



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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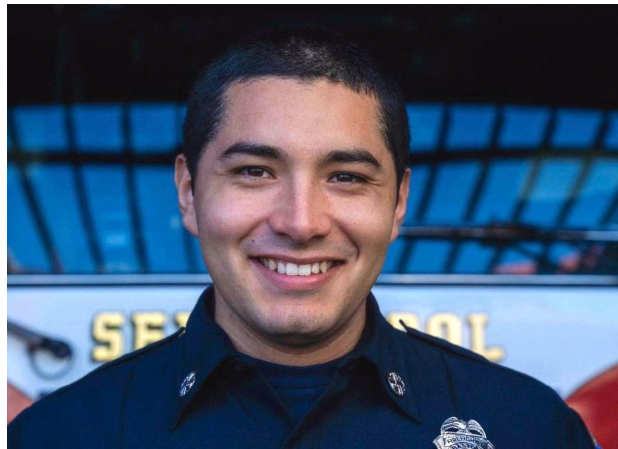
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**CHRISTIAN GARCIA NAMED SEBASTOPOL'S  
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**



We would like to congratulate Christian Garcia as Volunteer Firefighter of the year. Garcia is a Firefighter-EMT, that has been with the department for 3 ½ years. During those years he has worked on many of the large California fires including Glass and Walbridge locally, as well as the Fox, Slater, Caldor, Fawn, Oak, and McKinney fires. He has shown his dedication to the department with high call and drill attendance, as well as being a mentor to our newest probationary volunteers.



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## FIRE SERVICES FEASIBILITY STUDY RELEASED



In August 2022, the Sebastopol City Council contracted with an outside agency that has expertise on fire service issues to assess its fire services delivery situation and provide recommendations to allow the City to plan for the future in terms of infrastructure and funding. The feasibility study has been released and may be viewed [here](#).

The public is invited to a Special City Council meeting to review the study on [January 31 at 6pm via Zoom](#).

Additional details and FAQs may be found [here](#).

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## KNOW YOUR EMERGENCY ALERTS



Even though we are not experiencing severe weather at this time, it's always a good time to be prepared and know your emergency alerts.

The City of Sebastopol uses multiple notifications and warning systems to make sure emergency alerts are delivered to the people who need the information.

Visit the City of Sebastopol's website [HERE](#) for a list of emergency notification and warning systems or scan the QR code above.

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## NEW 369 AREA CODE ADDED TO CALIFORNIA 707 AREA CODE REGION



The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) reminds Californians that the new 369 area code will be added as an overlay to the existing 707 area code region starting February 1, 2023.

With new telephone numbers in the 707 area code region in high demand, the CPUC in June 2022 approved the implementation of an area code overlay, which adds a second area code to the geographic region served by the existing area code.

The new 369 area code will serve the same geographic area currently served



by the 707 area code. **Existing 707 numbers will not change.** Read the full press release [HERE](#).

For more information, please contact your local telephone service provider or visit the [CPUC website](#).

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## SONOMA COUNTY WINTER SHELTERS

Information on Sonoma County's system of care partners with local service providers that will offer winter shelter bed space or other sleeping alternatives. This is in addition to year-round shelters. [English](#). [Español](#).



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## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### Police Department

[Police Communications Dispatcher](#)  
Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

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

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# COUNTY OF SONOMA

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## COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

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

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

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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:** [City Council Meeting of February 7, 2023 @ 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 February 14, 2023 @ 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of February 1, 2023 @ 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of February 1, 2023 @ 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](mailto:kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)
- **Next Meeting:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### SEBASTOPOL CARBON CONVERSATIONS SERIES STARTS FEB. 1ST



[Sebastopol Carbon Conversations](#) is organized by The Rarus Institute and hosted by the Sebastopol Grange. The series takes a closer look at the many solutions for reversing global warming as presented in [Project Drawdown](#) and other sources. We'll learn from local organizations that are working on Climate solutions in agriculture, renewable energy, reducing waste, empowering women, transportation, building design, carbon sequestration, and more. Through this exploration, we'll discover where we each can take small to large steps and help shape a better future.

**Event Name:** Sonoma County Climate 2050

**Date:** Wednesday, February 1, 2023

**Time:** 7pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)

**Location:** Sebastopol Grange - 6000 Sebastopol Ave, Hwy. 12, Sebastopol, CA

**Audience:** Community, Teachers, Students, Everyone.

**Cost:** FREE

**RSVP:** [HERE](#)

Email [carbon@rahus.org](mailto:carbon@rahus.org) with any questions.

Visit <https://rahus.org/scc/> for more information.

**Mark your calendar for these additional dates and topics:**

- **March 1st, 7pm** - Rainwater Cisterns in the drought era.
- **April 5th, 7pm** - Electrifying your home.
- **May 5th, 7pm** - Teaching Climate
- **June 7th, 7pm** - Electric Vehicles and Charging

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## BIKE SEBASTOPOL HOSTING SMART CYCLING WORKSHOP ON FEB. 5TH



[Bike Sebastopol](#), in collaboration with the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, is hosting a Smart Cycling workshop on February 5th for those interested in participating in upcoming Sebastopol Sundays (townie) Bike Rides. The Bike Rides will start and end at Farmer's Market at the town plaza. Various routes will weave through town discovering best ways to get around Sebastopol on bike. This workshop is a first step to launching the bike rides later this spring. There is No Cost to participate in this Workshop. [Please Sign up Here.](#)

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