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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!



Introducing Sebastopol's New City Council



Mayor Neysa Hinton

Vice Mayor Diana Gardner Rich



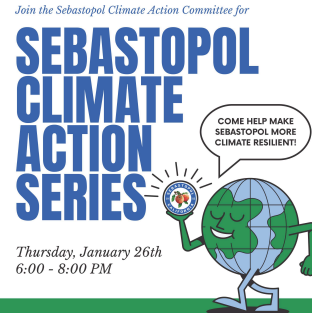
Council Member Sandra Maurer

Council Member Jill McLewis

Council Member Stephen Zollman

Following being sworn in at the December 6 City Council meeting, newly elected council members Sandra Maurer, Jill McLewis, and Stephen Zollman participated in unanimously electing Neysa Hinton as mayor and Diana Gardner Rich as vice mayor. Ms. Hinton has served on the council since 2016 and was previously mayor in 2019. Ms. Rich has served on the council since 2020. More information about the new council members will be featured on the city website and in a future newsletter.

Climate Action Series



Thursday, January 26th
6:00 - 8:00 PM



The first in a series of climate action engagement events will be held from 6pm to 8:00 pm on Jan 26, 2023 at the Community Center Green Room. The evening will start off with free pizza for the attendees and then transition into a presentation followed by breakout groups for discussions and end the evening by coming back together for Q&A and closing. All residents of the

Sebastopol greater area, including students, are welcome to join this event designed for building community and climate resiliency. Free registration here: <https://bit.ly/climateactioncommittee>

Paint Out Hate - Community Art Project

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** - <https://bit.ly/PaintOutHateEnglish>. **Español** - <https://bit.ly/PaintOutHateEspañol>.
- Those selected will be invited to a community paint party (paint party date to be announced in December)

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

Submissions due January 23 - Supplies provided - Open to all ages



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 now served by the 707 area code. Existing 707 numbers will not change. Read the full press release here: <http://bit.ly/3inG7ox>

For more information, contact your local telephone service provider or visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/707areacode.

Are You Flood Ready?



Winter rain and storms can bring the potential for flooding and it's important to be Flood Ready. Community preparedness and resident responsibility are key to preparing for potential floods.

What can you do now to prepare?

- Find out if you live in or near a flood zone
- Have a personal/family emergency plan
- Have personal/family/pet disaster kits prepared
- REMEMBER: Turn around, don't drown

Check out <https://socoemergency.org/get-ready/> and <https://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov> for more information on preparing for floods and other disasters.

2022 Years of Service Awards



Name	Department	Years of Service
Lucas Myers	Fire	5 years
Sandi Satyadinata	Fire	5 years
Bradley Worden	Public Works	5 years
Michael Sansone	Police	10 years
Charlie Wong	Police	10 years
Rebecca Mansour	Planning	15 years
Michelle Beckman	Police	20 years
Zina Keeran	Police	20 years
Louis Castleberry	Fire	30 years
Tim Leach	Fire	30 years
James Levy	Fire	30 years
Larry McLaughlin	City Mgr./City Attorney	35 years