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Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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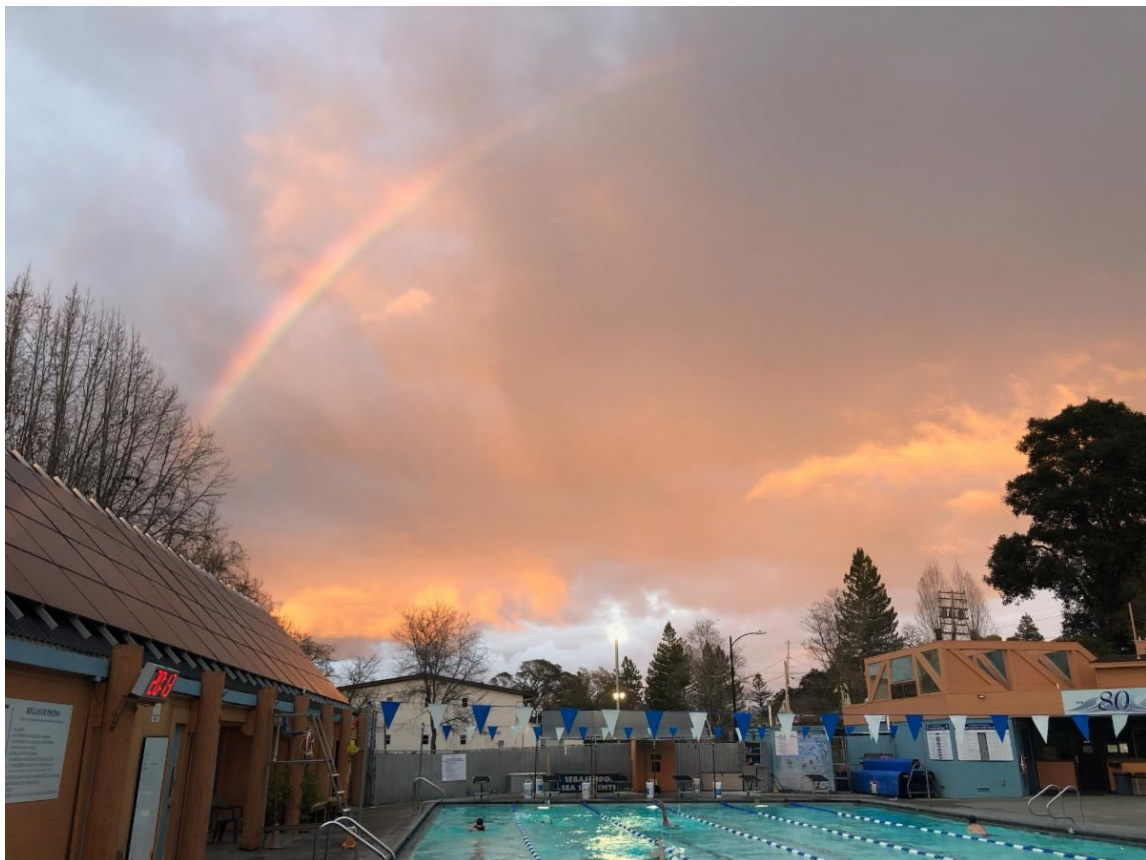


Photo by Ives Pool

UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS



Important budget meetings are coming up. The public is invited to join the meeting via Zoom. See the Meeting Page link for the meeting agenda and Zoom info.

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #2 - Police

Date: Monday, March 27, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #3 - Fire & Building

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

FY23-24 Budget Discussion #4 - Public Works/SCCC/Senior Center/Ives

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM

[Meeting Page](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

Have a say in how your tax dollars are spent!

**SEBASTOPOL ROTARY SEEKS SWIM CLASS
VOLUNTEERS**



Photo from Sebastopol Rotary Club

Sebastopol is the only city in the nation that teaches every kid how to swim for free.

The sounds of summer will soon be coming from the direction of Ives Pool, where the Sebastopol Rotary Club will again be teaching area seven-year-olds how to swim.

From April 17 through May 11, free swimming lessons are being offered by the Sebastopol Rotary Club, which has been providing basic swim and water safety lessons since 1984.

Over 300 kids from participating schools such as Oak Grove, Park Side, Harmony, Forestville, Sunridge, Orchard View, Apple Blossom, Gravenstein, Sebastopol Independent Charter, and Reach will be eager for instruction.

The Sebastopol Rotary Club needs your help to ensure a successful 37th year of teaching Sebastopol-area second graders to swim. Whether your love working with kids or just having fun in the pool, we need your help teaching basic swimming skills to our youth. **No experience is required**, and you'll get some training so that you feel comfortable teaching in the pool.

If you, your partner, family members, friends want to help keep our children safe please volunteer to help at Ives. No offer to help will be refused. You can use the volunteer form below, pick up a form at Ives, from a participating school, or by

contacting Greg Jacobs at 707-823-7341 or [gjacob48@gmail.com](mailto:gjacobs48@gmail.com), or Rick Wilson at 707-824-0846 or chefrickeywilson@yahoo.com.

See the [Volunteer Form](#) for more information.

Read more about the Sebastopol Rotary Club Learn to Swim program in the Sebastopol Times article [HERE](#).

UPCOMING MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS (MYN) CLASSES

MYN Classes

Being prepared together

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

Upcoming Classes

April 19, 2023

May 17, 2023

Sign up for an upcoming MYN class [HERE](#).

See the [SebastopolReady Calendar](#) for a complete list of classes. Learn more about the MYN program and classes [HERE](#).



ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) OPT-OUT PROGRAM INFORMATION



At the City of Sebastopol, we support offering our customers a choice in metering infrastructure. The AMI Opt-Out Program is for residential customers who prefer not to have the data collector/transmitter installed with their water meter. The program allows customers to have their meter read manually at the end of every month at no additional cost to the customer.

Most customers look forward to having an automated meter installed at their home and taking advantage of the many benefits that this technology offers, such as fewer visits from field service representatives and immediate access to consumption information. However, if you are a City of Sebastopol residential customer and would prefer not to have an automated meter read at your home, Please call us at: **707-823-5331** or Email: citypw@cityofsebastopol.org.

Let one of our customer service representatives know that you would like to opt out of our automated meter program. The Opt-Out program allows customers who prefer not to have the data collector / transmitter with their water meter read manually at the end of every month at no additional cost to the customer.

[AMI Opt-out Application](#)
[AMI Opt-out FAQ](#)

SEBASTOPOL WALKS - MARCH 25 - BUSINESSES BEHIND THE SCENES



See what you've been missing from the driver's seat . . .

It's the best time of year to enjoy walking in Sebastopol! Be a tourist in your own small town and walk where you've never walked before. Most Walks are the last Saturday of the month starting at 9am (Meet at the Downtown Plaza).

March 25 – Saturday, 9am (Meet at the downtown plaza)

Businesses Behind the Scenes

Leaders: Sebastopol Vice Mayor Diana Rich & Councilmember Stephen Zollman

Enjoy a lovely springtime walk around town, and get a private peek into the real workings of our local businesses. This walk includes behind the scenes tours and talks at several locations. This walk is an easy 1 1/2 miles and should finish by 12:15pm.

FOR A ROUTE MAP: Email drich@cityofsebastopol.org

Visit the [Sebastopol Walks](#) page on the City's website for more information and the 2023 schedule.

PAINT OUT HATE - COMMUNITY ART PROJECT SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 30TH

Let's walk our talk!

- Use your creativity to paint an expression of love, kindness, equality, social justice, and inclusivity
- Share your idea on the flyer/submission form - forms available at the Sebastopol Library, 7140 Bodega Ave., or download and print a copy **HERE:** [English](#). [Español](#).
- Those selected will be invited to a community paint party (Paint Party is June 24th)

Murals will be painted on sidewalks, at the Senior Center, the Sebastopol Regional Library, the Center for the Arts, and Ives Pool.

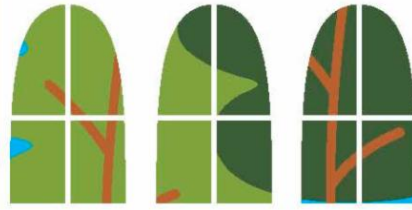
Submissions due March 30

Supplies provided

Open to all ages

Community Art Project

Paint Out Hate



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- 2** Share your idea on the back of this flyer to be selected to be part of a sidewalk mural in Sebastopol
- 3** Those selected will be invited to a community paint party*

***Paint party
June 24**



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SEBASTOPOL REGIONAL LIBRARY
7140 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol
(707) 823-7691
sonomalibrary.org



This project is supported by
the City of Sebastopol.



Brought to you by the Measure Y sales tax.

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY - APRIL 2ND

Applying compost is one of many things you can do for the climate, it helps build soil health while retaining water!

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023

Time: 9am-12pm (or until the pile is gone)

Location: 425 Morris St. (behind the Community Center Youth Annex)

Bring: shovels, buckets or bags, tarps, gloves, pick-up truck

1/2 cubic yard per household (more available for school gardens or multi-family gardens)

The free compost events are provided by the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee, the City of Sebastopol, Zero Waste Sonoma, and WM Redwood of Novato.

Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is a group of dedicated citizens working to address the global climate emergency through local action.



Contact: ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org or Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com

SEBASTOPOL ELECTRIFICATION SURVEY



The City of Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is conducting a brief survey to learn more about residents' views and needs related to switching from natural gas to electricity in their homes. We are pursuing this with the intention of reducing greenhouse gases and improving air quality. Your input will help guide the City's efforts on this issue.

Follow the link to share your input: <https://bit.ly/SebElectrificationSurvey>.

If you have any questions or issues with the survey, please contact ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org. You can learn more about the Climate Action Committee on the [City website](#).

Survey Ends: April 30, 2023

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Administrative Services Department
(Finance)
[Accountant](#)

Deadline to Apply: Open Until Filled

Planning Department
Planning Technician

**Deadline to Apply: April 3, 2023 at
11:59pm**



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

CITY NEWS

CITY MEETINGS

All meetings will be held both in-person and virtually and are open to the public to attend.

Meetings will be held at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472, and are open for in-person attendance.

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 both in-person and virtually in real time when this feature is available.

City Council Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **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 April 4, 2023 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Planning Commission Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to kvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of March 28, 2023 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Design Review Board Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3:30pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to jjay@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Design Review Board Meeting of March 28, 2023 @ 3:30 PM](#)

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** First Wednesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 1:30pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **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 April 5, 2023 @ 1:30 PM](#)

Climate Action Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to jjay@cityofsebastopol.org
- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of April 11, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEBASTOPOL CARBON CONVERSATIONS - ELECTRIFY YOUR HOME - APRIL 5TH



Sebastopol Carbon Conversations

Empowering Local Climate Action

Wondering about electric appliance replacements for homes? This next Carbon Conversation is for you.

Electrify Your Home: Tips and strategies for electrifying your home from Sean Armstrong of Redwood Energy. In addition, Sebastopol Climate Action Committee Energy Group Members will be sharing their experience of selecting electric replacement appliances.



Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Time: doors open at 6:30pm, presentation starts at 7pm followed by Q&A

Location: Sebastopol Grange, 6000 Sebastopol Ave, Hwy12, Sebastopol, CA

Cost: FREE

RSVP: [HERE](#)

Learn more at: <https://rahus.org/scc/>

Sebastopol Carbon Conversations is organized by The Rahu 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.

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