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### **Public Works in the News**

Earlier this week, the Engineering staff and Maintenance team were notified of a water main break and sewer clog around 4:00-5:00PM. The Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) pipe had a leak that lifted the road and caused blockage on the Town's sewer main. Our maintenance crew was quickly on the scene and worked diligently to identify the blockage location and monitored the sewer levels to prevent a Sanitary Sewer Overflow.

Our Maintenance team remained on scene until 4AM the next day and continued to work with MMWD and PG&E until the issue was resolved.

This situation is a great example of the hard work our Maintenance team takes on. This is a group of very responsive individuals who have the ability to act quickly on any type of situation. The Town of Corte Madera is very proud to have such an amazing team serving

our community. If you ever see our team in Town, feel free to say hello or send a friendly wave in their direction. They always appreciate the thank-you's and warm smiles from our residents.



## Measure N Information for all Residents

Several firefighters have received questions about Measure N and its efforts. In order to provide detail for all of our readers, we thought we'd share a little bit of information regarding the measure and have the information available for your use. Below is the Town Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure N, a link to the County of Marin Elections Department website where you can view any argument filed relating to the measure and the full text for this measure. We have also included a link to the informational flyer on Measure N and the elections page on our website.

### Town Attorney's Impartial Analysis of Measure N

If adopted by the voters, Measure N would extend Corte Madera's parcel tax from its current June 30, 2019 expiration date until June 30, 2023. The revenue from this special tax – estimated at \$500,000 annually – would continue to be placed in a special fund and used only to fund paramedic and emergency medical services. No other uses of this revenue would be legally permitted.

This is not the first time this parcel tax has been submitted to and approved by the Town's voters. A special parcel tax to fund paramedic and emergency medical services was first approved by the Town's voters on June 7, 1983, and was last approved by the Town's voters in November 2014.

Measure N would not change the tax rate for the parcel tax. For residences, the annual tax would continue to be \$75 per residential unit. For nonresidential uses, the annual tax would continue to be \$75 per 1,000 square feet of floor area.

Measure N would also increase the Town's appropriation limit by the amount of tax revenue received which, under the state Constitution, would allow the Town to spend this revenue for paramedic and emergency medical services.

The Measure was placed on the ballot by the Town Council. Two-thirds of all the voters who vote on the measure must vote in favor of the measure for it be approved. The parcel tax rate cannot be increased, or the duration of the tax extended, unless approved by a two-thirds vote of the voters.

A "yes" vote on Measure N is a vote to extend for four years Corte Madera's existing parcel tax at its current rate, with the revenue from the tax to be used only to fund paramedic and emergency medical services.

A "no" vote on Measure N is a vote not to continue the parcel tax past June 30, 2019.

The above statement is an impartial analysis of Measure N. If you desire a copy of the measure, please call the Town Clerk's office at (415) 927-5085 and a copy will be mailed at no cost to you.

s/TERESA L. STRICKER

To visit the County of Marin Elections Department website, please click on the following link: <https://www.marincounty.org/depts/rv/election-info/election-schedule/page-data/tabs-collection/2018/nov-6/measure/measuren>

To view the informational flyer on Measure N, [please click here](#). To visit the elections page on our website, [please click here](#).



## Reminder: Town of Corte Madera Cannabis Regulations Survey

The Town of Corte Madera is developing a Cannabis Ordinance to form local regulations regarding cannabis businesses and personal cultivation in the Town. We would like to remind you to participate in a survey to help inform the Town's cannabis policies. If you've already taken the survey, thank you for your participation. The survey will remain open through Sunday, November 4, 2018 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.

General information about cannabis regulations, helpful resources, staff reports and meeting video can be accessed at the Town's Cannabis Ordinance webpage at <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/799/Cannabis-Ordinance>



## Notice for CHRISTMAS TREE HILL residents

ATTENTION Christmas Tree Hill residents:

On Sunday, November 4th at 10AM, the Christmas Tree Hill Neighborhood Response Group (CTHNRG) will be conducting an evacuation warning drill.

CTHNRG asks that you please participate by using your closest evacuation route to walk or drive to Menke Park. (Please note that uphill traffic delays may occur)

Upon arrival, check in at the white gazebo where you will receive important disaster preparedness evacuation information. After that, you can stay for refreshments or head home. For any questions on this evacuation plan, please send an email to:

[cthnrg@gmail.com](mailto:cthnrg@gmail.com) or visit [www.cthnrg.org](http://www.cthnrg.org)

For plans, checklists and instructions, please visit [ReadyForWildfire.org](http://ReadyForWildfire.org)

Please view and share the flyer for the evacuation warning drill which can be found [by clicking here](#).



## Senior Friendly Hikes in Marin

The Corte Madera Library invites you to a presentation by Shannon Burke, Marin County Parks Interpretive Naturalist.

This talk will highlight a few of the best trails for a relaxing stroll with no steep hills to climb, boulders to hop, or creeks to cross. Learn about the flora and fauna at each

location as well as the best season to visit these spots.

This program is free and offered by the Corte Madera Library and the Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Department. It will be held on Monday, November 5th from 10:30AM to 11:30AM at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive. Registration is not required but seating is limited.

For more information, please contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844

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## Family Game Night

The Corte Madera Library invites you celebrate International Games Week at their first Family Game Night! Try a new table game or play a classic family favorite!

International Games Week is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games.

Family Game Night will be held on Wednesday, November 7th from 6:30PM to 8:30PM at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive.

The Corte Madera Library thanks 5 Little Monkeys in Corte Madera for donating many of their games, and to the Friends of the Corte Madera Library for the snacks!

Call 415.924.3515 for more information—no registration required.

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## Tips and Tricks for a Healthy Holiday Season

The Corte Madera Library invites you to a presentation on healthy eating during this holiday season.

It's easy to overindulge with second servings, dessert treats, or both during the holidays. Join Denise Zaragoza, Clinical Dietitian at Marin General Hospital, and learn how

to enjoy the festivities while still achieving your health and wellness goals.

This free event is co-sponsored by Corte Madera Library and Marin General Hospital Center for Integrative Health & Wellness

This presentation will be held on Thursday, November 8th from 7PM to 8PM at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive. Registration is not required, but seating is limited.

For more information, please contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844

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Casa Buena Drive looking East

## Public Hearing November 13, 2018: Budget Inn / Evergreen Redevelopment Project (706 Meadowsweet Drive)

On Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7pm, the Corte Madera Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to review information for consideration of a proposed redevelopment of the Budget Inn site located at 706 Meadowsweet Drive. The proposed project requires a Conditional Use Permit, Major Design Review, and Sign Permit approval for construction of "The Evergreen" motel. The project includes the demolition of all existing buildings, parking areas and landscaping and the construction of three new buildings containing 22 motel guest rooms, a manager's office, a lobby and utility areas. The remainder of the site will have 22 parking spaces, an outdoor terrace, pedestrian walkways, bike racks and landscaping. The motel would include new vehicular access from Meadowsweet Dr. and the access from Casa Buena will be removed. The project also includes two illuminated wall signs each approximately 10'x2', one on the south elevation in front to the office facing Meadowsweet, and the other on the west elevation. The public hearing notice, project plans, staff reports and presentations are available on the Budget Inn/Evergreen project webpage at <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/670/Budget-Inn-Rebuild>



## Applications Now Being Accepted for LAFCo Public Seat Member

The Marin Local Agency Formation Commission is accepting applications for service as the Public Member through **Friday, January 4, 2019**. Interviews of the applicants will be conducted at the Regular Commission meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2019. If the Commission decides to appoint for the short-term seat at this meeting, then the person selected will be sworn in and able to serve at the next meeting of the Commission, scheduled for April 11, 2019. For the regular, four-year term seat, should the Commission make a selection, the member selected would be seated for the full four-year term beginning June 1, 2019 through May 2023.



Applications are now being accepted for the appointment of the Public Member to the Commission. Any person wishing to apply for the position may get an application by going to [www.marinlafco.org](http://www.marinlafco.org), calling 415.448.5877, or sending an email to [staff@marinlafco.org](mailto:staff@marinlafco.org).

To view the qualifications, application and other LAFCo information, [please click here](#). To download the press release with complete details, [please click here](#).

Explore the world of STEM – science, technology, engineering and mathematics – at Mount Tamalpais School's STEM Fest 2018. Children from preschool to 3rd grade are invited to participate in engaging activities in each STEM discipline. Once children have stamped all the pages of their "STEM passport," they are given a STEM toolkit to take home. STEM Fest is a day full of hands-on/minds-on activities for the whole family.



This event is hosted at Mount Tamalpais School and is open to families in the broader Bay Area community. The event will be held on Saturday, November 3rd, from 10AM to 2PM at Mount Tamalpais School, 100 Harvard Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

The event is free. Simply RSVP on their website (scroll to the bottom of the page to see the form): <https://www.mttam.org/stem-fest/>

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### **Infant and Child CPR (for expectant parents, parents, grandparents and caregivers or children up to onset of puberty)**



Learn to recognize an infant or child in distress, rescue measures for choking, CPR techniques, and infant sleep safety. This class includes hands-on practice with mannequins. One-year certification will be provided. Precrawling babies are welcome. [Shanda Manion](#), CPR instructor certified by the American Heart Association in basic life support will be teaching the class.

This event will take place on Sunday, November 4th from 3PM to 5:30PM at Parents Place Marin County, Dr. George Sugarman Swift Building, 600 Fifth Avenue in San Rafael. The class is \$50. To register or get more information, [please click here](#).

Parents Place is the Bay Area's leading family resource center. From everyday issues to challenges requiring specialized assessment, they help parents, caregivers and educators support children at all ages. Their experts offer parenting workshops, parent coaching & consultation, child behavior & school support, clinical & special needs services, parent/child activity groups, and child & family therapy. They are located in San Francisco, San Rafael, Palo Alto, San Mateo, and Santa Rosa. Join their community: [www.parentsplaceonline.org](http://www.parentsplaceonline.org).

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### **Discovery Day at AT&T Park**

This FREE event is unlike any other – with dynamic demonstrations, engaging experiments, geeky games and astounding activities for all ages! This super-charged, super-fun celebration will include hundreds of hands-on activities, untold opportunities to meet local scientists and engineers, and even the chance to run around the bases! The entire ballpark is packed to the rafters with science content: on the field, at every entry/exit, and every level of the ballpark.



#### **What to Expect in 2018**

- **more than 150 exhibits** - experience hand-on activities from the Bay Area's leading science and technology organizations. This will be a great opportunity to meet scientists, engineers, programmers, nurses, doctors, technicians and more.
- **Chevron STEM Zone** - Join Chevron on the field for fun, interactive activities where you can get an inside-look at the science of sports, train like an astronaut, explore

robotics and more.

- **Life Science Alley** - Experience the best of biotech. Extract your DNA, explore your genes and meet the scientists engineering the next cure.
- **Robot Zoo** - The Club level of AT&T Park will be overrun with robots of all shapes and sizes built by students, startups and research organizations.
- **NEW Teen Area** - The Teen Area will be on the Club level. You can engage in activities for teens, led by teens, scientists, engineers and educators. There will be free giveaways and raffle prizes just for teens!

Discovery Day will be held on Saturday, November 3rd from 11AM to 4:30PM at AT&T Park, 24 Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94107.

This event is for all ages! It's FREE! No tickets/RSVP needed.

For details on transportation, parking, food and more, [please click here](#).

## San Rafael Transit Center Relocation Project

*A Message from the Transportation Authority of Marin*



The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (Bridge District) is starting a multi-year process to develop a new transit center for San Rafael. The current transit center will be affected by the extension of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) system to Larkspur. Several government agencies are partnering to identify a new transit center site and configuration that will provide for the current and future mobility needs of San Rafael and Marin County.

As SMART is extended further south to Larkspur, the tracks will bisect the site where the San Rafael Transit Center (SRTC) is currently located. This will impact how buses and people will be able to access and travel through the site as well as the amount of space available for buses and riders. As a result, the transit center must be replaced in another location in downtown San Rafael. This is an opportunity to create a more accessible transit facility for all users and improve both connectivity and safety.

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report has been released and comments will be accepted until November 19. [Click here for more information about the project, the NOP and to provide comments.](#)



## 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. AFIC offers events and activities for all ages -- preschool to 100+.

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

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Intergenerational Center Members are FREE. Membership cost for Corte Madera residents is \$15; for those outside of Corte Madera, \$25. This is a tax-deductible donation to *Age-Friendly Solutions*, a 501(c)(3) tax-deductible organization. Membership entitles you to **ALL** Intergenerational Center activities at **NO CHARGE** for the rest of 2018. Please contact Pam at The Center at 415.991.4040 to reserve space for your child or email [pwaterstone@tcmmail.org](mailto:pwaterstone@tcmmail.org).

*The Intergenerational Center is located by the "pencil bench" at 498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera CA 94925*



## POKER (ALL ARE WELCOME)

**Every Tuesday, 2:30-4:30PM**

Enjoy an afternoon of cards and camaraderie. The Intergenerational Center will provide the poker chips, cards and snacks. We invite YOU!

To view the description flyer, [please click here](#). Please call Pam (415-991-4040) at the Intergenerational Center or email [pwaterstone@tcmmail.org](mailto:pwaterstone@tcmmail.org) to save

yourself a place at the table. We want to make sure there are enough sign-ups for a good game.



## MakerSpace - Everyone's a Maker!

**Every Thursday, 3:30-5:30PM**

Students from 4th grade to 12th grade and adults up to 110 are welcome to come and create, learn, develop ideas or select the project of the day to make. Charles Sowers, designer and builder of displays at the Exploratorium, will teach you how to use a 3D printer, Carvey, X-Carve, AxiDraw and laser cutter/engraver, in addition to other tools.

To view the description flyer, [please click here](#). Please call Pam (415-991-4040) at the [Intergenerational Center](#) or email [pwaterstone@tcmmail.org](mailto:pwaterstone@tcmmail.org) with any questions or get more details about MakerSpace.

## ART FOR KIDS with Debra Maddox

**Classes are scheduled every Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM**



Now kids will have a fun activity to look forward to on those minimum days!

Students, 2nd to 12th grades, will have a super time exploring the principles of drawing, watercolors, collages and crafts. They will come away with a new appreciation of art and newly acquired skills and artistic enrichment. Debra will provide age-appropriate projects for every grade level.

To learn about Debra and get all of the details on Art for Kids, [please click here](#). Please call the [Intergenerational Center](#) at (415)991-4040 to sign up.



**Work Week of Monday, November 5th to Friday, November 9th**

- **Monday, November 5th - Town Council Regular Meeting**: Begins at 6:30PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**

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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](#) page and select the topics that interest you!

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