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Notice of Town Hall Closure on November 22nd and 23rd

We would like to inform you that all departments at Town Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd in honor of

Thanksgiving.

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



Residences at Preserve Project (Robin Drive) - Public Comment Period for MND

NOTICE OF INTENT

to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Residences at Preserve

To: Public Agencies and Interested Parties

Project Title: Residences at Preserve

Lead Agency: Town of Corte Madera, 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925

Contact: Adam Wolff, Director of Planning and Building, (415) 927-5064,
awolff@tcmmail.org, [<mailto:awolff@tcmmail.org>]

Review Period: November 13 to December 14, 2018

In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the Town of Corte Madera has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/ MND) for the proposed Robin Drive – The Preserve Phase II development project.

Project Description and Location

The Project is located on an undeveloped parcel southeast of the corner of Paradise Drive and Robin Drive in the Town of Corte Madera (APN 038-011-21). The Project would develop the 5.93-acre lower portion of the overall 15.42-acre parcel. The upper (southern) portion of the parcel would remain undeveloped as private open space. A public access easement would be recorded to maintain a footpath that traverses the upper portion from Robin Drive in a north-south direction to Ring Mountain. The Project would construct rental housing consisting of 16 single-family residential units, 8 accessory dwelling residential units, and accessory facilities including a private roadway, sidewalks, bridge, utilities, and landscaping as part of a Planned Development. In addition, the Project includes a Zoning Amendment to change the zoning overlay for the site.

The Project would not be located on a site enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code related to hazardous waste disposal.

Potential Environmental Impacts: The proposed MND did not find any potential environmental impacts that could not be mitigated to a less-than-significant level.

Providing Comments

The required 30-day review period has been extended to allow for a 32-day public review period from November 13 to December 14, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. The IS/MND will be available for public review online at <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/627/Robin-Drive-The-Preserve-Phase-II> [<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/627/Robin-Drive-The-Preserve-Phase-II>], and at the following location: Town of Corte Madera, Planning Counter, 300 Tamalpais Drive.

Agencies and interested parties may provide written comments on the IS/Proposed MND pursuant to the below:

Comments on the IS/Proposed MND must be received, in writing, by the end of the review period, December 14, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.

**Submit comments to Adam Wolff, Director of Planning & Building
Town of Corte Madera Planning Department
300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera CA 94925
or Email: awolff@tcmmail.org, [<mailto:awolff@tcmmail.org>]**

After the review period closes, a public meeting will be scheduled before the Town of Corte Madera Planning Commission to consider a recommendation to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and approve the Project. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Corte Madera Council Chamber at Town Hall (300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera). We encourage you to check the Town's website to

confirm the date and time of the meeting at the following website address:
<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/189/Planning-Commission>
[<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/189/Planning-Commission>].



Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot

The Family-Friendly "run, walk, scooter, or bike" Thanksgiving Day "Turkey Trot" for all ages was a huge success as a Centennial event in 2016, so it has turned into an annual tradition.

On November 22nd, meet behind the parking lot in Town Park, by the Corte Madera Community Center. Just look for the balloons.

Please arrive by 8:00AM sharp for the 1/2-Mile Trot. The 5-k Trot starts at 8:30AM. Both take routes that are almost entirely on multi-use paths, ending at Town Park Plaza next to Cafe Verde, for fruit snacks and beverages.

The event is planned to end at 10:00am so folks can go home and finish their Thanksgiving preparations. Everyone is invited, and it's free! What a great way to get acquainted with other folks from all over town! Share this info with your neighbors, friends and family that live in Corte Madera -- and visitors, too! Questions? Call (415) 299-3248.

This event is co-sponsored by Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise/Corte Madera, along with the Corte Madera Community Foundation, Corte Madera Women's Club, Corte Madera Lions Club, and Corte Madera Parks and Recreation.



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



10th Annual One Warm Coat and Toasty Toes Drive

The Town of Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Department is having its 10th Annual "One Warm Coat and Toasty Toes Drive" happening now

through Thursday, December 20th.

Donate new or gently used coats and/or new, warm socks at the Corte Madera Community Center located at 498 Tamalpais Drive.

The drop-off hours are from 7:30AM to 4:00PM from Monday to Thursday

Give the gift of warmth to those living out in the cold.

For more information, call 415-927-5072 or click here to view the flyer for the One Warm Coat

[<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4028/One-Warm-Coat-Drive-2018?bidId=>] or the flyer for the Toasty Toes Drive [<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4027/Toasty-Toes-2018?bidId=>].



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](https://cmprrreg.org/CourseActivities.aspx?id=27) [<https://cmprrreg.org/CourseActivities.aspx?id=27>] 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!



Coyote Awareness

Concerns about the presence of coyotes have been brought up within the community. For this reason, we believe it is very important to remind everyone that our website contains very important information that will help you become aware of coyotes.

Click [here](https://www.townofcortemadera.org/690/Coyote-Awareness) to visit our Coyote Awareness webpage. [<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/690/Coyote-Awareness>]

Additional links also available on our webpage and are also hyperlinked below. **Please remember that state law limits the options of local government.** For this reason, it is very important for residents to educate themselves on this subject matter. For questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Coyote Awareness Facts and Safety Tips
[<http://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3069>]

[Project Coyote \[http://www.projectcoyote.org/\]](http://www.projectcoyote.org/)

[Coyote Coexistence Information](https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3070/Coyote-Coexistence-PlanSuperior_FINAL?bidId=)

[\[https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3070/Coyote-Coexistence-PlanSuperior_FINAL?bidId=\]](https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3070/Coyote-Coexistence-PlanSuperior_FINAL?bidId=)

[WildCare Wildlife Resources - Living With Coyotes](https://www.discoverwildcare.org/wildlife-resources/living-with-coyotes/)

[\[https://www.discoverwildcare.org/wildlife-resources/living-with-coyotes/\]](https://www.discoverwildcare.org/wildlife-resources/living-with-coyotes/)

[Marin County Livestock and Wildlife Protection Program](http://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3071)

[\[http://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3071\]](http://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3071)

[Marin County Animal Services Website \[https://www.marinhumane.org/get-help/marin-animal-services/\]](https://www.marinhumane.org/get-help/marin-animal-services/)

[Urban Coyote Ecology and Management](http://townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3079)

[\[http://townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3079\]](http://townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3079) (The Cook County, Illinois, Coyote Project)

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Coyote information: [Coyotes in California](https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/News/Coyote)

[\[https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/News/Coyote\]](https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/News/Coyote)

Click [here \[https://apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir/incident/create\]](https://apps.wildlife.ca.gov/wir/incident/create) to submit a wildlife incident report to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Coyote Hazing Techniques

[Please click here to view video demonstration of effective coyote hazing techniques.](https://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/6715133-town-of-oakville-releases-video-on-coyote-hazing/)

[\[https://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/6715133-town-of-oakville-releases-video-on-coyote-hazing/\]](https://www.insidehalton.com/news-story/6715133-town-of-oakville-releases-video-on-coyote-hazing/)

***If you are interested in acquiring an [informational door hanger](http://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3199)

[\[http://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3199\]](http://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3199) for yourself and/or your neighbors, feel free to contact Project Coyote by calling 415-945-3232



Public Safety Power Shutoffs Workshop

*** NOTE: This event will be held in Santa Rosa, CA.

The California Public Utilities Commission invites you to attend a workshop that will address concerns of vulnerable populations. Utility companies have authority to shut off power in order to protect public safety under high fire risk conditions. Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) can save lives and property and prevent wildfires.



The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has developed rules regarding the reasonableness, notification, mitigation, and reporting of PSPS, also known as de-energization. The CPUC is continuing to improve these rules with an emphasis on protecting vulnerable populations.

Please join them at this PSPS workshop to learn more and provide your input! At the PSPS workshop they will address:

- CPUC requirements for PSPS
- Utility practices and how they have been working to address concerns of vulnerable populations
- Current challenges with PSPS and impacts on vulnerable populations

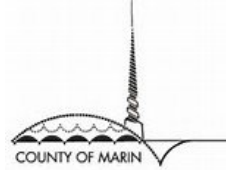
This event will be held on Friday, December 14th from 9AM to 12:30PM at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building located at 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404.

To download the event flyer, [please click here](https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4061/PSPS-Workshop_SantaRosa)
[https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4061/PSPS-Workshop_SantaRosa].

Vote-By-Mail Voters: "MISSING SIGNATURE" NOTICE

A Message from the Elections Department of Marin County

Voters that did not sign their vote-by-mail envelope received a letter from the Elections Department giving them the opportunity to fix the problem.



The deadline to fix this problem has been extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, November 28.

Voters may check the status of their ballot by using the Voter Information Portal at www.marinvotes.org [<https://www.marincounty.org/depts/rv>].

Gingerbread Man Ornament Workshop

The Home Depot's San Rafael Store invites you to this hands-on holiday workshop where you and your child can assemble a gingerbread picture frame that doubles as a Christmas ornament. This is perfect for gifting or adding to the family's heirloom holiday decor. Once the picture frame is built, your child can decorate it with paint and holiday stickers.



All Kids Workshop attendees must be accompanied by a parent or adult at all times. All kids get to keep their craft, receive a FREE certificate of achievement, a Workshop Apron, and a commemorative pin while supplies last. Children must be present at the store to participate in the workshop and receive the kit, apron, and pin.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 24th from 9AM to 12PM at the Home Depot San Rafael Store, 111 Shoreline Parkway, San Rafael, CA 94901.

To register for the event, [please click here](https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/#store/0657)
[<https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/#store/0657>].

Parade of Lights and Winterwonderland

Snow, sledding and fun returns to Marin for the annual San Rafael Parade of Lights and Winter Wonderland holiday celebration on Friday, November 23 on Fourth Street between B Street and Lootens in Downtown San Rafael. A day of holiday cheer and activities for all to enjoy, The Parade of Lights and Winter Wonderland features a Holiday Marketplace with unique arts and crafts, live entertainment, children's activities, the beloved snow-sledding hill, a tree lighting ceremony, and the celebrated Parade of Lights with Santa and his friends. The sledding continues on Saturday, November 24 from 9am to noon (or until snow is no longer safe).



To get complete details including the activity schedule and more, [please click here](http://www.sresproductions.com/events/san-rafael-parade-of-lights-winter-wonderland/) [<http://www.sresproductions.com/events/san-rafael-parade-of-lights-winter-wonderland/>].

High School Elections Ambassador Program

Did you know that the County of Marin Elections Department has a High School Elections Ambassador Program? Here is some information from the department's webpage regarding the program.



Program Objectives

One of the most important institutions in our democracy is our elections system which entrusts individuals with the power to select the representatives of our government, in addition to the ability to voice their opinions on local and state propositions.

On behalf of the County of Marin Elections Department and the Marin County Office of Education, we are proud to announce the High School Elections Ambassador Program. This program will choose two students from each high school across Marin County. Students who participate will serve as a crucial link between the Elections Department and their peers.

The High School Elections Ambassador Program has three main objectives:

To pre-register sixteen and seventeen-year-old high school students in Marin County who meet the applicable criteria, and register high school students in Marin County who are eligible to vote.

To expand the Marin County Department of Elections High School Poll Worker Program to reach more students and increase participation.

Highlight the importance of youth engagement and participation in local, state, and federal elections.

The Elections Department and the Marin County Office of Education will ensure that students have all the resources and tools to carry out voter drives at high schools, pre-registering and registering high school students, while also encouraging peers to volunteer to work at the polls. Student ambassadors will gain community engagement experience and, if approved by the school, earn volunteer hours as they promote civic engagement and awareness in the electoral process.

To learn more, [please click here \[https://www.marincounty.org/depts/rv/voter-resources/high-school-elections-ambassador-program\]](https://www.marincounty.org/depts/rv/voter-resources/high-school-elections-ambassador-program).

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 [<https://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 \[https://www.marinlafco.org/\]](https://www.marinlafco.org/). To download the press release with complete details, [please click here \[https://marinlafco.org/DocumentCenter/View/1436/Press-Release-Public-Set-Oct-2018\]](https://marinlafco.org/DocumentCenter/View/1436/Press-Release-Public-Set-Oct-2018).



NOVEMBER 2018 AGE-FRIENDLY CORTE MADERA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER

| Activity | Location | Availability |
|----------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Arts & Crafts | Room 101 | Tuesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Book Club | Room 101 | Thursdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Chess | Room 101 | Wednesdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Computer Class | Room 101 | Monday, 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Yoga | Room 101 | Fridays, 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Music | Room 101 | Saturdays, 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Games | Room 101 | Sundays, 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Reading | Room 101 | Open daily, 10:00am - 12:00pm |

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](https://agefriendlycenter.org/program-schedule-2) [https://agefriendlycenter.org/program-schedule-2], please visit the Intergenerational Center website: <https://agefriendlycenter.org> [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.

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](https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4008/AFIC-Flyer-POKER-pdf) [https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4008/AFIC-Flyer-POKER-pdf]. Please call Pam (415-991-4040) at the Intergenerational Center or email 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](https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4009/AFIC-FLYER-MAKERSPACE-FLYER-pdf) [https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4009/AFIC-FLYER-MAKERSPACE-FLYER-pdf]. Please call Pam (415-991-4040) at the Intergenerational Center [https://agefriendlycenter.org/] 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](https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3958/Art-for-Kids-with-Debra-Maddox-Classes---FallWinter) [https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/3958/Art-for-Kids-with-Debra-Maddox-Classes---FallWinter]. Please call the Intergenerational Center [https://agefriendlycenter.org/] at (415)991-4040 to sign up.




Work Week of Monday, November 19th to Friday, November 23rd


- [Tuesday, November 20th - Town Council Regular Meeting](#): CANCELLED
- **Thursday, November 22nd** - Town Hall Closed. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
- **Friday, November 23rd** - Town Hall Closed.




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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