



## The Town of Cortez Madera's Newsletter for September 14, 2018

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### **A Message from Pacific Gas & Electric Company: Wildfire Safety Vegetation Work in Corte Madera**



This year's historic wildfire season is on track to exceed the unprecedented 2017 wildfire season, and the threat is likely to get worse.

In response to the increasing wildfire threat in California, PG&E is taking immediate action to create even greater clearances between power lines and trees in extreme fire-threat areas across their service area.

This work is an acceleration of the enhanced vegetation management efforts PG&E had already begun. The destructive nature of the wildfire risk California and PG&E customers face this year demands additional safety steps to further mitigate wildfire threats and keep customers safe.

New state vegetation and fire safety standards require a minimum clearance of 4 feet around power lines in high fire-threat areas with clearances of 12 feet or more at the time of trim to ensure compliance year-round.

This wildfire vegetation management work addresses overhanging branches or limbs, which have the potential to come into contact with power lines. **Inspections for this work will be starting soon.** PG&E will be reaching out to customers in advance of the work through automated phone calls, letters, emails, door knocks and [doorhangers](#).

If you have any questions on the work PG&E will be conducting, please call their dedicated phone line at 1-877-295-4949 or email them at [wildfiresafety@pge.com](mailto:wildfiresafety@pge.com). They will respond within one business day. More information on their comprehensive Community Wildfire Safety Program is also available at [www.pge.com/wildfiresafety](http://www.pge.com/wildfiresafety).



### \*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\* Public Workshop on a Proposed Cannabis Ordinance for the Town of Corte Madera

If you missed the first workshop scheduled to discuss a Proposed Cannabis Ordinance for the Town, join us tomorrow morning for our second public workshop. This workshop will be held on:

- **Saturday, September 15th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Like the first workshop, this one will also take place at Corte Madera Town Hall located at 300 Tamalpais Drive in Corte Madera.

**THIS WORKSHOP WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED.** If you are unable to attend, you can watch everything from home by simply clicking on this link: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/623/Watch-Live-Video>

Just like the first workshop, this workshop will provide information for anyone interested in finding out more about regulations regarding medicinal and recreational cannabis.

We will also seek your input and comments regarding appropriate medicinal and recreational cannabis policy for Corte Madera. For example:

- Should residents be allowed to grow cannabis plants outdoors?
- Should we allow businesses that sell cannabis products to locate in Corte Madera?
- Should we allow businesses that process or test cannabis products to locate in Corte Madera?
- Should we allow businesses to deliver cannabis products in Corte Madera and/or locate in Corte Madera?

We hope you can join us for this workshop. If you have any questions please call the Town of Corte Madera Planning Department at 415-927-5067 or email Senior Planner Phil Boyle at [pboyle@tcmmail.org](mailto:pboyle@tcmmail.org)

To view the flyer, [please click here](#).

### The Third Wednesday Speaker Series: WHY DOES EVERYONE MUMBLE???

Age-Friendly Corte Madera, Twin Cities Village, Corte Madera Parks and Recreation and Age-Friendly Solutions, Sponsors of The Third Wednesday Speakers Series present...

**Why Does Everyone Mumble???**



Having trouble understanding your grandchildren? Do you have difficulty following conversations in restaurants? Join us to learn how your hearing changes as you age and about some simple strategies that can improve the quality of your life. In addition, you will learn how to seek hearing help from a skilled clinician who will listen to your needs and explain the complex trade-offs involved in selecting and fine-tuning the best hearing aids for you.

The presenter is Lee Weissman, Doctor of Audiology in Novato. This presentation will be held on Wednesday, September 19th from 1PM to 2:30PM at the Central Marin Police Authority Community Room, 250 Doherty Drive in Larkspur.



## California Coastal Cleanup Day

The Corte Madera Community Foundation (CMCF) and Practical Martial Arts of Corte Madera are again sponsoring this year's cleanup. This event is supported locally by Mill Valley Refuse as well as our Public Works Department. The CMCF and Practical Martial Arts of Corte Madera have been working together to clean up our wetlands and waterways for the past twelve years for this California event which is always held on the second Saturday of September.

The cleanup day in Corte Madera will be held on Saturday, September 15 from 9AM to 12PM. Anyone interested in participating should park in the Macy's Parking Lot near the light at San Clemente and join Bob Bundy and other volunteers at the intersection of San Clemente and Redwood.

Wear work clothes, boots and bring gloves and water. Small groups will be sent out to the wetlands and waterways in Corte Madera. All volunteers are invited to the Bay Model for a noon barbeque sponsored by the Sausalito Lions Club and the Army Corp of Engineers.

For questions or more information, please contact Bob Bundy via email at [bundyworld@comcast.net](mailto:bundyworld@comcast.net)



## Town of Corte Madera Cannabis Regulations Survey

The Town of Corte Madera is beginning the process of developing a Cannabis Ordinance to form local regulations regarding cannabis businesses and personal cultivation in the Town. The process to develop the ordinance begins with a community survey, available starting now at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YZ2F8S6>

The Town appreciates your time in taking this survey and providing us with valuable feedback to help inform the Town's cannabis policies. The survey should only take about 7 minutes, and any identifying information shared will be kept confidential.

The Town is also hosting two public workshops at Town Hall on Wednesday, September 12 at 6pm and Saturday, September 15 at 10am. General information about cannabis regulations at the state level, helpful resources, and information about the workshops can be accessed at the Town's [Cannabis Ordinance webpage](#).



## Mill Valley Refuse Service's Dual-Stream Recycling Pilot Program

Did you know MVRS currently has a pilot program underway with the goal of determining whether they are able to collect cleaner recycling streams while reducing processing costs for their customers?

Select customers of MVRS will be participating in their Dual-Stream Recycling Program which begins September 3, 2018 and ends on December 29, 2018. The participating households should have received an announcement from MVRS informing them of their participation. [Here is a map](#) that MVRS has shared showing the residential areas that are participating.

Curious to learn how the Dual-Stream Pilot Program Works? Here is how MVRS explains it: "We are used to a single-stream method of collection for recycling in which all recyclables are mixed in one cart for collection on the same day. Dual-stream recycling is the method in which mixed paper is put into one can, and all other mixed recyclables are put into another can. The dual-stream collection method works well for other haulers and is one way we can lessen contamination levels in our recycling stream."

For your information, we are including a link to the [MVRS website](#), which explains in detail, [the Dual-Stream Recycling Pilot Program](#). Below you will also see information from their [Dual-Stream Recycling Pilot Flyer](#).

If you have questions or feedback about the Dual-Stream Pilot Program, please contact their customer service department. Office hours are from Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Phone: 415-457-9760

Email: [customer@millvalleyrefuse.com](mailto:customer@millvalleyrefuse.com)



## Are you ready to learn about our local Neighborhood Response Groups?

Did you know: "In major disasters, between 70% to 95% of victims are rescued by neighbors, not professional responders. Some of your neighbors will need assistance that can be easily provided by you and others that live in your community." - Los Angeles Emergency Services

???Are you ready for a wildfire or an earthquake? Is your community???

Central Marin Neighborhood Response Groups' goal is to help neighborhoods in Corte Madera, Larkspur and Greenbrae prepare to take care of their families and neighbors for a period of time after a major disaster and prepare to evacuate in the face of a wildfire without significant help from first responders and safety officials. 30 NRGs have been formed with 4500 residences covered. Many NRG volunteers are Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and First Aid for Disaster Response (FADR) trained. Contact them today to learn more about how they can assist you and your community prepare: Visit [www.nrgmarin.org](http://www.nrgmarin.org) or email Laurie Rice at [coordinator@nrgmarin.org](mailto:coordinator@nrgmarin.org). You may also download their recruitment flyer [by clicking here](#).

*"Preparedness is everyone's job. Not just government agencies but all sectors of society -- service providers, businesses, civic and volunteer groups, industry associations and neighborhood associations, as well as every individual citizen -- should plan ahead for disaster. During the first few hours or days following a disaster, essential services may not be available. People must be ready to act on their own."* - California Office of Emergency Services

Three BMR Lottery Drawings!  
October 11, 2018  
Newly-Built 3-BR Townhomes w/ Enclave  
1425 Casa Buena Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925



## Marin Housing Authority Below Market Rate Lottery Drawing for 3 Corte Madera Town Homes - Deadline to Apply is Weds, Oct 10 at 6pm

Marin Housing will conduct 3 Below Market Rate (BMR) Lottery Drawings for three 3 BR/2 Bath 1,200sf Town Homes in Corte Madera. These town homes are located in the new Enclave development at 1425 Casa Buena Drive. There will be three separate lottery drawings and they will be selling for \$115,900 (very low income), \$264,800 (low income) and \$439,400 (moderate income). To view the flyer and the gross income limits at each level, [please click here](#).

The lottery drawings will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018. The deadline for applications to be received by Marin Housing is 6 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, October 10, 2018.

You can review the [BMR Brochure](#) to learn how to join the Marin Housing BMR first-time homebuyer program, which also requires that the applicant complete a 6-hour first-time homebuyer course. The county has provided a list of homebuyer education courses and there will also be a [pre-purchase certification workshop on Monday, October 8th](#).

The [BMR Brochure](#), [Application](#), [workshop flyer](#) and information for [acquiring the required Homebuyer Ed Certificate](#) and all information can be found on the BMR page of the Marin Housing Authority website at <https://www.marinhousing.org/below-market-rate-homeownership-program.html>

Please contact the Marin Housing Authority at 415-491-2550 with any questions



## Coyotes in Marin

The Novato Library invites you to attend a presentation about the ecology and biology of coyotes in Marin County. Rob Ruiz, the Project Coyote volunteer and retired Marin County Chief Park Ranger, will discuss coyote ecology/biology, and ways to mitigate negative encounters with coyotes in Marin and to foster co-existence.



This presentation will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 7 to 8PM at the Novato Library, 1720 Novato Boulevard. Coyotes in Marin is sponsored by the Friends of the Novato Libraries.

For more information, please call 415-473-2050 or [click here](#).

## The Big Bounce America

The Big Bounce America, is an action packed family-friendly day out featuring THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BOUNCE HOUSE!



After a sell out tour in 2017 they're now coming to **Marinship Park, 2201 Marinship Way, Sausalito CA on Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September.** [Tickets are now on sale.](#)

This magical, candy-colored inflatable castle is 10,000 square feet of fun, games and laughter that can be enjoyed by all ages.

This experience will sell out so make sure you claim your ticket before they are gone!

## Campfire Program

Marin County Parks invites you to join rangers for an evening of fun with local lore, legends, and campfire tales! Enjoy making s'mores and sipping hot chocolate 'round the campfire as the sun sets.

This event is ideal for all ages. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring a flashlight. They'll provide hot chocolate and s'more fixings. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park.



This family event will be held on Friday, September 21st from 7PM to 9PM at McNears Beach Park, 201 Cantera Way in San Rafael. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. If you have questions, please contact Ranger [Michael Campos](#). Park entrance is waived for participants.



## Intergenerational Center

The Intergenerational Center is a gathering place for seniors, children and young adults, featuring programs in

SEPTEMBER 2018 AGE-FRIENDLY CORTE MADERA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER

Monday September 1	Tuesday September 2	Wednesday September 3	Thursday September 4
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art, games, yoga, literature, technology and more. IGC offers events and activities for all ages -- preschool to 100+.

For information or to view the [September program schedule](#), please visit the Intergenerational Center website: <https://agefriendlycenter.org> or call 415-991-4040



**Work Week of Monday, September 17th to Friday, September 21st**

- [Tuesday, September 18th: Town Council Regular Meeting](#)  
- Begins at 6:30PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.



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