



May - June, 2020

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](http://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!

## CONGRATULATIONS WEST COUNTY 2020 GRADUATES!

### SebastoMasks Are Here to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

SebastoMasks are here thanks to the support of the Sebastopol City Council, City Manager's office, and generous members of the Sebastopol community. Free, high-quality, locally made masks with the City's logo will be made available to vulnerable members of the community, those in need of face coverings who may not have the financial resources to provide their own, as well as to people who may find themselves out in public without a face covering.



Members of the Sebastopol Police and Fire Departments will carry a supply of SebastoMasks and distribute them as needed. Fire Chief and Emergency Manager Bill Braga will distribute a supply to local senior communities, and the masks will also be given to drivers on the Sebastopol bus lines to offer to riders who may need one.

"Now that face coverings are mandatory when in public spaces, 'SebastoMasks' are not only practical necessities, but also great educational tools for our safety officers to share and initiate discussions on the importance of following Public Health orders for the good of all," said Mayor Patrick Slayter.

While the masks are not available to the population at large, SebastoMasks may be requested by at-risk community members by calling City Hall at (707) 823-1153 or emailing [mgourley@CityofSebastopol.org](mailto:mgourley@CityofSebastopol.org).

### Alex O'Neill Roa is Sebastopol's Firefighter of the Year!

Congratulations to Alex O'Neill Roa, Sebastopol's 2020 Firefighter of the Year! Alex has spent 5 years of service with the Sebastopol Fire Department. Prior to his service in Sebastopol, Alex spent 5 years with San Luis Obispo County Fire Department. He is a certified Fire Operator/Engineer, Emergency Medical Technician, and Swiftwater Rescue Technician.

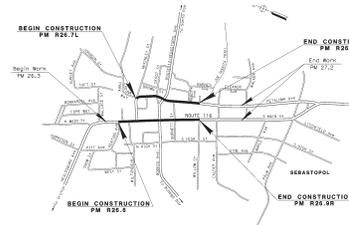


### Caltrans ADA Work Scheduled to Begin May 4th

Caltrans will tentatively begin ADA curb rehab work starting the week of May 4, 2020. The entirety of the project is projected to be completed in fall 2020.



The work involves enhancements to intersections including ADA curb ramps, curb/gutter work, sidewalk and driveway repairs, and traffic signal enhancements. Work area is Keating Avenue to Willow Street and McKinley Street to the Joe Rodota Trail. Caltrans reports that it will launch a project-specific website with a full schedule.



Visit <https://bit.ly/Caltrans-ADAProjectSummaryList> for more details.

\*Schedule as of press time. Please check the City website for updates.

### Sebastopol's 2020 Weed Abatement Program

Letters have been mailed out to residents from the Fire Chief about the 2020 Weed Abatement Program, which is now in progress.



It's a great time to start mowing, weeding, brush removal, pruning, and general yard cleanup. There is a lot of new growth of weeds that will dry out very quickly this month. Let's all use this time to get a jump on cleaning up our property and prepare for fire season.

### Sebastopol Years of Service Awards

#### March

- Michael Elson – Fire Department - 30 years
- Thomas Leach – Fire Department - 10 years
- Mary Gourley – City Administration – 25 years

#### June

- Maria Pennacchio – Police Reserve – 20 years

## How to Participate in City Meetings During Shelter in Place

All meetings will be held virtually and are open to the public to attend via web or phone link.

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 virtually in real time when this feature is available.

Livestream Link for all meetings: <http://bit.ly/sebcctv>

**CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS:** First and Third Tuesday of each month, 6pm

To submit comments before the meeting: Send via email of no more than 350 words (which corresponds to approximately 3 minutes of speaking time) to [mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:mgourley@cityofsebastopol.org). Comments should be received by 5:00 pm of Council Meeting date so that the comments may be submitted to the mayor for reading into the record. You may also leave a voice mail that will be written into the record by calling **707-823-1153** to leave a recorded message of no more than 3 minutes. It is requested that you include your name, address, and phone number in your recorded message.

If your comment is about an item that is listed on the agenda, identify the agenda item number in the subject line of the email or in your recorded message.

**PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS:** Second and Fourth Tuesday of each month, 7pm

To submit comments before meeting, send an email to [ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:ksvanstrom@cityofsebastopol.org)

**DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETINGS:** First and Third Wednesday of each month, 4pm

To submit comments before meeting, send an email to [amontes@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:amontes@cityofsebastopol.org)

**PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** First Wednesday of each month, 10:30am

To submit comments before meeting, send an email to [amontes@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:amontes@cityofsebastopol.org)

## July 3rd Fireworks Celebration Will Be Missed

For the first time in the 47-year history of the event, the Sebastopol Kiwanis Club found it necessary to cancel its annual fundraiser and 3rd of July Fireworks celebration out of an abundance of caution. They plan to be back next year, better than ever.

## Learn About City Departments

The 40th annual Building Safety Month starts May 1, 2020 and is an international campaign to raise awareness about building safety. Visit [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org) for more information,

**Professional Municipal Clerks Week is May 3-9** and celebrates the vital and impartial services that municipal clerks provide for local government and the community. Visit the International Institute of Municipal Clerks website at [www.iimc.com](http://www.iimc.com)

for more information, and check out the informative Partners in Democracy here: <https://bit.ly/2KBSJEp>



**National Public Works Week is May 17-23, 2020** Public Works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of crucial importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Sebastopol. Public Works professionals are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens.



## May is National Bike Month



While Bike to Work Day 2020, originally scheduled for Thursday, May 14, has been postponed

tentatively to Thursday, September 24, May is still National Bike Month. Throughout the month of May, the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition (SCBC) is offering virtual activities to support safe and healthy cycling for all. There's no need to stay off your bike, now or in May. Bike riding is allowable under the shelter-in-place guidelines, so be sure to get out and ride for your health both physical and mental while you continue to social distance and follow the World Health Organization guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID19. For more information and a calendar of activities, visit [bikesonoma.org/btwd](http://bikesonoma.org/btwd) or contact Eris Weaver (707)338-8589 or [eris@bikesonoma.org](mailto:eris@bikesonoma.org).

## Sebastopol Celebrates 19th Amendment

Sebastopol is celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary of the 19th Amendment with banners flying over the Downtown Plaza. While we are currently battling the COVID-19 pandemic, 100 years ago women were not only fighting for the right to vote, they were battling the Spanish Flu pandemic. Just as we did 100 years ago, we will get through this together.

