

City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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25% MANDATORY WATER USE REDUCTION IN SEBASTOPOL



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FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT AT IVES PARK TONIGHT!



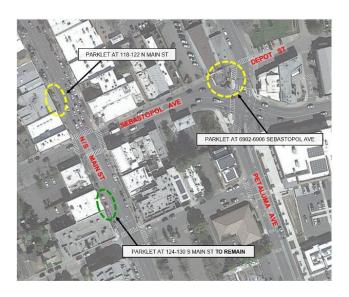
Date: Friday, December 2, 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Bring a low chair, blanket and the whole family to the Sebastopol Chamber of Commerce's Family Movie Night at Ives Park, Friday December 2. The fun begins at 6:30pm with Mr. Music (AKA Santa), followed by a showing of Elf on the giant outdoor screen. Wine, beer, soft drinks, hot dogs (with vegan option), and popcorn will be available for purchase. **Entry is free.**

PARKLETS TO BE REMOVED AFTER HOLIDAY SEASON

Enjoy the parklets while you can during the holiday season. The temporary permits allowing the parklets on Depot Street, in front of 6902-6906 Sebastopol Ave. and; in front of 118-122 North Main Street have expired and cannot be renewed. City Staff have delayed parklet removal until after the New Year, but love 'em or hate 'em we have to say goodbye to them the second week in January. More information HERE.



SONOMA COUNTY WINTER SHELTERS



Information on Sonoma
County's system of care
partners with local service
providers that will offer winter
shelter bed space or other
sleeping alternatives. This is in
addition to year-round shelters.
English. Español.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

 Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- Almost one third of home
 Christmas tree fires are caused
 by electrical problems.
- Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be
- A heat source too close to the tree causes more than one in every five of the fires.



Your Source for SAFETY Information
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PAINT OUT HATE - COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

Let's walk our talk!

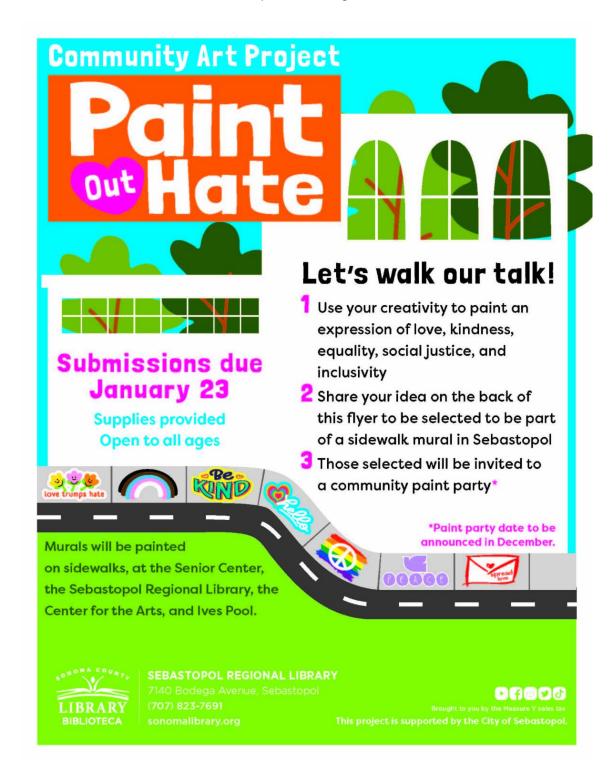
- Use your creativity to paint an expression of love, kindness, equality, social justice, and inclusivity
- Share your idea on the flyer/submission form forms available at the Sebastopol Library, 7140 Bodega Ave
- Those selected will be invited to a community paint party (paint party date to be announced in December)

Murals will be painted on sidewalks, at the Senior Center, the Sebastopol

Regional Library, the Center for the Arts, and Ives Pool.

Submissions due January 23

Supplies provided Open to all ages



SHOP LOCAL FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The closer you shop to home, the further your money goes. When you buy local, significantly more money recirculates in local communities. When you shop at locally owned, independent businesses more money is kept in the



community because local businesses often purchase from other local businesses, service providers and farms. Buying locally helps grow other businesses as well as our region's tax base. Local independent businesses invest 3 times more money back into the local economy than non-local businesses.

Not only does shopping local help other businesses in the community, it helps fund

other important services. A whopping 53% of our city's budget comes from sales and other (non-property) taxes. Sales tax revenue is a guaranteed funding source for essential city services, including public safety, code enforcement, parks and landscaping, streets pavement and other essential services.

ZERO WASTE DURING THE HOLIDAYS







This program is in English.





Want to host a low-waste holiday this year? Attend the December 3rd Zero Waste Holiday workshop present by Recology at the Sebastopol Library!

Date: December 3, 2022

Time: 11am

Location: Sebastopol Library, 7140 Bodega Ave.

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL RECRUITING MAYORS & COUNCIL MEMBERS ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY CLERK



The City of Sebastopol has been tasked with searching/recruitment for a Mayors & Council Members Association of Sonoma County Clerk.

The focus of the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association (MCA) has been the exchange of ideas among fellow elected officials - both by educational presentations and by providing an opportunity to network with peers. The MCA Board of Directors (Board) also makes appointments to select regional bodies, as well as serving as the City Selection Committee for Sonoma

County, as required under Government Code §50270. The MCA Board and General Membership meetings are held quarterly, per the current by-laws. The MCA also has a Legislative Committee.

- Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association Clerk Position
- Agreement for Professional Services City of Sebastopol MCA Clerk

WATER SAVINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOU ENJOY WASHING THE DISHES

Join City of Sebastopol's Water Upgrades Save program to save water and money right away!

Our qualified contractor installs water and energy efficient upgrades like high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and aerators. You start saving right away!

City of Sebastopol customers are saving an average of 20 percent on annual utility costs when they upgrade! ¹



Follow the steps below:

- 1. Visit www.waterupgradessave.org to enroll.
- 2. Schedule a free home assessment to learn about your potential water savings.
- 3. Choose your upgrades including high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and aerators.
- 4. Schedule your installation with a qualified program contractor.
- 5. Begin saving water and money right away.

Enroll now at www.waterupgradessave.org

¹Actual savings will vary based on measures installed and customer water use.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Police Department

<u>Police Officer (Lateral/Academy</u> Graduate)

Deadline to Apply: December 7, 2022 at 11:59pm

Police Sergeant

Deadline to Apply: December 8, 2022 at 11:59pm

Police Captain

Deadline to Apply: December 9, 2022 at 11:59pm

See the city <u>website</u> for additional information and requirements on these current opportunities to participate in the management and growth in our community.

COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCES

COUNTY OF SONOMA

COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS

Free, convenient, confidential COVID-19 testing is available to all Sonoma County residents, regardless of document status

See the **SoCoEmergency Testing** page for testing information.

CITY NEWS

CITY MEETINGS

All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link.

Agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the City website by clicking the "<u>Meetings</u>" link on the home page. Agendas will contain information about participating virtually in real time when this feature is available.

City Council Meetings:

- Meeting Days: First and Third Tuesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 6pm
- 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 December 6, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Planning Commission Meetings:

- Meeting Days: Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 6pm
- Livestream Link: http://bit.ly/sebcctv
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- Next Meeting: <u>Planning Commission Meeting of December 13, 2022 @ 6:00</u>
 PM

(**NOTE:** All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link. Information for meeting attendance can be found here: https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event.aspx)

Design Review Board Meetings:

- Meeting Days: First and Third Wednesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 4pm
- Livestream Link: http://bit.ly/sebcctv
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org
- Next Meeting: <u>Design Review Board Meeting of December 7, 2022 @ 4:00 PM</u>

Public Arts Committee Meetings:

- Meeting Days: First Wednesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 10:30am
- Livestream Link: http://bit.ly/sebcctv
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>

Next Meeting: Public Arts Committee Meeting of December 7, 2022 @ 10:30AM

Climate Action Committee Meetings:

- Meeting Days: Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month
- Meeting Time: 3:30pm
- Livestream Link: http://bit.ly/sebcctv
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: <u>Climate Action Committee Meeting of December 14, 2022 @</u>
 3:30 PM



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER'S UPCOMING CONCERT SERIES



Check out the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center's (SCCC) upcoming concert. All concerts are held at the SCCC and ticket prices vary.

• December 10 - A Solstice Celebration with Mamuse

Visit the SCCC website **HERE** for more info and to buy tickets.



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