

**MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY**

Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

Meeting of Thursday, February 13, 2020

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**RECEPTION**

**7:00 PM**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

MacArthur Place  
29 E MacArthur Street  
Sonoma, CA

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order** – Dominic Foppoli, Mayor, Town of Windsor

2. **Roll Call**

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol	
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma	
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor	

3. **Introductions**

4. **Approval of Minutes:** August 8, 2019

5. **Public Comment:**

6. **Correspondence:**

7. **Business Item:**

- a. **FROM OCTOBER 10, 2020 MEETING:** Consideration of Draft Letter to Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Requesting an Alternate Position Appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (Council Member Hinton, Sebastopol)

**Program:**

- a. Presentation by Peter Rumble, CEO, Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce Regarding the Employers Housing Council

Windsor Councilmember Debora Fudge: Informational Item Regarding Measure I - SMART Sales Tax Measure

8. **Reports:**

- a. Board of Directors Meeting and Appointments (Chair Foppoli)  
1. Report from Ad-hoc Committee - Association Structure  
2. Home Sonoma Leadership Council
- b. City Selection Committee and Appointments (Chair Foppoli)
- c. City Manager's Committee – City Manager Chair (Windsor)
- d. Committee Reports (see attached list)
- e. City Mayor's Report (Events/Items of Interest) (See Attached reports from Cities)

9. **Announcement:**

10. **Adjournment:** To next General Membership Meeting: April 9, 2020 - Town of Windsor CA.

Upcoming Meetings:

June 11, 2020	City of Cloverdale
August 13, 2019	City of Cotati
October 8, 2019	City of Healdsburg

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**MINUTES**

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Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

Meeting of Thursday, August 8, 2019

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Sazón – Peruvian Cuisine  
1117 Sebastopol Road  
Santa Rosa, CA

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Mayor Schwedhelm (Santa Rosa) on behalf of Chair Harrington at 7:22p.m.

2. **Roll Call – Mayor Schwedhelm asked for the roll call:**

Present: City of Cloverdale  
City of Cotati  
City of Healdsburg  
City of Petaluma  
City of Rohnert Park  
City of Santa Rosa  
City of Sebastopol  
City of Sonoma  
Town of Windsor

3. **Introductions**

4. **Approval of Minutes:** June 13, 2019

Motion by the City of Rohnert Park, seconded by the City of Santa Rosa, to approve the June 13, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes as submitted. Motion carried by the following vote:

**VOTE:**

Ayes: Cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma and Town of Windsor

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. **Public Comment:** Mr. Dwayne DeWitt that the group for coming into the Roseland area of Santa Rosa and regarding trees at Roseland Creek. He submitted a written document which has been added to and made part of these Minutes of the meeting.

6. **Correspondence:** Report from Sonoma County Library

7. **Business Item:**

8. **Program:**

a. Presentation by Nina Rizzo, GreenTRIP Certifications Program Manager – TransForm

Ms. Rizzo made the presentation and answered questions.

- b. Presentation by General Manager Bill Keene, Sonoma County Ag + Open Space, on their Matching Grant Program Which Provides Grant Funding to Open Space Projects Within and Near their Incorporated Cities and Unincorporated Communities

General Manager Keene made the presentation and answered questions.

9. **Reports:**
  - a. Board of Directors Meeting and Appointments (Chair Harrington)

Mayor Schwedhelm announced the results of the Committee appointments from the Mayors and Council Members Board Meeting. He noted Jake Mackenzie (Rohnert Park) and Michael Carnacchi (Sebastopol) were appointed as the ABAG appointee and alternate.

- c. City Manager's Committee – City Manager Chair (Sonoma).
- d. Committee Reports (see attached list)
- e. City Mayor's Report (Events/Items of Interest) (See Attached reports from Cities)

9. **Announcement(s)** City of Cotati reminded all of the upcoming Accordion Festival.

10. **Adjournment:** Mayor Schwedhelm adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm to the next General Membership Meeting: October 10, 2019 in the City of Sebastopol, CA.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Rebekah Barr  
City of Sonoma City Clerk  
Recording Secretary – 2019 Chair City

ITEM 7 a  
Consideration of Draft  
Letter to BOS -  
Alternate Position to MTC

# City of Sonoma

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October 11, 2019

County of Sonoma  
District 5 Supervisor Lynda Hopkins  
575 Administration Drive  
Room 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

County of Sonoma  
District 4 Supervisor James Gore  
575 Administration Drive  
Room 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**RE: Alternate Position for Metropolitan Transportation Commission Appointment**

Dear Supervisors Hopkins and Gore:

On behalf of the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association, this is to inform you that the Board and General Membership voted unanimously to support the request to add an alternate position to the current Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) Appointment and is formally requesting that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors support the request and move this item on to the State level for a proposed legislation change to the MTC By Laws.

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or MTC, is the transportation planning, financing and coordinating agency for the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area that networks with other public agencies to help support the streets; roads, highways, transit systems and other transportation resources. Per MTC's web site, the Bay Area's nine counties and 101 cities maintain nearly 43,000 lane-miles of local streets and roads and the Bay Area transit systems accommodate some 1.5 million trips each day.

In order to ensure that our local county and cities' needs are met for transportation, it is important that the cities are well represented on this committee to advocate for funding or to provide direction to the MTC for all transportation related items that are key to our County and local cities. Full representation for all cities at all times is important for the Metropolitan Transportation Commission appointment. This proposed alternate position would ensure that in cases of absences for whatever reason someone from Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' could not attend, one member would always be present and participating.

As evidenced by your letter of June 3, 2019, a copy of which is attached for reference, it is important to for alternates to serve not only to gain experience for future appointments but to also

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Letter to Supervisor Hopkins & Gore  
Re. Alternate Position - MTC

ensure that communication and information be submitted to all the Cities in the event that the primary could not attend these meetings.

Thank you for your leadership in creating this legislation.

Sincerely,

Amy Harrington  
Chair  
Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

CC: Senator Mike McGuire, Assembly Member Marc Levine, Governor Gavin Newsom



COUNTY OF SONOMA  
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June 3, 2019

Executive Board  
Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County

**Re: Alternate Position for Metropolitan Transportation Commission Appointment**

Dear Executive Board Members,

As you know, the Board of Supervisors recently reappointed Councilmember Jake Mackenzie to represent Sonoma County on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for the next four-year term.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 I mentioned that I felt it would be in Sonoma County's interest to consider adding an alternate position to the MTC seat as well. Supervisor Gore is interested in exploring this option as well.

We feel this would be important to offer an "apprentice" opportunity that may give some experience for future appointments. Additionally, and possibly more important, the appointed alternate could serve in cases of vacation, illness or conflicts for the current Metropolitan Transportation Commissioner. The new alternate position would ensure that Sonoma County always has full representation at MTC meetings. This is common practice for most committee appointments.

We are aware that Mayor Hinton of Sebastopol plans to bring it to the Executive Board Meeting of Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association in June for discussion and possible recommendation to your full membership.

If your organization is in support of the idea as we are, we encourage you to make a formal request with recommendation back to the Board of Supervisors. With your recommendation, we would then submit the idea to the full board so that we may discuss the concept further and possibly move the request on a State level.

Sincerely,

Lynda Hopkins, District 5 Supervisor

James Gore, District 4 Supervisor

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NONE RECEIVED AT  
TIME OF POSTING**

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CITY MAYORS REPORTS



**February 6, 2020**

To: Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association

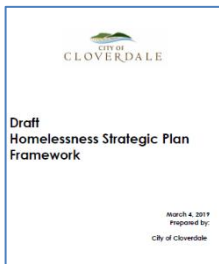
From: Gus Wolter, Mayor

## City of Cloverdale Mayor's Report – City of Cloverdale Items of Interest and Upcoming Events

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**Right-to-Industry Ordinance:** The City is in the last stages of adopting a right-to-industry ordinance. The goal of which is to help protect the City's current and future industrial operations. If adopted, the ordinance will require disclosure of noise, dust, and hours of operation to residences near industrial uses. It is hoped that this disclosure will mitigate conflicts between residential and industrial uses.

### Cloverdale Homeless Community Advisory Group (CHCAG) Meeting on Tuesday January 14th:



The City's Homelessness Community Advisory Group continues working to:

- Discuss Vision for Success – What is Cloverdale striving to achieve in addressing homelessness.
- Discussion and Review of Guiding Principles, Goals and Performance Measures in the Framework: The goals are the basis for the for the Action Plans that will lead to success in addressing homelessness.
- Discuss how to measure the success of each action steps.

**2nd Street City Park Master Plan:** The City has been in the process of completing a 2nd Street City Park Master Plan. The plan provides for major improvements to the park including upgrades to multi-purpose building, expanding restrooms, update play structure and new central stage. The Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Master Plan will be reviewed by Council for adoption in February 2020.



### Zero Waste Sonoma Issues Quarterly Report Identifying Compliance with Recycling Legislation:



Zero Waste tracks compliance by the City. According to Zero Waste, of the affected 87 commercial entities:

- 87.4% are compliant or exempt with AB 341 Mandatory Recycling
- 73.6% are compliant or exempt with AB 1826 Mandatory Organics

**Friday Night Live!** Friday Night Live at the Plaza comes alive as Cloverdale's free summer concert series beginning on Friday, May 29. Lineup announcement will be made sometime in the later part of April. Friday Night Live & Street Fair is produced by the Cloverdale Arts Alliance and offers a variety of family-friendly activities every Friday evening throughout the summer.



# CITY OF HEALDSBURG

## MAYOR'S UPDATE

February 13, 2020



**Dash Program Hits Six-Month Mark** - The DASH Volunteer Driver Transportation Program completed its first six months of operation in late December 2019. Almost 30 volunteer drivers have provided 553 one-way rides to 106 riders in our community. Drivers clocked 3,825 total miles and 415 hours of drive time since the DASH program launched in June 2019. Rider satisfaction is very high according to rider evaluations. Rider comments include gratitude for the door-thru-door service, helpful drivers, comfortable cars, and appreciation to the City for the service. Volunteer drivers appreciate the opportunity to serve the senior community in such a direct way.



**Snap returns for Winter Session** - The Special Needs Activity Program (SNAP) kicked off the winter session on Jan. 18 from 10 AM – 12 PM at the Community Center. SNAP is an all-inclusive program that meets every Saturday through March 28. While the program is geared to children and young people with special needs, anyone aged 5-25 is welcome to participate. SNAP is provided through a partnership between the Community Services Department and Rotary Clubs of Northern Sonoma County.

**Crosswalk Enhancement in Downtown Healdsburg** - A City contractor completed the installation of rectangular rapid-flashing beacons, so vehicle drivers are more aware of people using the crosswalk on Healdsburg Avenue at Mitchell Lane (across from Ramos Shoe Repair, by Mitchell Shopping Center). The crosswalk was previously enhanced with in-roadway lighting, but it was prone to failure and required ongoing maintenance. The new system is a great improvement for pedestrians in the downtown area. The City installed a similar system on Healdsburg Avenue at Plaza Street about a year ago and has been widely used.



**Induction Cooking Class with Mateo Granados** - The Electric Department hosted an induction cooking class on Jan. 21 with Chef Mateo Granados of Mateo's Cocina and Relish Culinary Adventures. Twenty-five participants watched Mateo prepare a Yucatan-styled crispy chicken and seared seasonal vegetables via induction cooking, then tried the technology themselves. Students learned how fast induction works, why it's an improvement over electric resistance, experimented with settings on sophisticated cooktops, and saw that a side-by-side demo of gas and induction yielded the same results but with far less emissions from the induction cooktops. The Electric Department has an induction-cooktop loaner program, so community members interested in trying induction can contact the department at [conservation@ci.healdsburg.ca.us](mailto:conservation@ci.healdsburg.ca.us) to set up a time to borrow a cooktop.



**Complete: Pond Rehab and Lining Project** - The City has finished expanding the recycled-water storage at the City's Water Reclamation Facility. The work rehabilitates three de-activated ponds by removing debris and grading and lining the ponds to increase recycled water storage by roughly 15 million gallons. This work provides additional storage for partially treated wastewater and allows additional space for the pending floating-solar project.

**Energy Reach Code Ordinance Passed** - The City adopted an energy reach code ordinance that will require new buildings to use electric space and water heating while allowing natural gas for cooking, fireplaces, and pool heating. The reach code limits fossil fuels in new buildings, reducing their carbon footprint by utilizing the City's low-carbon electricity. These mixed-fuel (electric and gas) homes will reduce emissions by .7 metric tons per year, with electric appliances continuously reducing emissions as the City's Electric Department works toward 100 percent carbon-free electricity. The ordinance will become effective upon approval from the California Energy Commission, on March 1, 2020.

**2020-2025 Strategic Plan** – On December 16, 2019, the City Council adopted the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. The 2020-2025 Strategic Plan contains seven core Strategic Initiatives and accompanying goals.

**Rental Relocation Ordinance** – On February 3, 2020, the City Council adopted an Urgency Ordinance providing rental relocation assistance to tenants evicted from rental properties in Healdsburg. State law requires relocation benefits in the amount of one month of the tenant's rent at the time the notice to terminate is served. The City's Ordinance requires an additional month's rent for tenants earning up to 120% of Sonoma County Area Median Income (for a total of two months), and an additional month for tenants earning up to 80% of Sonoma County Area Median Income (for a total of three months).



City of Petaluma  
*Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association*  
Mayor's Report – February 13, 2020

**Council Updates of Note**

- Effective January 1, 2020, Petaluma's minimum wage was raised to \$14/hour for employers with 25 or fewer employees and \$15/hour for employers with 26 or more employees.
- In December 2019, we were recognized as an "Age Friendly City".
- City Council formally established a Climate Action Commission on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Events**



**Fair Wage February**

Petaluma is encouraging the community to eat and shop locally during "Fair Wage February" in an effort to support restaurants and retailers that are still adjusting to the City's new minimum wage rules. Learn more at <https://cityofpetaluma.org/fairwage/>.



**Butter & Egg Parade:** The 39th annual parade will embrace the theme "Community – The Heart of Petaluma!". The parade steps off at 12:00 noon on Saturday, **April 25th** and will march through the historic downtown, surrounded by a festival of fun and activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Further details can be found at [www.petalumadowntown.com](http://www.petalumadowntown.com)

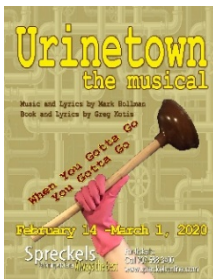




## City of Rohnert Park – Mayor’s Report on Current Events & Updates

Mayors’ & Councilmembers’ Association Meeting – February 13, 2020

### SAVE THE DATE:



#### ***Urinetown the Musical***

*February 14 through March 01, 2020 at Spreckels Performing Arts Center!*

Urinetown is a hilarious musical satire of the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, municipal politics and musical theatre itself! Hilariously funny and touchingly honest, Urinetown provides a fresh perspective on one of America's greatest art forms.

For tickets call (707) 588-3400 or online at <http://www.spreckelsonline.com>

#### ***The Animal Shelter League of Rohnert Park presents Bark after Dark!***

*Saturday, February 22, 2020, from 6:30pm -10:00pm*

Bark after Dark, a dinner and auction fundraiser for the Animal Shelter League will be held at the Rohnert Park Community Center. It will be a fun night of music, delicious food, a no-host bar, lots of amazing auction items and animals! For tickets call (707) 584-3057 or online <https://rpanimalshelter.org/>.

#### ***'Hot' Crab Feed Fundraiser***

*Saturday, February 15, 2020 - 5pm-9pm*

Get your ticket today for the 'Hot' Crab Feed Fundraiser! Come and enjoy the all-you-can-eat 'Hot' Crab, pasta, salad, and bread from Mary's Pizza Shack Pasta, with a No Host Bar! Lots of fun activities: Mystery Wine Sale, 50/50 Head or Tails Raffle Game and lots of Raffle Prizes. Tickets can be purchased for \$75 at the door.

### UPDATES AROUND ROUNERT PARK:

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

##### Police Graduation Ceremonies



Left to right; Deputy Chief Johnson, Chief Mattos, Sergeant Jerrod Marshall, and Lieutenant Koffler

Rohnert Park is very proud of Sergeant Rick Bates and Sergeant Jerrod Marshall who both graduated from the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute, in November & December 2019. The training takes three days out of every month for eight months to complete.



Left to right Deputy Chief Johnson  
And Sergeant Rick Bates

Congratulations to Sergeant Bates and Sergeant Jerrod Marshall for a job well done in completing this flagship leadership program from POST.



### Fire Graduation Ceremony

#### Fire Academy Graduation

In December, Victor Aguilar, Vincent Neuman, Mike Bacigalupi, and Justin Shonley graduated from the Fire Academy - Congratulations!



### Public Safety Annual Toy Drive

The Rohnert Park Public Safety Officers Association took to the streets for the Annual Santa Sleigh Toy Drive. They collect new unwrapped toys for families who are unable to provide toys for their kids during the holidays. The program partners with residents and the business community ensure every child in the program (ages 0-12) receives a toy or game for the holidays. As always it was a huge success.

## **COMMUNITY**

### Sports Center Enhancements

The Callinan Sports and Fitness Center is happy to announce the arrival of new equipment! New Matrix cardio equipment and TRX Training Bays were installed to enhance our members' fitness experience. The new equipment includes 10 treadmills, 4 recumbent bicycles, 4 upright bicycles, 2 stair climbers, 2 steppers, and a new-state-of-the-art TRX suspension training bay. For more information on becoming a member of the Callinan Sports and Fitness Center, please visit us at [www.rpcity.com](http://www.rpcity.com) or call (707) 588-3488.



### City Park Improvements



#### Golis Park

On November 10, Public Works completed the second in a series of collaborations with The Rotary Club, SSU organizations, Bees and Blooms, and the Chamber of Commerce to enhance city parks and increase pollinator friendly plants. Twenty people planted two hundred flowering plants in roughly 2200 square feet of raised beds and along the perimeter of the lawn at Golis Park. In addition, 15 yards of decorative bark was spread to give the project a professional and finished appearance.



### Magnolia Park

Over the last few weeks, Magnolia Park has been getting a facelift. In addition to the volunteer planting project which spruced up the parking areas, Public Works staff recently completed installation of an all-inclusive playground. New fall material was added, and new recycle/garbage receptacles replaced old trash sheds. A new redwood park sign and 37 plants were added to the park entrance.



### Sunrise Park All Weather Field

What better way to start the New Year than to celebrate at the re-opened Sunrise Park! You'll find all-new turf and all-weather fields for flag football and other sports on the new synthetic turf field. In the coming weeks, the field will begin being used on a nightly basis by several groups including SSU and Rancho Lacrosse, Credo High School and Rohnert Park Soccer Club. For more information or to make reservations please call 707-588-3456.

### Ceremony for Installation of Officers for the Year 2020

On December 10th, Joseph T. Callinan was installed as Mayor, and Jake Mackenzie was installed as Vice Mayor. Gina Belforte was presented with a plaque for her outstanding work with various Rohnert Park Clubs, Organizations and Committees.

### New Businesses in Rohnert Park



Heirloom Café - 1100 Valley House Drive - Rohnert Park, CA

The founders of Sally Tomatoes wanted to create a restaurant with all the best attributes of their previous experiences, one where they could focus on making a difference to people in their biggest life moment, where they could help people celebrate life and make memories.

### Leadership Challenge

Dan Schwab, leadership educator and coach, in partnership with the City Manager and Assistant City Manager continued efforts to grow effective leaders by hosting The Leadership Challenge Coaching Session on December 18. Approximately 15 staff in a supervisory or management capacity participated in the full-day session focused on expanding effective coaching skills. Topics included helping staff figure out solutions to their challenges (rather than providing answers), recognizing and pointing out strengths, and providing feedback. We're excited staff participated in taking the next steps in growing and getting better.

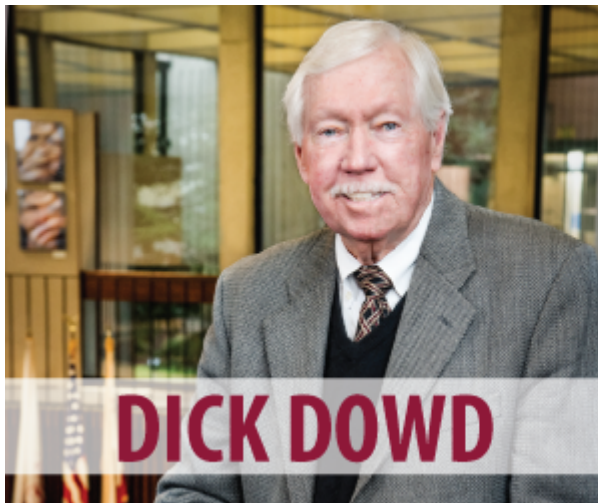
### Rohnert Park Small Grants Program

The Rohnert Park Foundation opened up the application process for small grants to benefit the Rohnert Park community. Last year 26 grants were distributed to various organizations ranging from ArtStart designing a mural for the Senior Center, to Daily Acts conducting creek clean-up projects, to the new pickleball courts, only to name a few. This year the foundation specifically changed the application time period to be in the fall, so that more schools in the community could participate. To learn more about the Small Grants Program visit [www.rpcity.org/SGP](http://www.rpcity.org/SGP).

## February 2020

### City News

#### Change to City Council



**YOUR NEW  
COUNCIL MEMBER**



Richard Dowd, a longtime member of the City's Board of Public Utilities, was appointed by City Council to fill the vacant Council seat on January 7th. Dowd took his oath of office on January 14th to begin duties to represent Santa Rosa residents through December 2020 when the term expires. [LEARN MORE ABOUT CITY COUNCIL](#)

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#### The 2020 Census – Confidentiality & Your Survey Response



The Census 2020 is just a couple months away. As you prepare for the nationwide survey, you may wonder what exactly happens to the data that is collected from your survey response. It's a good question and one we want to be sure residents here in Santa Rosa know the answer to. Responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure and protected by federal law. Answers provided in the Census can only be used to produce statistics. Census responses cannot be used against a respondent by any government agency or court in any way—not by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), not by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), not by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and not by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The law requires the Census Bureau to keep census information confidential. When you get invited this spring to get counted in the Census, we hope you will know your data is safe and secure. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

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## Update on Joe Rodota Trail

The Joe Rodota Trail is a Sonoma County Regional Park space maintained by the County of Sonoma. To address the growing homeless encampment along the Trail the County implemented a number of actions over the last month to attempt to offer trail occupants access to local shelters, supportive housing options, or the temporary emergency shelter at the Los Guillicos campus in east Santa Rosa. On Friday, January 31, the County closed the nearly 2-mile portion of the trail that had been occupied by homeless individuals after declaring a homeless emergency on the trail due to safety and sanitation conditions in the area. The trail will remain fenced off for cleaning during the month of February and will re-open for its intended purpose once cleaning has been completed. Though shelter and/or housing was offered to all trail occupants in advance of the closure, some have chosen to re-locate in other areas including within Santa Rosa. However, clearing the trail was not the end of the work, and the County has shifted focus to their longer term plans, including establishment of two additional longer term shelters and shared homes in order to place more individuals into housing and shelter. The City is coordinating with the County on these plans as well as on additional City efforts to continue to address homelessness throughout the community. [READ MORE](#)

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## Recovery Update



## **STAYING COMMITTED TO A COMPLETE RECOVERY**

### **Inspecting Sewer Lateral Prior to Move-In**

PG&E trenched approximately 14 miles of City streets in 2018 to restore infrastructure damaged by the 2017 fires. Nearly half of the sewer laterals within the rebuilding areas were crossed over as part of this work. The City has discovered seven sewer laterals damaged by the trenching, and so staff are alerting fire survivors who are rebuilding their homes of this issue as three of the damaged sewer laterals were discovered by homeowners only after occupancy. The City is working with PG&E to have them perform video inspections of all sewer crossings to identify and repair any additional damages, but this work will take time. In the interim, the City is recommending that builders and/or property owners have a sewer lateral video inspection performed prior to reoccupying homes to avoid costly cleanup and property damage. The City has created a guidance document to explain this process further. [READ MORE](#)

### **Resilient City Permit Center Moved**

The City of Santa Rosa's Resilient City Permit Center has moved to Room 5 at the City Hall complex (100 Santa Rosa Avenue). The Permit Center will continue to operate at City Hall as it has since its inception in November 2017, but will now be located where other ongoing City permit services are also provided. Rebuilding homeowners will continue to receive priority, expedited service. No impact is anticipated to the center's regular operating hours, and residents and contractors can look for signs around the complex to direct them to the new location. [READ MORE](#)

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## **The Truth About California's New Water Conservation Laws**



A recent news story incorrectly claimed that Californians may be fined for using more than 55 gallons of water per person per day. We would like to set the record straight — NO law requires individual households in California to meet a specific water use target. Recent legislation, Making Conservation a California Way (Assembly Bill 1668 and Senate Bill 606), does require the City to calculate a water efficiency standard by 2023. This standard includes both indoor and outdoor water use and water loss, due to leaks, for the entire service area. Once the water efficient standard is adopted, the City may be subject to fines if the standard is not met, not the individual customer. [READ MORE](#)

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## Campaign Sign Rules



California will hold a presidential primary election on March 3, 2020, which prompts the posting of campaign signs around our community. Residents who have been granted permission for campaign signs to be posted on their property must adhere to the following rules: signs cannot exceed 16 square feet and must be no more than 9 feet in height if attached. All signs must be taken down 15 days after the date of the election. It's important that residents are aware of the rules for posting election information. [READ MORE](#)

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## Downtown Station Area Specific Plan



Broad outreach and high levels of community participation continue to guide the progress the City's Downtown Station Area Specific Plan (DSASP), thanks to efforts from the project's Community Advisory Committee (CAC).

A scoping meeting was held at Sonoma County Library's central branch to outline the analysis that will go into the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) being prepared for the plan. The draft plan is available online and we encourage you to submit your feedback. The EIR is currently set for public review at the end of March. [READ MORE](#)

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## Slurry Seal for Residential Streets



Each year the City of Santa Rosa slurry seals the pavement of approximately 2.5 million square feet of residential City streets. Slurry seal is a preventive maintenance application that help protect streets from water penetration, provides a new surface with improved skid-resistance, and extends the life of the roadway. Slurry seal is a cost-effective way to keep a good street in good shape for a longer period. Streets that are in a more deteriorated condition are treated with an asphalt overlay or are reconstructed. This year, streets will be slurry treated between July 27 and August 6, 2020. [VIEW MAP / READ MORE](#)

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## Zero Waste Master Plan



Santa Rosa's Zero Waste Master Plan (Plan) was approved by City Council on January 28, 2020. The Plan is a demonstration of the City's dedication to improving the quality of life for our residents by addressing pollution caused by solid waste. According to 2018 data, Santa Rosa residents disposed over 110,000 tons of materials

that were sent to the landfill. This disposal rate amounts to approximately 2.8 pounds of franchised waste per person per day and an overall City diversion rate of 40 percent. The City's zero waste goal is to reduce that number to less than one pound per person per day and achieve a 75 percent diversion rate by 2030. The City must drastically reduce the amount of landfilled waste in order to meet this goal. [READ MORE](#)

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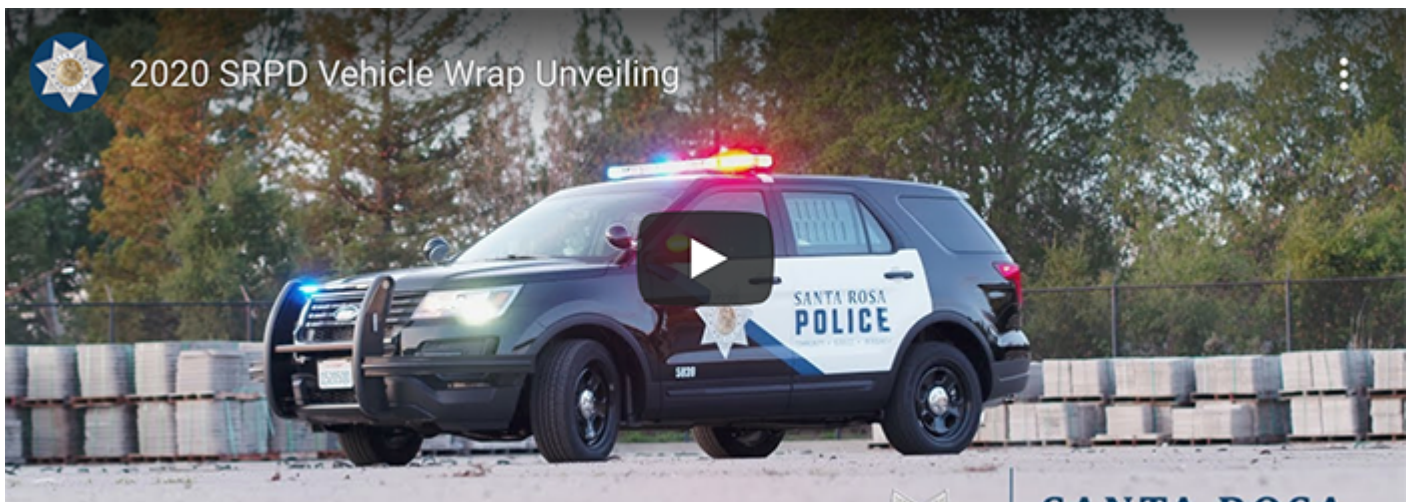
## Downtown Improvements



A few upgrades are coming to the downtown area. Improved accessibility is the focus for the sidewalk, driveway, and curb ramp reconstruction project scheduled to begin in February along the west side of D Street from Second Street to First Street and in front of the City Hall Annex on Santa Rosa Avenue. In addition, City Council approved installation of The Portland Loo, a 24-hour prefabricated single-occupant unisex public restroom (adjacent to the City Hall Annex). This will be the first 24-hour public restroom in the downtown corridor. Final delivery and installation of the Loo is scheduled for fall 2020. During construction, intermittent single lane traffic controls may be in effect. D Street Garage 9 and City Hall Annex will remain open during construction. [READ MORE](#)

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## Police Department Unveils New Wrap Design for Vehicles



Coming to a street near you – Santa Rosa Police unveiled an updated look for patrol vehicles. Only a handful of vehicles currently don the new design and more will be wrapped on a scheduled rotation. Watch the unveiling



video to see the new look: [WATCH VIDEO](#)

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## Finley Pool Gets New Heater



Steam rising from the water welcomed users back to the pool at Finley Aquatic Center in January following the installation of a new pool heater. The new heater replaces the original heater, which at nearly 30-years old was in dire need of upgrade. Increased efficiency to meet North Bay Air Quality Standards, as well as much greater reliability, are among the benefits. Thank you to our pool users for your patience during the facility closure to accomplish this significant improvement! [LEARN MORE](#)

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## New Activity Guide Available Now



Your Recreation & Parks Spring/Summer Activity Guide is available now and registration is underway! Sign up for Camp Wa-Tam, tot programs, community events, dance classes, swim lessons, robotics and engineering programs, dog training, sports leagues, events and classes for seniors, and much more. New activities begin as soon as next week, and new sessions start regularly throughout spring and summer. [REGISTER NOW](#)

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## Live at Juilliard Band Submissions



The City is seeking local bands that primarily perform original music for its annual family-friendly free concert series – Live at Juilliard! The application process is all new this year and all online. Applications are due before 5 p.m. on March 6, 2020. [APPLY](#)

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## Imagine Art in Old Courthouse Square



The City of Santa Rosa Public Art Program is seeking input from the community before and during the development of a new public art installation in Old Courthouse Square. Results from the survey will be shared with the finalist artists who are invited to submit proposals. This public art will require an artist or team of artists to design, fabricate, and install site-specific public art at the terminus of Mendocino Avenue at the north end of Old Courthouse Square in downtown Santa Rosa. [TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

## Events and Community Meetings

### FairyTale Ball



**February 29, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Finley Community Center, 2060 W. College Ave**

Dress up and let go to your favorite tunes at our 'Frozen'-themed Fairytale Ball, where fairytales do come true! This fun event for kids and their favorite chaperones features free-style dancing, dance contests, photo booth, refreshments, and the chance to meet a real live Snow Princess. This event sells out and pre-registration is required. [\*\*REGISTER NOW\*\*](#)

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## **St. Patrick's Day 5K – 'Go Green for Good' Fundraiser**



**March 15, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Old Courthouse Square in downtown Santa Rosa**

Now's the time to register to 'Go Green for Good' at the St. Patrick's Day 5K! Presented by Fleet Feet Santa Rosa as a fundraiser for Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks, this popular annual event offers a healthy option to celebrate St. Paddy's Day. The chip-timed run/walk attracts everyone from competitive runners to babies in strollers. All participants enjoy post-race festivities including a costume contest and a celebratory beer or root beer. Proceeds benefit the Rec & Parks Scholarship Fund, providing swim lessons, summer camp experiences, and more. Registration fees go up February 28th! [\*\*REGISTER NOW\*\*](#)

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

## Flat Rock Park Volunteer Day

**Saturday, February 8, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Flat Rock Footbridge (near 4227 Flat Rock Circle)**

Be a creek steward by taking care of Brush Creek and Flat Rock Park and learn about native plants and how they provide food and shelter for a variety of fish and wildlife. [LEARN MORE](#)

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## Colgan Creek Volunteer Day



**Saturday, February 29, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Elsie Allen High School, 599 Bellevue Ave.**

Join our creek stewards as they clean-up and nurture the restored Colgan Creek. This is also an opportunity to learn about the native California plants that grow along creeks and how-to help them thrive. [LEARN MORE](#)

## Join Our Team

### Current Job Openings

The City of Santa Rosa offers great career opportunities with excellent salary, a generous benefits package, including retirement through CalPERS, a competitive leave package, a choice of three health plans, flexible spending program, and top of the line, employer paid vision and dental coverage.



### **Bus Operator Trainee | Part-Time | \$18.04 to \$19.78 Hourly | Transportation & Public Works**

Bus Operator Trainees are trained by the City to be a CityBus Driver; no commercial license required. Drivers safely operate a transit bus, transport passengers on a fixed route basis, and effectively interact with the public. *Open until filled.*

### **Associate Civil Engineer | Full-Time | \$100,814 to \$122,538 Annually | Transportation & Public Works**

The Associate Civil Engineer performs professional engineering work in the planning, investigation, design, analysis, construction, and inspection of public works, utilities and related projects. This position is responsible for design and construction management of projects to rehabilitate, upgrade and expand the City's water infrastructure, including the sanitary sewer collection system, water distribution system, and recycled water reuse systems. *Open until filled.*

### **Principal Human Resources Analyst| Full-Time | \$7,935.83 to \$10,138.25 Monthly | Human Resources**

The Principal Human Resources Analyst is an advanced journey-level position responsible for a wide range of complex human resources activities. This position is responsible for analyzing, organizing, and implementing data and programs, as well as, formulating important recommendations. Additionally, this position plans, coordinates, and reviews the preparation of various reports, correspondence, statistics and publications. *Open until filled.*

[VIEW ALL JOB POSTINGS](#)

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## **Recreation & Parks Seasonal Jobs**



Spend time at Santa Rosa's parks, lake, pools and community centers! Camp counselors, lifeguards, swim instructors, sports coaches and building aides are just some of the jobs available. All positions will earn \$15 or more by July 1 with the increase in minimum wage. Most positions are filled by April. **[APPLY NOW](#)**

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# CITY OF SEBASTOPOL



**FEBRUARY-MARCH 2020  
MAYORS' AND COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT**





## PASSING THE MAYORAL GAVEL

Welcome back Patrick Slayter as Sebastopol's Mayor. Patrick served a term as Sebastopol City Mayor in 2015. This year, Patrick hopes to focus his efforts in community vitality through the development of a "citizen's academy", modeled after the Sebastopol Citizen's Police Academy, where the community will get the chance to learn more about how their local government works. In addition, he would like to create an open space for individuals to gather and learn about what's going on in the city by meeting with different councilmembers and department heads. Slayter was appointed mayor, alongside Una Glass as vice mayor at the December 3, 2019 City Council meeting.



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## ZERO-WASTE COMMITTEE UPDATES

With the Polystyrene Ordinance officially in effect, Sebastopol's Zero-Waste Subcommittee has embarked on new projects to help reduce the amount of trash generated in Sebastopol. The ordinance prohibits the use and sale of disposable food service ware and other products containing polystyrene foam.

- Events held within city limits are required to submit a Special Event Permit Application which was recently updated with the new regulations. As part of the of the permit application, individuals planning to have food or beverage vendors, or providers must submit a Zero Waste plan. While all events in Sebastopol are required to recycle and compost, if disposables are used, they need to comply with City of Sebastopol Event Food Service Ware Requirements for Vendors
- Volunteer Zero Waste Ambassadors are meeting one-on-one with Sebastopol businesses to help them transition to more environmentally friendly service ware alternatives.
- The committee's youth representatives are working to develop a plan for a city-wide reusable coffee cup program.
- The committee is looking at other "outside of the box" areas that might benefit from a zero-waste approach, including working with local dentists on promoting the use of oral hygiene products that create less waste such as silk floss and tubeless toothpaste.



See our video to learn more about which items are and are not allowed in city limits under the new ordinance: <https://youtu.be/CVic5SWEFEU> For more information on the Zero-Waste Subcommittee, visit <http://bit.ly/Sebastopol-Zero-Waste-Subcommittee>.

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## CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AND CLIMATE ACTION SUBCOMMITTEE

As a result of the Climate Emergency Resolution recently passed by the City Council, applications will soon be accepted for a new Climate Action Subcommittee. The 11 to 13-member subcommittee will comprise a cross-section of community members representing all sectors to work together to create recommendations to the City Council on specifications.

- One City Councilmember
- One Planning Commissioner
- One Member of City Staff (Planning Director or designee)
- Youth (ages 17-23)
- Sebastopol business owner
- Sebastopol Climate Action or other local climate group representative
- Environmental justice/equity background
- Rights of nature background
- Climate background
- Reside within Sebastopol city limits
- Reside outside Sebastopol city limits within the 95472 zip code



### Duties of Sub-Committee:

The functions of the climate action sub-committee shall include the following powers and duties:

- Research composition and duties of other cities subcommittees
- Update CAP Document for City
- Prioritize Climate Emergency Resolution Attachment A actions
- Create Climate Calendar
- Create Volunteer Appreciation Event/Ideas for Climate Events

Visit the Boards, Commissions and Committees section of the City of Sebastopol website for more details.

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## LOCALS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE: CRAIG AND PAT BOBLITT

Craig and Pat Boblitt are being recognized as the City's latest "Locals Who Make a Difference." The Boblitts are major supporters of the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center, Sebastopol Area Senior Center, and the Peacetown Summer Music Series. Craig, a board member of the Sebastopol Area Senior Center, was credited by the organization as having been instrumental in its transformation over the past two and a half years; in addition to lending his business expertise, he has chaired benefits, organized barbecues, and arranged for free space for the Holiday Pop-Up Store for four years. He attends meeting with funders and the City Council and assists at every open house, pot luck and dance. Pat's work and volunteerism have centered around families and children since the Boblitt's two sons were young. She has served on the Analy Education Foundation board, spent countless hours helping out with Analy High School's Project Graduation, and dove into writing a tax measure to support the Gravenstein School District. In recognition of her dedication to early childhood education, Pat was named Sonoma County Community Childcare Council's Early Childhood Champion of 2019. Learn more about Craig and Pat Boblitt on the city's Locals Who Make a Difference page where you can also make nominations for the next round of honorees.



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## SEBASTOPOL WALKS PROGRAM



This year marks the 12th year for the Sebastopol Walks Program. Sebastopol Walks introduces people to the fun of exploring town, learning about the community, and discovering what makes Sebastopol such a great place to live and visit. The walks are intended to be a community-building experience and have been enjoyed by locals, guests, residents from other Sonoma County cities, and international visitors. The Walks Program emphasizes the value of exercise and good health, and with the routes chosen by the morning's leaders there are events that vary in length and difficulty so there's something for everyone. There are 12 proposed walks that will run from February through November, meeting on the last Saturday of each month at The Plaza at 9am. Once approved, the event schedule will be available on the Community Calendar.

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## SEBASTOPOL RUNS PROGRAM

Expanding this year, the Walks Program has inspired a new Sebastopol RUNS Program led by a core group of experienced runners whose goal is to share with others the joy of running and improving physical fitness and stamina.



The RUN events will vary in distance to attract runners of all levels. There are 10 proposed runs from February through November, and these events will be on the same date, time and place as the walks, but with their own themes and routes. The WALKS and RUNS will build interest in Sebastopol as a health-oriented community and allow people to connect more deeply with Sebastopol. Once approved, the event schedule will be available on the Community Calendar.

## SEBASTOPOL DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL:



On September 28 the Sebastopol Fire Department hosted an event to help neighbors connect and become more resilient. From 9am to noon some 80 participants attended one of three fire extinguisher classes where they learned The 13th Annual Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival will take place March 26-29, 2020. The Festival exhibits on six screens simultaneously, presenting 67 shorts,

documentaries, and mini documentaries to a combined audience of 4,000 documentary film lovers, industry guests, and fellow filmmakers.

[www.sebastopolfilmfestival.org](http://www.sebastopolfilmfestival.org)

## COMMUNITY VITALITY CONTRACT POSITION

The City of Sebastopol is in the process of reviewing applications for its new Community Vitality position. With this new position, the city aims to further its current goals and expand into new ones to create a high quality of life for all residents and adjoining neighbors as well as attracting more visitors and businesses to the city. The selected person will interact as the central person between the citizens, businesses and the City, and act as an ombudsperson that the community can go to with questions, concerns, ideas, and feedback.





## JAMES CONNER & GLENN SCHAINBLATT RETIRE



December 2019 brought two notable retirements of city officials: Sebastopol Police Chief James Conner and Sebastopol Building Official Glenn Schainblatt. Glenn has been an employee with the City of Sebastopol since September 2004 and was recognized this past May for promoting public health and safety in building construction to protect the lives and property of the community. James became a part of the Sebastopol Police

Department in 1996; rising through the ranks to Lieutenant and Captain and before being appointed to Chief of Police in November 2017. The City thanks both retirees and wishes them well as they embark on their future endeavors.

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## SEEKING NEW POLICE CHIEF

With the retirement of Police Chief James Connor in December 2019, the Sebastopol Police Department is now actively recruiting for a new Chief of Police. The filing deadline for the position is February 18th, preliminary interviews will be conducted February 20th through March 6th, the recommendation of candidates will be March 11th, and the finalist interview process will be March 25th. For more information on the position and application process, visit: <https://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Article/Police-Chief-Opening>





## UTILITY RATE STUDY

In order to provide necessary funding for the water and sewer system, the City is proposing to implement new water and sewer rates as a series of annual adjustments starting in January 2020, with additional increases following each July 1 beginning in 2020, until July 2023. The proposed rates are based on a comprehensive rate study and financial plan. The rate study report can be found on our website at the following link <https://www.ci.sebastopol.ca.us/Meeting-Event/City-Council/2019/City-Council-Meeting-August-6,-2019>

The City will annually review revenues and expenditures for the water fund to ensure that sufficient and appropriate revenues are collected to effectively provide for the short and long-term water service needs of the community. The City will consider the new rate structure and proposed revenue increase at a public hearing on Tuesday, January 7th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth Annex Teen Center, 425 Morris Street, Sebastopol, CA 95472. You are invited to present oral or written testimony at the public hearing. If you have any questions please feel free to call the City of Sebastopol Administrative Services (Finance) Department at 707-823-7863



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## THOSE BIKE LANES!



To help motorists, pedestrians and cyclists better understand how to use the bike lane system installed last fall throughout the downtown area, there's a new video out to help. The video was produced by W-Trans, the project contractor, and follows a group of cyclists as they navigate several routes through town.

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## SEBASTOPOL'S FREE ELECTRIC SHUTTLE

Looking for a convenient, eco-friendly, and FREE way to get around town or to get your students to and from school? Don't forget about Sonoma County Transit's #24. The shuttle was the first electric bus in the SCT fleet, and thanks to underwriting by the City of Sebastopol, fares are free for all riders through June 2020. Hours have been expanded to accommodate school schedules. The #24 schedule can be found here <http://bit.ly/sct-shuttle24>





## EARTH DAY

April 22, 2020 marks 50 years of Earth Day! The City of Sebastopol is currently planning to get a jump-start on the official Earth Day with a free community celebration on April 11th at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center. More details to come.



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## SEBASTOPOL CHAMBER COMMUNITY AWARDS IN MARCH



### **45th Annual Community Awards**

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Reception: 5-6 PM

Awards: 6-7:30 PM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sebastopol Documentary Film Festival  
March 26-29, 2020  
Sebastopol Center for the Arts
  - Community Awards  
March 19, 2020  
Veterans Memorial Building
  - Apple Blossom Festival  
April 18-19, 2020
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# City of Sonoma

## MAYOR'S REPORT – February 13, 2020



### SONOMA CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

City Council Reorganization was on the agenda at the December 16th meeting of the Sonoma City Council. The reorganization included recognition of outgoing Mayor, Amy Harrington. Logan Harvey was selected as the new mayor and Rachel Hundley as the new vice-mayor. [www.sonomacity.org/departments/city-council](http://www.sonomacity.org/departments/city-council)

### BETTY ANN BRUNO CHOSEN AS SONOMA'S 2020 TREASURE ARTIST

Sonoma's Cultural and Fine Arts Commission announced that the Treasure Artist for 2020 is dance teacher and performer Betty Ann Ka'ihilani Bruno, a former Oz munchkin, TV newscaster, and founder of "Hula Mai". Annually, Treasure Artists of the Year are nominated by the community and their peers for "outstanding achievement in a chosen artistic medium including the performing, visual, musical, literary and theater arts." A reception in Ms. Bruno's honor was held on February 11, 2020.



[www.sonomacity.org/treasure-artist](http://www.sonomacity.org/treasure-artist)

### CITY OPENS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR COMMERCIAL CANNABIS BUSINESS



As adopted and approved by the City Council, the City of Sonoma opened a Request for Proposal process for applications on January 3, 2020, for 1 retail and 1 non-store front retail Commercial Cannabis Business. Applications are available online or from the City's Planning Department located in Sonoma City Hall. To be considered for issuance of a CCB, final applications are due by February 21, 2020.

[www.sonomacity.org/cannabis-retail-rf](http://www.sonomacity.org/cannabis-retail-rf)

### LOCAL MINIMUM WAGE RATES IN EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2020

In mid-2019, the Sonoma City Council completed a Minimum Wage Study process and adopted a local minimum wage ordinance. Sonoma's local minimum wage is structured similarly to the State minimum wage, with different wage rates for large employers (26 or more employees) and small employers (25 or fewer employees) and a multi-year schedule of wage adjustments effective the first of each calendar year. Effective January 1, 2020, Sonoma's local minimum wage is \$13.50/hour for large employers and \$12.50/hour for small employers. These rates are 50 cents/hour higher than the new State minimum wage rates that went into effect at that time. [www.sonomacity.org/wages](http://www.sonomacity.org/wages)

### City of Sonoma OFFICIAL NOTICE

SONOMA MINIMUM WAGE RATE	
<b>\$13.50</b> per hour Large Employers	<b>\$12.50</b> per hour Small Employers

Effective Date: January 1, 2020

### NEW MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP FOR SONOMA'S TUESDAY NIGHT MARKET



Sonoma's Tuesday Night Market, one of Sonoma's cherished weekly summer traditions, will see a change in management for the 2020 market season. City Council adopted a resolution authorizing a 2020 Market Operator Partnership with the City, Sonoma Valley Chamber of Commerce and a Market Operator. Council also approved conditions for operation of the market including the integration of environmental/green practices for the event and the enforcement of the City's single use plastics ban for special events. [www.sonomastuesdaynightmarket.com](http://www.sonomastuesdaynightmarket.com)

## CELEBRATE SONOMA PROGRAM CONTINUES

**Recognizing  
the people  
that make up  
the fabric of  
Sonoma.**

CELEBRATE SONOMA

“Celebrate Sonoma” is a program that started in 2019 to recognize people that make up the fabric of Sonoma. A community member is recognized at a City Council meeting with a presentation of a city recognition certificate honoring them by dedicating a “day” in their honor. Charles Price, a Sonoma Father, Boy Scout Leader, and public servant was recognized on December 2, 2019 and the final presentation of 2019 gave City Council Members and City Staff the opportunity to celebrate the supportive people in their lives. Ten people and one canine were presented Certificates of Recognition at the City Council Meeting of December 16, 2019. The next person to be recognized will be Clare O’Brien, the “incomparable” children’s librarian at the Sonoma

Valley Library at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council meeting. [www.sonomacity.org/celebrate-sonoma](http://www.sonomacity.org/celebrate-sonoma)

## CITY OF SONOMA STREETS RATED “GOOD” IN BAY AREA ASSESSMENT

The City of Sonoma’s streets received a rating of “Good” in the latest Pavement Condition Index (PCI) for Bay Area cities and counties, a detailed assessment of local roadway conditions provided by the regional Metropolitan Transportation Commission. Sonoma’s PCI score of 73 puts the City in the top 40% of all Bay Area cities and counties.

[www.sonomacity.org/streets](http://www.sonomacity.org/streets)



## CITY HIRES SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR



The City welcomed Travis Wagner, the first Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Sonoma. Travis Wagner was an environmental consultant and a professor of environmental science and policy at the University of Southern Maine before joining the City. The main focus of the Sustainability Coordinator is the Climate Change Action Plan, Waste Minimization/Recycling and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. In addition, Mr. Wagner will develop public outreach strategies in support of local and regional energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction efforts; and, promote, provide direction, and assist internal departments, residents, business community groups and the public in the development and implementation of sustainability efforts. [www.sonomacity.org/sustainability](http://www.sonomacity.org/sustainability)

## STUDY SESSION ON POLYSTYRENE FOAM BAN

Following a study session with Zero Waste Sonoma at their meeting of January 13, 2020, Council provided direction to conduct public outreach and begin to draft an Ordinance to prohibit use and sale of disposable food service ware and other products containing polystyrene foam and a Zero Waste Resolution.

## LIGHTING OF THE SONOMA PLAZA

The annual kick-off to “Holidays in Sonoma,” thousands of residents and visitors fill the historic Sonoma Plaza with the bright glow of thousands of lights on City Hall and the trees around the plaza. The evening includes music, performances, food trucks and the chance to visit the holiday displays around the 8-acre Sonoma Plaza. The annual Lighting of the Sonoma Plaza takes place in November and is presented by Experience Sonoma Valley in partnership with the City of Sonoma and the Sonoma Tourism Improvement District. The lights remain through mid-January.

[www.sonomavalley.com/holidays](http://www.sonomavalley.com/holidays)

