



The Town of Corte Madera's Newsletter for September 21, 2018

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Cannabis Workshop Video Links and Community Survey



The Town of Corte Madera has begun the process of developing a Cannabis Ordinance to form local regulations regarding cannabis businesses and personal cultivation in the Town. Recently, two Cannabis Workshops were held at the Town Hall Council Chambers. Both workshops were video recorded and can be watched by clicking on the links below.

- To view the video for the September 12th meeting, [please click here](#).
- To view the video for the September 15th meeting, [please click here](#).

Additionally, we would like to remind you that **the [community survey](#) is still available for you to participate in**. 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.

Additionally, you can visit our [Cannabis Ordinance webpage](#) to access helpful resources and additional information about state regulations. If you have any questions regarding the Cannabis Ordinance efforts currently being made by the Town, please contact the Planning Department at 415-927-5064.



Notice of Town Hall Closures

We would like to inform you that all departments at Town Hall will be closed for mandatory employee trainings on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, September 26th, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 3rd, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Administration Department at (415)927-5050. We apologize for the inconvenience.



5th Annual Spark Fun Run - It takes a Village!

The 5th annual SPARK Fun will be held on Sunday, September 23rd. The run takes runners around the beautiful marsh area across from The Village at Corte Madera. Starting and finishing at The Village's Center Court (by the Microsoft Store), participants and spectators can enjoy food, drinks, live DJ, Microsoft gaming station,

raffles, photo booths, tables with free swag and more.

Event Schedule:

- 9:30am: Registration opens
- 10am: Warm up festivities at Village at Corte Madera, Center Court
- 10:15am: 1 mile start time
- 10:30am: 5K start time

Cost: \$25 per race entry and \$10 for preschoolers. Kids under two are free.

Costumes are Welcome! Please leave scooters and dogs at home. The Village is located at 1618 Redwood Highway in Corte Madera. To register, [please click here](#).

Enter their raffle to win amazing prizes including:

- \$100 VISA Gift Cards from The Village.
- Aveda - Private pamper event for guest and 4 friends, \$200 value.
- B8ta - 10% OFF to event participants for that day, \$50 Gift Card.
- Boca Pizzeria – buy one entrée pizza, get the second one free (good only for the day of the event).
- Julianna's Fine Jewelry - Ear Piercing Kit! FREE ear piercing including the piercing studs and a pair of genuine 14k earrings (baby elephants) (\$100 value)
- \$50.00 gift card for Talbots.

- Vineyard Vines - \$300 shopping party including in-store discount for all invited to the party.
- Madison Reed - FREE hair gloss with all roots services on the day of event, gift bag with samples and FREE service offering.
- Michael Stars - \$150 gift card, plus a Private Party for up to 10 friends/guests. Winner also receives a FREE outfit up to \$250 retail value. Guests receive 20% OFF merchandise during the private event.
- J. Crew - gift basket with store coupon
- Origins gift basket
- Papyrus, 2 gift baskets – value \$100 each, filled with boxed cards, wine glass, candles, journals, prints
- Saje Natural Wellness - diffuser and blend set, value \$150
- Solstice Sunglasses - Enter to win a Pair of Maui Jim frames
- Williams Sonoma Gift Basket
- L'Occitane Gift Basket
- Pottery Barn Gift Basket
- and much more...

Other Retail Partners:

- Aesop - goodie bags with Aesop products
- Boudin Bakery - kids receive a sourdough fish in-store

The SPARK Run is sponsored by Microsoft and The Village at Corte Madera. All proceeds benefit [SPARK](#) a non-profit dedicated to supporting educational excellence for the students of the Larkspur Corte Madera School District.



Deep Writing with Susanne West

The Corte Madera Library invites you to a workshop with Susanne West, author of Soul Care for Caregivers: How to Help Yourself While Helping Others and the forthcoming poetry collection, Subterranean Light.

Participants will work with a variety of writing prompts and processes to help free their imagination, write from deep and authentic places, and write in flow.

The workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th from 6PM to 8:30PM at 707 Meadowsweet Drive, Corte Madera. No prior writing experience is necessary. Space is limited.

Call 415-924-3515 or drop by to reserve your space.

Three BMR Lottery Drawings!
 October 11, 2018
 Newly-Built 3-BR Townhomes at Enclave
 1425 Casa Buena Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94025



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



Public Discussion on Climate Change in Marin

California Assemblymember Marc Levine invites you for a conversation about climate change and its impacts, including sea level rise, flooding and wildfires. Climate change will put many North Bay homes, roads and communities at risk in the coming decades so it is important to adapt now to save lives and money later. This community gathering will include a discussion of scientific research happening right here in Marin about how best to adapt, and an update on government efforts to reduce risks.



The public discussion will take place on Saturday, September 29th from 10AM to 12PM at the Drakes Landing Community Room, 300 Drakes Landing Road, Greenbrae.

For more information or to RSVP, [please click here](#). You may also call his San Rafael District Office at 415-479-4920.

Owl Wars

Parks For All Forever, the nonprofit partner of the Golden Gate National Parks, invites you for a hike at Muir Woods where you will look and listen for owls. Muir Woods marks the southern front in a battle for survival between two competing owl species.



This is a strenuous 5-mile-dusk hike. You will learn more about their history and ecology, and receive the latest research updates on their most famous resident, the northern spotted owl. Find out how the barred owl emerged as a potent new threat in their own back yard.

The event takes place on Saturday, September 22nd from 5:30 - 8:30PM at Muir Woods National Monument, 1 Muir Woods Rd, Mill Valley, CA 94941. You will meet Docent Steffen at the Visitor Center.

They ask for no dogs. You should bring a flashlight, water, snack and dress in layers. You must be able to walk briskly up a steep hill. There is a \$3 optional material fee.

Reservations are required. Please call (415) 388-2596. For more information, [please click here](#).

Evolving Shorelines: Kayak Mill Valley's Shoreline

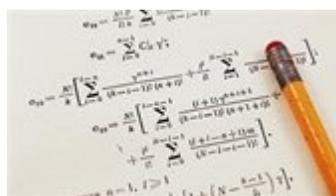


Celebrate the newly re-opened boat launch and trailhead at Bayfront Park and learn all about the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail. Take a guided kayak tour to Coyote Creek and back to learn from ecologist Peter Baye about the evolution and ecology of marshes in Richardson Bay. The tour route will cover approximately 2 miles over calm water in the course of an hour and fifteen minutes.

This event is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd from 10AM to 11:30AM at the Bayfront Park Boat Launch, 498 Sycamore Avenue in Mill Valley. The event is open to the public with registration options to bring your own kayak, or rent a single or double kayak for a discounted price. **Registration is required and space is very limited.** Children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. To register, [please click here](#) or email info@onetam.org

Evolving Shorelines is a series of One Tam events hosted by the Marin County Parks, the Parks Conservancy and other partners which is exploring sea level rise adaptation at the Bothin Marsh Open Space Preserve. Join them in learning more about the natural history of the marsh, its evolution, and what may happen with climate change and sea level rise. Become part of a greater conversation on how to preserve and protect people, place, and the natural landscape. Visit onetam.org/bothinmarsh to register for events and learn more. This event is offered in partnership between One Tam and Mill Valley Recreation (link to <http://www.millvalleyrecreation.org/>) to bring new opportunities to learn about, and care for, the amazing local natural resources of the Mt. Tamalpais region.

ACT Math Workshop: Tips and Tricks



Is your child taking the ACT exam in order to apply for college this year? The Novato Library is hosting a workshop for individuals interested in learning some tips and tricks for the math portion of the ACT exam.

Discover techniques to improve performance and reduce stress. Maximize your math score by learning strategies to prioritize problems and quickly solve them.

This workshop is scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 7-8PM at the Novato Library, 1720 Novato Boulevard in Novato. The workshop is presented by Dale Steinmann and is intended for high school students. Parents are welcome to attend. For more information, call the Novato Library at 415-473-2050.

Stafford Lake 5K Trail Run

Marin County Parks invites you to their inaugural trail running event. This event will feature 5K (3.1 miles) of beautiful trails at Stafford Lake Park! Whether you choose to hike the course, or race for a podium finish, you will

enjoy lakeside views, a variety of trails of terrain, and a community that celebrates participation and a love for running in Marin County's spectacular parks and open space preserves. A \$10 parking fee will apply to participants, but race registration is free.

This event will be held on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at Stafford Lake Park, 3549 Novato Boulevard, Novato. Race-day registration begins at 8:30AM. Pre-race meeting at 9AM. The race begins at 9:15AM.



Contact Marin County Parks' Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at KSchroeder@marincounty.org or 415-763-2977 if you have questions about this event or if you are interested in volunteering. Volunteers are needed to assist as Course Marshals. Please join them in supporting runners. The parking fee will be waived for volunteers. To view the details and register, [please click here](#).

Fall Family Farm Festival

Terrapin Crossroads invites you and your family to their Fall Family Farm Festival taking place on Saturday, September 22nd from 1PM to 5PM at Beach Park, 100 Yacht Club Drive in San Rafael.

This is a free event with live entertainment by local musicians. There will be a petting zoo, games, craft stations and a sing along. There will also be a full bar and park menu.



For more information, [please click here](#).



Town Manager Todd Cusimano: He mentioned an announcement from PG&E discussing the wildfire safety vegetation work being conducted in Corte Madera was published in the newsletter. PG&E's announcement states that 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. PG&E will be contacting customers in Corte Madera, assess work and begin the work shortly thereafter. Additionally, in the next month, a presentation will be made between the Fire Marshall and PG&E to discuss the efforts being made in regards to fire prevention. Cusimano stated that temperature meters are being placed in high fire risk areas in order to track heat that could be potentially dangerous and be able to notify public safety in Town and in the County. Cusimano reported that the Planning Department put together two public workshops to discuss a cannabis ordinance. He also mentioned there is currently a survey regarding cannabis available for members of the

community to participate in. Cusimano reported on the coastal cleanup that was organized by Dr. Bundy and supported by the Community Foundation and the Public Works Department. He stated that Dr. Bundy felt this was one of the best years to have a cleanup in the marshes due to the low number of encampments from homeless individuals and the support from the community in helping these individuals find resources to help themselves. Cusimano also mentioned that the Town Park shade structure seems to be in good condition and might almost be complete. He thanked the Public Works Department for all of their work on this and he stated that Skunk Hollow Park will be another project that will be addressed since the Town has already identified some improvements. Cusimano ended the report by stating that although dates have not been set for the sewer lateral ordinance workshops, this is something that staff is working on and will be scheduling soon and finally he stated that the mayor, Town staff and representatives from Congressman Huffman's office will be meeting with the post office staff to discuss the noise and parking issues currently happening in the vicinity of the post office.

Councilmember Beckman: He attended the Age-Friendly Corte Madera Nonagenarians and Centenarians Celebration and he stated it was a fantastic event. There were 22 individuals who were honored.

Councilmember Kunhardt: The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) had no meetings these past months but he will be attending the upcoming meeting. He mentioned he brought in an informational flyer on TAM's Measure A for anyone interested in reading about it. Kunhardt thanked Town Clerk Rebecca Vaughn for putting the "Time to Lead on Climate Change" event information in the Town's newsletter. He mentioned that over 700 people attended the event. He also went to the collateral events of the Governor's Climate Summit and as an individual, he personally signed on to support the "Diesel Free by 33" Statement of Purpose. Lastly, Kunhardt mentioned that there will be a Climate Summit meeting in Novato and he will be attending.

Councilmember Bailey: On August 21, he went to a wind farm and a solar farm with Marin Clean Energy. On August 27, he attended the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers Legislative Committee meeting where they discussed measures that will be on the upcoming ballot. On September 6th, he attended the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority meeting where they discussed the November ballot measure. On September 12th he attended the Marin Area Local Agency Formation Commission retreat where they discussed approval for local public entities when they want to join together with other public entities. Bailey reminded everyone who is interested in more details from the meetings he attended to contact him and he would be more than happy to share what he has.

Mayor Ravasio: He mentioned that he and Councilmember Bailey switched roles for the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority. Bailey will be the main representative and Ravasio will be the alternate. Ravasio also mentioned that he attended the second workshop for the proposed cannabis ordinance.



Intergenerational Center

The Intergenerational Center is a gathering place for seniors, children and young adults, featuring programs in art, games, yoga, literature, technology and more. IGC offers events and activities for all ages -- preschool to 100+.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Check for Day Cultural Day Meeting</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</p> <p>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>September 18</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</p> <p>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>September 19</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</p> <p>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</p>	<p>September 20</p> <p>10:00 AM - 12:00 PM</p> <p>12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</p> <p>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</p>
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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 24th to Friday, September 28th

- [Monday, September 24th: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:30PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.
- [Tuesday, September 25th: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - Begins at 7:00PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.



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