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THE LAGUNA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IS IN PLACE!

When the seasonal floating bridge goes up, summer can't be far behind. Public Works installed the bridge on



May 17. The Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve is ready and waiting for pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy the outdoors.

With increased access to the Laguna, there are more opportunities to cross paths with hungry ticks and there appears to be a bumper crop of them this year. See the article below for tick tips and be sure check yourself, kids, and pets for any unwelcome hitchhikers.

The bridge is accessed behind the Little League field at the Community Center. Dogs are allowed if kept on leash at all times. [Trail Map](#)

MAY 21-27, 2023 IS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK



"Connecting the World Through Public Works," the theme for this year's National Public Works Week, highlights the way public works professionals connect us physically, through infrastructure, and inspirationally, through service to their communities, whether as first responders, or daily workers carrying out their duties with pride.

Public works is the thread that connects us all, no matter where we live in the world. Every public works professional strives to improve the quality of life for the community they serve, leading to healthier, happier communities.

SEBASTOPOL WALKS: MAY 27 - HERITAGE TREES OF SEBASTOPOL



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).

May 27 – Saturday, 9am (Meet at the downtown plaza)

Heritage Trees of Sebastopol

Leader: Virginia Anderegg

Join us and discover the trees of our town that are old, large, and beautiful individual specimens. We will walk at a moderate pace through several neighborhoods of central Sebastopol, stopping at 4-5 specific spots to identify these heritage trees in gardens and public spaces. A plant list will be provided.

Walkers will be introduced to large specimen of both native (e.g., Valley Oak, Coast Redwood) and introduced (e.g., Mayten, Copper Beach) species – living citadels of our “urban forest”. Both common names and botanical names will be used.

Virginia Anderegg will lead the walk and share easy tricks for identifying trees. She has lived in Sebastopol for 30 years and taught plant identification at San Francisco City College and UC Berkeley Extension in an earlier life.

Approx. 3 Miles - Moderate Pace

Wear sunscreen, a hat and walking shoes. Bring water and a snack.

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

DO YOU HAVE OLD RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PANELS THAT YOU NEED TO RECYCLE?

Join Zero Waste Sonoma, the Conservation Corps North Bay, and CalRecycle as we host our very first residential solar panel collection event!

Solar panels are currently considered universal waste, a category of hazardous waste, and cannot be safely disposed of in a landfill. Only 10% of solar photovoltaic, or PV, panels are recycled today in the US. Several companies and organizations in California recycle old solar panels to retrieve the valuable mineral components to use in new panels, but they only accept large quantity donations that are far larger than a typical residential array. Valuable

materials contained in solar panels include cadmium telluride, silver, copper, and silicon. When removed from old panels these materials can be reutilized, lowering the need for additional mining for the projected demand for solar panels, driven in part by legislation.

Read the full Press Release [HERE](#).

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Friday, June 16, 2023

Time: 9am to 5pm

Location: Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED - Schedule [HERE](#)

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June 16, 9A-5P

Luther Burbank
Center, 50 Mark
West Springs Rd

**SCHEDULE AN
APPOINTMENT HERE!**



Funded By
CalRecycle

KNOW A BUSINESS, SCHOOL, OR ORGANIZATION WITH SURPLUS FOOD?

Share it with
CAREIT
I am signing up as a...
Non Profit / Charity
Business
Team Member

DONATE FOOD
Why waste food when you can
share it with careit.

careitapp.com

Ask them to donate it and help fight food insecurity! Zero Waste Sonoma has partnered with Conservation Corps North Bay (CCNB) to offer free food pick up services. The food will be distributed to local food banks and pantries to feed low-income individuals and families. Free software is also available at <https://careit.com/>. Food items posted within Careit will automatically notify

CCNB and other nearby food recovery organizations to pick up. Please contact Xinci at Xinci.tan@sonoma-county.org to help an organization start donating food, or with any questions.

TAKE THE SONOMA COUNTY INTEGRATED TRANSIT PLAN SURVEY

How can your transit experience be improved? Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) is conducting a study to identify ways transit can work better for you. Share your thoughts in a quick survey [HERE](#).

Survey respondents who share their contact information will receive a free 7-day transit SuperPass, valid for unlimited travel on Sonoma County Transit, Santa Rosa CityBus, and Petaluma Transit.

Help improve transit in Sonoma County!



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MAY IS LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH - HERE'S SOME TICK TALK

Glorious spring weather is finally here! If you've been enjoying the outdoors, especially in grassy areas like the Laguna, be sure to check yourself, kids, and

pets for ticks. Bites from these pesky little critters cause irritation and transmit diseases including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and tularemia. For more information, visit the California Department of Public Health website's Tick-Borne Diseases page [HERE](#).



Tick awareness signage on Laguna trail.

 <h2 style="color: red;">CAUTION</h2> <h3>TICKS FOUND IN THIS AREA</h3>  <p>Ticks will bite humans and feed on blood. Tick bites can cause irritation and transmit diseases including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and tularemia.</p> <p>To Avoid Tick Bites:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check yourself for ticks often and remove any ticks promptly while visiting this area. • Stay in the middle of trails. Avoid contact with grasses, shrubs, and leaf litter or logs under trees. • Check your pet for ticks, keep pets on trails. • Apply a tick repellent containing DEET to uncovered parts of your body. • Wear light-colored clothing. Wear a long-sleeved shirt and tuck your shirt into pants; tuck pants into boots or socks. • Apply a product containing permethrin to clothing to kill ticks. • Check your entire body for ticks for several days after you leave this area. • Remove any attached ticks by carefully pulling them straight out. Do not twist, smother, or burn a tick to remove it. <p>IF YOU BECOME ILL OR DEVELOP A RASH WITHIN 30 DAYS OF YOUR VISIT TO THIS AREA, SEE YOUR DOCTOR. TELL YOUR DOCTOR THAT YOU RECENTLY HAVE BEEN IN AN AREA WHERE TICKS ARE FOUND.</p> <p>Ticks are small.</p> <p>From left to right: nymph, adult male, adult female</p> <p>California Department of Public Health Vector Borne Disease Section P.O. Box 907177 Sacramento, CA 95896-7177 916.650.5716 http://www.cdph.ca.gov</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>For more information contact:</p> <p>or call your local health department.</p> </div>	 <h2 style="color: red;">¡Precaución!</h2> <h3>Garrapatas Abundan En Esta Área</h3>  <p>Las garrapatas se alimentan de la sangre al picar a los seres humanos. Las picaduras de garrapata pueden causar irritación en la piel y a veces pueden transmitir enfermedades como la enfermedad de Lyme, la fiebre manchada de las Montañas Rocosas, y tularemia.</p> <p>PARA EVITAR PICADAS DE GARRAPATA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durante su visita a esta área examínese regularmente el cuerpo y quítase inmediatamente cualquier garrapata que tenga encima. Si se encuentra una garrapata quítela con cuidado jalándola en dirección derecha hacia afuera. No la tuerce, sofoque, o quemé para quitarla. • Camine siempre por los senderos establecidos y evite el contacto con las hierbas, los arbustos y las hojas acumuladas debajo de los árboles. • Revíste a sus mascotas para ver si tienen garrapatas y manténgalos senderos establecidos. • Aplíquese un repelente contra garrapatas que contenga el químico DEET a las partes expuestas del cuerpo. Aplique un producto que contiene permethrina a su ropa. • Use ropa de color claro y camisas de manga larga. Métase la camisa/blusa dentro de los pantalones; también métase los pantalones dentro de las botas o de los calcetines. • Examine su cuerpo entero por varios días después de salir de esta área para asegurarse de estar libre de garrapatas. <p>EN CASO DE QUE USTED SE SIENTA ENFERMO(A) O DESARROLLE UNA ERUPCIÓN EN LA PIEL DENTRO DE 30 DÍAS DESPUÉS DE VISITAR ESTA ÁREA INFESTADA CON GARRAPATAS, VISITE A SU MÉDICO INMEDIATAMENTE. ES MUY IMPORTANTE QUE LE DIGA A SU DOCTOR QUE USTED ESTUVO RECIENTEMENTE EN UNA ÁREA INFESTADA CON GARRAPATAS</p> <p>Tamaño real de la garrapata de patas negras del Oeste de USA</p> <p>Niño, varón adulto, hembra adulto</p> <p>California Department of Public Health Vector Borne Disease Section P.O. Box 907177 Sacramento, CA 95896-7177 916.650.5716 http://www.cdph.ca.gov</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Para más información comuníquese a:</p> <p>O llame a su departamento de salud local.</p> </div>
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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

June 21, 2023

Sebastopol**READY**
neighbors helping neighbors

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](#)

CLERK SOUGHT FOR MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY

The City of Sebastopol has been tasked with searching/recruitment for a Clerk for the Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County.

The focus of the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association (MCA) of Sonoma County has been the exchange of



ideas among fellow elected officials - both by educational presentations and by providing an opportunity to network with peers. The MCA Board of Directors (Board) also makes appointments to select regional bodies, as well as serving as the City Selection Committee for Sonoma County, as required under Government Code §50270. The MCA Board and General Membership meetings are held quarterly, per the current by-laws. The MCA also has a Legislative Committee.

- [Professional Clerk Services for the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association | CalOpps](#)
- [Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association Clerk Position](#)
- [Agreement for Professional Services - City of Sebastopol MCA Clerk](#)

THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL IS SEEKING SUBMISSIONS

As the City Council embarks on the process to identify candidates to fill the shoes of departing City Manager/City Attorney Larry McLaughlin, they are seeking the following:



- [Submission of Statements of Qualifications from full-service law firms to provide legal services, including City Attorney services, for the City of Sebastopol.](#)
- [Submission of Proposals from full-service executive search firms to provide executive search services, including an imminent City Manager search, for the City of Sebastopol.](#)

Spread the word!

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 June 6, 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 May 23, 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 May 23, 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:** There are currently no meetings scheduled.

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 June 13, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEBASTOPOL CARBON CONVERSATIONS - DRIVE ELECTRIC 2023 - JUNE 7TH



Drive Electric 2023

In this Carbon Conversation, we'll explore: Available electric vehicles and their features. Are EVs affordable? Several local drivers will share their experience acquiring a USED EV and the incentives available. What incentives are available for lease or own, or financing. How much do you save (\$ and emissions) when driving Electric. Electric Roadtrip insights - the state of the Fast Charger network (Tesla v. non-Tesla) and the ease of taking a road trip. Lessons from Norway - the country with the most EVs per capita - Tor talks with his cousins in Norway to get the latest from the streets of Oslo. Electric Car Share - is this something for Sebastopol? V2G - Vehicle to Grid - powering the grid and/or your house with your EV. We'll share a status report on the PG&E V2G Pilot Program. What is possible and how much longer before V2G becomes standard? Plus, different ways you can shape the evolving EV revolution

EV Showcase in the Parking Lot at 6pm. Meet and chat with (Electric) Vehicle owners.

Audience: Community, Teachers, Students, Everyone.

Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Time: doors open at 6:00 pm. Program starts at 7pm.

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

Cost: FREE

RSVP: [HERE](#)

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

[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.

HELP YOUR STUDENTS GET FREE MONEY FOR COLLEGE WITH THE NEW CALKIDS PROGRAM FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



CalKIDS can kickstart a child's future.

With free money for college!



CalKIDS is a program by the State of California.

CalKIDS is a new program from the State of California that provides up to \$1,500 in free money for college and career training to eligible low-income public school students. CalKIDS can help families boost their children's college savings and increase access to higher education. To learn more and find out who qualifies, visit [CalKIDS.org](https://www.calkids.org) today.

FREE SEBASTOPOL AREA SENIOR CENTER WORKSHOP SERIES

Caregivers and Elders with Balance Issues – one-hour FREE workshops for you!

The Lecture series will help caregivers understand how best to care for those with health issues and how to cope with being a caregiver. People affected with health issues will learn how to cope and avoid falls. The series is from **2:30-3:30 p.m.** Any interested person is invited to attend. All workshops are free for both members and non-members. **Register by calling 707-829-2440.**



- **May 24** - Lisa Bell Physical Therapist: Vestibular Conditions in Older Adults and their Treatment
- **May 31** - Steve Levenberg DO: Medications and Fall Risk
- **June 7** - Paula Shatkin, Social Worker: Supports for Caregivers

Visit <https://www.sebastopolseniorcenter.org> for more info.

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