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City Offices are CLOSED Monday, September 4, 2023, in
Observance of Labor Day



MESSAGE FROM SEBASTOPOL POLICE DEPARTMENT



MISSING: Sebastopol PD is looking for 70-year-old Mark Sullivan, who was last seen walking in downtown Sebastopol Thursday afternoon (8/24/23). He suffers from dementia and may have diminished cognitive abilities.

Mr. Sullivan was last seen wearing a white and brown baseball cap, a brown button-up shirt, blue jeans and dark colored shoes.

If you come across Mr. Sullivan, please call your local law enforcement agency and advise them of his whereabouts so he can be checked on.

Thank you for your help!

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY - SEPT 9

Applying Compost is one of many things you can do for the climate, it helps build soil health while retaining water!

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2023

Time: 9am-12pm (or until the pile is gone)

Location: 425 Morris St. (behind the Community Center Youth Annex)

Bring: Shovels, Buckets or Bags, Tarps, Gloves, Pick-up Truck

1/2 cubic yard per household (more available for school gardens or multifamily gardens)

The free compost events are provided by the Sebastopol Climate Action Committee, The City of Sebastopol, Zero Waste Sonoma, and Napa Recycling & Waste Services.



Sebastopol Climate Action Committee is a group of dedicated citizens working to address the global climate emergency through local action.

Contact: ClimateActionCommittee@cityofsebastopol.org or Sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE



The City of Sebastopol is undertaking an update to its 2011 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, now branded as the Active Transportation Plan, as part of a countywide planning process led by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA). Fehr & Peers, consultant for SCTA, will be presenting the first milestone

update to the [Sebastopol Planning Commission on September 12](#). This presentation will include an overview of the project scope, schedule, and role/input desired from the Planning Commission, as well as preliminary findings on existing conditions, an overview of approach to the technical analysis, and draft vision, goals, and objectives.

NAVIGATING YELLOWJACKET SEASON: STAYING STING-FREE AT OUTDOOR EATS!

The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control

District has compiled some tips on navigating Yellowjacket season and staying sting-free.

As we soak in the last rays of summer sun, it's prime time for sizzling BBQs and al fresco feasting. However, there's one uninvited guest (or multiple) that can put a damper on the festivities: yellowjackets! These pesky, and sometimes dangerous, insects are notorious for crashing outdoor gatherings, especially this time of year when their populations are at their peak. But fret not, because we've got your back – or rather, your plate – covered.



- Keep trash cans and recycling bins away from eating areas and secure lids.
- Keep food and drinks covered when not in use and consider using mesh food domes.
- If using yellowjacket lure traps, place them along your fence line or as far away from eating and cooking areas as possible. Remember, they lure in yellowjackets, so you don't want them above picnic tables, BBQ's, or any other highly trafficked areas.
- Clean up fallen fruit, animal feces and keep pet food dishes indoors.
- Avoid using items yellowjackets may be attracted to (such as perfume and other scents, hair spray, heavily scented suntan lotion, and brightly colored clothing).

The only way to truly eliminate a yellowjacket problem in your backyard is by locating the underground nest and calling the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District for free eradication. Learn more: <https://www.msosquito.org/yellowjacket-control-program>.

The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District's programs and services are funded through property taxes and benefit assessments and are provided to all residents in Marin and Sonoma counties at no additional charge.

SONOMA CLEAN POWER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



**Sonoma
Clean
Power**

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.

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



ASSEMBLE A GO BAG OR EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT

Put together your Go Bag, or emergency supply kit, long before a wildfire or other disaster occurs and keep it easily accessible so you can take it with you when you have to evacuate. Plan to be away from your home for an extended period of time. Each person should

have a readily accessible Go Bag or emergency supply kit.

See readyforwildfire.org for more information on building a Go Bag or emergency supply kit.



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 September 12, 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:** [Special Design Review Board Meeting of September 5, 2023 @ 3:30 PM](#)

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- **Meeting Days:** Second Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 1pm
- **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



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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