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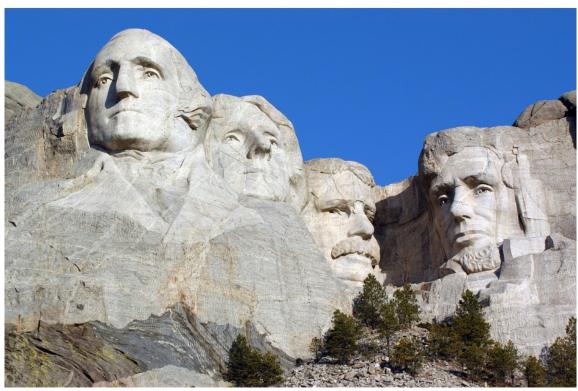
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City Offices CLOSED Monday, Feb. 13th for Lincoln's Birthday & Monday, Feb. 20th for Presidents' Day





SEBASTOPOL COMMUNITY BENEFIT GRANTS & SPONSORSHIPS PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The City of Sebastopol awards monies to programs or specific community projects that improve the quality of life and build civic pride in Sebastopol.

The City of Sebastopol recognizes the value that other organizations have in providing services that benefit the community and its members. The Community Benefit Grants and Sponsorships Program was created to support, strengthen and sustain the City Council goals and priorities to achieve a better quality of life by improving the health and overall well being through investment in our Sebastopol community organizations.



The City of Sebastopol understands that in a crisis such as this unprecedented health and economic crisis, nonprofits step up to advocate for, and serve, our communities in these challenging times. Our City and Country continue to face a profound impact on the economy, which include our non-profit organizations and members of the community in these unusual times. In many cases, the scope of operations will need to expand and evolve to accommodate increased demand for vital services.

Like many grants and programs, the demand for these funds exceeds availability. The City has limited funding for grants to our local non-profits and understands the critical need to help support our local non-profits. We also understand that many of our local non-profits

revenues losses from closed programming and services have not quite returned to the level of normalcy, as well as anticipated shortfalls in fundraising continues, jeopardizes the need to provide these services to our community.

Click **HERE** for more information on program and instructions to apply.

The deadline for submission of applications is February 23, 2023.

SEBASTOPOL WALKS ARE BACK!



See what you've been missing from the driver's seat . . .

It's the best time of year to enjoy walking in Sebastopol! Be a tourist in your own small town and walk where you've never walked before. Walks are the last Saturday of the month starting at 9am (Meet at the Downtown Plaza).

Upcoming Walks:

February 25 – Saturday, 9am Drink Sebastopol Leader: Anne Lowings

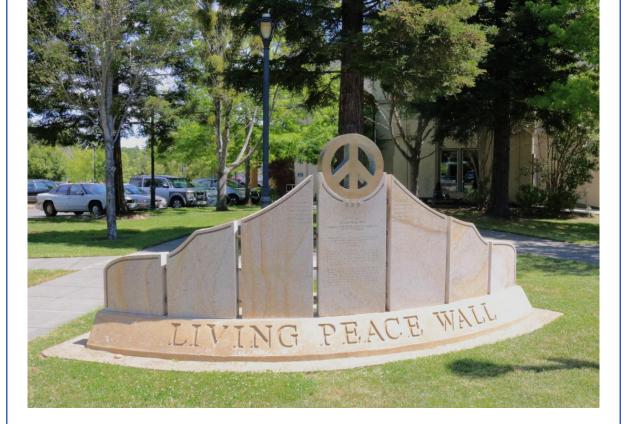
March 25 – Saturday, 9am Businesses Behind the Scenes

Leader: Diana Rich

May 6 – Saturday, 9am (date changed to May 6 due to Apple Blossom Parade April 29) iWalk iEat Local in Sebastopol #4 Leader: Nevsa Hinton

Visit the <u>Sebastopol Walks</u> page on the City's website for more information and the full 2023 schedule which is coming soon.

SEBASTOPOL LIVING PEACE WALL SEEKING CANDIDATES - NOMINATIONS DUE FEB. 28



Submit a nomination for the Sebastopol Living Peace Wall and help them fulfill their mission of promoting the cause of peace and justice by honoring the peacemakers among us.

Nomination Guidelines

- **A. Who can nominate an honoree?** You must be a Sonoma or Marin County Resident to make a nomination. You cannot nominate yourself.
- **B. Who can be nominated?** Anyone you feel has demonstrated a commitment to peace and justice through nonviolent action and peaceful resolution of conflict. No person who advocates for violent action or change will be considered. They may be living or deceased, a local, national or international person. At least one person per year must be a Sonoma County Resident and / or a not well known figure who has worked without public recognition for peace and justice.
- **C.** Nominations must be received by **February 28** to be considered for that year's September induction.
- **D.** The Living Peace Wall Selection Committee will select two to four nominees to be added to the Peace Wall each year. After final approval by the Sebastopol City Council, their names will be inscribed on the wall and their biography and their work for peace and justice will be added to this <u>website</u> for all to see. Honorees will also be invited to attend a public induction ceremony at the peace wall in mid-September.

Nominate an honoree **HERE**.

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Police Department

Police Communications Dispatcher
Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

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

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• Next Meeting: City Council Meeting of February 21, 2023 @ 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 <u>ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org</u>
- Next Meeting: <u>Planning Commission Meeting of February 14, 2023 @ 6:00 PM</u>

(**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: There are currently no meetings scheduled.

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: There are currently no meetings scheduled.

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 February 22, 2023 @ 3:30</u>
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COMMUNITY NEWS

SEBASTOPOL WORLD FRIENDS INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT UKRAINE ON FEB. 25TH

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Two Acre Wood Common House, Sebastopol

RSVP for address: Text 707-536-5016

All funds support Sebastopol World Friends (501c3) effort to equip Invincibility

Centers in Chihirin, our Sister City in Ukraine.

https://sebastopolwf.org

Support Ukraine

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 7-9PM \$25- \$200 DONATION MUSIC, POETRY AND COOKIES

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Two Acre Wood Common House
Sebastopol

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