



July-August, 2021

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!

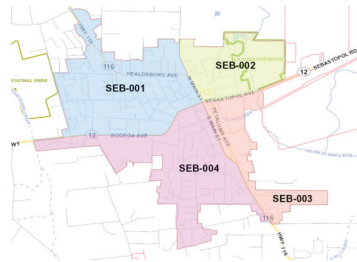
Peacetown Summer Concert Series Returns!

...and all of Sebastopol becomes Peacetown, USA every Wednesday evening from 4:30-7:30 from July 7th to September 8th. The Peacetown Summer Concert Series has traditionally been held at Ives Park. Because of the uncertainty around COVID restrictions, Peacetown has relocated to The Barlow and will now include all of the cultural treasures of Sebastopol. Select downtown and Main Street restaurants, merchants and galleries (including the Sebastopol Center for the Arts) will offer expanded hours and special programs every Wednesday evening. Visit Peacetown.org for the most current details and musical lineup.



Know Your Zone

As part of on-going efforts with the County of Sonoma, Sebastopol now has evacuation maps. You can find links on the Fire Department page of the City's website here: <https://bit.ly/2TXxepv>



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.)

Wildfire is Coming...Are You Ready?

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.

City of Sebastopol and Sebastopol Fire Department Launch

SebastopolReady.org

SebastopolREADY
neighbors helping neighbors

During a large local emergency, the Sebastopol Fire Department and other area first responders will deploy personnel and equipment to the areas where they are needed most. With resources likely stretched thin, many areas will be on their own for hours, days, or longer. The City of Sebastopol and Sebastopol Fire Department have launched SebastopolReady.org, an emergency and disaster preparedness and readiness resource with information on how neighbors can prepare to provide care, safety and comfort simply by working together. The Sebastopol Fire Department supports neighbors helping neighbors and provides a proven 9 step framework for each neighborhood to use and build upon.

The new resource has been a collaborative effort with the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Leader Council and brings together the emphasis and efforts of the MYN Program to help residents learn to work together. The primary goal of SebastopolReady.org is to help our local residents continue in their interest and efforts to take responsibility for themselves during emergencies. SebastopolReady.org is intended to evolve as resiliency improves and expands in the future.



Map Your Neighborhood Emergency and Disaster Preparedness

Provided through the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Program as part of the Sebastopol Fire Department's support of community preparedness. Open to all Sebastopol area residents.



Introduction to MYN - 60-minute Zoom class. Learn the 9 steps of the MYN program to help neighborhoods prepare for emergencies and disasters. MYN Incentive Program included.

Held the 3rd Wednesday of each month, upcoming classes:

- **July 21, 2021**
- **August 18, 2021**

To sign up or learn more about this and other preparedness programs, contact Skip Jirrels, Sebastopol Fire Department Public Safety Outreach Coordinator at sjirrels@cityofsebastopol.org or **707-799-2204**.

Sebastopol Launches Water & Cost Saving Program to Benefit Single-Family Homeowners/Renters & Multi-Family Property Owners

The City of Sebastopol is proud to offer BayREN Water Upgrades \$ave, a new water efficiency program that helps Sebastopol residents save water and money.



Single-family homeowner and renters

may enroll online or by phone and schedule a free home assessment to select water efficiency upgrades. The program installs the upgrades with little-to-no upfront cost, and participants pay a fixed on-bill charge that is lower than the estimated savings — so they begin saving right away. Indoor upgrades include high-efficiency toilets, showerheads, and aerators; future outdoor upgrades will support conversion to drought tolerant landscaping.

Multi-family property owners may contact the program directly to schedule a project assessment and identify savings opportunities. For more information see the press release <https://bit.ly/3fm7Wti>, program brochure: <https://bit.ly/2RQ6tCH>, visit the website at www.waterupgrades-save.org or call 877-846-8795.

Drought Emergency



Sonoma County is one of many California counties for which Governor Gavin Newsom has declared a Drought State of Emergency. At its May 4th meeting, the Sebastopol City Council approved a resolution

to achieve an overall system-wide reduction goal of 10 percent. See the resolution here: <https://bit.ly/3eS8Gos>

Sebastopol residents have shown that they take water conservation seriously. Let's keep up the good work and:

- 1. Apply irrigation water only during the evening and early morning hours to reduce evaporation losses.**
- 2. Inspect all irrigation systems, repair leaks, and adjust spray heads to provide optimum coverage and eliminate avoidable overspray.**
- 3. For irrigation valves controlling water applied to lawns, vary the minutes of run time consistent with fluctuations in weather.**
- 4. Reduce minutes of run time for each irrigation cycle if water begins to run off to gutters and ditches before the irrigation cycle is completed.**
- 5. Become conversant with and strictly adhere to this chapter.**
- 6. Utilize water conservation rebate and giveaway programs to replace water guzzling plumbing fixtures and appliances with water efficient models.**
- 7. Utilize City information regarding using water efficiently, reading water meters, repairing ordinary leaks, and how to make your landscape a water efficient landscape.**

See the City's Water Conservation page at <https://bit.ly/3b7YvLr> for more actions you can take to reduce water usage.

Upcoming Events

August 14, 2021 – Gravenstein Apple Fair Benefit Concert, Ragle Ranch Park

In lieu of a full-scale Gravenstein Apple Fair, this year Sonoma County Farm Trails is producing a benefit concert to celebrate the Gravensteins, connect safely with the community, and raise funds to bring back the Gravenstein Apple Fair for a grand convergence in 2022. See FarmTrails.org for details and to purchase tickets.

September 18, 2021 – Apple Blossom Parade

The 2021 parade starts at 10am on Saturday, September 18th. It starts at Analy High School and runs straight down Main St. and ends at Calder Ave. at noon. Check the AppleBlossomFest.com website for updates on the parade.