

SEBASTOPOL AREA TIME BANK

Building Community One Hour at a Time

September/October 2023 Newsletter

Where'd the SATB Newsletter Go?!

The long and short of it is that we've been so wrapped up in adjusting to and working on the new time banking software that we've had to relegate the newsletter to the back burner. We expect to begin next year with a January / February edition that will have the features you've come to expect (and, hopefully, love!): Time Bank Success Story, Tech Notes, New Member Spotlight, Time Bank Tidbits, and more.

We've still been active, as the pictures below will show you, but I want to use the rest of this newsletter to speak directly to the two groups that receive it: Non-members and members.

Non-members: We're very grateful that you continue to follow along with the activities of the time bank via this newsletter. We strive to be an important part of our community and, whether you participate in SATB or not, we appreciate your ongoing interest. Please stick with us! Thank you.

Members: These have been challenging times, but the future looks very bright. The new software is visually appealing, but it's missing some important features that we've been accustomed to and rely on (e.g., working in partial hours). It's also made some processes more complicated than necessary.

Steve Bursch, our terrific Tech Coordinator, and I have spent countless hours showing Timebanks.org and the software developers where the platform doesn't meet our expectations and proposing solutions for these items. We haven't given up

on getting what we need, but we're also exploring another tracking software gaining favor with timebanks across the country. Stay tuned.

While some members have become more engaged with SATB during these past few months, some have become disenchanted and are waiting to see how this will shake out. We know, we understand, and we have the same feelings and frustrations. Without question we'll resolve this, and SATB will be all the better for the experience.

In the meantime, our events team is active, our admin team is collaborating with the city and some other community organizations on a grant proposal, member exchanges are taking place, and the world keeps turning.

Thanks for YOUR time to read this. Enjoy our photos below.

David Gill
Administrative Coordinator

Sebastopol Walks 9/30/2023





SATB Picnic 7/9/2023





Library Cleanup 9/12/2023





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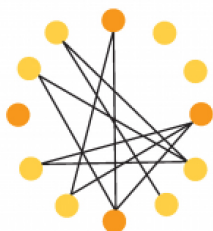
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Our Core Values

- Everyone is an asset. Everyone has something to contribute.
- Everyone merits respect.
- All work is equally valued.
- We promote both giving AND receiving.
- Networks are stronger than individuals and build local resilience.

When you become a member of the Time Bank, you agree to these core values as well as our Terms of Service.

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