



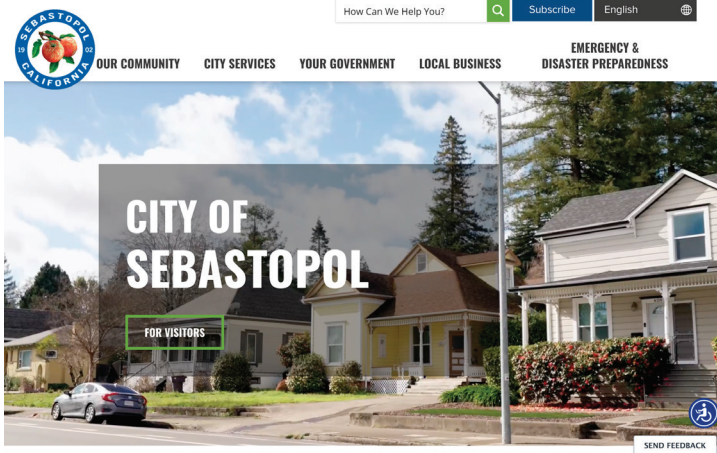
City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

CityofSebastopol.org

July - August, 2023

The City of Sebastopol community newsletter is one way to stay in touch with what's going on in Sebastopol. Our web site, CityofSebastopol.org is another. It's chock-full of information on City services, public meetings, and community resources. Or, stop by City offices any time we are open!

Sebastopol's Website has a Fresh New Look



We've just completed a major overhaul of the city website, cityofsebastopol.org. It's easier than ever for citizens to find the information and help that they need on the new site. We'll be rolling out more new features in coming months. Check it out and let us know what you think. There's a handy "SEND FEEDBACK" button on the lower right of each page.

Enjoy Summer at the Laguna



The seasonal floating bridge is up, and the Laguna de Santa Rosa Wetlands Preserve is a great place for pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy the outdoors.

The bridge is accessed behind the Little League field at the Community Center. Dogs are allowed if kept on leash at all times.

Trail Map: <https://bit.ly/LagunaTrailMap>

Water Bill Late?



Don't worry if your water bill is late. Administrative Services staff is working on the billing transition with the newly installed meters. Water customers may receive their bills 2-3 weeks later than

normal for the next 2 to 3 billing cycles. Contact Administrative Services if you have any questions at **(707) 823-7863**.

North Bay Zero Waste Week – July 23 - 30



Zero Waste Week is a grass-roots approach to raise awareness about the environmental impacts of waste and ways to live a more zero waste lifestyle. Throughout the week, California North Bay communities demonstrate how they are part of the solution through public awareness and activities that focus on reducing, reusing, recycling, repurposing and composting. Anyone can be part of the solution!

Visit <https://zerowastenorthbay.org> for more information.

Prepare for Wildfire



Now is the time to create your defensible space and harden your home and property to better withstand wildfire. Don't forget to set up a wildfire action plan and emergency supply kit.

See readyforwildfire.org for more information.

Protect Your Best Friend This Spring and Summer



The Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District has compiled some tips on how to safeguard your dog from Canine Heartworm.

As the weather warms up and spring turns to summer, it's important to remember that mosquitoes are not just a nuisance, but also a potential health threat to your pets. *Aedes sierrensis*, also known as the western treehole mosquito, is a particular concern for dog owners as it can transmit canine heartworm, a serious and potentially fatal disease in dogs.

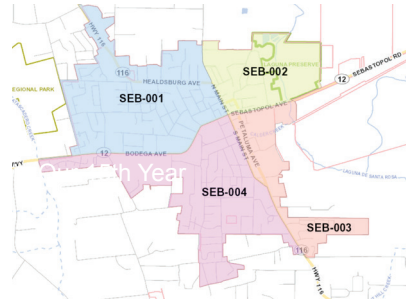
Although treehole mosquitoes do not transmit pathogens to humans, they can spread canine heartworm when they feed on infected dogs or coyotes. Once the mosquito is infected, it can transmit the parasite to other animals, including your pets.

In addition to medication prescribed by a veterinarian, there are other steps you can take to minimize the risk of your dog being bitten by treehole mosquitoes:

- Inspect trees for holes, including holes as small as half an inch that lead to cavities that may hold water. Contact a licensed arborist to discuss measures to prevent water from accumulating in tree holes.
- Remove buckets, toys, tarps or other items holding water.
- Check your gutters for clogs and standing water.
- Contact the District for advice on reducing mosquito populations on your property.
- For temporary relief from treehole mosquitoes in your backyard, try using one or more oscillating fans pointed away from seating areas. Treehole mosquitoes are weak flyers and have difficulty flying against the wind generated by fans.

For more information or to report mosquito issues call **707-285-2200** or visit www.ms mosquito.org.

Know Your Zone



As summer weather heats up, so does the danger of wildfire. Know your zone in case you need to evacuate. You can find links on the Emergency & Disaster Preparedness page of

the City's website here: <https://bit.ly/43Vm5o2>

Sebastopol City Limits - **Evacuation Map**

<https://bit.ly/3g8LzYO> (Enter your address in the top right search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

Sebastopol Addresses Outside City Limits - **Evacuation**

Map <https://bit.ly/3cUHcNW> (Enter your address in the top left search bar to find your evacuation zone.)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gravenstein Apple Fair – August 12 & 13



Join in the fun at the Gravenstein Apple Fair's 50th Anniversary August 12 & 13 at Ragle Ranch Regional Park in Sebastopol. Enjoy live music, all things Gravenstein, local food, art & crafts, activities for kids, farm demonstrations, craft cider, craft beer, wine, and lots more. Tickets and info available at GravensteinAppleFair.com.

Peacetown Summer Concert Series



Head to the Barlow to take in the sweet sounds of summer for the Peacetown Summer Concert series every Wednesday through August 16th. The Barlow will be filled with music and dancing alongside a variety of local wines and food to enjoy from 5pm-8:30pm. View the music lineup at www.peacetown.org/summer-2023.