



The Town of Corte Madera's Newsletter for August 17, 2018

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Message from the Town Manager

Dear Corte Madera Residents:

We are all aware that our community is susceptible to wildfires and of course, other disasters like earthquakes. This awareness has enabled us to prepare for the worst possible situations. In the event of a major disaster, professional emergency services may be overwhelmed and unavailable for long periods of time. The widespread needs of our Town will depend upon voluntary assistance.



Knowing this, our community began the Neighborhood Response Program which established citizen-led Neighborhood Response Groups (NRGs) in neighborhoods throughout Corte Madera and Larkspur. The NRG Program of Central Marin now serves some 4500 families in our two towns through the dedication of hundreds of volunteers. You do not have to be trained to be a part of this neighbor-helping- neighbor program; you only need to be willing to help. If you would like to learn more, please go to www.NRGMarin.org [<http://www.nrgmarin.org/>], or contact the NRG Coordinator, Laurie Rice, at coordinator@NRGmarin.org [<mailto:coordinator@NRGmarin.org>].

Lastly, I want to remind you all about the Central Marin Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) which is part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National CERT Program. Central Marin CERT is an organization of trained volunteers who are mobilized by the Central Marin Fire Department if needed to supplement professional first responders in a major disaster. If you or someone you know wants to be a CERT member, you can learn about CERT's 18-hour, two day training provided by ReadyMarin [by clicking here](https://readymarin.org/cert/) [<https://readymarin.org/cert/>].

Remember that preparation is important for ourselves, our families and our community. Please continue your efforts in making Corte Madera ready for any disaster.

Sincerely,

Todd Cusimano
Town Manager



TOMORROW: Chili Cook-Off and Music in the Park

Come one, come all to a fun day of food and music sponsored by the Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce, The Town of Corte Madera and City of Larkspur.

Submit your favorite Chili recipe for the Cook-Off or come by to taste, then enjoy music by the Billy Martini Show.

Chili cook-off and music begin at 12 noon. Bring your family and friends and join in this fun community event at CM Town Park. Go to: www.cmparksandrec.org [<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/199/Parks-Recreation>] for more information.

*Due to limited personnel the baseball game has been cancelled.



Upcoming Community Workshops on the Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance

Sanitary District No. 2 will be conducting a series of community workshops on the Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance No. 45 which went into effect on August 4, 2018.

Once we have the days, times and locations, we will share the announcement via our website, newsletter and Nextdoor.

Stay tuned.



NEW Contact Information for our Town Council, Boards, Commissions and Committees

The Town recently began providing Town email addresses to the Town's Councilmembers, as well as the members of the Town's Commissions, Boards and Committees. You can view a roster of Council, Commission, Board and Committee members [here](#)

[<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3812/Council-Board-And-Commission-Town-Email-List>]. Please update your contact list to include the new addresses if you regularly communicate with any of the members.

In addition, please note that the Town maintains an archive of all meetings that are video-recorded (currently: Town Council, Planning Commission, Flood Control Board and Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Parks and Recreation will be available in the near future.) The archive can be viewed [here](#) [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXRfU7kV_4mHVgpEWCRIXw]. You can also visit the [Watch Live Video](#) link [<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/623/Watch-Live-Video>] to view any of these meetings live. All recorded meetings will be available on the archive pages approximately three days after the meeting.



Free ACT Writing Workshop

The Corte Madera Library is providing a free workshop to help students practice for and strengthen their ACT essays.

This workshop will give students strategies to succeed on the recently revised essay format for the ACT. Experienced tutor and test-prep coach, Maggy Hughes, a former attorney and English teacher, will show students the best methods for assessing the prompt, drafting an outline, writing and proof-reading an outstanding essay within the time allowed. Maggy will give students ideas to help them practice efficiently and use skills learned in their English classes to strengthen their ACT essays.

The workshop will be held on Sunday, August 19th from 12-1PM at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive.



The Corte Madera Community Foundation's Summer Sundays

The Concerts at Piccolo Pavilion starting at 5PM

FREE concerts remaining in series:

August 19: Tim Hockenberry Trio (Pop/Rock): [Click here to learn about them \[https://www.timhockenberry.com/\]](https://www.timhockenberry.com/)

August 26: Danny Click and the Heck Yeahs (Americana/Folk) [Click here to learn about them \[http://dannyclick.com/\]](http://dannyclick.com/)



Notice of Public Hearing

PROJECT NAME: Temporary Prohibition of Medical and Nonmedical Cannabis Businesses

PROJECT ADDRESS: Town-Wide

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, August 21, 2018

TIME AND PLACE: 6:30PM, Corte Madera Town Hall, 300 Tamalpais Drive

SUBJECT: Consideration of the extension of interim urgency Ordinance Nos. 971 and 972, Temporarily Prohibiting All Medical and Nonmedical Cannabis-Related

Businesses From Locating And Operating in the Town of Corte Madera For an Additional One (1) Year, Until September 18, 2019.

PROJECT CONTACT: Adam Wolff, Director, Planning and Building Department, awolff@tcmmail.org; 415-927-5064

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corte Madera Town Council will hold a Public Hearing to consider extending Interim Urgency Ordinance Nos. 971 and 972, adopted by the Town Council at its September 19, 2017 and October 17, 2017 meetings, respectively, for another one (1) year, until September 18, 2019. The interim urgency ordinance temporarily prohibits all cannabis-related businesses from location and operating in the Town of Corte Madera pending the analysis and consideration of new zoning amendments and other regulations appropriate for this new industry. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858(d), a report on the measures taken to alleviate the conditions that led to the adoption of Ordinance No. 971 may be accessed at the following link: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/Archive.aspx?AMID=42>

The Planning Department has determined that the extension of this ordinance is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under: (a) Section 15308 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it is a regulatory action taken by the Town in accordance with Cal. Gov't Code §65858 to assure maintenance and protection of the environment; (b) Section 15060(c)(2) because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; and (c) Section 15061 because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of the ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment since the ordinance prohibits physical changes for a specified period of time.

- All interested persons are welcome to attend and to comment, in person or in writing, at the public hearing. You may also submit written comments prior to the public hearing by contacting the project contact (listed above).
- Town Council meetings are also streamed live and may be viewed at: www.townofcortemadera.org/623/Watch-Live-Video.
- Staff reports are usually available by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting and may be obtained from the project contact (listed above)
- If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this NOTICE, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Corte Madera at, or prior to, the public hearing. All written responses will become part of the public record (Government Code Section 65009(b)).

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Division at 415-927-5064. Notification two business days (the Friday before the meeting) prior to the meeting will enable the Town to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.



SMART FEST: August 18, 2018



The Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) invites you to celebrate an incredible first year of service. They are celebrating with a free community festival and free train service!

The SMART FEST will feature Free admission to SMART Fest, Free SMART train service on August 18 and 19, Free live music, Free activities for kids, Free SMART giveaways, Free parking at SMART lots at their Sonoma County Airport, Rohnert Park, Petaluma and San Marin Stations.

The celebration will take place on Saturday, August 18th from 10AM to 3PM at SMART Novato Hamilton Station at 10 Main gate Road.

To view the SMART Fest Poster, [please click here](https://sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Images/SMARTfest-Website%20Poster2.jpg) [<https://sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Images/SMARTfest-Website%20Poster2.jpg>].

To view the free train service schedule, [please click here](https://sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Images/SMARTfest-Postcard-Sked.jpg) [<https://sonomamarintrain.org/sites/default/files/Images/SMARTfest-Postcard-Sked.jpg>].

Holding the President Accountable Town Hall



Congressman Jared Huffman invites you to join him and expert panelists on Tuesday, August 28th at the College of Marin for a second Holding the President Accountable Town Hall. The discussion will focus on ways that Congress and the courts can hold the White House accountable, make sure that the government works for the people, and clean up corruption and self-enrichment in the administration.

Panelists will include:

- Audrey Cooper, Editor-in-Chief, San Francisco Chronicle
- Caroline Fredrickson, President, American Constitution Society for Law & Policy

When: Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Where: College of Marin James Dunn Theater, located at the corner of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Laurel Avenue, Kentfield, CA 94904. [Please click here for a map](http://campuses.marin.edu/sites/campuses/files/KTD_parking_map.pdf) [http://campuses.marin.edu/sites/campuses/files/KTD_parking_map.pdf] of the campus. "PA" marks the location of the theater.

This event is free and open to the public. [Please click here to register](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rep-huffman-town-hall-holding-the-president-accountable-round-two-tickets-48855395804). [<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rep-huffman-town-hall-holding-the-president-accountable-round-two-tickets-48855395804>] Seating is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis up to capacity.

If you have questions or need language or ASL interpretation, please contact his San Rafael office at (415) 258-9657 no later than August 22nd.

Per campus rules, no backpacks or large bags are allowed in the auditorium. Carpools are

encouraged!

GETTING TO PARIS Without Stopping in Washington

This is a Global Climate Action Summit Affiliate Event. Time to Lead of Action in association with DRAWDOWN MARIN.

How citizens and communities can take charge of solving climate change

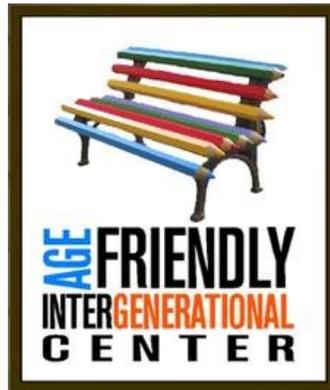


Speakers: Christiana Figueras (architect of the Paris Climate Agreement), Matt Rodriguez (CA EPA Secretary), Professor Daniel Kammen, Congressman Jared Huffman and other climate leaders

Location: College of Marin Diamond Center Gymnasium: 700 College Ave, Kentfield

When: Saturday, September 15th beginning at 5:30PM for the Marin Climate Action Showcase" (sampling local drinks, tastes and activism) and 7:00PM for the speakers.

\$20 Advance purchase. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. For more information, [please click here \[https://leadonclimate.org/\]](https://leadonclimate.org/). To purchase tickets, [please click here \[https://leadonclimate.org/product/getting-to-paris-without-stopping-in-washington/\]](https://leadonclimate.org/product/getting-to-paris-without-stopping-in-washington/).



Age-Friendly Intergenerational Center

For information on the August schedule, please click on the following link: <https://agefriendlycenter.org/> or call 415-991-4040



Work Week of Monday, August 20, 2018 - Friday, August 24, 2018

- [Tuesday, August 21st: Town Council Regular Meeting](#)



Stay Informed

Remember that you can subscribe to receive notifications on everything happening in Town. Whether it's meeting agendas or community events, we want you to stay informed. Please visit the [Notify Me \[https://www.townofcortemadera.org/list.aspx\]](https://www.townofcortemadera.org/list.aspx) page and select the topics that interest you!

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