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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.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!

Sebastopol Police Chief Kevin Kilgore's Meet & Greet

On Thursday, April 9th the Sebastopol Police Department and the City of Sebastopol hosted a virtual Community Meet & Greet with new Chief of Police Kevin Kilgore. Chief Kilgore



introduced himself, shared his background and experience and then opened the meeting up for comments and questions from the public. Many members of the public welcomed Chief Kilgore. Questions and comments centered on technology, de-escalation training, the police budget, and other public safety questions and concerns. Chief Kilgore said that he looks forward to getting to know the community better and to holding additional listening sessions in the future. Watch here: <https://bit.ly/2Q01GO3>

Save the Date for the Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival

The Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival is coming up from June 10-13, 2021. They are optimistic that SDFF 2021 can take place with few restrictions but are prepared to be flexible in how they fulfill their role in providing exemplary documentary work. See their website for more information: www.sebastopolfilmfestival.org.



Vaccine Information

Information on vaccines and the availability of vaccination appointments in our county changes rapidly. Please visit Socoemergency.org for the most current updates.



Analy High Student Hunter Valencia is Sebastopol's Newest Local Who Makes a Difference

Hunter Valencia, a 17-year-old senior at Analy High School was named Sebastopol's latest "Local Who Makes a Difference" at the April 6 City Council meeting. "Hunter has a community service mindset," said Councilmember Diana Rich who serves on the program's subcommittee with fellow Councilmember and program founder Neysa Hinton. "He exemplifies what it means to be a young person in leadership and dreams of one day being in politics. He actively participates in volunteer service, serving as regional representative and on the chapter council for De Molay, preparing Peacetown activity bags for families during the pandemic, fundraising for Soroptimist International of West Sonoma County, and mentoring people in the community." Banners bearing Hunter's name and photo will be displayed throughout Downtown Sebastopol through August. Learn more about Hunter, the Locals Who Make a Difference program, and how to nominate an honoree here: <http://bit.ly/SebLocals>



Friday, May 21st, is Bike to Wherever Day!

Join the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition and thousands of folks throughout the Bay Area - in a host of cycling activities, challenges, and classes throughout the month of May. Visit www.bikesonoma.org/btwd/ for more information.



Sebastopol Website en Español

In an effort to better serve members of the Sebastopol community for whom Spanish is their primary language, Google Translate has been added to the City of Sebastopol website.

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.

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.

SoCo Alert - 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 alerts. **Must register at 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 to control which types of notifications you receive. **Must register at nixle.com or text your zip code to 888-777.**

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.

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.

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