



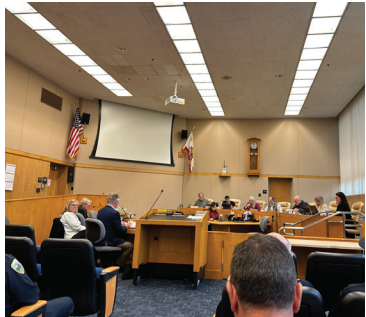
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The City of Sebastopol community newsletter is one way to stay in touch with what's going on in Sebastopol. Our web site, **CityofSebastopol.gov** is another. It's chock-full of information on City services, public meetings, and community resources.

## Special June Edition

There's so much coming up in early July that we're sending out an extra edition of the bi-monthly newsletter. Read on for news about fire service consolidation, Sebastopol's new trash/recycling contractor (both of which will start by July 1), a temporary new location for the annual "3rd of July" celebration, and more.

## Sebastopol Fire Department Reorganization with Gold Ridge to Proceed



LAFCO Hearing – May 7, 2025

The Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, to receive any testimony from interested parties and to conclude the formal Protest Period for the proposed reorganization of Sebastopol's Fire Department

with the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District. As fewer than 200 protests were received from City voters and/or property owners, the reorganization was approved and will take effect no later than July 1, 2025.

Read the full press release on the Press Release page of the City website: <https://bit.ly/3F0vHa1>

## Upcoming Budget Hearing on June 17th

The City Council held its first hearing on the 2025-2026 fiscal budget on June 3. The second hearing will be held on June 17. It is anticipated the budget will be adopted at that time but could be continued if the discussions are not completed on June 17.

The agenda, including draft budget and information on how to participate, will be posted on the Meetings page of the City website the Thursday before the meeting: <https://bit.ly/SebCityMeetingsPage>. Meeting will begin at 6pm at the Sebastopol Youth Annex and will be held both in person and via Zoom.

## Sebastopol Hosts Regional Mayors and Councilmembers Meeting

Sebastopol proudly hosted the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association Board of Directors Meeting on April 10 at The Barlow and Blue Ridge Café event space.



The gathering featured a presentation by Dr. Amie Carter, Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools, on education equity and challenges related to declining enrollment and school consolidation. Past discussions have focused on agricultural preservation, transportation, and the Pathway to Income Equity Program, with insights from Sandra Uribe (First 5 Sonoma County) and Sergio Martinez (Social Policy Research Associates).

The evening was supported by local beverage sponsors—PAX, Hook and Ladder, and Horse and Plow—whose contributions highlighted the best of Sonoma County's craft wine and cider scene. Sebastopol extends its thanks for their generous support.

The Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association (SCMCA) <https://sonomacountylocalleaders.org/> works to foster a spirit of cooperation among the cities of Sonoma County and enhance public health, safety and welfare and good working relationships between the governments of all the cities and the County of Sonoma.

The Association meets on a bi-monthly basis to connect and plan for the future on matters that affect the cities in Sonoma County.

## SCRR Garbage Service Begins July 1



Sonoma County Resource Recovery (SCRR) will become Sebastopol's new Waste Hauler (garbage service) on July 1, 2025. See the Sebastopol Customer page of the SCRR website for full details here <https://bit.ly/SCRRseb> or check out this presentation from the April 29 Town Hall to learn more and know what to expect <https://bit.ly/SCRRPresentation>.

## Sister City Delegation from Takeo Japan Visits During Apple Blossom Parade

At the end of April, the mayor of our Sister City, Tadashi Komatsu, visited Sebastopol with three members of the Takeo City Council. The delegation joined the Sebastopol City Council at the annual Apple Blossom Parade on April 26. The group also visited City Hall and were welcomed by Sebastopol Acting City Manager Mary Gourley and Councilmembers.



Takeo has been a Sister City to Sebastopol since 1985, but we'll bet this is the first time they've been greeted by thousands of cheering fans! The trip was organized by Sebastopol World Friends, whose motto is "World Peace, One Friend at a Time."

## Sebastopol, Take Advantage of Water Upgrades Save!

**Sebastopol residents:**  
Start Saving With Water  
**BAYREN Upgrades**  
**\$AVE**

Did you know that almost 60% of home water usage comes from your toilet, shower, kitchen, and bathroom faucets?

As a Sebastopol resident, you can save on your water usage and your water bill today. BayREN's Water Upgrades Save program helps homeowners, single-family renters, and multifamily properties in Sebastopol install water and energy efficiency upgrades including low-flow toilets, high-efficiency showerheads, and aerators.

Visit [www.waterupgradesave.org](http://www.waterupgradesave.org) to learn more and enroll today.

## Be Prepared for Fire Season



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](http://readyforwildfire.org) for more information.

## Upcoming Community Events

### Peacetown Concert Series

June 4 – September 3, 5pm to 8pm



Head to Ives Park to take in the sweet sounds of summer for the Peacetown Summer Concert series every Wednesday through September 3rd. Visit [peacetown.org](http://peacetown.org) to see the full lineup.

## The 2025 July 3rd Fireworks & Music Extravaganza Has A New Location

**Date: Thursday, July 3, 2025**

**Location: Sebastopol Community Cultural Center (SCCC)**

This year's celebration is moving to the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center as Analy High School undergoes some much-needed repairs. While the location is new, the spirit of this cherished tradition remains the same.



### Exciting New Additions for 2025

- Main Stage in the SCCC Parking Lot
- A Beer and Wine Garden offering refreshing beverages for adults.
- Premier Seating for sponsors, giving you front-row views of the launch site.
- A special Family Area on the Little League ballfield, perfect for parents with small children to enjoy a relaxing evening with cozy blankets in an alcohol-free zone.
- An array of Food Trucks ready to satisfy everyone's craving!

### Program of Events

- Music Extravaganza starts at 5:00pm
- Raffle Drawing: 9:15pm
- Star Spangled Banner: 9:15pm
- Flag Ceremony: 9:20pm - 9:35pm - led by Uncle Sam
- Fireworks BLAST OFF at approximately 9:30pm
- FOOD & DRINK Available
- NO EXTERNAL ALCOHOL ALLOWED
- NO PETS / SERVICE ANIMALS ALLOWED

Visit the Sebastopol Kiwanis Club's website:

<https://www.sebastopolkiwanisclub.org> for more info on this year's celebration.