



# City of Sebastopol Community Newsletter

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July - August, 2025

The City of Sebastopol community newsletter is one way to stay in touch with what's going on in Sebastopol. Our web site, **CityofSebastopol.gov** is another. It's chock-full of information on City services, public meetings, and community resources.

## SCRR is Now Sebastopol's Waste Hauler



Sonoma County Resource Recovery (SCRR) is now the Trash Hauling and Recycling service provider for Sebastopol. New bins and carts were delivered in May and June, and service began July 1, 2025.

For more information or questions visit the SCRR website <https://www.sonomacorr.com/sebastopol-home/> or call (707) 795-7470.

## New Online Tool Offers Transparent Look at Sebastopol Police Activity



The Sebastopol Police Department announces its new Citizen Records Incident Management System (RIMS) page. This platform provides a transparent look at police activity in our community, empowering you with valuable information at your fingertips. From crime statistics and missing persons

reports, to recent arrests and press releases. You can also register your security cameras to help aid investigations.

Citizen RIMS provides interested users with detailed information about police activity within the City of Sebastopol. To protect victim privacy, this feature does not provide information regarding juvenile offenders or specific information regarding calls for service that are sensitive in nature. Mapping is plotted using the general vicinity and not the exact location of an incident.

Check out Sebastopol's Citizen RIMS page here:  
<https://sebastopol.citizenrims.com>

## Sebastopol Welcomed Global Guests as Part of Japan-America Grassroots Summit

Sebastopol recently hosted international guests as part of the 2025 Japan-America Grassroots Summit, celebrating the enduring friendship between Japan and the U.S. Held June 3–9 and organized by the Japan Society of Northern California (JSNC) and the Center for International Exchange (CIE), the event included a special “Local Session” in Sebastopol.



Sebastopol World Friends, a longtime promoter of international friendship and cultural exchange through its Sister Cities program with Takeo, Japan and Chyhyryn, Ukraine, partnered with JSNC and CIE to host several summit participants. For four days, local families shared their homes, culture, and community with guests, highlighting Sebastopol's creative spirit and strong values of peace and connection.

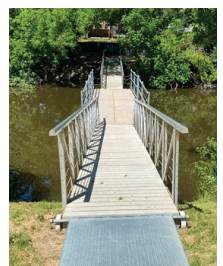
A memorable meet-and-greet at City Hall gave guests and community leaders a chance to exchange stories and learn from one another. Vice Mayor McLewis and Sebastopol World Friends' Takeo Committee Co-Chair Meg Mizutani also represented Sebastopol at the summit's opening ceremony in San Francisco.

One special guest, Kyo Nakahama, a fifth-generation descendant of John Manjiro—whose life story inspired the summit—spoke about the importance of person-to-person diplomacy and expressed deep appreciation for Sebastopol's hospitality. The summit reminded all involved that meaningful global relationships begin with local acts of friendship. Read the full article here:  
<https://bit.ly/4458YSQ>

## 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>



## June 14 Rally Spread Peaceful Energy in Downtown Sebastopol

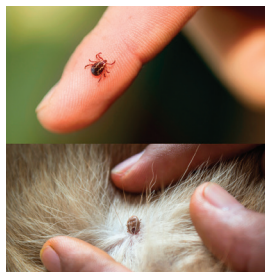


photo: Laura Hagar Rush for Sebastopol Times

On Saturday, June 14 Sebastopol residents gathered on downtown sidewalks for a peaceful demonstration under the banner of the "No Kings" movement. The event was friendly, with children and pets in attendance, reflecting Sebastopol's inclusive and peaceful protest culture. Known affectionately as "Peacetown, USA," the city once again lived up to its name.

## Ticks Love the Laguna Too – Don't Let Them Love You!

While ticks can be active in Sonoma County year-round, reports are that we're experiencing a bumper crop of ticks due to increased vegetation growth after our wet winter. If you're planning to be outdoors enjoying the beautiful summer weather, especially in grassy areas like the Laguna, check out these tips from Sonoma County Regional Parks on preventing ticks from hitching a ride (and a meal) in the first place. <https://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/learn/blog/ticks-preparation-is-the-best-prevention>



Then check yourself, kids, and pets for ticks after your visit. Bites from these pesky little critters cause irritation and transmit diseases including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and tularemia.

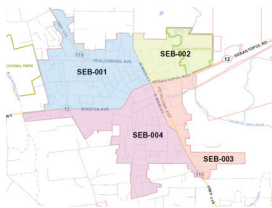
For more information, visit the California Department of Public Health website at [www.cdph.ca.gov](http://www.cdph.ca.gov), and navigate to the Vector-Borne Disease Section or Sonoma County Regional Parks Tick page.

## Prepare for Wildfire – 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.)



## Upcoming Community Events

### Peacetown Concert Series



The Peacetown Summer Concert Series is happening now! Head to Ives Park to take in the sweet sounds of summer every Wednesday through September 3rd, 5pm to 8pm. Visit [peacetown.org](http://peacetown.org) to see the full lineup.

## Gravenstein Apple Fair – August 9 & 10, 2025

Join in the fun at the Gravenstein Apple Fair's 52nd Anniversary August 9 & 10 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](http://GravensteinAppleFair.com).



## Emergency Prep Help for Seniors

### Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

Join the Sebastopol Area Senior Center for a FREE 2-part workshop ~ Aug 11 & Aug 25 - Mondays 1:30 - 3:30. With expert speakers, and FREE go-bags & incentives!



#### Part 1 -

**Monday, August 11, 1:30-3:30**

Making a plan, fire and evacuation safety for seniors, FREE emergency go-bags, earthquake readiness

#### Part 2-

**Monday, August 25, 1:30-3:30**

Supplies to keep at home, car prep, pet safety in evacuation, 211 resources

**Location:** Sebastopol Community Cultural Center  
465 Morris St., Sebastopol, CA 95472

Visit <https://www.sebastopolseniorcenter.org/workshops1> to register or Call **707.829.2440**.