



# Sebastopol Citizens

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### **2018 City Council Meetings**

(You may click on the dates to read the full summary.)

#### [January 16, 2018](#)

- Public comment does not disappoint.
- Pine Grove Square - parking study is controversial.
- Sebastopol pot laws extended 10 months.
- LED lights fail again 5:0, no annual \$26k saving for Seville.

#### [February 6, 2018](#)

- Public comment. Yup.
- Apple Blossom Parade is April 22
- County Bike-Pedestrian Committee needs citizen volunteer. [Application here.](#)
- Another update on pedestrian-bike path to Petaluma
- The "Door to Hell" sculpture needs a new home. Yours for \$20k.
- Caltrans work on 116 is hitting its own potholes.

#### [March 6, 2018](#)

- Snap crackle pop of EMF detector competes with BS detector in public comment.
- Sebastopol pot ordinance is now approved.
- 10k Race coming to the Barlow on April 14.
- Council overrules Planning Commission approval for downtown fitness gym.
- Want your PGE meter read every month? Get a Smart Meter.
- Under 3 hour meeting, congratulations.

#### [March 20, 2018](#)

- Dangers of EMF and other random items make up public comment.
- A flashing beacon system will be installed at Bodega Ave & Ragle Rd.
- Sonoma County Library Commission has a vacant seat.
- With lots of consternation, Council approves new building on the CVS lot.
- Planning Commision to look at updating the Telecom Ordinance before Verizon installs 5G antennas.

### April 3, 2018

- Steve Levenberg appointed to county Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
- City to join with county to finance first steps to improve several bike & road conditions.
- Cittaslow reported.
- Ned Kahn's sculpture for the East entrance to town, a new design required by Caltrans, will go forward.

### April 17, 2018

- No mercy in public comment - 30 minutes of blather for which Seb Council has no jurisdiction.
- Lighting assessment increasing. If we had LEDs, it would decrease.
- Grant being submitted to FEMA to fund a fulltime firefighter.
- [Sebastopol World Friends](#), a fantastic sister city organization, reported on latest trip of 28 folks to Takeo, Japan.
- Linda Hopkins and Mayor Slayter pitched a \$300M bond for housing, for the November ballot.

### May 1, 2018

- The EMF lady: blah, blah, blah, blah.
- Fireworks will again be on sale in Seb for 4th July.
- Outreach Coordinator presented annual report
- Comprehensive update to zoning ordinance to comply with General Plan has begun. No decisions yet.
- Affordable housing is oxymoronic in Sebtown.

### May 15, 2018

- Mr. Necker mailed this one in
- We are loaning our buiding inspector part-time to Rohnert Park
- Yurts galore in this report
- Proposed 2018-2019 Budget getting reviewed
- Local Sebastopol bus 24 will be FREE for a while

### June 5, 2018

- Kenyon Webster retires; Carson Pforsich named first for "Locals Who Made A Difference" program.
- Two "citizen representative" positions open with the Task Force Integrated Waste Management Committee.
- Final weed abatement resolution adopted. Keep those weeds down or the city will. On your tab.
- Budget approval gets dicey as Carnacchi tries to hold the meeting hostage, his attempt fails.
- Carnacchi's descretionary annual \$500 to go towards a thank-you dinner for Planning Commissioners.

### June 19, 2018

- Stephen Zollman appointed to Library Commission.
- New mural coming to north wall of Basso Building.
- Election in November - seats held by Slayter, Gurney, and Glass on the ballot.
- \$2k found for appreciation dinner for volunteer board members.
- Budget adopted. RFP to go out for study to look at returning to two-way traffic downtown.
- Pine Grove Committee changes its name - why? [View their latest report.](#)

#### July 1, 2018 Bonus Issue

- Note from John Necker...

Gentle Reader,

Since the next council meeting isn't until July 17th, the link below may sustain your addiction to the unusual until that time. [Sebastopol Was Always Quirky](#) read the story by Jeff Elliott, [contact him here.](#)

#### [July 17, 2018](#)

- EMF speakers continue to dazzle, razzle...
- Holly Hansen renewed for another year as Outreach Community Coordinator.
- A couple ballot items coming for November election related to taxes.
- City fees for Mr Music Peacetown Summer Concert series at Ives Park reduced.
- RFPs authorized for traffic studies on the SR 116 through town.
- The old cement plant has been purchased by The Barlow.

#### [August 7, 2018](#)

- Kari Svanstrom begins her stint as the new City Planning Director. Welcome from Sebastopol Citizens.
- Vice Mayor Hinton convinces Council to delay purchase of \$94k ginormous dump truck until after the election. Next: US Supreme Court nominee?
- Sebastopol Hotel project gets reduction in city fees, will be **first net zero energy** hotel in California.
- Meg Mizutani of Sebastopol World Friends to be next Locals Who Make a Difference honoree.
- Don't skip the Parting Shot, folks.

#### [September 4, 2018](#)

- The usual rants of public comment, though with a newcomer bent on borderline abuse.
- Conflict of interest code was approved, no evidence of collusion around here.
- Letters in support of SB 12, and opposition to SB 3157 were approved.
- The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act of 2014 elevates the word SNAFU to new heights.
- Various bids came in, over the expected prices. Some work approved.

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### September 18, 2018

- Lynda Hopkins thanked everyone for their help in last year's fires, and brought a check from FEMA for \$64k.
- Public comment. Yup. EMF. Yup. Misc rambling & castigating. Yup.
- Ghilotti completed sewer and water pipe repair/replacements, at a final cost of \$1.5M
- Discussion on parking restrictions on Morris St, and over-size vehicle restrictions in residential areas. No decisions.
- Various traffic studies are desired, but cost too much.

### October 2, 2018

- Public comment a-plenty! Several critical of the new bike lanes through downtown.
- Another called for no nighttime parking on Morris St. And of course, another EMF rant.
- [Sebastopol World Friends](#) seeks middle school student ambassadors for exchange program with Takeo City, Japan.
- 2 seats on Planning Commission, 3 seats on Design Review opening up Dec 31.
- Zoning Ordinance headed toward approval; Zoning Map approved.

### October 16, 2018

- PC: Thanks for HAWK at Burbank Heights, no thanks on cell tower, camping on Morris St, and bike lanes.
- Zero Waste coming to Sebastopol...more in this [PD story](#).
- Zoning Ordinance approved, annexation near Tomodachi Park - Joe Rodota Trail initiated.
- City Code to prevent camping in vehicle on public property to be rescinded. Unconstitutional.
- Adding underage weed consumption to Social Host Ordinance discussed.

### October 30, 2018

- Mumbo-jumbo takes on new meaning in Public Comment, resulting in a new parlor game. And the usual EMF blather.
- Social host ordinance now officially includes weed.
- Bike lanes continue to generate lots of buzz.
- Camping on Morris Street cannot be prohibited.
- 2700k LED street lighting approved 3:1, installation starts early next year, will save \$27k/year.

### November 13, 2018

- No one spoke in Public Comment. Yes, that's news.
- \$38k contract awarded to determine if our higher water rates are high enough.
- Study session, \$15/hour minimum wage.
- Another contract awarded, for \$70k, for traffic study through town.
- User Fee Schedule update getting some consideration.

### December 4, 2018

- Sarah Glade Gurney, Una Glass and Patrick Slayter re-elected to the City Council.
- Neysa Hinton was selected as Mayor, Patrick Slayter as Vice-Mayor.
- Public comment did not disappoint. Councilmember Carnacchi bailed on part of the meeting, disappointed that he was not selected Vice-Mayor.
- Roger and Linda Collins are the next Locals Who Make a Difference.
- Cell towers, EMF, potential lawsuits, small cell antennae bans all come together.

### December 18, 2018

- Request for more delay on light changes at Safeway/High School Rd for pedestrians to make it across.
- Flashing light at Bodega Ave and Ragle Road is completed.
- Ten year lease extension for [Wischemann Hall](#) was approved.
- Member Carnacchi is organizing a council/staff tour of downtown to assess conditions.
- LED lighting is coming to a street near you. The Parting Shot describes one experience.