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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING & TOWN HALL ON FIRE SERVICES DELIVERY - SEPTEMBER 26

The Sebastopol Fire Services Ad Hoc Committee has scheduled a Special City Council Meeting and Town Hall on September 26 at 6pm at the Youth Annex to discuss Fire Services in Sebastopol. The committee will present a report on its work and provide

an opportunity for the City Council to ask questions. They will also conduct a Town Hall for members of the public in an effort to achieve a comprehensive long-range vision for the future of Fire Services in Sebastopol. The meeting agenda will be available on the city website by September 21. Results of the independent Fires Services Delivery Study completed in January 2023 and background on prior City Council meetings addressing delivery of fire services may be found at cityofsebastopol.org/fireservicesdeliverystudy Sign up to receive updates from the City of Sebastopol on this and other topics that may be of interest [here](#).

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



CAL FIRE

READY FOR WILDFIRE

To be better prepared in case of wildfire, get a custom wildfire preparedness plan. Click [HERE](#) to take the survey and based on your answers, your personalized plan will be created.

Get your custom wildfire preparedness plan and many other wildfire preparedness resources at readyforwildfire.org.

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

- 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](#).



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER AT SPD



(L to R) Dispatcher Lori Comini, Sergeant Dack Thompson, and Officer Ahmad Siar are sworn in by City Clerk/Assistant City Manager Mary Gourley. Photo: Diana Rich.

September 5 was a momentous day for the Sebastopol Police Department, as a new sergeant, officer, and dispatcher were sworn in together. Learn more about the three in the [Sebastopol Times](#).

COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY OCTOBER 8



The Sebastopol Climate Action Committee (CAC) is working on a project to revitalize the Sebastopol Community Garden. They are planning a work party on Oct 8 from 10am to 1pm to continue the revitalization begun last spring.

Volunteer groups and individuals are invited to help with weeding, pruning, and spreading compost from the Compost Give Away around the fruit trees. The group also hopes to bring a sander and paint to restore the picnic table under the roof. Volunteers may bring gloves and any tools they may have such as shovels (flat and pointed), loppers, pruners, etc.

The Sebastopol Community Garden is located in the Laguna Skategarden Park at 343 Flynn St. (at Laguna Park Way).

The Climate Action Committee may be reached at sebastopolsinkscarbon@gmail.com

CALL FOR SCULPTURE GARDEN SUBMISSIONS

The Sebastopol City Council and its Public Arts Committee (PAC) invite Sonoma County-based sculptors to submit proposals for the design, fabrication, and installation of durable and low-maintenance original public art suitable for placement upon one of 5 available sculpture pads of the Sebastopol Community Sculpture Garden to be on display for two years. Proposals will be accepted through November 6, 2023.



The Sebastopol Sculpture Garden (CSG) is located in Ives Park, along the pedestrian walk between Ives Park Creek and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. There are currently 7 sculptures by local artists on display and 5 concrete platforms are available for new sculptures to be selected by the Sebastopol Public Arts Committee and approved by the City Council.

Submission forms, CSG images, and additional details may be found on the [PAC webpage](#) on the City of Sebastopol website or at <https://bit.ly/SculptureGardenCallforArtists>

Image Shown: "Zephyra" by Sculpture Jam. Photo: Jeff Stucker

MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO IMPROVE WALKING & BIKING IN OUR COUNTY



The Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) is currently recruiting for its Countywide Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CBPAC). The City of Sebastopol invites interested citizens to volunteer and apply for one (1) opening on The

Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee as a citizen representative. The open position is to fill a vacancy for a resident living within City Limits. The representative will hold the position and have an indefinite term until they retire or resign.

The CBPAC advises the SCTA on programming decisions for bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and aids in project coordination and planning. It is composed of representatives from each bicycle advisory committee in the cities and County. Applications will be accepted starting September 18th to Monday, October 30th, 2023 by 4:00 PM. [Application and more information](#).

CITY PROJECTS THAT MAY IMPACT TRAFFIC

Bodega Avenue Bike Lanes and Pavement Rehabilitation Phase 1.

Construction of concrete pedestrian ramps continued during the month and, but for 2 remaining ramps locations, all others have been completed and are in use by the public. Pavement overlay on Bodega Ave from High St to Nelson Way is scheduled tentatively for mid-October. This will be a 2-day operation and traffic control will be in effect however, delays are expected to occur. Currently the project is on track for completion within the 90-working days contract



end date of 11/21/23. This work is partially funded with local sales tax Measure M Transportation funds.

SR 116 Curb Ramps and Crossing Enhancements at Bodega/Florence and Bodega/Robinson. All but 1 of the concrete pedestrian ramps have been completed and in public use. The remaining ramp location at Wallace St and N Main St is on hold until PG&E relocates an existing electrical facility in conflict with the new sidewalk grade. This work is partially funded with local sales tax Measure M Transportation funds.

Ives Park Pathway Replacement Segment 1. Construction has been on hold from its previous planned August start up due to the final special events scheduled at the park. The work is planned to begin Monday, September 18 after special events for the summer have concluded. Duration of work is estimated to be 30 days from start, pending unforeseen conditions or inclement weather. As a reminder the extent of work is to replace existing asphalt path with new ADA-compliant path from the picnic table area to the public restrooms near the central play area.

Parquet Street Water/Sewer/Slurry Seal Improvements. Utility construction is ongoing with the new waterline installed and pressure testing and disinfection to follow starting the first week of September. Installation of new water service and fire hydrant connections are continuing during the same week as well. Other work planned to start later in the new month include new sewer main and manhole construction and installation of the new sewer laterals.

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 19, 2023 @ 6:00 PM](#)

Special City Council Meeting and Town Hall on Fire Service Delivery September 26, 2023 at 6pm at Youth Annex. Check [Meeting Page](#) for Agenda and additional details after September 21.

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 26, 2023 @ 6:00 PM has been CANCELLED.](#)

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 September 26, 2023 @ 3:30](#)

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 October 10, 2023 @ 1:00 PM](#)

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 October 10, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



COMMUNITY NEWS

CELEBRATE CREEK WEEK SEPTEMBER 16-23!



Throughout much of California, including the Russian River watershed, cities, counties, and other stewardship organizations are recognizing the fourth week of September as Creek Week. See what's happening in Sebastopol on the [Sebastopol calendar](#).

Education and awareness for protecting our creeks and watershed is not just something that happens annually.

Community activities can occur year-round.

Children have the opportunity to become a Creek Protectors through completion of activity booklets that can be picked up at our local library. These fun educational activities through Streets-to-Creeks can be completed at any of our local creeks. Once your book is completed, turn it in for a fun patch. Turn all four books in for a super patch! More info [here](#).

Adults can also get involved in creek stewardship through non-emergency reporting through the [Streets to Creeks Neighbor to Neighbor Program](#) as well as beginning an [Action Tracker campaign](#)!

For additional activities in our county, check the Russian River Watershed Association [website](#). Find events near you and mark your calendars!

BE A CREEK PROTECTOR!
Complete an activity book, earn an iron-on patch.
Earn up to 5 official Creek Protector patches!

Pick up your first book at the Sebastopol Library today!

AGED TO PERFECTION: SENIOR PROM - SEPT 23RD

The Sebastopol Area Senior Center's annual fundraiser supporting critical senior services and programs is coming up on September 23rd.

If you have fond memories of your senior prom or if you did not go to one, but are game now, get your dancing shoes out! It will be a spectacularly wonderful evening to be dolled up in your finest Senior Prom look – from any decade you wish!

Date: Saturday, September 23, 2023

Time: 7pm to 10pm

Location: Community Church of Sebastopol

Get more information and buy your tickets here: <https://bit.ly/43JlqFu>

Sebastopol Area Senior Center presents
SENIOR PROM
Some Enchanted Evening

Dance to DJ "Top 40" hits from the 40's to 80's
Appetizers from our own Harvest Cafe
Beer & Wine - Live Auction - Raffle Prizes

Dress up in your BEST prom outfits
Corsages & Boutonnieres available for purchase!

Tickets \$100 ea*
Bring your friends! A Table for 10 is \$900. Support the critical programs at the Senior Center!

Saturday
September 23
from 7 PM - 10 PM
at Community Church of Sebastopol
1000 Gravenstein Hwy N

Purchase Tickets: sebastopolseniorcenter.org or call 707.829.2440
*This is a Fundraiser for The Sebastopol Area Senior Center

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