



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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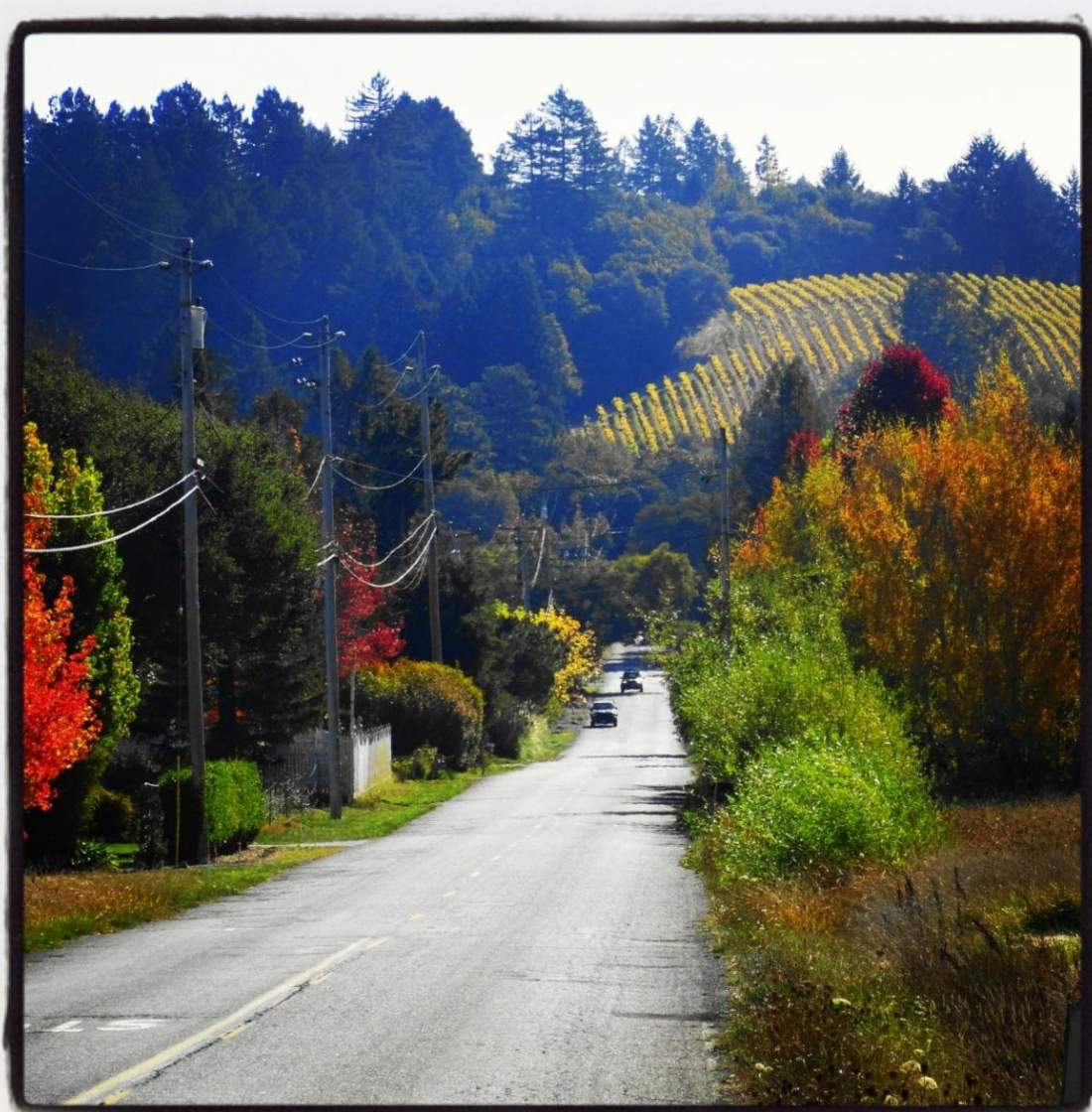
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## **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - NOVEMBER 14TH**

The Sebastopol City Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, November 14 to continue discussion of a possible ballot measure for March 2024. At its November 7th meeting, the council directed staff to return with different types of measures for consideration to help address the city's budget deficit. The meeting will be held both in person at the Sebastopol Youth Annex and virtually and will start at 7pm. Meeting agenda and full details will be posted to the city website on November 13th (24 hours in advance of the special meeting).



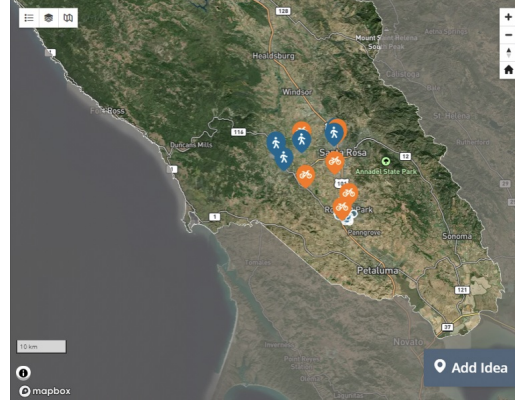
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## **SONOMA COUNTY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN SURVEY - YOUR INPUT MATTERS!**

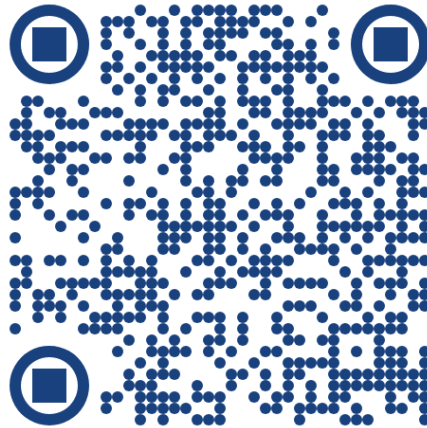
Sonoma County Transportation Authority

(SCTA) is currently creating the Sonoma County Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Active transportation refers to “human-powered” modes of travel, like walking, biking, or using mobility devices. The ATP will focus on increasing access to active transportation modes by planning for infrastructure projects and supportive programs. SCTA is partnering with Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Unincorporated Sonoma County to create a community-informed Active Transportation Plan.



The planning team needs your input to identify needs, barriers, and opportunities to ensure a successful ATP. You can provide feedback by adding pins to an interactive map.

Access the webpage using the QR code below or visit: <https://fp.mysocialpinpoint.com/sonoma-county-atp>



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**CALL FOR ARTISTS: SOUTH ENTRY SCULPTURE**





The City of Sebastopol and its Public Arts Committee (PAC) is seeking proposals from professional artists & artist teams living in the State of California for the design, fabrication, and installation of a permanent, original public art suitable for placement at the trailhead of the Joe Rodota Trail on Petaluma Avenue, which also marks the entry to Sebastopol's downtown. The commissioned art will have a budget of \$25,000 from the City's Art in-lieu fund.

**Submission Deadline:** January 29, 2024

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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## UPCOMING MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS (MYN) CLASSES

### MYN Classes

Being prepared together

Classes are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm.

### Upcoming Classes

- November 15, 2023

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

See the [SebastopolReady Calendar](#) for a complete list of classes.

Learn more about the MYN program and classes [HERE](#).



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## EMERGENCY SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS

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## SIGN UP FOR ALERTS

**Make sure that you have signed up for:**

[SoCoAlerts](#); and

Nixle Alerts (either [online](#) or by texting your zip code to 888777)

It is important to register for both types of alerts. If you receive Nixle alerts, read them thoroughly and click on any links.

More information on alerts may be found [here](#).

# KNOW YOUR ALERTS

The City of Sebastopol uses multiple notifications and warning systems to make sure emergency alerts are delivered to the people who need the information.



## Emergency Alert System (EAS) - No Registration Required

National public warning system that will interrupt local broadcast tv and radio programming to provide an alert in the event of a large-scale emergency.



## Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) - No Registration Required

Urgent alerts sent as text-like messages to your mobile phone based on your location (you will only receive notification if you are in the area of the emergency). WEAs have three alert categories-- Imminent Threat, AMBER, Presidential. You must keep the factory settings on to your WEA- capable phone to receive a WEA.



## SoCoAlert - Registration Required

Emergency notification service providing Sonoma County first responders the ability to alert residents by landline or mobile phone, text message and email about imminent threats to life and property in specific impacted areas. Register all addresses that you'd like to receive alerts for (work, child's school, etc.). You don't have to be in the location of the emergency to receive alert.

Must register at [SoCoAlert.com](http://SoCoAlert.com) OR call (866) 939-0911, press "0" at the menu, ask operator for assistance with registering for SoCoAlert.



## Nixle - Registration Required

Community information service managed by Sonoma County Fire District and Sonoma County Sheriff's Office. Community messages are sent to email, and for critical emergencies, Alert messages are sent via text message and email (notifications are NOT delivered by phone call). Customize your settings at [nixle.com](http://nixle.com) to control which types of notifications you receive. Must register at [nixle.com](http://nixle.com) or text your zip code to 888-777



## Local Radio and Television

Local news broadcasters to provide updates during an emergency. Tune radio to 1350 AM, 103.5 FM, 100.1 FM, 89.1 FM (bilingual), 98.7 FM (Spanish); watch preferred local TV news channel.



## Hi/Lo Sirens

Sebastopol police cars and fire department vehicles are outfitted with new Hi/Lo sirens, a different sound than traditional sirens. This European-style, 2-tone siren will only be used in an emergency to alert residents within specific areas of the need to evacuate.

### Other Ways to Stay Informed

Sebastopol Police Dept.   
Sebastopol Fire Dept.   
City of Sebastopol  



More information on emergency alerts and notifications at [SoCoEmergency.org](http://SoCoEmergency.org)

Thank you to the City of Santa Rosa for sharing their graphics.

## CITY NEWS

### CITY MEETINGS

All meetings will be held both in-person and virtually and are open to the public to attend.

Meetings will be held at the Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472, and are open for in-person attendance.

Agendas for upcoming meetings can be found on the City website by clicking the "[Meetings](#)" link on the home page. Agendas will contain information about



participating both in-person and virtually in real time when this feature is available.

#### **City Council Meetings:**

- **Meeting Days:** First and Third Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before the meeting:
  - **For Items Not on the Agenda:** Members of the public may submit written emails/comments for items not on the agenda either by email as a public record or by public comment during the public comment period of the virtual City Council meeting. All written emails/comments will be provided to the entire City Council as a public record but will not be read into the minutes at the City Council meeting. Written emails/comments should be received by 5:00 pm of the Council Meeting Date for submission to the entire City Council prior to the meeting and will be included as a part of the record of the meeting. Please submit your comments via email for this meeting to [mgourley@cityofsebastopol.gov](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.gov)
  - **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.gov](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.gov)

**Next Regular City Council Meeting:** [Special City Council Meeting of November 14, 2023 @ 7:00 PM](#)

#### **Planning Commission Meetings:**

- **Meeting Days:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 6pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.gov](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.gov)

**Next Meeting:** [Planning Commission Meeting of November 14, 2023 @ 6:00 PM](#)

#### **Design Review Board Meetings:**

- **Meeting Days:** Fourth Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3:30pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to [jjay@cityofsebastopol.gov](mailto:jjay@cityofsebastopol.gov)
- Next Meeting: [Design Review Board Meeting of November 28, 2023 @ 3:30 PM](#)

#### **Public Arts Committee Meetings:**

- **Meeting Days:** Second Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 1pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.gov](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.gov)

- **Next Meeting:** [Public Arts Committee Meeting of November 14, 2023 @ 1:00 PM](#)

**Climate Action Committee Meetings:**

- **Meeting Days:** Second Tuesday of each month
- **Meeting Time:** 3pm
- **Meeting Location:** Sebastopol Youth Annex, 425 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA
- **Livestream Link:** <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>
- To submit comments before meeting, send an email to [jjay@cityofsebastopol.gov](mailto:jjay@cityofsebastopol.gov)
- **Next Meeting:** [Climate Action Committee Meeting of November 14, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



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