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City of Sebastopol offices are CLOSED Tuesday, July 4, 2023, in
observance of Independence Day.

NO FIREWORKS IN SEBASTOPOL!

Reminder from Sebastopol Fire and Police Departments: Please remember as you celebrate Independence Day this year, there are **NO** types of fireworks that are legal in Sebastopol. Please be safe and don't endanger our neighborhoods by setting off fireworks of any kind. Fireworks are also prohibited in ALL Sebastopol parks and parking lots. There are lots of other great ways to celebrate the Fourth like the July 3rd Fireworks Extravaganza & Music Festival at Analy High School. Have fun and be safe!



FIREWORKS PROHIBITED
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THE 50TH ANNUAL 3RD OF JULY FIREWORKS & MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA!

Date: Monday, July 3, 2023

Location: Analy High School Football Field

The gates will open around 5:00pm with music starting at 5:30pm and the fireworks show at 9:30pm. This is a family friendly event and there will be no alcohol allowed. Bags will be checked at the gates through private security provided by the Kiwanis club. We encourage walking and the use of public transit to get to the event due to the limited parking available at the high school.

Visit www.sebastopolkiwanisclub.org for more info on this year's celebration.



Kiwanis Club of Sebastopol presents the 50th Annual
FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA & MUSIC FESTIVAL **JULY 31st**

5:30pm Gates open
Fireworks show at
9:30pm Analy High School Football Field

Admission  Music Hosted by Mr. Music
\$15 Adults School of Rock of Santa Rosa ~ 5:30
\$5 Kids (6-11) The Soul Section ~ 7:30
Kids 5 & under Free

No alcohol, fireworks, or pets please.
All proceeds from the event return to the community through grants, scholarships, donations and service projects

Star Spangled Banner sung by **Maryann Kafoa**

ON THE FIELD
Boy Scout Troop 27 – Flag Ceremony * Girl Scout Troop Unit 105 – Kid's Games & Prizes
Kiwaniis Raffle Booth * Analy Educational Foundation – Drinks and Candy

BOOSTER BOOTH FOOD COURT
Sebastopol Sunshine Café - Coffee * Patisserie Angelica – Brownies and Pastries
Analy Booster's Hot Dogs & Popcorn * Boy Scouts Troop 27 – Cotton Candy
Martha's Old Mexico * Screamin' Mimi's Ice Cream * Sebastopol Cookie Company
Pasta King * Lions Club – Root Beer Floats * Mommy's Yummy Mediterranean Food

ON THE QUAD
Face Painting, Corn Hole, Temporary Tattoos
Oliver Green – Balloon Twisting Entertainer
Party Jump Obstacle Course for Kids

 Kiwanis Club of Sebastopol
SebastopolKiwaniisClub.org  

OPENING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION



City of Sebastopol Planning Commission

The City of Sebastopol invites interested citizens to volunteer and apply for one (1) opening on the Planning Commission (PC). The open position is to fill a vacancy for either a resident or business owner living within City Limits or living in one of the three school districts listed in 2.24.B., in the [Job Notice](#). This is to fill the remainder of a term ending on December 31, 2023 (at which time reapplication would be required).

Job Notice

DEADLINE: Monday, July 31, 2023, by 4pm

Applications and further information are available at the City of Sebastopol Planning Department, 7120 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472; email: planningtemp@cityofsebastopol.org or jjay@cityofsebastopol.org; by phone 707-823-6167 for an application.

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST FOR SEBASTOPOL RESIDENTS



The City of Sebastopol has procured 100 yards of certified organic compost for Sebastopol residents. The compost is available to residents for FREE starting Friday, June 30th at 425 Morris St. (behind the Community Center Youth Annex).

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

Compost available while supplies last.

WATER BILL LATE?



Don't worry if your water bill is late. Administrative Services staff is working on the billing transition with the newly installed meters. Water customers may receive their bills 2-3 weeks later than normal for the next 2 to 3 billing cycles. Contact Administrative Services if you have any questions at **(707) 823-7863**.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS STILL AVAILABLE

Plots are still available at the Community Garden behind the Skatepark at 6750 Laguna Park Way.

To inquire about renting a garden plot Call **707-823-6167** (City of Sebastopol) or Email Planningtemp@cityofsebastopol.org

\$25 security deposit plus \$20/year rental for a plot



PROTECT YOUR BEST FRIEND THIS SPRING AND SUMMER



The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District has compiled some tips on how to safeguard your dog from Canine Heartworm.

As the weather warms up and spring turns to summer, it's important to remember that mosquitoes are not just a nuisance, but also a potential health threat to your pets. *Aedes sierrensis*, also known as the western treehole mosquito, is a particular concern for dog owners as it can transmit canine heartworm, a serious and potentially fatal disease in dogs.

Treehole mosquitoes lay their eggs in the cavities of oak, bay, and other types of trees, as well as in discarded tires or containers with stagnant water and plant debris. If your property has a high density of trees, or you live adjacent to recreational areas and open spaces, your dog may be at greater risk of being bitten by these mosquitoes.

Although treehole mosquitoes do not transmit pathogens to humans, they can spread canine heartworm when they feed on infected dogs or coyotes. Once the mosquito is infected, it can transmit the parasite to other animals, including your pets.

Prevention is key when it comes to protecting your furry friend from heartworm. Regular check-ups with your veterinarian and preventative medications can help keep your dog safe. Be sure to consult with your veterinarian to determine the best heartworm preventative medication for your dog and follow the recommended dosage schedule.

In addition to medication, there are other steps you can take to minimize the risk of your dog being bitten by treehole mosquitoes:

- Inspect trees for holes, including holes as small as half an inch that lead to cavities that may hold water. Contact a licensed arborist to discuss measures to prevent water from accumulating in tree holes.
- Remove buckets, toys, tarps or other items holding water.
- Check your gutters for clogs and standing water.
- Contact the District for advice on reducing mosquito populations on your property.
- For temporary relief from treehole mosquitoes in your backyard, try using one or more oscillating fans pointed away from seating areas. Treehole mosquitoes are weak flyers and have difficulty flying against the wind generated by fans.

Protecting your dog from heartworm is a year-round responsibility. Make sure you stay up to date with your pet's preventative medication and take necessary steps to minimize the risk of mosquito bites. Your furry friend will thank you for it!

For more information or to report mosquito issues call 707-285-2200 or visit www.msosquito.org.

BE A PART OF THIS GREAT HOME TOWN CELEBRATION!

Volunteer registration for the 2023 Gravenstein Apple Fair is now open!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up with your friends today.

Volunteering for the Fair is a great way to get involved with your local community, meet new friends, and support Farm Trails' mission to keep "farms forever" in Sonoma County.

Shifts are about 4 hours and there are many different ways to participate. Help us meet our zero waste goals in the eco-stations, greet guests and check wristbands, support the Ag Games, assist in the Kids Area, and much more!!

All volunteers receive an Apple Fair apron, free weekend admission, and our endless gratitude.



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](#)

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

PREPARE FOR WILDFIRE

WILDFIRE IS COMING. ARE YOU READY?

Visit <https://www.fire.ca.gov/prepare> to learn how you can prepare for wildfire.

Click the images below for downloadable PDFs.



Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. **REPLACE** missing shingles or tiles. **COVER** ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home

- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **PRUNE** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- **MOVE** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- **DISPOSE** of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Increase your wildfire safety. Make simple low-cost changes to your home and landscape starting today.



Visit www.firewise.org for more information.

Your Logo



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LET'S PROTECT IT TOGETHER.®



HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRES

- 1. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**
- 1. HOME IGNITION ZONES**
To increase your home's chance of surviving a wildfire, choose fire-resistant building materials and limit the amount of flammable vegetation in the three home ignition zones. The zones include the **Immediate Zone** (0 to 5 feet around the house), the **Intermediate Zone** (5 to 30 feet), and the **Extended Zone** (30 to 100 feet).
- 2. LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE**
To reduce ember ignitions and fire spread, trim branches that overhang the home, porch, and deck and prune branches of large trees up to 6 to 10 feet (depending on their height) from the ground. Remove plants containing resins, oils, and waxes. Use crushed stone or gravel instead of flammable mulches in the **Immediate Zone** (0 to 5 feet around the house). Keep your landscape in good condition.
- 3. FIRE RESISTIVE CONSTRUCTION**
- 3. ROOFING AND VENTS**
Class A fire-rated roofing products, such as composite shingles, metal, concrete, and clay tiles, offer the best protection. Inspect shingles or roof tiles and replace or repair those that are loose or missing to prevent ember penetration. Box in eaves, but provide ventilation to prevent condensation and mildew. Roof and attic vents should be screened to prevent ember entry.
- 4. DECKS AND PORCHES**
Never store flammable materials underneath decks or porches. Remove dead vegetation and debris from under decks and porches and between deck board joints.
- 5. SIDING AND WINDOWS**
Embers can collect in small nooks and crannies and ignite combustible materials; radiant heat from flames can crack windows. Use fire-resistant siding such as brick, fiber-cement, plaster, or stucco, and use dual-pane tempered glass windows.

BE PREPARED

- 6. EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACCESS**
Ensure your home and neighborhood have legible and clearly marked street names and numbers. Driveways should be at least 12 feet wide with a vertical clearance of 15 feet for emergency vehicle access.
- Develop, discuss, and practice an emergency action plan with everyone in your home. Include details for handling pets, large animals, and livestock.
 - Know two ways out of your neighborhood and have a pre-designated meeting place.
 - Always evacuate if you feel it's unsafe to stay—don't wait to receive an emergency notification if you feel threatened from the fire.
 - Conduct an annual insurance policy checkup to adjust for local building costs, codes, and new renovations.
 - Create or update a home inventory to help settle claims faster.



TALK TO YOUR LOCAL FORESTRY AGENCY OR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SPECIFIC WILDFIRE RISK WHERE YOU LIVE.

FIREWISE USA
VISIT FIREWISE.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS

Order a Reducing Wildfire Risks in the Home Ignition Zone checklist/poster at Firewise.org



CÓMO PREPARAR SU CASA PARA INCENDIOS FORESTALES

- MANEJO DE VEGETACIÓN**
- 1. ZONAS DE IGNICIÓN DE UNA CASA**
Para aumentar las posibilidades de que su casa sobreviva a un incendio forestal, elija materiales de construcción resistentes al fuego y limite la cantidad de vegetación inflamable en las tres zonas de ignición de una casa. Las zonas incluyen la **Zona Inmediata** (0 a 5 pies alrededor de la casa), la **Zona Intermedia** (5 a 30 pies), y la **Zona Extendida** (30 a 100 pies).
- 2. PAISAJISMO Y MANTENIMIENTO**
Para reducir las igniciones de brasas y la propagación del fuego, pade las ramas que sobresalgan por encima de la casa, el pórtico y la terraza, y las ramas de árboles grandes hasta a 6 a 10 pies (según su altura) desde el suelo. Quite las plantas que contienen resinas, aceites, y cera. Use piedra molida y grava en vez de mantillos inflamables en la **Zona Inmediata** (0 a 5 pies alrededor de la casa). Mantenga su paisaje en buenas condiciones.

ESTÉ PREPARADO

- 3. ACCESO PARA SOCORRISTAS**
Asegúrese de que los números y los nombres de las calles de su casa y su barrio sean legibles y estén marcados con claridad. Las entradas deberían tener al menos 12 pies de ancho con un margen vertical de 15 pies para el acceso de los vehículos de emergencia.
- 4. ELABORE, ANALICE Y PRACTIQUE UN PLAN DE MEDIDAS DE EMERGENCIA** con todas las personas que viven en su casa. Incluya salidas para mascotas, animales grandes y ganado.
- 5. CONOZCA** dos salidas de su vecindario y establezca un lugar de encuentro previamente designado.
- 6. SIEMPRE** evacúe si cree que no es seguro quedarse; no espere a recibir una notificación de emergencia si se siente amenazado por el fuego.
- 7. REALICE** una revisión anual de su póliza de seguro para ajustarse a los costos, códigos y las nuevas reformas de construcción local.
- 8. CREE** o actualice un inventario de la casa para ayudarle a establecer los reclamos más rápido.

CONSTRUCCIÓN RESISTENTE AL FUEGO

- 3. TECHOS Y CONDUCTOS DE VENTILACIÓN**
Los productos contra incendios de clase A para techos, tales como tejas compuestas, de metal, de hormigón y de arcilla, ofrecen la mejor protección. Inspeccione las tejas y reemplace o repare las que están flojas o las que falten para prevenir la penetración de brasas. Tape los aleros, pero proporcione ventilación para prevenir la condensación y el moho. Proteja con rejilla los conductos de ventilación del techo y del ático para prevenir la entrada de brasas.
- 4. TERRAZAS Y PÓRTICOS**
Nunca queme materiales inflamables debajo de las terrazas o los pórticos. Quite la vegetación seca y los escombros que se encuentren debajo de terrazas y pórticos y entre las juntas de los tableros de las terrazas.
- 5. REVESTIMIENTOS Y VENTANAS**
Las brasas pueden acumularse en pequeños rincones y ranuras e incendiar materiales inflamables; el calor radiante de las llamas puede agrietar las ventanas. Utilice revestimientos resistentes al fuego como ladrillos, fibrocemento, yeso o estuco y ventanas de vidrio templado de doble cristal.



HABLE CON SU AGENCIA FORESTAL O CUERPO DE BOMBEROS LOCAL PARA APRENDER MÁS SOBRE EL RIESGO DE INCENDIOS FORESTALES ESPECÍFICO EN DONDE VIVE.

FIREWISE USA
VISITE FIREWISE.ORG Y OBTENGA MÁS DETALLES

Pida su lista de control/afiche Reduciendo el Riesgo de Incendios Forestales en la Zona de Ignición de Una Casa en Firewise.org

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 July 4, 2023 @ 6:00 PM has been CANCELED.**

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 July 11, 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 July 25, 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 July 11, 2023 @ 3:00 PM**



COMMUNITY NEWS

LUNCH WITH A CITY COUNCILMEMBER - JULY 12TH



The Sebastopol Area Senior Center welcomes Mayor Neysa Hinton to the Harvest Cafe on July 12th. We hope you will sit at her table or stop by the table to say hello or ask a question.

Lunch is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

Click [HERE](#) for more info about the Harvest Cafe.

SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The banner features a green background. On the left, there is a logo with a sun rising over an open book, with the text "READ WITH US" and "LEAMOS JUNTOS" below it. In the center, the text "Summer Reading Challenge" is written in white, with "Desafío de lectura de verano" below it. On the right, there is a cartoon chipmunk reading a blue book with the Sonoma County Library logo on it.

Join the Sonoma County Library's Summer Reading Challenge to read, learn

and win prizes! The program runs through August 5 and all ages are encouraged to read 20 minutes each day and track their reading. Visit sonomalibrary.org/summer to learn more!

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY SENDS FREE BOOKS TO KIDS



California is kicking off a statewide expansion of [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)— providing free books to all California children under five. With the program, a free book arrives in the mail every month, and California is the first state to offer a fully bilingual book option. The Imagination Library is a great addition to Sonoma County's early literacy efforts, which include Sonoma County Library's [1,000 Books Before Kindergarten](#) program, [Stories to Go](#) bilingual book kits and more. The Sonoma County Library system boasts 17 locations, including 12 regional libraries, two rural stations and three special collections, as well as an expansive digital collection.

To learn more about California's expansion of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library visit library.ca.gov/services/to-public/imagination-library.

PEACETOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Head to the Barlow to take in the sweet sounds of summer as the Peacetown Summer Concert series kicks off on Wednesday, June 14th. Every Wednesday, through August 16th, the Barlow will be filled with music and dancing alongside a variety of local wines and food to enjoy from 5pm-

8:30pm.

To view this summer's music lineup, visit www.peacetown.org/summer-2023.

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