

## [The Town of Corte Madera's Newsletter for January 18, 2019](#)

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### **"Coffee with the Mayor" at Cafe Verde**

Please join Mayor Bob Ravasio for "Coffee with the Mayor" this Saturday, January 19th from 10-11:30AM at Cafe Verde, 502 Tamalpais Drive.

Mayor Ravasio will be available to meet with residents to hear suggestions, comments, complaints and general community input about our Town. We encourage everyone to stop by and ask the Mayor any questions you may have about Town finances, projects, capital improvements, or anything else that may be on your mind.



If you are unable to attend, additional "Coffee with the Mayor" opportunities will be scheduled on a regular basis in the coming months. Dates and locations will be posted as soon as they are available. Please contact the Town Hall Administrative Office at 415-927-5050 with any questions.

\*\*Please note that, while the Mayor cannot take action on any items outside of a regularly scheduled Town Council meeting, your thoughts and concerns will be shared with the Town Council and Town staff as appropriate for any requested follow through.



## Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance Workshop

### Did you know that Sanitary District No. 2 recently passed a Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance?

The intent behind the Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) ordinance is to provide for the operation and maintenance of Sanitary District No. 2's (SD2) wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities in a more safe, reliable and

serviceable manner.

In 2017, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board ordered SD2 to fix damaged and deficient sanitary sewer pipes. Many pipes are in need of repair to prevent the infiltration of rainwater and groundwater, which can overwhelm the wastewater collection system and treatment plant, leading to sanitary sewer overflows in the community or discharges of partially treated wastewater into the San Francisco Bay. Improperly maintained private sewer laterals also lead to raw sewage spilling into residential areas.

### Do you want to know how this ordinance affects you?

Join us for a workshop we have scheduled to discuss details from the PSL ordinance, sewer lateral exemptions from the ordinance triggers including information on shared sewer laterals including laterals managed by HOA's and much more. We will also seek your feedback regarding PSL funding options on Town initiated projects.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Town Hall Council Chambers: 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera.

We hope you can join us for this very important workshop. If you have any questions, please call SD2 at 415-927-5057 or email Associate Civil Engineer, Fernanda Stefanick at [fstefanick@tcmmail.org](mailto:fstefanick@tcmmail.org). To view and share the event flyer, [please click here](#).



## A Few Updates from Pacific Gas and Electric Company

### Wildfire Safety Inspection Program

As part of PG&E's enhanced wildfire safety efforts, they are conducting detailed and accelerated inspections of transmission towers and poles in areas at higher risk of wildfires. This work is in addition to their routine inspections and maintenance programs. They want to make you aware that their contractor crews will continue working in Corte Madera to conduct these inspections.

Here is a link ([www.pge.com/wildfireinspections](http://www.pge.com/wildfireinspections)) to the information about the Wildfire Safety Inspection Program.

They will be inspecting transmission towers and poles from top to bottom through both visual and aerial inspections. They will use aerial imagery captured by drones and, in some cases, helicopters to further complement and enhance the visual inspections. Specific timing for the transmission inspections will depend on weather, access and other factors.

Please see their [fact sheet](#) with additional program information. If you have any questions about the upcoming inspections, please call PG&E at 1-800-PGE-5000 or email PG&E at [wildfiresafety@pge.com](mailto:wildfiresafety@pge.com).

## **PG&E Prepares to Initiate Voluntary Reorganization Cases Under Chapter 11**

*A message directly from Pacific Gas and Electric Company*

"At PG&E, our single most important responsibility is safety, and we must work harder every day to demonstrate that the safety of the public, our employees and our contractors comes first. PG&E has been part of the California landscape for more than 100 years, and we care deeply about the communities that we serve and where our employees live and work.

We recognize that the devastating and unprecedented Northern California wildfires of 2017 and 2018 have had a profound impact on our customers and their communities. PG&E faces extensive litigation and significant potential liabilities resulting from these wildfires. It is clear that a solution is needed that enables the continued safe delivery of natural gas and electric service to our customers and supports the orderly, fair and expeditious resolution of PG&E's potential liabilities resulting from the recent wildfires. We have determined that a Chapter 11 reorganization is the only viable option for meeting these goals. PG&E is not going out of business. We do not expect any impact to natural gas or electric service for our customers as a result of the Chapter 11 process. We expect this court-supervised process will, among other things:

Assure the continued safe delivery of natural gas and electric service for our customers.  
Enable PG&E to continue its extensive restoration and rebuilding efforts to assist communities affected by the 2017 and 2018 Northern California wildfires.  
Support the orderly, fair and expeditious resolution of the potential liabilities resulting from the wildfires.

Allow us to work with all of our stakeholders in one forum to address their complex concerns and make appropriate changes.

[This website](#) is intended to provide information about our planned reorganization process. Additional information can be found in our [open letter to customers](#). "

Please make sure to [visit their website](#) for all the details.



### **Corte Madera Planning Commission Continued Public Hearing: The Village Westside Exterior Building Colors and Tenant Signs**

On Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 7pm at Corte Madera Town Hall, the Planning Commission will hold a Continued Public Hearing for a Design Review, Precise Plan Amendment and Sign Permit Application for the

Village at Corte Madera (1618 Redwood Hwy). The Village is requesting approval for color upgrades to all building exteriors of the Village facing Highway 101 – including building facades, low walls, sign bands, trim, and rafters and louvers at roof level. Color improvements to the existing monument sign are proposed as well.

The application also includes a request to revise the Village at Corte Madera Tenant Design Criteria and Precise Plan No. 12-001 to allow tenants to include individual logos, fonts and colors to their signs which face highway 101. The maximum font size used, the locations, and the overall number of these signs will not be changed from the current criteria. All signs will have the same relationship to the building – mounted on the sign band and limited in size – and are a secondary feature to the form of the building, but the design of each Tenant’s lettering will be unique. The illumination of the signs will not significantly change. In contrast, the current sign criteria only allows one specific sign color, font and size and does not allow logos.

A complete set of plans showing the building colors, west side signs and monument sign are available for review at the Planning Department at 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, or by contacting the Project Contact, Phil Boyle, Senior Planner, at 415-927-5064 or at [pboyle@tcmmail.org](mailto:pboyle@tcmmail.org). You may also submit written comments prior to the public hearing by contacting the project contact. A Staff Report will be available by 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting at <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/189/Planning-Commission> by clicking on the Staff Reports link.

This item is continued from the 1/8/19 Planning Commission meeting:

- The Staff Report from the previous meeting is available at the following link: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4108/5C-1618-Redwood-Hwy-Village-Signs-and-Paint>
- The archived video from the previous meeting is available at the following link: <https://youtu.be/s6J2tbdJuu4?t=5514>



## ARE YOU SIGNED UP for one of the upcoming Certified Comprehensive First Aid Trainings (CCFA)

In our continuing commitment to emergency preparedness the Town of Corte Madera is sponsoring training classes for community members. This is one of the many ongoing efforts town-wide to build community awareness, preparation and resilience.

- The 5-hour class is certified (2 years) by the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)
- The course material covers child & adult CPR, appropriate use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), how to manage blood borne pathogens, appropriate skilled first-aid training, and coordination and interaction with badged first-responders
- The course is hands-on, interactive and focused
- The course will give special attention to our local vulnerabilities of fire and earthquake response
- Beverages and snacks will be provided
- Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing and be prepared to be engaged!
- Participants completing the course will receive a home first-aid kit
- You may sign-up by sending your full name and home address via email to Lorena Barrera at [lbarrera@tcmmail.org](mailto:lbarrera@tcmmail.org) or by calling 415-927-5086. Early enrollment is highly encouraged. **You will not be able to participate if you are not enrolled.**
- Classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis
- Questions regarding the course curriculum may be directed to Marla Orth ([dhsys@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dhsys@sbcglobal.net))
- Questions regarding enrollment may be directed to Lorena Barrera at [lbarrera@tcmmail.org](mailto:lbarrera@tcmmail.org)
- All classes will be held at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, and begin promptly at the specified time.
- Class Dates for the Corte Madera community are:
  - Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 9:00 AM



◦ Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Your skilled efforts can potentially save a life or prevent a disability. Giving you the skill set will remove the fear and hesitation to act quickly and appropriately.

Thank you for your commitment to our Town's safety. To download and share the class flyer, [please click here](#).

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### **Corte Madera Women's Improvement Club GIANT INDOOR YARD SALE**

The yard sale will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, from 9AM to 3PM at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive.

#### **DONATE! DONATE! VOLUNTEER! SHOP!**

Mark your calendar, and rummage through your cupboards, cabinets, and closets for items to donate.

Deliver donations to the Community Center on Friday, March 1st, 11:30AM to 7PM. Proceeds benefit scholarships for local high school girls active in community service. For questions of more information email [yardsale@cortemaderawomensclub.org](mailto:yardsale@cortemaderawomensclub.org). To download and share the flyer, [please click here](#).

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### **Travelog: Women in Iran & Central Asia**

Bring a brown bag lunch and take an armchair trip to Iran and Central Asia with Becky Reed. She will share observations from her 26 day trip through Iran, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan with a focus on women's roles.

This event is sponsored by the Corte Madera Women's Club and will be held on Tuesday, February 5th from 12PM to 1PM at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive.



### **Roy's Redwood Loop Hike**

Marin County Parks invites you to join Ranger Mike Warner for a hike around the Roy's Redwoods Loop Trail. The hike is approximately 2.3 miles.

This event is ideal for ages 8 and up though explorers of

all ages are welcome.

Degree of difficulty: Moderate. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. They'll provide water and healthy snacks. Don't forget to bring water and snacks. They request that no pets (except service animals) attend.

Heavy winds and rain will cancel this hike. RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at [MWarner@marincounty.org](mailto:MWarner@marincounty.org).



The hike will take place on Saturday, January 26th from 9AM to 11AM at Roy's Redwoods Preserve. Meet at the Roy's Redwoods Loop trailhead on Nicasio Valley Road in San Geronimo. From Hwy 101 in Larkspur, take the exit for Sir Francis Drake Blvd west 8.6 miles, turn right onto Nicasio Valley Road. The gate is approximately 0.5 miles up on the right. For more information, [please click here](#).

### Town Hall with Congressman Huffman

Congressman Huffman invites you to a Town Hall on Thursday, January 31st at 7PM. You will discuss the impacts of the government shutdown, our shared priorities for California's North Coast, and the President's 2019 State of the Union Address.

The Town Hall will be held at the Buck Institute for Research on Aging, 8001 Redwood Boulevard, Novato, CA 94945.



This event is free and open to the public. [Please click here to register](#). Seating is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis up to capacity.

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. National Day of Service - FREE ADMISSION

The Museum of the African Diaspora (MoAD) will celebrate the national observance of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a Day of Service, providing FREE admission to the museum and programs throughout the day.



Through film, art, and music, their special guests will help us reflect on the importance of free speech and diverse communities. Marcus Shelby presents MLK and the Blues, and a documentary created by the King Institute at Stanford University will screen in their Freedom Theater. A family art activity and gallery scavenger hunt connects families to their spring exhibition, Black Refractions: Highlights from the Studio Museum in Harlem.

Come together to celebrate the life and achievements of one of our nation's greatest heroes.  
**FREE ADMISSION!!!**

The celebration will be held on Monday, January 21st from 11AM to 5PM at the Museum of the African Diaspora, 685 Mission St (at 3rd), San Francisco, CA 94105 (Ground floor of the St. Regis).

To view the MLK Day Schedule and get more information, [please click here](#).

## How Recyclables are Handled in Marin County

### *A Message from Zero Waste Marin*

Recent changes in [international recycling regulations](#) have impacted recycling markets here in Marin County and nationwide so here is a brief refresher on how recyclables are handled in our community.



[Resource](#) Haulers in Marin County handle recyclables with two different systems:

1. "Single Stream" Recycling: [Mill Valley Refuse](#), [Bay Cities Refuse](#), [Recology Sonoma Marin](#) & [Tamalpais Community Services District](#)
  1. All recyclables go in the same bin EXCEPT if you are part of the Mill Valley Refuse Services Dual Stream Pilot Program.
2. "Dual Stream" Recycling: [Marin Sanitary Service](#) (Fairfax, San Anselmo, San Rafael, Ross and Larkspur)
  1. Paper and cardboard go in the blue side while plastic, metal and glass go in the brown side.

Not sure who your resource hauler is? Just visit our [Who Is My Hauler](#) page and click on the name of your city or town.

Whether your resource hauler collects your recyclables in a single stream or dual stream system, here are some tips about preparing your materials for recycling:

- Quickly rinse your plastic, glass and metal bottles and cans before you recycle them.
- Clean aluminum foil can be rinsed and recycled.
- Pizza boxes can be recycled, as long as they are clean and free of food grease. If they are greasy, place them in your green compost cart.

Common items that seem recyclable but actually belong in the trash:

- Single use coffee cups and single use lids
- Plastic bags
- Polystyrene

Zero Waste Marin encourages you to contact your resource hauler for specific questions about recyclable items. Zero Waste Marin works with cities and towns throughout Marin County to help residents and businesses recycle and compost. Click [HERE](#) to download a PDF copy of their newsletter.

## FREE JADU Expo

(JADU = "Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit", pronounced "Jay-Doo")



The State of California has recently streamlined requirements for conversion of a bedroom/bathroom to a legal rental, called a JADU (Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit).

- No additional parking spaces required. No utility hookup fees.
- Meet with architects, builders and planners on how you convert your bedroom to JADU.
- Get help in screening renters and writing rental contract.
- Get Extra Income each month because it is a legal unit.

To reserve your spot, go to: <https://sanrafaeljadu.eventbrite.com>. The expo will be held on Thursday, February 7th from 9AM to 11AM at the Whistlestop, 930 Tamalpais Ave, San Rafael.









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.



**Town Manager Cusimano:** Cusimano informed the Council that the Public Works Team will be holding a Private Sewer Lateral Ordinance Workshop on January 29th at 6PM. He also reported that the Town is finalizing the Corte Madera Chipper Days and that the Town is continuing its Comprehensive Certified First Aid Class Trainings. The next two trainings will be on March 23rd and May 4th. Cusimano also reported that the Town will be working with HDL on analyzing the Town's sales tax revenue.

**Councilmember Kunhardt:** He reported attending a committee meeting with the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and learned that the electric vehicle infrastructure is being launched and prioritized. TAM has also launched [marincommutes.org](http://marincommutes.org), which will be a resource for people to learn about commuting within the county. Lastly, Kunhardt reported that he is working with the County's renewable energy group and MCE (Marin Clean Energy) to try and get more participation in the Deep Green program in order to go above the current five percent participation rate.

**Councilmember Beckman:** He reported attending the Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) Board of Commissioners meeting where it was reported that they might be contracting with a contractor that would work to generate electricity from the waste that is collected by CMSA. He also attended the League of Cities North Bay Division meeting where the attendees discussed the current housing problem in the Bay Area.

**Councilmember Bailey:** He reported that the Legislative Committee will have another emergency meeting with Senator McGuire on January 25th. He also reported that he has been receiving daily emails regarding PG&E and their filing for bankruptcy and he would be happy to share the information he has with anyone interested.

**Vice Mayor Andrews:** He reported attending the Legislative Committee meeting and the meeting regarding the housing discussion.

**Mayor Ravasio:** He reported attending the Twin Cities Disaster Preparedness Council meeting and the main point of discussion at that meeting was on the LRAD testing. He stated there was a lot of positive feedback. He also attended the Coalition Connection meeting. Mayor Ravasio also reported that he will be holding "Coffee with the Mayor" at

Café Verde on Saturday from 10AM to 11:30AM (January 19th) and he invited the community to join him.




### Work Week of Monday, January 21st to Friday, January 25th

- **Monday, January 21st:** ALL DEPARTMENTS will be closed in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- **[Tuesday, January 22nd: Planning Commission Meeting](#)** - Begins at 7:00 PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive




### Stay Informed

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