



## [The Town of Corte Madera's Newsletter for December 14, 2018](#)

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### Updates on the Cannabis Ordinance

As most residents know, the Town of Corte Madera began the process of developing a Cannabis Ordinance to form local regulations regarding cannabis businesses and personal cultivation in the Town. Information about the previously held public workshops and Planning Commission meeting can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/799/Cannabis-Ordinance>. To watch the Town Council presentation and discussion of the development of a Town Ordinance regulating cannabis-related businesses and cultivation of cannabis for personal use held on December 4th, 2018 [please click here](#).



The Town appreciates the valuable feedback provided by the citizens of Corte Madera. Please feel free to contact Phil Boyle, Senior Planner at 415-927-5064 or [pboyle@tcmmail.org](mailto:pboyle@tcmmail.org) if you have questions, feedback, or need additional information.



**Town Hall Holiday Office Closure 12/24/18-**



**1/02/19**

Town Hall offices will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 24, 2018 through Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

Offices will reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. All emergency services will remain available during this time.

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### **Celebrate Computer Science Week**

Join the Microsoft Store to celebrate Computer Science Week and the holiday season!

They have three new workshops focused on creativity and coding through the month of December:

#### **Minecraft Hour of Code 2018**

Using the power of code, students aged 8 and up will explore aquatic worlds and uncover hidden treasure with the new Minecraft Voyage Aquatic tutorial.

#### **Harry Potter Kano Kit**

Participants will follow simple steps with drag-and-drop code blocks and create Harry Potter spell motions, magical creatures, and artefacts, all with the coding wand and a Surface device.

#### **Create Cool 3D Holiday Art**

Students ages 8+ will bring their imagination to life by creating cool holiday art with 3D in Windows 10.

Workshops are held at the Microsoft Store located at The Village, 1640 Redwood Highway, Space D001 (across from Williams-Sonoma and Gap). Contact Alyssa at [alyssa.surges@microsoft.com](mailto:alyssa.surges@microsoft.com) if you have questions or concerns.

To register for one of the upcoming workshops, [please click here](#).

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### **"Things for Teens, Toys for Kids" Gift Drive**

Celebrate the 17th year of "Things for Teens, Toys for Kids".

Bring an unwrapped toy or gift cards to the Village's annual Holiday gift collection event. Stop by anytime between 12PM and 5PM between Saturday, December 8th to Sunday, December 9th and Saturday, December 15th to Sunday, December 16th at the Center Court of the Village, 1618 Redwood Highway, Corte Madera.

Help make a difference in kids' lives this holiday season.

This event is sponsored by the Central Marin Police Authority and the Corte Madera and Larkspur Fire Departments.

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*Free* GIFT WRAPPING

11 AM TO 4 PM

NOVEMBER 23-25 | DECEMBER 1-2  
DECEMBER 8-23 (EXTENDED TO 6 PM)  
DECEMBER 24

770 Office Building Lobby (next to Barnes & Noble)



*Free* SANTA PHOTOS

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## 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](#) or the flyer for the [Toasty Toes Drive](#).



## Las Gallinas Valley Sanitary District Non-Marching Band

Celebrate the legendary Sewer Band at the Veterans' Auditorium as they celebrate their 60th year of giving the community a "Gift of Music." It's a free holiday concert that's guaranteed to delight all!

This evening of seasonal favorites is guaranteed to bring out the spirit of the holidays and leave you with a song in your heart and a dance in your step. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to see why the Sewer Band is one of the most beloved and successful concert bands in the Bay Area.



The Sewer Band is a non-profit organization comprised of brass, wind and percussion players from the Bay Area. Under the direction of Adrian L. Quince, the group's mission is to promote music education and appreciation.

The event will be held on Monday, December 17th at 7PM at the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. For more information, [please click here](#).

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## Enriching Lives Through Music Winter Concert

Join Enriching Lives through Music students and faculty as they celebrate their 10th anniversary. From 15 students ten years ago, ELM has grown to include 150 students from ages 7-18. Their winter concert features performances by three orchestral ensembles and choruses. ELM students will perform a vibrant and varied repertoire of orchestral, Latin and popular music. Their finale will include their special ELM parent ukulele ensemble.



ELM is an El Sistema inspired music ensemble program offering full scholarship, year-round programming and instruments to youth from San Rafael's Canal neighborhood. Committing to their students for their entire childhood, their mission is to inspire and empower their students to thrive emotionally, socially and academically through music education, performance, and engagement in a vibrant center of music excellence.

This event will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 1PM at the Showcase Theater, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. No tickets are required but donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, [please click here](#).

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## Senior Stroll

Marin County Parks invites you to a Senior Stroll at China Camp. This lovely spot, perched on the edge of San Pablo Bay, is an ideal destination for a relaxed winter walk. The tree-covered hill, which rises in the center, is encircled by a short loop trail that follows the edge of the salt marsh.

This walk is for ages 18 and up. You'll take advantage of this level, dirt pathway to discuss the plants and animals that can be found in each of these habitats. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them. They request that no pets (except service animals) attend.

Rain may cancel. If the weather is questionable, call (415) 893-9527 after 8 AM on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled.

The walk will take place on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 from 10AM to 11:30AM at China Camp.

Meet at the Turtle Back Hill trailhead.

From Hwy 101 in San Rafael, take the exit for N San Pedro Rd east for 3.1 miles to the Turtle Back and Shoreline trailheads. Parking is available on both sides of the road. No registration is required. For questions contact Shannon Burke at [SBurke@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurke@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9520.

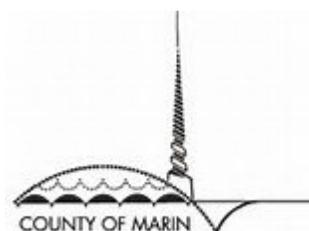


## Interested in Zero Waste News?

Are you interested in learning about current efforts being made in Marin towards zero waste and the challenges in getting there?

Below are links to a few recent items covered in the local press.

1. KGO ABC7 TV Story on Mill Valley Refuse Service Dual Stream Pilot Program - December 4, 2018 <https://abc7news.com/society/marin-county-residents-cited-for-recycling-wrong/4834120/>
2. Marin IJ Headline Article on Marin Zero Waste Goal – October 26, 2018 <https://www.marinij.com/2018/10/26/marin-county-losing-momentum-on-zero-waste-goal/>
3. Marin IJ Op-Ed Piece on Marin Zero Waste Goal– November 19, 2018 <https://www.marinij.com/2018/11/19/editorial-marin-should-renew-its-recycling-commitment/>



## Participate in Marin County's Online Resident Survey

*A message from the County of Marin: Results from anonymous poll will guide future service considerations*

San Rafael, CA – Is the County of Marin government providing the services you want and need? It's time to ask a few questions, gather the answers, and put them to good use. The [2018 Resident Survey](#) is now featured on [www.marincounty.org](http://www.marincounty.org), and answers will be anonymous.



The County's resident survey includes questions about general quality of life, local policies, demographics, a rating of

Why conduct a survey? The County is eager to receive a report card from its residents as a measure of customer service and to compare results to those from counties nationwide. Survey results will be available in spring 2019 via the County's website and will be discussed during a public workshop with the Board of Supervisors. The results will provide data with which the County can dive deeper in some areas using other tools, like focus groups or listening sessions, in 2019. The survey, which takes about 15 minutes to complete, includes questions about general quality of life, local policies, demographics, a rating of local government services, and if the resident's needs are being met. In addition, residents can provide perspectives about the Board of Supervisors' current areas of focus. At the end, there is an open-ended question asking residents to share the top issue they believe the County should focus on over the next two years.

local government services, and if the resident's needs are being met.

The online survey was launched about a month after the County mailed 3,200 [printed surveys](#) to randomly selected households. The online opt-in survey is expected to be open through January 31, 2019, and is available at [www.bit.ly/countyofmarin](http://www.bit.ly/countyofmarin).

"The surveys mailed in November were the scientific portion of the process so we can ensure that we reach a variety of residents and gather viewpoints from people from different locations, age groups, racial and socio-economic backgrounds," said Dan Eilerman, Assistant County Administrator. "But we also think it's critical to open it up to the public so residents who were not randomly selected to participate in the mailed survey can also have their opinions heard."

The County has formed a working group to reach out to the community to confirm that every voice has an opportunity to be heard.

"We anticipate that some residents may have some reluctance or even fear in providing their opinion, or have concerns about online access," Eilerman said. "To safeguard against that, we are emphasizing that the survey is completely anonymous and that it's available in English, Spanish and Vietnamese."

The County contracted with the National Research Center to conduct the comprehensive, scientific survey and mailed 3,200 surveys to randomly selected residents in mid-November. The scientific survey is expected to have less than a 5 percent margin of error. Recipients had an option to return the scientific surveys in a postage-paid envelope, or to complete it online. Those residents who received one of the original mail surveys are encouraged to complete those instead of the newly opened online survey.

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## **Reduce Waste During the Holiday Season**

*A message from Zero Waste Marin*

Reducing waste this holiday season begins with thoughtful shopping and gift giving. Please remember to shop smart and waste less this holiday season.

### **Give an Experience**

Give friends and family members a memorable and personalized gift that requires little or no packaging.

- Tickets to the theater, ballet or symphony
- Concert or movie passes
- Membership to a museum
- A gourmet meal cooked at home
- A certificate for babysitting, gardening, or cleaning the house or car.



### **Sustainable Gift Wrap**

When wrapping your holiday gifts, instead of purchasing a new roll of wrapping paper and ribbon, consider these alternatives:

- Gift bags or reusable shopping bags
- Tins or baskets
- Old maps, newspaper or magazine pages
- Holiday fabrics
- Bows and paper from previous holidays

### Never Burn Wrapping Paper!

It is illegal to burn trash and wrapping paper. If you must use wrapping paper, always purchase non-foil-based paper and remember to toss it in your recycling bin, or save and reuse it next holiday season. Remember that bows, ribbons and wrapping papers that contain glitter or velvet surface treatments are [not recyclable](#). These items go directly to the landfill, so avoid purchasing them if you can.

### Don't Trash your Tree

At the end of the holiday season, make sure your tree ends up in the compost pile, not the landfill. [Click here for details on what to do](#).

Zero Waste Marin works with cities and towns throughout Marin County to educate residents about reducing the amount of waste that goes into our local landfills. Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of their newsletter.



DECEMBER 2018 AGE-FRIENDLY CORTE MADERA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12/31 - New Year's Eve Party 5:00pm - 10:00pm	12/24 - Christmas Eve 5:00pm - 10:00pm	12/25 - Christmas Day 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/26 - Christmas Day 10:00am - 12:00pm
12/1 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/2 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/3 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/4 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm
12/5 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/6 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/7 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/8 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm
12/9 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/10 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/11 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/12 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm
12/13 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/14 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/15 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/16 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm
12/17 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/18 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/19 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/20 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm
12/21 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/22 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/23 - Holiday Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm	12/24 - Christmas Eve 5:00pm - 10:00pm

## 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 [December 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



## 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.



## KidsArt and MakerSpace

### KidsArt with Debra

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

For students, 2nd to 8th grade.

### MakerSpace with Charles

Every Thursday, 3:30-5:30PM

For ages 10 to 110.

December activity: Make your own light show. Space is limited. Call in advance to reserve a spot.

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.



## Work Week of Monday, December 17th to Friday, December 21st

- [Monday, December 17, 2018 - Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting](#): Begins at 6:30PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.



- [Tuesday, December 18, 2018 - Town Council Regular Meeting](#): Begins at 6:30PM 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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