



SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY NEEDS SUMMIT

SEBASTOPOL GUIDE OF NONPROFITS & SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS



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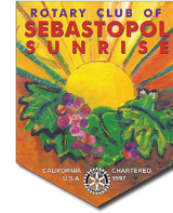


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Sebastopol
Vitality Project

Service Organization Council



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Call to Action

When we give back to our community, we tighten the fabric that binds us all together. Thank you for joining us today as we share with you a view of the City of Sebastopol as seen from the perspective of the nonprofit organizations that work so hard to meet our community's needs.

The Sebastopol Community Needs Summit is an opportunity to learn about the great work our local nonprofits are doing and to participate in and support their efforts. In the spirit of strengthening the bonds that make us a compassionate and connected community, we at the City of Sebastopol join with local service organizations in urging you to listen, ask questions, and find a way that you can participate in giving back to our community. We hope that the Community Needs Summit sparks a personal awareness of the great work that nonprofits do in our community and an appreciation for the everyday folks that make amazing things happen for those who need help the most.

With support from our Sebastopol community, we have an opportunity to meet the demand of our unprecedented times. Natural disasters and the pandemic have left our nonprofits needing more support than ever before. If there was ever a time to enhance the vitality of our community, the time to act is now.

Join us! Sebastopol is ready for *you* to plug in and help where you may. If you are already helping, see what you can do to bring other people along.

Sebastopol Service and Action Coalition

*Active 20-30 Club of Sebastopol
City of Sebastopol*

Community Church of Sebastopol

Kiwanis Club of Sebastopol

Masons – LaFayette Lodge #126

Rotary Club of Sebastopol

Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise

Sebastopol Grange #306

Sebastopol Gravenstein Lions Club

Soroptimist International of West Sonoma County

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Veterans of Foreign Wars Gold Ridge Post 3919

Sebastopol City Council

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Neysa Hinton, Vice Mayor

Una Glass

Sarah Glade Gurney

Diana Rich

— GET INVOLVED! —

ACTIONS THAT THE READER CAN TAKE TO GET INVOLVED:



Join a Service Organization and lend a hand



Donate time, money, and supplies using this index as a guide



Consider regular Sustained giving to your favorite charity



Volunteer for a Board position and lead by example



Recruit others to help your favorite nonprofit



Attend virtual and in-person nonprofit events and mixers to plug in



If you see a need or great idea bring it to one of the Service Organizations



Host a virtual fundraiser with ten of your friends for a local nonprofit



Consider legacy giving through your estate planning

INTERESTED IN TAKING ACTION? [SEE THE LISTINGS](#) IN THIS GUIDE

About This Guide

This Guide is intended to provide an opportunity to review the various needs in the community and to hear from those who are currently doing the work to make our community thrive. Please use this guide during and after the summit to familiarize yourself with what the various organizations in our community do and how you can help to further their respective missions.

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PROFILES FOR MEMBERS OF THE SEBASTOPOL SERVICE AND ACTION COALITION

Active 20-30 Club of Sebastopol

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**ACTIVE 20-30 CLUB
OF
Sebastopol**
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[Visit Active 20-30 Club of Sebastopol' Website](#)

We welcome all men and women between the ages of 20 and 39 who hold a desire to serve their community while building personal and professional relationships.

Our signature project is the Children's Shopping Spree, which is a back to school shopping experience for children to start their school year feeling confident and secure. Christmas Caravan: We travel together through West Sonoma County to deliver a full holiday meal and bags of presents to 5-12 families whom we have selected through public nominations.

We also focus on education, community cleaning projects, fundraising, volunteerism, and food feeds.

City of Sebastopol

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[Visit the City of Sebastopol Website](#)

Sebastopol is a dynamic community dedicated to high quality services and a compassionate and inclusive culture. The City is pleased to host the Community Needs Summit for the second year as a positive way to re-engage our community as we move out of two incredibly difficult pandemic years. We have put much effort into bringing our service clubs, non-profits, business leaders, and other stakeholders in Sebastopol together for this event. We see this year's Summit as building upon the work begun last year to bring our community together to tackle the many needs we face, to encourage and reinforce our ability to address those needs, and to celebrate our collective accomplishments to date and our resiliency in having made it to this point. The Community Needs Summit is about hope and a vision for the future of our Sebastopol area.

Community Church of Sebastopol UCC

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[Visit Community Church of Sebastopol Website](#)

Community Church of Sebastopol provides a safe parking program. We built two small huts in our parking lot to provide a bed and place to lock up belongings for 2 of the safe parkers. We also participate in the local Saturday Table program, providing a meal on the 2nd Saturday of the month. We support the Inter-church Food Pantry, participate in the bag lunch program at the Sebastopol Christian Church, and we provide bus passes, showers and snacks to those in need. We address immigration issues through our involvement in West County Rapid Response which is part of the North Bay Organizing Project, as well as in other areas. We could use a few more skilled workers to join our Adult Disaster Response trip to Paradise California to rebuild houses. We also need volunteers to help with meals for Saturday lunches and to regularly make bag lunches for the daily lunch program at Sebastopol Christian Church. Finally, we welcome volunteers to help monitor our parking lot to make sure the parkers are safe

Kiwanis Club of Sebastopol

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[Visit Kiwanis Club of Sebastopol Website](#)

The Kiwanis Club of Sebastopol recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary as a hands-on community service club with an emphasis on the needs of youth. We construct and repair school and park facilities, raise funds and distribute them to worthy causes, and award cash scholarships to graduating West County and Laguna high school students. We also participate in the annual Apple Blossom Festival Parade on Main Street every April. At Easter the club holds a traditional early morning egg hunt at Ives Park; this is a popular event and always attended by the Easter Bunny. Our major fundraising event is held on July 3 when we celebrate Independence Day with a music and fireworks show at the football field at West County High School. The celebration includes a parade of flags led by Uncle Sam, a patriotic songfest for children and two hours of live rock music – Sebastopol's largest public event of the year. Our mission is reflected in our motto, "Serving the Children of the World." We are a group of volunteers, dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. Anyone who wishes to support the greater Sebastopol community and participate in the Kiwanis Club may apply for membership.

Masons – LaFayette Lodge #126 Free & Accepted Masons

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[Visit Masons Website](#)

Masonry is the world's first and largest fraternal organization. It is guided by the enduring belief that each man has a responsibility to make the world a better place. Our organization is open to men age 18 or older who meet the qualifications and standards of character and intention, and who believe in a Supreme Being. Men of all ethnic and religious backgrounds are welcome. We believe a person who strives to improve themselves can also improve their community and the world at large. Through Masonic principles and tradition, we foster personal growth and improve the lives of others. Masons support public schools through early literacy skills for kindergartners at high risk for educational failure; scholarships; and other critically needed programs benefiting under-served youth. Specifically, La Fayette in Sebastopol supports Analy and El Molino High Schools Project Graduation, hosts their music department fundraisers, and the Analy girls' softball. For many years La Fayette has created fundraising pasta feeds, Grandma's Apple Fritters events, and annual crab feeds.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol

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[Visit Rotary Club of Sebastopol Website](#)

Formed in 1925, Rotary Club of Sebastopol has been going strong for almost 100 years, funding and volunteering for worthy projects such as Learn-to-Swim, Learn-with-Me, Scholarships for youth, Interact, and an international Youth Exchange program. Rotary Club of Sebastopol's goal is to give every member the opportunity to find experiences that will fulfill them, while making a difference in the community and throughout the world. We are also dedicated to supporting important projects around the world, such as helping to educate girls in developing countries like Uganda and Mexico, and eradicating polio from the planet! We award thousands of dollars each year to deserving local organizations through community grants, a teacher grant program, and scholarships. We volunteer our time for projects that improve our community, and we travel around the world to contribute our labor as well as funding. We invite you to join us to participate in any of our programs, which cover such a wide range of concerns and interests that we are confident we have something that will be meaningful to everyone.

Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise

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[Visit Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise Website](#)

The members of Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise are “People of Action, Meeting Today’s and Tomorrow’s Needs”. Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves. Our club is a brilliant resource if you want to join others for personal growth, community and social connections, and effective philanthropy. Women and men of all backgrounds, ages, and persuasions interact to support schools, the homeless, businesses, source food to those in need, and clean our roads and waterways. We are active locally and internationally. You can join our club as a member or volunteer for specific activities. Be a part of something fun and good. Reach out to us at president@sebsunriserotary.org or call David at 707-494-1844. The Rotary Club of Sebastopol Sunrise meets weekly on a Wednesdays 7:15am-8:30am at the Masonic Hall, 373 North Main Street in Sebastopol. If you would like to try a breakfast with us, call or email for an invitation.

Sebastopol Grange #306

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SEBASTOPOL GRANGE #306

[Visit Sebastopol Grange #306 Website](#)

The Sebastopol Grange is a family organization with roots in agriculture. It supports best agricultural practices through member education. We lobby for small farmer issues, as relates to climate change and food security with the goal of fostering communities that are resilient and better prepared for disasters. We offer monthly meetings, sponsor events and partner with other organizations for social connections, serving a variety of groups on a range of topics. We do outreach, hold food drives, plant pollinator gardens, run produce exchanges, mending circles, dances groups and engage in climate conversations. We also give back a portion of our rental income to school garden and individual scholarship programs. We welcome new members, at our General Meetings the last Tuesday of every month.

Sebastopol Gravenstein Lions Club

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Sebastopol Gravenstein Lions Club

[Visit Sebastopol Gravenstein Lions Club Website](#)

The Gravenstein Lions Club Motto is WE SERVE -- Serving Sebastopol & West County since 1976. Club Members: Men and women of all ages and backgrounds. Areas of Focus: VISION CARE, HUNGER, YOUTH, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY. Signature Project: VISION CARE for any child in need in West County and adults in need including cataract surgeries. We collect eye glasses for use in eye clinics in CA & Latin America. Other Lions projects: We support Ceres Community Project and Redwood Empire Food Bank; provide \$500 scholarships to Laguna HS students; sponsor Scouts and local high school speaker contestants; do HOP projects for seniors; do road cleanup and various park projects; respond to community needs! Since 2013 Gravenstein Lions Club has donated almost \$125,000 to over 25 nonprofit organizations! Fundraiser: Formerly Fireworks Sales; now working with other service clubs on new fundraisers. Why We Become Lions: MAKE friends while we give back to the COMMUNITY! – COME JOIN US!

Soroptimist International of West Sonoma County

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SOROPTIMIST

[Visit Soroptimist Website](#)

Soroptimist is a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. Anyone can join, and we encourage you to inquire about becoming a member. Our signature project is the “Live Your Dream” scholarship, which provides local women (who are head of household, with dependents) with going back to school scholarship to support their education. We rechartered our club back in 2019 in order to bring together like-minded individuals with a focus on empowering and educating women and girls.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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[Visit St. Stephen's Website](#)

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church welcomes individuals of every race, nationality, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church as we seek to respond to God's call to be a people of compassion and love. We host The Inter-Church Food Pantry, which provides emergency food to people living in the greater Sebastopol area. The Pantry is a collaborative effort of a group of Sebastopol churches. We also participate in the Saturday Table. Every third Saturday of the month St. Stephen's parishioners along with members of Occidental Laguna Sangha prepare and serve a hot lunch to those in need in our larger community.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Gold Ridge Post 3919

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[Visit Veterans of Foreign Wars Website](#)

The West Sonoma County, CA VFW Gold Ridge Post 3919 is a community of Veterans who meets regularly at the Veterans Memorial Building in Sebastopol to support Veterans and their families, and to take part in community activities. We invite local qualified Veterans to join Post 3919. California Gold Ridge Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3919 was honored with a Diamond Jubilee Award in recognition of its 75 years of "exceptional service to the nation and its Veterans throughout its seven- and one-half decades of dedicated support for the programs and purposes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars."



PROFILES FOR NONPROFITS AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

Analy Band Wagon

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[Visit Analy Band Wagon Website](#)

Analy Band Wagon and Casey Jones are excited to be developing an after-school music program for elementary and middle school students in West Sonoma County. This program is in the planning stages, with a target rollout date of October 2021. We hope to utilize support from Creative Sonoma, and Music from Schools through the Luther Burbank Center (which has an instrument bank). We are looking for funding sources to help with hiring and insurance costs. Planning, outreach, and advertising are necessary to build an accessible after-school program that supports schools in the West County!

Burbank Heights and Orchards

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[Visit Burbank Heights and Orchards Website](#)

Burbank Heights & Orchards is located in the heart of Sebastopol. The beautiful 16-acre property is filled with nature, hiking trails, flowers, gardens and more. The property is adjacent to the iconic Luther Burbank Farm. Burbank Heights & Orchards provides low-income housing for seniors 62 yrs. old and older or permanently disabled at Burbank Orchards. Burbank Heights & Orchards follows HUD and Fair Housing guidelines. The property consists of studios, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments. This property has a dedicated team who goes above and beyond daily to provide a safe, comfortable space for seniors to age in place. The social service department provides support and resources to enable all residents to be as comfortable as possible. Residents enjoy the community developed at BHO. The Social Hall is active with events, luncheons, farmer's market, music and so much more. Volunteers are needed to provide companionship, transportation and check in phone calls to residents.

Centro Laboral de Graton

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Centro Laboral de Graton

Graton Day Labor Center

[Visit Centro Laboral de Graton Website](#)

Centro Laboral de Graton is a worker-led day labor center that organizes with domestic workers and day laborers in West Sonoma County for the advancement of their rights and dignity as workers, as immigrants, and as members of the broader community. Programs include leadership development and civic participation, health access and education, just and dignified job placement, occupational safety and health training, vocational training, rights education, and English instruction. CLG also serves as a base of support and a place where solidarity and friendships flourish. The Center is an active resource, embedded in the local community. Centro Laboral de Graton takes a holistic approach to serving day laborers and domestic workers. Three focuses are Immigrant/Labor Rights, Occupational Health and Safety, and Job Development. We are particularly in need of volunteer English teachers to support our efforts.

Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership

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[Visit Volunteer Now webpage](#)

CVNL's mission is to advance nonprofits and volunteerism by strengthening leadership, encouraging innovation and empowering individuals in our community. Our areas of focus include (1) Connecting Volunteers & Service Agencies - We connect individuals to the causes that meet their interests and need their help. Our free volunteer matching portal (VolunteerNow.org) is designed to meet both these needs. (2) Disaster Preparedness & Response - Agencies can post their opportunities through our volunteer matching portal and link their current disaster opportunities. (3) Training - We bring local leaders the professional training and tools they need to manage organizations and complex programs. From board chairs, to program officers, to new supervisors and managers, we understand the professional needs of nonprofit leaders at every level and connect them to the skills and resources they need to be their most excellent.

CERES Community Project

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[Visit Ceres Community Project Website](#)

Ceres Community Project delivers beautiful, delicious and nourishing meals to community members who are living with illnesses such as heart disease and cancer. The meals are free for 85% of our clients, are medically tailored to help our clients manage their illness, and made and delivered with love and care by volunteers. Ceres engages youth aged 14 and up in our youth development program. In our kitchens and organic gardens, youth learn about healthy eating, gain leadership and job skills, and experience their power to make a difference in the world. In 2022, our 15th year, we expect to deliver 215,000 organic meals to our clients and their family members. Our work is possible because of the dedication of our volunteers and donors. Learn more about all the ways you can get involved, from mentoring youth or packaging meals, to prepping veggies or delivering meals and care to our clients' doorsteps. We also have remote volunteer opportunities. There really is something for everyone at Ceres.

Community Foundation Sonoma County

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[Visit Community Foundation Sonoma County Website](#)

Community Foundation Sonoma County has the following focus areas: addressing climate change, housing, youth, mental health, and homelessness. As a Community Foundation, we are addressing these issues on a county-wide scale through grant funding and our work beyond the grant, by convening organizations, collecting and disseminating data and sharing information with donors. We are a foundation with funding primarily from endowments. We collaborate with many entities all over the county. We also distribute funding based on the intent of our donors. Areas of focus include climate change, youth mental health, and housing and homelessness.

Community Market

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[Visit Community Market Website](#)

Community Market has the following focus areas: food insecurity/underserved groups, alternative transportation, and sustainable agriculture. We address these issues by partnering with community groups such as the California Homemakers Association, by partnering with Bicycle Coalition, and by partnering with local farms, featuring 100% organic produce. We are a not for profit, worker run organization operating a retail establishment. We partner with several local organizations on fundraising and donations to social justice causes. We appreciate collaborations with other community groups to raise funds and bring awareness to the issues previously listed. We look forward to hosting events in the future to bring folks together in service of our community.

Community Matters

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[Visit Community Matters Website](#)

Community Matters has provided services to West County schools for many years. Our flagship program, Safe School Ambassadors, is an evidence-based, field-tested school climate improvement program that empowers and equips carefully selected students with intervention skills so they can help their peers struggling with mental health challenges as well as bullying and mistreatment. It provides a pro-social opportunity to connect non-traditional student leaders with the peers that they would not normally interact with and trains them to stand up and speak up against mistreatment in all forms. We also provide services including Restorative Practice training for school staff, LGBTQI Ally Youth program, Empowering Student Athletes as Leaders training, professional development, and other youth programming. Significant areas of focus include helping students to connect and build positive relationships, reduce mistreatment, and empower adults with tools to create safe, welcoming, and inclusive school climates.

Compassionate Cars

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Compassionate Cars
Vehicle Donation Program

[Visit Compassionate Cars Website](#)

Every year, K-Tech Automotive is proud to donate a free car to up to three deserving members of the Sebastopol community through its non-profit Compassionate Cars “Good Karma Car Giveaway.” In addition to a totally free vehicle, winners receive: a fresh smog test, payment of the initial registration cost, and a complimentary 12-month service package. Please visit www.ktechcargiveaway.com to learn more about nominating a community member or organization or to find out how you can donate your 2000 or newer vehicle to a good cause. If you love this program and would like to be on the Board, please email us at the contact email above.

Daily Acts Organization

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[Visit Daily Acts Organization Website](#)

Daily Acts is an environmental education non-profit whose mission is to inspire actions that will create more connected, equitable, and climate-resilient communities. Daily Acts programming focuses on water-conservation, community education and leadership, and climate mitigation. The Organization hosts informational workshops (online and in-person) to educate and demonstrate Do-It-Yourself solutions to conserving resources and influencing policy. Daily Acts participated in Petaluma's first climate action plan and committee and continues to work with cities and Water Agency to educate and support climate mitigation solutions and conversations. Through partnerships with local and regional partners and expert presenters, the reach and impact of Daily Acts' programming are far and wide. Daily Acts is primarily funded through City contracts or aligned grants. In Sebastopol in particular, Daily Acts has had contracts to provide a certain amount of talks, tours, workshops, and installations that would allow the community to have more of a presence in the city. Daily Acts also emphasizes the power of connection and works to build relationships and connections with community allies, individuals, companies, and organizations that have shared values, in an effort to increase program impact and resource conservation solutions. Interested in learning more, or reviewing our wealth of online resources? Visit the website (see the link above).

Food For Thought

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[Visit Food for Thought Website](#)

Food For Thought provides healthy, comprehensive nutrition services to people impacted by HIV, COVID-19, congestive heart failure, and other illnesses, including about 50 low-income, food-insecure Sebastopol residents. Food For Thought exists today because of grassroots, collaborative effort, and to this day we engage in many community-wide initiatives in order to maximize the effectiveness of our programs. We belong to the Sonoma County Food System Alliance, a coalition of diverse stakeholders working to improve our food system through community engagement and collective action. We are limited in how many people we can serve mainly by finances and physical capacity. Every \$7.15 we raise means we can provide one more meal to a low-income, seriously ill person in need. Our Forestville capacity is bursting at the seams. We are hoping to add on a new location in 2021-2022, and are in need of funding for that expansion.

Forestville Union School District

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FORESTVILLE
Union School District

[Visit Forestville Union School District Website](#)

We are looking for community partners to support our students and families in crisis, particularly with mental health issues. We are looking to increase hours for our school psychologist, counselor, and for intervention. We do our best to fund these efforts, through our general fund and special one-time money from the state and federal government. We also will continue to partner with the Sonoma County Office of Education and other community partners (West County Health Centers) when available. But existing funding is not enough to meet the substantial need we see in our student body. Having ongoing funds and trained professionals in wrap-around medical and mental health services available for referral for parents and students in need would be ideal.

Generation Housing

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[Visit Generation Housing Website](#)

Generation Housing is leading the movement for more, more affordable, and more diverse housing in Sonoma County. We champion effective policy, sustainable funding resources, and collaborative efforts to create an equitable, healthy, and resilient community for everyone. Generation Housing opened its doors just two years ago and has already had a huge impact — advocating for more than 4,700 new housing units, almost a third of which will be designated and maintained as affordable, and leading local efforts to secure \$270 million in funding for affordable housing development. We've published valuable research that's been relied upon by our policymakers, including the recent 2022 State of Housing in Sonoma County report, and educational events for the public, housing professionals, and our community leaders, have much more planned to spur the kind of housing we need for a vibrant future here in Sonoma County.

Gravenstein Health Action Coalition

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Gravenstein Health Action
COALITION

[Visit Gravenstein Health Action Coalition Website](#)

The Gravenstein Health Action Coalition is a collaboration of local organizations, agencies and individuals working together to support policy, system and environmental change, in order to improve health outcomes of all residents of West County Sonoma. We mobilize community partnerships and resources to achieve equity and improve the health, safety and wellbeing for all in West Sonoma County. GHAC is working with West County Schools to educate staff, students, and parents on PACES, is conducting an assessment to determine barriers preventing improvements in health, safety and well-being, and is supporting current programs such as MYN and tobacco cessation efforts. We are looking for Board members and Advisory Council members, and are also in need of assistance in developing brief video explanations of our organization in both English and Spanish for our website.

Gravenstein Union School District

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[Visit Gravenstein Union School District Website](#)

Gravenstein Union School District is focused on the following goals: (1) Mental Health: bolstering our on-campus offerings as well as community partnerships for referrals/warm hand-offs. To meet these goals on behalf of our students and their families, we need funding to add mental health campus space (we currently do not have space for our staff to meet with students in-person), and we would like to increase our connections and knowledge of community partner resources. (2) Enrichments: A major component to the success of our schools is our robust menu of enrichments and electives. Our parent association, Gravenstein Parents Association (GPA), provides financial support for our district so that we are able to continue to provide these activities for students that promote school engagement, positive school culture, as well as social emotional and academic learning. Please click on the link above or visit wearegpa.com to help support our enrichment and elective program.

Hallberg Butterfly Gardens

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Hallberg Butterfly Gardens

[Visit Hallberg Butterfly Gardens Website](#)

Hallberg Butterfly Gardens is dedicated to (1) Integrating habitat conservation into daily life (2) Tending to private and public lands mitigating the effects of habitat fragmentation and making our lands more hospitable (3) Accessible information and participation (4) A sustainable future. With a focus on native, climate-resilient plants we provide a habitat supporting the full lifecycle of butterflies and other pollinators. Thereby indirectly supporting a broad spectrum of local wildlife who share resources or depend on these insects for survival. We open our Gardens for school and public tours, workshops, community science projects, and plant sales. We offer presentations to local schools and organizations and work to provide educational resources for all levels of experience. Our goals include the expansion of our community, and providing a social network and resource space amongst other local groups, businesses, and organizations. Funds and volunteers are at the top of our needs list. With an increase in funds, we could better maintain the gardens and expand our services. Volunteers sustain our organization. Increasing our volunteers would help with the maintenance and development of our Gardens and services.

Humane Society of Sonoma County

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[Visit Humane Society SoCo Website](#)

Serving our community since 1931, the Humane Society of Sonoma County is a donor-supported safe haven for animals. We're dedicated to bringing people and companion animals together for a lifetime of love. The animals in our care receive medical treatment (including spay/neuter surgery), training services, and adoption assistance. We believe that no effort is too great when a life is at stake. We are always in need of funds, and with your help, we give hope to every adoptable animal. We always need volunteers! Our mission for the animals is why we exist, but our volunteers are how we exist. Our amazing volunteer community fills roles in 15 areas of the shelter, including feeding animals, mopping floors, doing laundry, greeting visitors, walking dogs, cuddling cats, hanging with the bunnies, helping with outreach/ community events, and fundraising. We are always looking for volunteers to fill specific needs! Most of our volunteer positions are regular, recurring shifts, but we also have opportunities for one-day volunteer events by groups.

Harmony Union School District

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[Visit Harmony Union School District Website](#)

Harmony Union School District is a TK - 8th grade public school that is located on a 56-acre campus just south of the small town of Occidental, in western Sonoma County (Half-way between Occidental and Freestone). Four distinct habitats co-exist on our campus: a year-round creek with waterfall and observation deck, a redwood forest with a nature trail, perennial wetlands, and grasslands. A large working garden, including a straw bale greenhouse and outdoor classroom which students helped construct. The garden contributes fresh produce and serves as a major component to our Farm to Table Cafeteria Program and to the District farm stand. As a specific project that needs funding right now, \$500,000 would help us install a full battery backup system which is needed during high winds, fire season and PSPS days.

Impact 100 Redwood Circle

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[Visit Impact 100 Redwood Circle Website](#)

Impact 100 Redwood Circle is a women's collective giving circle. This year we will award \$220,000 in grants to Sonoma County nonprofits. We award our grants based on rigorous grant application and decision processes. Our focus is arts & culture, health/community betterment, education, environment/parks/sustainability/recreation. Our grants are funded by member donations to our grant fund. We want to have a significant and sustainable impact on our community through our grantmaking. We are always in search of insights and education on the greatest needs in Sonoma County and how/by whom those needs are being addressed. That would help guide our work.

Interact Youth Leadership Program (Rotary Club of Sebastopol)

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[Visit Rotary Club of Sebastopol Website](#)

Interact is a service club for young people ages 12-18 who want to be involved in their local community and around the world. It is supported and mentored by the Rotary Club of Sebastopol. Interact members join together to tackle issues in their community. Students learn leadership skills, citizenship, teamwork, organization, and project coordination. They are responsible for planning, financing, organizing, and carrying out their own activities and projects. West County Analy High School, as well as Brook Haven and Twin Hills Middle Schools have active Interact Clubs. In 2021-22, these students engaged in a variety of projects, including (among others) a coat drive for the homeless, making blankets for The Living Room, helping at local events, and donating the money from their fundraising events to Ceres, the Interfaith Pantry, and to pay for yearbooks for students who couldn't afford them. Both Clubs took part in the Adopt-A-Family program, providing gifts and good cheer, delivered by fire truck, to needy families at the holidays.

IVES POOL (Western Sonoma County Swimmers)

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[Visit Ives Pool Website](#)

Ives Pool is a public swimming pool that offers family swim, aqua aerobics, swimming lessons, and a variety of water safety and water wellness to all ages. We are in need of interested community members to join our Board of Directors.

Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation

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[Visit Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation Website](#)

The Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation works with partners and landowners such as the City of Sebastopol and others on the restoration and conservation of wetland habitats in the Laguna de Santa Rosa watershed. We work on many public and private properties with wetlands and tributary creeks that connect to the Laguna de Santa Rosa, including volunteer workdays through our Laguna Stewards program to restore and tend native plants, remove invasive species, and clean up trash. We host community education walks, talks and workshops for participants of all ages and conduct environmental education activities for school groups and a summer day camp, Camp Tule, for young children. We host a variety of volunteer opportunities including Laguna Stewards, Garden Volunteer Days, nursery volunteer days, special corporate and community service group work days. Learn more about volunteer opportunities on our website.

LandPaths

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[Visit LandPaths Website](#)

LandPaths is a community conservation organization with the mission is to foster a love of the land in Sonoma County. Through three core initiatives, Rooting Youth in Nature, Branching Out Conservation and Growing Community with Nature, we engage thousands of people like you, annually, in joyful, caring, and transformative experiences in nature. We create access to nature through creative outings led in both English and Spanish, environmental education and nature camps for youth, and people-powered stewardship of local open spaces, including LandPaths preserves. With a deep commitment to equity in the outdoors, LandPaths' programs are offered free, sliding scale or with robust scholarships, led by diverse staff and volunteers. In addition to connecting people with the land, we build community through common purpose and experiences. We believe everyone, individually, and our community is more resilient for sharing the awe and inspiration of nature.

Luther Burbank Experiment Farm (Western Sonoma County Historical Society)

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**LUTHER BURBANK
EXPERIMENT FARM**

[Visit Luther Burbank Experiment Farm Website](#)

The Luther Burbank Experiment Farm provides educational opportunities to the general public and local schools, on the legacy of Luther Burbank. The Historical Society is the parent organization for the Farm. We offer docent tours of the three-acre property and of the small cottage which houses a small exhibit. We are developing the nursery to propagate specific unique plants. We make various plants available for sale to the public. Pre-COVID we offered tours, activities, and tree plantings for several local school groups, as well as tours, events, and open houses to the public. We are in need of docent volunteers to lead tours of the grounds. We need funding for outreach, to buy supplies, and to maintain and improve the property in the orchard (replacing aging fruit trees and Shasta daisies that have been destroyed by gophers). We would love to add an outdoor amphitheater area to enhance our educational opportunities by providing a space to demonstrate grafting and plantings. We would also be interested in partnering with other local groups such as the Master Gardeners and Rare Fruit Growers to co-host plant-related events.

Main Stage West

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[Visit Main Stage West Website](#)

Main Stage West is an intimate, live theater dedicated to delivering professional quality theater at an affordable price to the residents of Sebastopol and the greater West Sonoma County. A typical season at the 65-seat venue consists of six productions, each with 14 performances over a four-weekend run. We would like to resume educational theater programs for local youth, as well as the Sebastopol Shakespeare Festival which brought thousands of visitors to town. These endeavors, plus maintaining current programming, require funding to hire new staff and expand our physical footprint. Main Stage West is also in need of volunteers to serve in front of house (ushers, etc.), to help build or paint sets, and to join us as board members. We are also in need of off-site space for building our sets. Please join us as we move into our second decade of making theater in Sebastopol.

Meet Your Neighbor (Previously Map Your Neighborhood)

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[Visit the Meet Your Neighbor Website](#)

The newly named Meet Your Neighbor (MYN) Program and the Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit (SNCU) are supported by the Sebastopol Fire Department. The goal of MYN is to help neighborhoods to prepare together for emergencies and the goal of SNCU is to provide radio communications training to help neighborhoods to stay informed and connected during emergencies. These efforts are facilitated by our Public Safety Outreach Coordinator, who works with volunteers from both groups. We collaborate with the Gravenstein Health Action Coalition and the Sebastopol Hardware Center to support the MYN Leader Council. Our efforts to expand the Map Your Neighborhood program and the Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit would be improved by funding for broader marketing and promotion of the classes, training and meetings that we offer to the community. We welcome increased collaboration and continued discussions on ways to improve our community's resilience and emergency preparedness.

Mr. Music Foundation

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[Visit the Peacetown Website](#)

Peacetown and Mr. Music Foundation have been presenting the Peacetown Summer Concert Series for the past 10 years, minus Covid year 2020. This year the series will run for 14 weeks on Wednesday evenings from 4:30-7:30pm beginning on June 8th and going to September 7th. These two non-profit organizations and the Summer Concert Series are completely staffed by volunteers, who willingly assist in set-up, sales, staffing and breakdown each week. Project Whole Child runs our Family Village at the concerts, and members of the Love Choir have helped in the past build our infrastructure. This concert series employs over 250 musicians, and brings our community together to celebrate music, art and the goodness of Sebastopol. If you believe in the mission of Being the Peace, please donate a few hours on any given Wednesday to help produce this happy event.

North Bay Construction Corps – West County Chapter

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[Visit North Bay Construction Corps Website](#)

The North Bay Construction Corps, a program of the North Coast Builders Exchange, recruits and trains students interested in the construction trades to get them on a path to post-secondary training and employment after high school. Classes are taught by skilled industry tradespeople in topics ranging from tool handling and safety to fundamentals of electrical, carpentry, and solar power design and installation. Students who successfully complete the program participate in a two-week boot camp project or paid internship where they practice newly acquired skills. NBCC needs volunteers to help in a variety of ways including mentoring and training students, providing tools and heavy equipment for demonstration purposes, donating materials for NBCC sessions, participating in the NBCC interview event, and hosting a student for a two-week paid internship. Funding is needed to conduct student recruitment, purchase materials and supplies, provide Boot Camp stipends to students, and coordinate program details and logistics.

Pleasant Hill Christian School

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[Visit Pleasant Hill Christian School Website](#)

Pleasant Hill Christian School sees education and faith as key community issues that need to be addressed. Our areas of focus include excellence in elementary education, character development through service opportunities, and supporting parents. We are a Christian school and are supported completely by donations and tuition. We do not receive any government support. Our primary challenges (and needs) are financial, and can be met by increased enrollment or by additional donations. Please join us at our 2022 Holiday Home Tour, a fundraiser to replenish our scholarship fund.

Project Whole Child

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PROJECT WHOLE
CHILD

[Visit Project Whole Child Website](#)

Project Whole Child's focus areas include strengthening community by decreasing siloed efforts and supporting positive child experiences through community events, education, training, and workshops.

REACH Charter School

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Angie Powers

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[Visit Reach Charter School Website](#)

The REACH School is a creative, liberal arts charter school in Sebastopol that supports the emerging child in becoming a whole person through the integration of strong academics, creative arts, and community involvement in an environment that fosters acceptance of and respect for self and others. We have a Project Based Learning approach that encourages collaboration, design/creation and problem solving. We practice Positive Discipline and integrate Social and Emotional Learning into our curriculum. We offer enrichment opportunities throughout the year for Art, Music, Poetry, and numerous annual field trips to destinations local and further. We have an independent study program that caters to students and parents wishing to merge more parent/student driven education with home-based activities and lessons. We offer Aftercare for students from TK through 4th for families who need flexible hours.

Redwood Empire Food Bank

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[Visit Redwood Empire Food Bank Website](#)

Redwood Empire Food Bank distributes food through our own programs and our partner organizations in Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties. As the largest hunger-relief organization in our area, we work on the front lines of emergency food assistance in our region, playing a crucial role in helping individuals, families, seniors, and children. We serve our communities through three initiatives. Every Child, Every Day includes four robust programs that address the nutritional needs of children, targeting both schools and seasonal meal gaps. Senior Security serves a monthly average of 4,300 low-income seniors healthy, fresh food across our five-county region. Neighborhood Hunger Network strives to improve the health and well-being of our community with food and nutrition education. In order to keep up with the increase in food demand, we need volunteer support daily, food donations and monetary donations.

Relaunch

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[Visit Relaunch Sebastopol Website](#)

Relaunch Sebastopol is a program initiated by the Sebastopol City Council to help our town recover from the economic and social ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic. The program seeks to spur economic development and increase community vitality in three ways: (1) By creating sophisticated marketing campaigns to increase tourism, support local business and attract new business to town. (2) By improving the look and allure of Sebastopol's shopping districts. (3) By increasing community engagement through events, such as the June 18th Town Party, and better communication so that residents know what's going on in their town and how to get involved.

Russian Riverkeeper

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[Visit Russian Riverkeeper Website](#)

Russian Riverkeeper has been fighting since 1993 to ensure a thriving river system and your rights to fishable, swimmable and drinkable waters. We advocate for public policies that protect our River from pollution and make sure we have adequate flows to support the river ecosystem. Our Clean Team program removes trash from the river and local creeks and can use everyone's help keeping trash out of our watershed. Everyone can join in to help at the annual Russian River Watershed Cleanup on the 3rd Saturday in September. We're always seeking volunteers for the Russian River Watershed Cleanup on September 17th and have other volunteer cleanup opportunities for you or your group you can learn about by signing up to our email list and selecting volunteer. We also facilitate people working in their local area to remove trash if you need cleanup supplies. Visit our website to learn more about our work.

Sebastopol Area Senior Center

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[Visit Sebastopol Area Senior Center Website](#)

The Sebastopol Senior Center sees the following issues as pressing for our senior population: isolation and the need for resources/referrals, food insecurity, and transportation needs. We offer virtual classes/activities/support groups, and we field inquiries and provide resources and information on a variety of issues, from caregiving resources to vaccine information and more. The Center's Harvest Cafe provides affordable (or free) meals to thousands of seniors per year. Our volunteer drivers provide free rides, getting seniors to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, and more. We are seeking volunteers to assist with driving seniors, helping in the Cafe, and helping at the front desk

Sebastopol Area Time Bank

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**Sebastopol Area
Time Bank**

[Visit Sebastopol Area Time Bank Website](#)

The Sebastopol Area Time Bank (SATB) is a means thru which community members provide SERVICES to other community members through "requests" and "offers" that form the basis of an "exchange" -- with hours not money as our currency. We come together for connection and social events too. We bring together like-minded individuals for connection and social events, too. SATB is run by volunteers who help our members use our web-based software to record requests, offers and exchanges. As we move away from pandemic isolation, we strive to help members feel comfortable again interacting with other members to get their needs met. We would like other community organizations to be aware of and let their constituencies know about us. Membership is free! The Sebastopol Area Time Bank seeks volunteers to help develop and lead our organization.

Sebastopol Center for the Arts

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[Visit Sebastopol Center for the Arts Website](#)

The Sebastopol Center for the Arts is a nonprofit dedicated to cultivating creativity and inspiring appreciation for the transformative power of art. The arts are vital to a healthy community. We offer programs designed to be inclusive and meet the needs of Sonoma County and beyond. We have 8 programs that serve our diverse community. We produce, promote and present artists - local, national, international – through curated gallery exhibits, artists open studio events, arts lectures, poetry readings, concerts, adult and youth education, a state-of-the-art ceramics studio and an acclaimed documentary film festival. The current pressing needs we face are funding to expand our outreach, and additional funding to hire program staff. We are also in need of volunteers to help with our summer youth education programs and to help with grounds and facility maintenance.

Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce

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SEBASTOPOL
Chamber of Commerce
& Visitor Center

[Visit Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce Website](#)

Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce serves the business community in a number of ways. We provided COVID-related information and updates on tax increases. We support new businesses coming into Sebastopol and work with existing businesses with recognition in our community. We were able to have our 76th Apple Blossom Festival and Parade this year for our community to enjoy our great outdoors once again. We conduct outreach to our businesses to see how they are doing and learn what they may need from us. We have been awarded grant funds to assist in keeping our business community informed. The Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce is run by one employee and an active board. It would be beneficial to have at least one volunteer to assist in our office.

Sebastopol Climate Action Committee

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[Visit Climate Action Committee website](#)

The Climate Action Committee was created on January 7, 2020, by the Sebastopol City Council to engage the community in efforts to address the climate change emergency. Sebastopol has a long history of commitment to addressing human-caused climate change, including a formal declaration of a climate emergency by the City Council on December 3, 2019. Focus areas are climate change mitigation and adaptation for the City. The Climate Action Committee seeks volunteers to join our working groups on energy policy, sequestration, zero waste, community engagement, equity, transportation. Also needed are community members to fill vacancies in the youth and environmental justice/equity seats.

Sebastopol Community Cultural Center

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[Visit Sebastopol Community Cultural Center Website](#)

The Sebastopol Community Cultural Center sees a need for inclusive and equitable access to resources for our community post pandemic closure. We are excited to breathe new life into our mission statement by offering a remodeled showcase for upcoming musical and literary events and a refreshing new schedule of classes. We strive to enhance life in Sebastopol for individuals and the community and continue to seek out positive pathways to support our community youth. SCCC is proud to serve Sebastopol and neighboring Sonoma County communities as an entertainment, educational and cultural hub offering a rich and diverse set of body, mind, and soul enriching programming on a regular basis. The SCCC brings passionate instructors, dedicated students, musicians, from far and wide. Events (concerts, author talks, dances) Classes (fitness and wellness, dance, music, dog training) Services (youth club) We have an open and ongoing call for volunteers to support our classes and events.

Sebastopol Downtown Association

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[Visit Sebastopol Downtown Association Website](#)

Sebastopol is for people inspired by community; Sebastopol's funky charm welcomes you. Connect to the Sonoma Coast, Ancient Redwoods, Russian River, and our world-famous wine country. Grounded in our agricultural heritage, we're devoted to your health and well-being. Slow down as you meander through our unique locally owned shops, spas & restaurants, weaving into this magical fabric we call home. Come as you are!

Sebastopol Farmers Market

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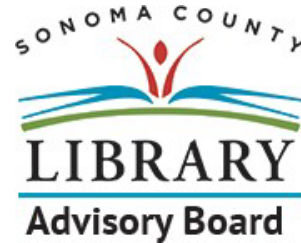


[Visit Sebastopol Farmers Market Website](#)

The Sebastopol Farmers Market provides access to local sustainable food and farmers. We have partnered with different organizations and community members to provide food and farm education. We process SNAP benefits and do a match of up to \$10 through a grant collaboration. We also provide a punch card incentive - every 6 visits = \$10 market bucks for SNAP recipients. We also offer \$2 senior coupons twice a month. Our efforts could be improved with more funding and volunteers, but the biggest changes will happen through deeper collaborations.

Sebastopol Library Advisory Board

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[Visit Sebastopol Library Advisory Board Website](#)

The Sebastopol Library Advisory Board provides education support and the benefit of community input for the Sebastopol Library. We meet on a regular basis as a Board, respond to patron comments, and host an annual community forum. We are funded by the Library and often collaborate with Sebastopol Friends of the Library.

Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit

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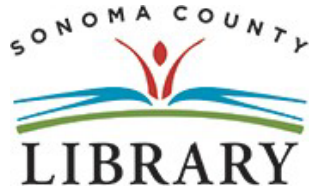
*Sebastopol Neighborhood
Communications Unit*



The Sebastopol Neighborhood Communications Unit (SNCU)'s goal is to connect MYN leads to available neighborhood resources, local information and first responders in the event of an emergency. The SNCU intends to provide real-time management of two-way communication based on the conditions and needs of MYN neighborhoods and local shelters. The Neighborhood Communications Plan will evolve to connect local businesses and organizations with Sebastopol area neighborhoods and shelters during emergencies or disasters. We meet monthly, offer training on two-way radio communications, hold regular radio check-ins, and offer support for those interested in becoming HAMS. A website is being developed to provide public outreach and information. Our needs are for reliable funding (we do not have any currently), and for volunteers.

Sebastopol Regional Library

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[Visit Sebastopol Regional Library Website](#)

The Sebastopol Regional Library focuses on life-long learning, educational support, and community building. We provide access to a world of information in a variety of formats, and assistance to those who need help with that access. We also provide programs and events that bring people together to share and exchange ideas, and seek to increase those programs and events. Currently, we are most limited by the physical spaces allocated to our services, which, in part, determines our staffing levels, which, in part, determines the quality and quantity of work we are able to accomplish. Our areas of focus include information literacy, education support, and community connections. We are in need of volunteers as homework helpers, tech help, and as members of our Advisory Board.

Sebastopol Sea Serpents

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[Visit Sebastopol Sea Serpents Website](#)

The Sea Serpents runs a free swim lesson program, offering hardship/scholarships to families with financial needs so their children can participate in swimming (an expensive sport). We offer financial assistance for swim meet costs and USA Swimming insurance membership through the DEI (diversity/equity/inclusion) Outreach Program. We collaborate with the Rotary Learn to Swim Program to provide additional volunteers to drown-proof children in the community. We are in need of funding for our scholarships/hardships program, as well as more pool time in order to serve the community. We have over 100 families on the waiting list. Additionally, the loss of the fireworks fundraiser has impacted our annual fundraising dollars and we are working on recovering \$19,500 annually to pay for the facility rental. Volunteers to support our program's two large swim meets are also needed. The event requires about 100 volunteers a day. The next meet is scheduled for October 29 & 30, 2022.

Sebastopol Union School District

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[Visit Sebastopol Union School District Website](#)

Sebastopol Union School District includes Park Side Elementary School and Brook Haven Middle School. Youth services are our charge as an educational institution for Preschool-8th grade. We have partnered with the Sebastopol Center for the Arts to offer in-person Covid-safe child care and activities to our students during the pandemic. Our main challenge is trespassing and vandalism at Brook Haven School. We need better surveillance, especially at night. We have developed a very good working relationship with the Sebastopol police. We are also focused on increasing youth activities. We always have opportunities to volunteer in our school gardens, especially over the summer. Learn with Me is a tutoring program during the school year working one to one or with small groups of students.

Sebastopol United Methodist Church Saturday Table

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[Visit Sebastopol United Methodist Church Website](#)

Sebastopol United Methodist Church (SebUMC) is at 500 North Main Street opposite Safeway. Its bell tower with red dome is a landmark where Hwy. 116 makes a turn to become Gravenstein Highway North, and plays recorded music every day just before noon. Worship services are Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Sebastopol United Methodist Church (SebUMC) celebrates diversity, recognizing the sacred worth of all persons regardless of race, age, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, physical or mental ability, economic situation, or marital status. We welcome all to worship with us and to participate fully in the ministries of this church. SebUMC on the FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH joins other local churches rotating on a weekly basis to provide at "Saturday Table" from the church hall a nutritious meal for the unhoused and others in need, and provides laundry assistance for the unhoused in association with Sunrise Rotary and Sebastopol Christian Church. We also welcome people who wish to donate time/energy to help assist our neighbors.

Sebastopol World Friends

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Sebastopol World Friends

[Visit Sebastopol World Friends' Website](http://www.sebastopolwf.org)

Sebastopol World Friends' mission is to link Sebastopol with its sister cities through a variety of educational and cultural programs, and to coordinate exchanges to prompt lasting friendships. We offer an array of programs connected to our sister city relationships with Takeo Japan and Chyhyryn, Ukraine. We also engage with our community through events and cultural activities, and offer opportunities for our members to host visitors to Sebastopol from Japan and Ukraine. This year we are concentrating our efforts on raising money for humanitarian relief in Chyhyryn which is providing for thousands of people displaced from the war-torn areas of Ukraine. We are also working on resuming our student exchange program with Takeo, as soon as it is safe to do so. Our motto is "World Peace , One Friend at a Time". Our current areas of focus include: (1) supporting our sister city in Ukraine, (2) resuming our student exchange program, and (3) raising funds for scholarships to allow any local student to participate in our program regardless of means (this is a four-year commitment of \$250 a year).

Slow Food Russian River

PO Box 2746 Sebastopol 95473
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[Visit SlowFoodRR.org](http://www.SlowFoodRR.org)

We operate the Sebastopol Community Apple Press at the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm on weekends August, September and October where residents and visitors can make juice from apples they grow or buy from local farmers or grocery stores. We raise and sell heritage turkeys so people have an alternative to the Big Breasted White turkey at Thanksgiving. By granting a "Snail of Approval," we recognize restaurants and food growers, ranchers and processors who offer food that is good, clean and fair.).

Social Advocates for Youth

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[Visit Social Advocates for Youth Website](#)

Social Advocates for Youth (SAY) provides services to youth, ages 0-24, and their families. Our four core areas of programming include: mental health, career support, emergency services, and housing. We provide street outreach services to youth experiencing homelessness, emergency shelters (including a dedicated teen shelter and a shelter for transition-aged youth ages 18-24), permanent supportive housing, housing for pregnant and parenting youth, and community-based housing with wraparound supports. Our mental health services include grief therapy, school-based mental health services, and a Medi-Cal clinic. Our employment services include support with job hunting, job and interview preparation, paid work experience, and a drop-in career hub. SAY operates a 24/7 Youth Crisis hotline. We collaborate with more than 30 different community-based organizations within our county. Our primary need is for sustainable funding streams that enable us to evolve and create programs that match the complex needs of our youth.

Sonoma Applied Village Services

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Sonoma Applied Village Services - SAVS (pronounced "saves") operates Horizon Shine Village for the unsheltered on Gravenstein Highway in Sebastopol. The village houses 25 formerly homeless people in a safe, dignified, affordable setting. Horizon Shine benefits from a wonderful team of Sebastopol volunteers; join them in our one-on-one mentor program. We're looking for funding to build a bathroom (we use portable toilets) and a laundry facility. SAVS advocates for safe parking, RV camping and tiny villages as nimble, low-cost shelter for homeless people. Later this year, we're opening a Latinx-focused village in Santa Rosa. Our model works; we can house at least 20 people per acre. If you have land you can donate or rent cheaply for temporary or long-term use - or if you know someone who does - you can make a difference! Thank you, Sebastopol, for being a terrific partner as we grapple with Sonoma County's homeless crisis.

Sonoma County ACES Connection

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Sonoma County ACES Connection recognizes that childhood experiences, both positive and negative, have a tremendous impact on future violence, victimization, and perpetration, and lifelong health and opportunity. Sonoma County PACES Connection brings the community together to nurture Positive Childhood Experiences, Prevent, treat, and heal ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) while promoting Resiliency. I would also like my personal address removed. These early experiences are an important public health issue. Much of the foundational research in this area has been referred to as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). The more adversity and trauma someone experiences as a child, the higher their risk of negative health outcomes as an adult—like diabetes, heart disease, or depression. Our work is focused on helping our communities build resilience against the effects of trauma. We support trauma informed communities, positive childhood experiences, and preventing child abuse and neglect. We provide a space for the community to come together and share resources, stories, and authentic voices.

Sonoma County Farm Trails (Gravenstein Apple Fair)

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Visit [Sonoma County Farm Trails Website](#)

GravensteinAppleFair.com

In our mission to keep "farms forever" in our County, Farm Trails promotes local agricultural products & services and educates the public about the importance of supporting local food systems. We maintain a dynamic searchable website, publish a free annual Map & Guide, produce free seasonal tours, host the Gravenstein Apple Fair in August, collaborate with other organizations to address food system issues, advocate for local agriculture, and fund scholarships for young, aspiring, and established farmers/producers. The continued viability of local agriculture and the resilience of our local food systems is an important concern for us, as is keeping the Gravenstein orchards in production in West County. We are in need of fiscal partners for our projects, events, and initiatives. And we can always use more volunteers!

SONOMA Food Runners

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SONOMA Food Runners, established in 2014, is based on 11 years of experience in various aspects of food recovery. “We Feed Bellies, Not Landfills” is our motto and how we operate. Our volunteers pick up excess food and distribute it throughout Sonoma County, sharing food based on the recipient’s needs that day to avoid waste. Our food donors have liability protection through the Bill Emerson Act of 1996 and the new regulations of SB 1383. We are fortunate to interact with the most amazing folks on a daily basis which fills our hearts with joy! Although sharing food is an important part of what SONOMA Food Runners does, building relationships and showing folks that they matter, no matter where they live, is just as important.

Stewards of the Coast and Redwoods

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Stewards is the nonprofit partner for California State Parks Russian River Sector including Sonoma Coast State Park, Armstrong Redwoods State Natural Reserve, and Austin Creek State Recreation Area. Stewards is a small-but-mighty volunteer driven nonprofit. We operate Armstrong Redwoods and Austin Creek and provide education, volunteer, and stewardship programs. We help protect these lands and waters, educate the public about the importance of our natural and cultural resources, and create memorable visitor experiences. Stewards invites you to join us as a volunteer! We have volunteer opportunities such as Armstrong Redwoods Docents & Roving Naturalists, Armstrong Redwoods Visitor Center, Jenner Visitor Center, Trail Crew at Armstrong Redwoods/Austin Creek & Sonoma Coast, Seal Watch, Whale Watch, Watershed Education, Tidepool Education, Seabird Monitoring, Pinniped Monitoring, etc. We are also recruiting for our Board of Directors.

West County Community Services

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West County Community Services provides housing and homeless services, senior services, counseling and behavioral health, and employment support. We provide supportive housing (Park Village), temporary housing (Guerneville homeless shelter), and outreach to homeless individuals (Sebastopol and lower Russian River) to connect them to housing and critical services. WCCS provides counseling through local schools, 25 trained senior peer counselors, and 24 peer specialists (individuals in mental health recovery trained to support community members in mental health recovery) at four sites. The Russian River Senior Center provides meals, bulk food, activities, and case management to hundreds of lower Russian River seniors. WCCS is seeking funding support to expand its peer-mental health outreach, and purchase of tiny homes for Park Village in Sebastopol. Our areas of focus include housing and homeless services, senior services, and counseling and behavioral health. We are in need of volunteers to assist with fundraising and to join our Board of Directors.

West County Homeless Advocates

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West County Homeless Advocates serves the Sebastopol homeless population. Our priorities include safe parking, police/parking issues, sanitation (portable toilets/handwashing), and housing/Tiny Homes. We advocate to the City Council on all these issues. We coordinate with downtown churches re: Saturday Table hot lunches, the Food Pantry, the showers/ breakfast/ lunch program through Sunrise Rotary and Sebastopol Christian Church; safe parking and bus passes through UCC Community Church, a biweekly laundry program by Sebastopol Methodist Church in association with Sunrise Rotary and Sebastopol Christian Church. We collaborate with Sunrise Rotary, and Interfaith Food Pantry for volunteer support. To serve the needs of the homeless, additional volunteer outreach to homeless youth is needed, as well as volunteers to increase contact with school systems. Additional government services to address mental health and drug use is also needed.

West County Museum (Western Sonoma County Historical Society)

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**WEST COUNTY
MUSEUM**

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The West County Museum is dedicated to preservation of the history of our community, including histories of our town and our town's families. We are in need of funds to pay for programs at the Museum and possibly hire additional contracted staff. We also need volunteers in order to further our work, and are focused on recruiting people of all ages to support our mission by volunteering in areas of photography, oral histories, archiving, curating and educating the public about their past. Finally, we note that during the Covid era, when the Museum was closed, many homeless took shelter at the museum. Our shared social sadness was made clear to us. Addressing this issue is of future interest to the Museum and to our parent organization Western Sonoma County Historical Society.

Western Sonoma County Historical Society

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WESTERN SONOMA COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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The Western Sonoma County Historical Society's mission is to preserve and protect the historic integrity of the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm and the West County Museum. We strive to increase public awareness of the purpose of the Society, and we focus on membership development to increase awareness and promote the importance of supporting the goals of the organization for community enhancement. We are in need of volunteer docents at both sites to keep doors open more often to the public, grounds helpers at the Farm, volunteers at the museum to help with research, archives and exhibits, and assistance with social media; fundraising/grant writing.