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Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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**CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIMS OCTOBER 2023 DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

OCTOBER IS
**DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE**
AWARENESS MONTH



At its October 3rd meeting, the Sebastopol City Council issued a [Proclamation Declaring October 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#) in the city of Sebastopol.

**SONOMA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY WAITLIST
LOTTERY OPEN 10/1-10/31**

The Sonoma County Housing Authority is happy to announce that its Housing Choice Voucher waitlist lottery is open through October 31. The Housing Choice Voucher program – formerly known as the Section 8 program – provides financial assistance to very low-income individuals and families to enable them to afford housing in the private rental housing market.



After the close of the application period, 750 applicants will be randomly selected for placement on the waitlist. All those who are placed on the waitlist can expect to have an opportunity for service within two years. For those who are not placed on the waitlist, application periods for project based voucher waitlists will be opening in the near future.

Anyone interested in receiving notifications of waitlist openings, may register their email address [HERE](#).

Resources

[Sonoma County Housing Choice Voucher Fact Sheet](#)
[Sonoma County Housing Authority](#)
[SCHA Waitlist Check](#)

**FAREWELL (FOR NOW) TO THE LAGUNA SUMMER
BRIDGE**



With the arrival of fall the Laguna pedestrian bridge has been removed for the season. Look for its return in the spring!

While the Summer Bridge is down, the Laguna may still be accessed via entrances at 6303 Highway 12, just east of the city limits and 5420 Occidental Rd.

See the Trail Map [HERE](#).

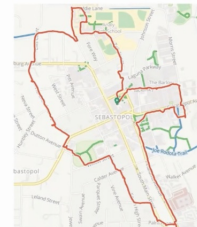
CHECK OUT LAST JULY'S SOLAR WALKING TOUR OF SEBASTOPOL

Hosted by Sebastopol Carbon Conversations, a Solar Walking Tour of Sebastopol took place on July 29, 2023, as part of [Sebastopol Walks](#), a 15-year tradition of exploring the City of Sebastopol through different themes.

A 45-minute narrated recording recaps the 3.5-mile walk which included Analy High School to the north, the Sun Dragon array to the south, and numerous sites in between. Although it is not a how-to video on going solar today, aspects were touched upon during the tour. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the video.



Walking Solar Tour
Sebastopol, CA
July 29, 2023
Lead by Tor Allen
of Rarus Institute
- Solar
Schoolhouse



COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK PARTY - OCTOBER 8TH



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

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT SEBASTOPOL FIRE DEPARTMENT - OCTOBER 8TH

Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Benefitting
Sebastopol Firefighter's Foundation

501c3 Non-Profit Status #47-3476365



The Sebastopol Volunteer
Firefighters cordially invite
you and your family to
breakfast!

Sunday, October 8, 2023

7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast is FREE!

At the Sebastopol Fire Dept.

For more information, please call:

707-823-8061

7425 Bodega Ave. Sebastopol

▯ Raffle Tickets available at the door! ▯

A portion of raffle proceeds help to provide:

- Fire Prevention Education for children ♦ Scholarships for High School grads entering Public Safety fields ♦ Training for Sebastopol Firefighters
- ♦ Equipment purchases to improve our Service to the Community
- ♦ Support to youth sports through sponsorships

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST GIVEAWAY - OCTOBER 14TH

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

Date: Saturday, October 14, 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

SEBASTOPOL FIRE DEPARTMENT BLOOD DRIVE - OCTOBER 17TH

BLOOD DRIVE

Because of you, life doesn't stop.



Sebastopol Fire Department

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Truck Bay

7425 Bodega Ave.

Sebastopol, CA 95472

To make an appointment, visit
donors.vitalant.org.

Use your unique blood drive code:

Sebastopol or Scan QR Code Here:



APPOINTMENTS
are encouraged.



Ask us how you can
POWER UP your donation.



To make an appointment:

SCAN QR
code or visit
Vitalant.org



CALL
877-258-4825
877-25-VITAL



Use the
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Blood Donation

BE A STUDENT AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

The Sebastopol World Friends Student Exchange Program is back!

Sebastopol World Friends invites Sebastopol students and their families to learn about the 2024-2025 exchange program with our sister city, Takeo, Japan.

7th and 8th grade students who are attending a middle school in Sebastopol or living in Sebastopol are eligible to apply.

The application process and the hosting and travel overview will be presented at the information meetings. Students and parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend one of the upcoming meetings this month.

Visit the Sebastopol World Friends website [HERE](#) for more information.



Sebastopol World Friends

WORLD PEACE, ONE FRIEND AT A TIME

**You Can Be
A Student
Ambassador
To Japan!**

**Discover the World
of Sister City
Exchange**

Sebastopol World Friends invites 7th and 8th grade Sebastopol students to learn about the Sebastopol's sister city exchange program with Takeo, Japan.

The application process and the hosting and travel overview will be presented at information meetings. Interested students and their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to attend one of the following information meetings.

Join us to discover the world of sister city exchange!

Financial assistance and a full scholarship are available.

For more Information, visit www.sebastopolwf.org or email takeo@sebastopolwf.org



Information Meeting Schedule

Monday 10/16, 6:00–7:00pm Analy High School Library, 6950 Analy Avenue

Thursday 10/19, 6:00–7:00pm Online

* Please register from the website sebastopolwf.org to receive Zoom link

Saturday 10/21, 10:00-11am Analy High School Library, 6950 Analy Avenue

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

- October 18, 2023

Sign up for an upcoming MYN class [HERE](#).



MYN

See the [SebastopolReady Calendar](#) for a complete list of classes.
Learn more about the MYN program and classes [HERE](#).

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.

EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS



DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!

A message from Interim Fire Chief Jack Piccinini: It's been a quiet fire season up and down the state and we have had a mild summer including some moisture in the past week, but don't let your guard down—we are still in fire season. The Oakland Hills fire was the week of October 19th, the Tubbs fire was the week of October 8th, and the Camp Fire was in November. All of these fires



occurred on the heels of a mild fire season that was shattered by a fall wind event. Now is the time to clear fall leaves and pine needles from your roof tops and cleaning out gutters is critical to prevent embers from landing on those fuels. Clean up hazardous fuels around the yard and maintain a defensible space.

Learn more about creating a defensible space [HERE](#).

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 Regular City Council Meeting: [City Council Meeting of October 17, 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 October 10, 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 October 17, 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 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](#)

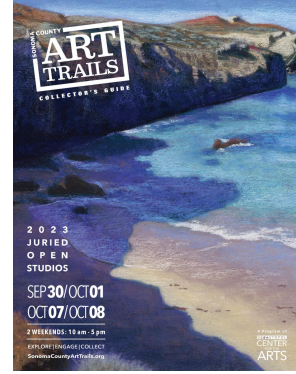


COMMUNITY NEWS

SONOMA COUNTY ART TRAILS THIS WEEKEND

The Sonoma County Art Trails open studios tour is again this weekend, **Oct. 7 - 8**

See the Sebastopol Center for the Arts [website](#) for more information, a list of participating artists, and to download the Sonoma County Art Trails Collector's Guide.



LUNCH WITH A CITY COUNCILMEMBER - OCT 11TH



The Sebastopol Area Senior Center welcomes Councilmember Sandra Maurer to the Harvest Cafe on October 11th. 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.

SEBASTOPOL CHAMBER COMMUNITY AWARDS - OCT 11

The Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center is hosting their annual Community Awards on October 11, 2023. Winners are nominated, voted on and selected by the local community.

Categories include: **Citizen of the year, Business of the year, Volunteer of the year and much more.**



Visit <https://www.sebastopol.org/events-Community-Awards> for more info.

SCCC'S GALA '23 IS OCTOBER 14TH

DINNER! AUCTION! LIVE MUSIC! DANCING!

Gala '23

CELEBRATING THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

HOSTED BY LEGENDARY ENTERTAINER & COMEDIAN
FRANK OLIVIER

LIVE MUSIC BY
JOYRIDE

\$150 /seat
\$1,200 /full table sponsorship

14 October 2023 at 6 PM
Sebastopol Community Cultural Center
390 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA 95472



The Sebastopol Community Cultural Center's Gala 2023 "Celebrating the Power of Community" is coming up on October 14th.

Learn more about the fundraiser and purchase your tickets [HERE](#).

Even if you can't attend, you can show your support (and get your hands on some one-of-a kind goods and experiences) in the online auction! Check out the auction items [HERE](#).

All auction item purchases go to support the SCCC's mission of fostering the culture, enrichment, and wellbeing of the community.

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