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#### Laguna keepers

EDITOR: On Saturday, Sept. 7, LagunaKeeper volunteers gathered to clean up trash and debris left on the banks of the Laguna channels. Astounding as it may seem, nearly 20 yards of trash was hauled out! Sebastopol can be proud to have these dedicated citizens, helpers, and caring individuals. They treasure our beautiful Laguna enough to spend their Saturday morning doing an extremely challenging job. Thank you volunteers! I especially want to thank Bob Evans of the Laguna Foundation and Gordon Pitter, Sebastopol Police Chief, and all the officers in the Police Department. The Department of Public Works should also be mentioned as they are often the first on the scene to clean up the Laguna, when the job is too big for the rest of us.

Most of the trash was left by campers. Camping is not allowed in the Laguna Park (There are many other places to camp in the county). If you see evidence of camping in the Laguna, please contact the Sebastopol Police with the date, time and location. They will give the campers notice to vacate and after 72 hours, the campsite will be cleaned up. Repeat offenders are given citations.

Mary Bates Abbott, Laguna Park aide

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