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PLEASE SLOW DOWN AND BE AWARE OF PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS



SEBASTOPOL AD HOC FIRE SERVICES COMMITTEE TOWN HALL

**Thursday, August 24, 2023
6:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Community Church of Sebastopol
1000 Gravenstein Highway North
Sebastopol**

As the City of Sebastopol continues to explore options for the future of its fire department, Sebastopol's Ad Hoc Fire Services Committee is looking for input from the community. This in-person only Town Hall meeting provides an opportunity for citizens to let the committee know of specific interests and concerns as the topic moves forward.

Results of an independent Fires Services Delivery Study and background on prior City Council meetings addressing delivery of fire services may be found at cityofsebastopol.org/fireservicesdeliverystudy



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WATER & SEWER FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION IN THE AREA OF PARQUET ST. AND CALDER AVE.

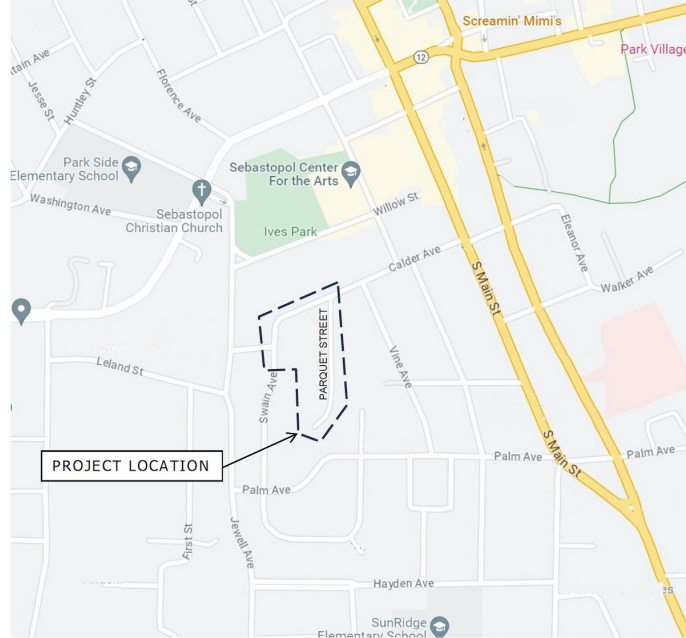
NOTICE TO RESIDENTS

In the Vicinity of:
Parquet Street and Calder Avenue
WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION

Piazza Construction began replacement of existing water and sewer facilities along Parquet Street and Calder Avenue (approximately 7438 to

7464). The project is necessary to ensure the integrity and reliability of the City of Sebastopol's water and sewer system. Work started on August 14th, 2023 and will be completed by approximately December 2023. Work hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

During construction, please be aware of heavy equipment and construction personnel and follow instruction of the contractor's flaggers and signs. Residents will always have access to their homes, but it may take a few minutes to clear a safe path. Please be patient. Please reduce your travel speed to maintain safe conditions within the construction zone. Noise levels will be increased during construction.



We appreciate your cooperation and patience during the construction. We will make our best effort to minimize the inconvenience as much as possible for the duration of the project. If you have questions or special coordination needs, please contact James Piazza with Piazza Construction at (707) 876-3410 during business and after-hours. You may also contact Mel Manni, field superintendent with Green Valley Consulting Engineers at (707) 889-0789. Of course, you can always contact City of Sebastopol, at (707) 823-5331 or stop by the City office at 714 Johnson Street.

CITY MANAGER CANDIDATES SOUGHT

**SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL INVITES
INTERESTED APPLICANTS FOR**

CITY MANAGER

LEARN MORE:

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The City of Sebastopol is looking for a hands-on, effective public sector executive to oversee all aspects of city operations and to work closely with the Council and city staff. An ideal candidate will demonstrate exceptional leadership skills, a strong financial, budget, and administrative foundation, and passion for public service and organizational excellence.

Click [HERE](#) for full details.

The final filing date for this position is September 8, 2023

The City of Sebastopol is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

SEBASTOPOL WALKS: AUGUST 26 - SEBASTOPOL HISTORY WALK



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).

August 26 – Saturday, 9am (Meet at the downtown plaza)

Sebastopol History Walk

Leader: Don Madronich (volunteer at the West County Museum)

In a walk of about 1.5 miles in the Northeast quadrant of Sebastopol, we will continue our History Walk theme of “That was Then, This is Now,” comparing what we see with our eyes today with what once was through enlarged old photos from the archives. From the Plaza to Brown Street, east to the old Barlow area, through the streets of The Barlow, to Johnson St. and up to Analy High School, down to the Methodist Church and then all of North Main back to the Plaza, you will hear stories from the past. (We should finish by 11:00am)

PS You might win a free copy of Ed Davis’ best-selling book, “The Last Professional!”

Check the City's website [HERE](#) for more information and the full schedule.

SONOMA CLEAN POWER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Sonoma Clean Power is recruiting volunteers for seven (7) openings on its Community Advisory Committee. This is a meaningful opportunity to provide input toward Sonoma Clean Power’s innovative customer benefits, renewable energy projects, and assist with shaping clean energy goals for our community.



The Community Advisory Committee comprises volunteers who typically meet once per month to make recommendations and provide input to our Board of Directors on topics such as: customer benefits; the review of budgets & rates; and the general operations of the agency. Members serve four-year terms following appointment by our Board of Directors.

We are seeking engaged, committed, and awesome individuals who want to help our equally awesome staff and Board combat the climate crisis. This is a unique opportunity for committed individuals to directly support the Agency’s work. We welcome all applicants, and would especially encourage individuals that represent impacted, historically under-resourced communities to apply. We strongly encourage people of color, women and those who identify as LGBTQI+ to apply.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to download 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](#)

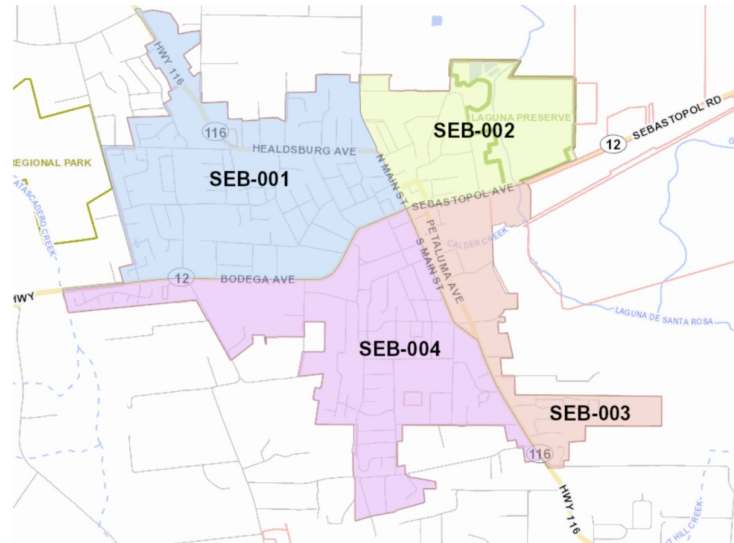
EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



KNOW YOUR ZONE

As summer weather continues, so does the danger of wildfire. Know your zone in case you need to evacuate. You can find links and other preparedness info on the City's website [HERE](#).

[Sebastopol City Limits - Evacuation Map](#) (Enter your address in the top right search bar to find your evacuation zone.)



[Sebastopol Addresses Outside City Limits - Evacuation Map](#) (Enter your address in the top left search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

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 September 5, 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 August 22, 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 August 22, 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 September 5, 2023 @ 10:30 AM](#)

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 September 12, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEBASTOPOL CARBON CONVERSATIONS - BIKES AS TRANSPORT - SEPTEMBER 6



Bikes as Transport

Transportation is the leading source of greenhouse gasses (CO₂) in Sonoma County [per the Regional Climate Protection Authority]. Bicycling is one option for getting around town while curbing emissions due to fossil-fuel-dependent transportation. We'll hear from folks that routinely ride their bikes to get to work, school, or run errands around town. Some with electric boost and some not. We'll also share about existing resources available to cyclists here in Sebastopol.

According to **Project Drawdown**, **Bicycle Infrastructure** is essential for supporting safe and abundant bicycle use, and achieving significant emission reductions (with additional benefits: improved health, lower congestion, reduced air pollution, reduced fuel consumption, etc.)

The City of Sebastopol, along with County of Sonoma, has just initiated the process of updating the **Active Transportation Plan** (formerly called the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan). We'll learn more about this process and explore a vision of what a Bike-friendly Sebastopol could look like.

Cycle Showcase

Cycles and their cyclists will showcase their Rides in the parking lot before the evening presentation. Starts at 5:30pm. Come chat with and learn from their experiences.

Audience: Community, Teachers, Students, Everyone.

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Time: doors open at 5:30pm (parking lot). 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 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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