

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 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!

Jim Pacatte is Sebastopol's Newest Local Who Makes A Difference

At its February 1 meeting, the Sebastopol City Council recognized James (Jim) Pacatte as the newest Local Who Makes a Difference. For decades, the longtime Sebastopol resident and Noon Club Rotarian has given generously of his time, energy, equipment, and funding to just about any project for the betterment of the community that requires construction



know-how. Highlights include leading the team that undertook post-flood repairs at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center, installing new benches at the library, and working on the Super Playground and Garzot Building at Libby Park. Currently he is working on interior and exterior renovations at the Sebastopol Senior Center. Learn more about Jim on the [Locals Who Make a Difference](#) page on the city website.

It's Almost Time for the Apple Blossom Parade & Festival

The signs of spring are also a sign that the Apple Blossom Parade & Festival

are happening soon. The highly anticipated annual event is back in its full glory to celebrate the diversity within our community. This year's theme is "Mask-A-Rade," and the event is sure to be filled with great food and entertainment for the whole family. You won't want to miss it. Saturday April 23, 2022 is the Festival & Parade (Parade starts at 10am on Main St.) and the Festival will continue through Sunday, April 24, 2022.



For more information visit appleblossomfest.com.

SDFF Returns as an In-Person Event



The 2022 Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival is returning an in-person event March 24-27. The live festival dates will be followed by a virtual event featuring a limited selection of streaming films.

Visit www.sebastopolfilmfestival.org for more information.

Sebastopol Organic Compost Giveaways – March 12th & April 24th

The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee will be hosting organic compost giveaways on Saturday, March 12th and Sunday, April 24th 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 & Sunday April 24, 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 or 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.

Upcoming Budget Committee Meetings

Several important budget meetings are coming up over the next few months. Agendas will be posted on the Meetings page the Thursday before each session. Have a say in how your tax dollars are spent!

Climate Planning Underway



The City of Sebastopol is developing a Climate Action Framework to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change in Sebastopol.

We need your input! Share your climate change concerns, ideas, and priorities

at <https://bit.ly/SebastopolClimateSurvey>

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

Calling All Artists & Creative Locals for the Sebastopol Community Upcycled Art Project

The Art Project is to be designed to educate and inspire by activating potential in affecting climate change. It is to be created through contributions from the community.



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 visit <https://bit.ly/UpcycledArtProject>.

Stay Up-to-Date on Covid-19

Please visit [SocoEmergency.org](https://socoemergency.org) frequently for the most current information.

Read Sonoma County's Health Orders and Recommendations at: socoemergency.org/emergency/novel-coronavirus/health-orders/.

For information on COVID-19 and local vaccination clinics, visit [SoCoEmergency.org/vaccine](https://socoemergency.org/vaccine).

Submissions Sought for Sebastopol's Community Sculpture Garden in Ives Park

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 on the [PAC page of the City of Sebastopol website](#). Submissions close April 15.

An Official Opening Day event is planned for the summer. Stay tuned!



Support Person #1
Artist: Beth Hartman



Zephyra
Artist: Sculpture Jam



Medallion
Artist: Briona Hendren

Go Green by Going Paperless with Your Water & Sewer Bill

What are the benefits of online bill-pay? 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.



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