

## The Town of Corte Madera's Newsletter for November 9, 2018

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### **PG&E Power Outage, Customer Contact Update and Emergency Preparedness Weblinks**

*A Message from Pacific Gas and Electric Company*



As we head into the rainy season, PG&E wants to call your attention to several links because they believe that a key step for power outage updates and other information is to ensure updated customer contact information.

- To update your contact information, please [click here](#).
- To manage your account online, please [click here](#).
- To learn the guidelines on preparing for emergencies, please [click here](#).
- For power outage information including reports, updates and more, please [click here](#).
- To learn how to stay safe around power lines, please [click here](#).
- For community wildfire safety, please [click here](#).
- To learn what you should do before you begin digging, please [click here](#).
- To learn about ongoing telephone and email scams, please [click here](#).
- For questions on any of this information, please contact PG&E directly by [clicking here](#).



### Notice of Town Hall Closure on November 12th

We would like to inform you that all departments at Town Hall will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2018 in honor of Veterans Day.

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

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### Taking the Stress Out of Taking Tests

The Corte Madera Library invites you attend a workshop that will teach you about test taking and how not to stress.

Clutch. Choke. Brain-freeze. It's a sad fact that performance anxiety seriously lowers test outcomes for so many students. Bara Sapir, Founder and CEO of City Test Prep, combines mindful and holistic human potential techniques with content mastery, test-taking strategy, and time management tools for fully comprehensive, integrated test preparation. Her help eliminates test anxiety, enhances retention, boosts recall, and strengthens concentration and confidence when it counts the most: on tests like the SAT and ACT (as well as SSAT, GMAT, GRE, USMLE, LSAT and more).

Join the Corte Madera Library on Sunday, November 11th from 12PM to 1PM to maximize your score and minimize your stress. This workshop is great for students, parents, teachers, college advisors, and mental health workers. For more information, call 415-924.3515. No registration required.

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### Big Band Dance

Come join the Corte Madera Recreation Center for a fun night of music. The Ray Simpson Band plays the music of the 30's, 40's, and 50's-from swing to jazz.

The event takes place on Wednesday, November 14th from 8PM - 10PM at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. Admission is FREE. Hope to see you all there!

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 415-927-5072.

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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>



## Breakfast with Santa

Corte Madera Parks and Recreation is inviting you and your families to a pancake breakfast with Santa and all of his friends. This is a great opportunity for the entire family to enjoy a nice morning filled with delicious pancakes, free entertainment and heartwarming smiles from all of the children as they take pictures with Santa and his friends.

Santa and Frosty will also be there to accept donations for the Warm Coat & Toasty Toes Drives.

The breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018, 8:00 AM-10:00 AM at the Corte Madera Community Center.

Tickets are \$10. Sign up online by clicking [here](#) or call the Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Center, 415-927-5072. Tickets sell quickly so get yours today.

Ho ho hope to see you there!



## ATTENTION!!! Emergency Alert Testing

We would like to inform you that the Kentfield Fire Protection District and Central Marin Fire Authority will be conducting a test of an emergency alert system using a Long Range Acoustic Device (LRAD). The dates, times and locations for the test are as follows:

1. Wednesday, December 5th starting at approximately 1:00PM and being conducted from Kentfield Station 17, 1004 Sir Francis Drake Blvd.
2. Thursday, December 6th starting at approximately 10:00AM and being conducted from Larkspur Station 15, 420 Magnolia Avenue (downtown).
3. Thursday, December 6th starting at approximately 1:00PM and being conducted from



Corte Madera Station 14, 342 Tamalpais Drive.

During the test, individuals will hear a loud alert tone followed by a voice message.

If you hear the emergency alert during either of these times, please remember this is only a test and not a real emergency. There will be no requirement for citizens to take action or shelter in place.

For questions and additional information, please contact the Kentfield Fire Protection District at (415) 453-7464 or Central Marin Fire at 415-927-5077



## Veterans Day

Honor those who have served our country. Marin's Veterans' Day program will begin in the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium with music, military exercises and a brief address. It will continue in front of the World War I, World War II and Korean, Vietnam and Merchant Marine Memorials on the Avenue of the Flags. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony in the Redwood Foyer.



This event will be held on Sunday, November 11th at 9:30AM at the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903

## Tree Planting Workday

Help plant dozens of trees in the upper picnic areas at Stafford Lake Park. The new trees will beautify the park, provide shade for park users, and enhance native wildlife habitat. All ages welcome; anyone under the age 18 must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. Dress in layers because you can get dirty. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks, lunch and extra water will be provided. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park.



This event is scheduled for Sunday, November 11th from 9AM to 1PM at Stafford Lake Park, 3549 Novato Boulevard. In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds call (415) 763-2977 to find out about event status. In the event of cancellation, program will be rescheduled.

RSVP 's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator [Kirk Schroeder](#) at (415) 763-2977. Park entrance fee is waived for participants.

## 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](#).



NOVEMBER 2018 AGE FRIENDLY CORTI MADERA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER

Activity	Time	Location	Facilitator
Arts & Crafts	10:00 - 11:30	Room 101	John Doe
Yoga	11:30 - 12:30	Room 102	Jane Smith
Reading Club	1:00 - 2:30	Room 103	Bob Johnson
Games	2:30 - 4:00	Room 104	Alice Brown
Technology	4:00 - 5:30	Room 105	Charlie White
Music	5:30 - 7:00	Room 106	Diana Green
Tea & Conversation	7:00 - 8:30	Room 107	Frank Black

## 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

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*



## MakerSpace - Build a 30 Inch Tall Model of a Robotic Giraffe

Thursdays in November (8th, 15th and 29th) we will be exploring paper modeling. We will look at how to get started in this hobby and will work together to hopefully build a 30 inch tall model of a robotic giraffe.

Paper models, also called card models or paper craft, are models constructed mainly from sheets of heavy paper, paperboard, card stock, or foam. Simple to incredibly intricate models can be made with nothing other than paper card stock and glue and a few simple and common tools like scissors, ruler and knife. With the advent of the unfolding software, practitioners of this hobby freely share models online that can simply be downloaded, printed onto card stock, cut and assembled.

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**Please call in advance to reserve a spot as space is limited (415-991-4040).**



## 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.

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



## 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.



**Town Manager Todd Cusimano:** He mentioned Christmas Tree Hill (CTH) had an evacuation drill that was very successful, as are also, the efforts of the NRGs in the work they do. Cusimano added that the first of four First-Aid CPR trainings took place over the weekend. There were approximately 51 people who attended this training which was sponsored by the Town. Cusimano reported on the Wood Chipper Pilot Program and stated it was very successful and that the Town would be working on making this a formalized program that will be paid for from sales tax monies set aside for vegetation removal. Lastly, he reported that a sewer lateral community workshop is scheduled to take place on January 15, 2019.

**Councilmember Kunhardt:** He mentioned the Christmas Tree Hill evacuation was extremely successful. He added that 134 new households and 5 new block captains signed up to join the CTH NRG. Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) had a meeting on the North-South Greenway Gap Closure and mentioned that TAM is moving ahead with final arrangements of construction for the area by Corte Madera Creek.

**Councilmember Beckman:** He reported that the Mariner Cove NRG had a successful evacuation drill. He also attended a meeting for the Corte Madera Larkspur School Board. Lastly, he mentioned he attended an ABAG meeting held at Town Hall. One of the big issues discussed was on spurring wide-spread residential development otherwise known as CASA (The Committee to House the Bay Area) Compact.

**Councilmember Bailey:** He reported that Madera Gardens also had an evacuation drill

with a command center. He attended the Central Marin Police Authority (CMPA) Council meeting where it was reported that 327 pounds of prescription drugs were returned on National Drug Take Back Day. Two officers received a "Life Saving" Award at the meeting and mentioned there is a Homeless Outreach Police Evaluator (HOPE) program. He also mentioned attending the Central Marin Fire Council meeting.

**Mayor Ravasio:** He reported attending the Chapman Park Evacuation Drill which was also successful like the other evacuation drills that also took place.




### Work Week of Monday, November 12th to Friday, November 16th

- [Tuesday, November 13th - Planning Commission Meeting](#): Begins at 7:00PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.




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

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