



## City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

City offices are closed Wednesday, November 22nd and Thursday, November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday. City offices are regularly closed on Fridays.

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## SEBASTOPOL PREPARES TO WELCOME DON SCHWARTZ AS NEW CITY MANAGER

After an ongoing process of several months, the Sebastopol City Council is expected to approve the appointment of Don Schwartz to the position of City Manager at its next regular meeting on November 21. Currently the Assistant City Manager for Rohnert Park, Mr. Schwartz will begin his new role in January 2024. He will succeed Sebastopol's current City Manager, Larry McLaughlin, who has served in the position since 2014.

Read the full press release [HERE](#).



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## BRUCE MARTIN NAMED SEBASTOPOL INTERIM FIRE CHIEF



Bruce Martin has been named Sebastopol's Interim Fire Chief. Chief Martin has most recently served as Interim Fire Chief for South Lake Tahoe and is the former Fire Chief of the City of Fremont. Chief Martin replaces former Interim Fire Chief Jack Piccinini.

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## UPCOMING VACANCIES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES

The Sebastopol City Council is in need of applicants who are interested in serving on various boards and committees for the City of Sebastopol.

The primary responsibilities of all the committees is to implement adopted City policy, and advise and make recommendations to the City Council.

To find out more about each Committee/Board/Commission click on



the links below.

**Deadline:** Applications are due to the Planning Department at the City Hall by **December 4th 2023, 5:30 pm.**

**Vacancies:**

**[Planning Commission](#)** - Two vacancies (must be resident or business owner within city limits)

**[Design Review/Tree Board](#)** - Three vacancies (categories include licensed architect, general resident)

**[Climate Action Committee](#)** - Six vacancies (categories include business, climate rep, youth rep, and more!)

Click **[HERE](#)** for more information and to fill out an application.

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## **LAST SEBASTOPOL WALKS OF THE YEAR: NOVEMBER 25 - SEBASTOPOL CHROMA**



***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. Most Walks are the last Saturday of the month starting at 9am (Meet at the Downtown Plaza).

**November 25** – Saturday, 9am (Meet at the Downtown Plaza\*)

**Sebastopol Chroma**

**Leader:** Patrick Slayter

Color is all around us, but pausing long enough to really absorb the experience takes practice. This walk will be a lap around town stopping at some of the most colorful locations and places with a hidden spot of brightness. There will also be stops where color is used in a more subtle way to great effect.

A combination of landscape, both natural and human-made, and architecture will be the focus. This tour will be at a moderate pace so we can stop and really see the color that surrounds us through a fresh lens.

Check the City's website **[HERE](#)** for more information and the full schedule.

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## **DON'T FORGET TO SHOP LOCAL!**



The holiday season is always a critical time for shops and restaurants.

Between the long-established local businesses that you love and notable newcomers, there's no need to venture far afield to enjoy holiday outings or discover the perfect gifts for holiday giving.



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## PARTIAL CLOSURE OF JOE RODOTA TRAIL BEGINS NOVEMBER 28



The Joe Rodota Trail will be closed from Dutton Avenue to the Highway 12 overpass beginning on Tuesday, Nov. 28th, due to a Caltrans project occurring on state-owned property next to the trail. The trail section is tentatively scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 6th.

Visit the [Sonoma County Parks](https://www.sonomacounty.org/parks) website for more info.

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## CALL FOR SCULPTURE GARDEN SUBMISSIONS

The Sebastopol City Council and its Public Arts Committee (PAC) invite Sonoma County-based sculptors to submit proposals for the design, fabrication, and installation of durable and low-maintenance original public art suitable for placement upon one of 5 available sculpture pads of the Sebastopol Community Sculpture Garden to be on display for two years. Proposals will be accepted through **December 7, 2023**.

The Sebastopol Sculpture Garden (CSG) is located in Ives Park, along the pedestrian walk between Ives Park Creek and the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. There are currently 7 sculptures by local artists on display and 5 concrete platforms are available for new sculptures to be selected by the Sebastopol Public Arts Committee and approved by the City Council.



Submission forms, CSG images, and additional details may be found on the [PAC webpage](https://www.sebastopolcity.org/pac) on the City of Sebastopol website or at <https://bit.ly/SculptureGardenCallforArtists>

## 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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## CITY NEWS

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### 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:** [City Council Meeting of November 21, 2023 @ 6:00 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 28, 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 December 12, 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 December 12, 2023 @ 3:00 PM](#)



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## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING EVENT AT THE TOWN PLAZA



**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023

**Time:** 5pm to 8pm

Performances by The Analy High School Jazz Band, Sebastopol Ballet, The Love Choir, Mr Music & more...

Holiday cartoons & trivia on the big screen and of course SANTA's arrival on the Fire Truck!

Goat petting zoo, kids crafts & face painting

Hot cocoa, cider, popcorn, & cookies

Family fun for everyone!



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