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**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR THE CANOPY PROJECT
AT 1009-1011 GRAVENSTEIN HIGHWAY NORTH - JULY 18**

The [Notice of Preparation \(NOP\)](#)
has been sent out for the Canopy

project at 1009-1011 Gravenstein Highway North. The City of Sebastopol, in its role as Lead Agency, will hold a public scoping meeting to provide an opportunity for the public and representatives of public agencies to provide input regarding the scope of the Environmental Impact Report.

The Scoping Meeting is scheduled for **July 18th, 2023, at 3:00 pm** on Zoom and in-person at the Sebastopol Community Center at 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA (Youth Annex Building).

Click [HERE](#) for meeting info and the Zoom link.



SEBASTOPOL WALKS: JULY 29 - SOLAR 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).

July 29 – Saturday, 9am (Meet at the downtown plaza)

Solar Sebastopol

Leader: Tor Allen

Details on this walk COMING SOON!

Check the City's website [HERE](#) for an updated schedule once it's available.

UPCOMING MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS (MYN) CLASSES

MYN Classes

Being prepared together

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



Upcoming Classes

- July 19, 2023
- August 16, 2023
- September 20, 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](#).



NORTH BAY ZERO WASTE WEEK - JULY 23-30

Zero Waste North Bay presents the 2023 Zero Waste Week July 23-30th, 2023. This exciting week will feature 30 no-cost events throughout Sonoma County and online. Zero Waste Week is a grass-roots approach to raise awareness about the environmental impacts of waste and ways to live a more zero waste lifestyle. Throughout the week, California North Bay communities demonstrate how they are part of the solution through public awareness and activities that focus on reducing, reusing, recycling, repurposing and composting. Anyone can be part of the solution!

Visit <https://zerowastenorthbay.org> for more information.

ZERO WASTE Week

Learn new skills, build community, and create low waste habits at different events throughout Sonoma County!

JULY 23-30, 2023

Events include:

- Produce Exchanges
- Compost Giveaway
- Cardboard Fort Fest
- Fix-it Clinic & Reuse Fair
- Classes and Workshops

...and more!

See the full schedule of events at:

ZEROWASTENORTHBAY.ORG

SCAN ME



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.

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**.



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

PRACTICE EQUIPMENT SAFETY TO PREVENT WILDFIRES



EQUIPMENT SAFETY

Practice Using Equipment Safely

LEARN HOW TO USE OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT PROPERLY TO HELP KEEP FROM SPARKING A WILDFIRE:

MOWING



MOW BEFORE 10 A.M., BUT NEVER WHEN IT'S WINDY OR EXCESSIVELY DRY.



LAWN MOWERS ARE DESIGNED TO MOW LAWNS, NOT WEEDS OR DRY GRASS.



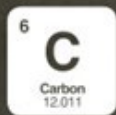
METAL BLADES STRIKING ROCKS CAN CREATE SPARKS AND START FIRES.

SPARK ARRESTERS



IN WILDLAND AREAS, SPARK ARRESTERS ARE REQUIRED ON ALL PORTABLE GASOLINE-POWERED EQUIPMENT. THIS INCLUDES TRACTORS, HARVESTERS, CHAINSAWS, WEED EATERS AND MOWERS.

KEEP THE EXHAUST SYSTEM, SPARK ARRESTERS AND MOWER IN PROPER WORKING ORDER AND FREE OF CARBON BUILDUP.



USE THE RECOMMENDED GRADE OF FUEL AND DON'T TOP IT OFF.

EQUIPMENT USE



KEEP A SHOVEL AND A FIRE EXTINGUISHER READY TO USE.



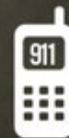
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IN WILDLAND AREAS, GRINDING AND WELDING OPERATIONS REQUIRE A PERMIT AND 10-FEET OF CLEARANCE.



DON'T DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE ONTO DRY GRASS OR BRUSH. HOT EXHAUST PIPES AND MUFFLERS CAN START FIRES THAT YOU WON'T EVEN SEE—UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!



KEEP A CELL PHONE NEARBY AND CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IN CASE OF FIRE.

TERRAIN

TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY,
DO NOT CLEAR VEGETATION NEAR
WATERWAYS TO BARE SOIL.

VEGETATION REMOVAL
CAN CAUSE SOIL EROSION,
ESPECIALLY ON STEEP SLOPES.

KEEP SOIL DISTURBANCE
TO A MINIMUM.

ONE LESS SPARK
ONE LESS WILDFIRE

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A
PRINT-READY CAMPFIRE PERMIT VISIT:
PREVENTWILDFIRECA.ORG
#PREVENTWILDFIRE #ONELESSSPARK

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRE COORDINATING GROUP (CWCG)

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

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- **Next Meeting:** [City Council Meeting of July 18, 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 July 25, 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 August 8, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



SONOMA COUNTY LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



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!

PEACETOWN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Head to the Barlow to take in the sweet sounds of summer at the Peacetown Summer Concert series 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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