



**The Town of Cortez Madera's Newsletter for March 22, 2019**

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**BREAKING NEWS**



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The Central Marin Fire Council is pleased to announce the official consolidation of the Corte Madera and Larkspur Fire Departments to the newly formed Central Marin Fire Authority. The Town of Corte Madera and the City of Larkspur have a long history of working collaboratively on projects and providing enhanced services to their residents. The strong partnership and well-established commitment to public safety has been embraced in Corte Madera and Larkspur dating back to the 1970's.



This practice of collaboration is particularly evident in fire protection services, where mutual aid agreements are such that Corte Madera and Larkspur fire crews regularly respond to calls in both communities. In an effort to maintain quality fire protection and enhance fire prevention, education, and community service, formal discussion began in 2012 to evaluate potential options including consolidation. After seven years of thoughtful discussions, analysis, and consideration, the process has culminated in a full consolidation of their fire services.

Under the leadership of Fire Chief Scott Shurtz, both the Town of Corte Madera and the City of Larkspur are excited to introduce their newly formed Fire Department. "We are trying to capitalize on the efficiencies and depth that are created through the formation of an agency that is just the right size" explained Chief Shurtz. He further expressed that, "We are big enough to provide the quality and effectiveness that is expected, yet small enough to maintain the personalized and responsive service that our residents and guests have always enjoyed. I can't say enough about the creativity, support and patience demonstrated by our staff and elected officials throughout this process."

"It is exciting that the Twin Cities communities are partners in another JPA. This will provide greater economies of scale and a higher level of service for our residents."  
- Catherine Way, Larkspur Councilmember and Fire Council Chair

"This is a huge step forward for both of our communities. It builds on the success and model we have established with the Central Marin Police Authority. It also squarely meets the two objectives I always look for in shared service agreements: Does it improve service? And does it save money? This does both incredibly well, and places both Corte Madera and Larkspur in a much stronger position to deal with the increased fire danger we are experiencing in California." - Bob Ravasio, Corte Madera Mayor and Fire Council Vice Chair

Both Corte Madera and Larkspur have always been in good hands when it comes to fire protection and with the completion of this consolidation, that tradition of excellence will continue to thrive. For more information on the development of this consolidation please visit the following archive of the work of the Corte Madera and Larkspur Joint Ad Hoc Committee for Shared Fire Services: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/660/Shared-Fire-Services>.





## Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Information

Spring is officially here and we know a lot of gardening and landscaping gets completed during this time of year. We wanted to give residents a hand by providing helpful information regarding street and sidewalk maintenance.

If you have questions on the proper tree clearances, intersection clearances, maintenance of sidewalks and removal of trees, then please take a look at this [helpful handout](#) we created. The handout includes links to the Corte Madera Municipal Code and it also has the contact information for the departments you need to contact, depending on what you are working on. [Click here to view the handout.](#)

We hope you find this handout useful. Please feel free to share this handout with anyone you think might need this information.

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## Cannabis Ordinance: Planning Commission Public Hearing 3/26/19

On Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7:00pm, the Corte Madera Planning Commission will hold another public hearing regarding the development of a draft ordinance regulating medicinal and adult use cannabis within the Town. The meeting will take place at Town Hall Council

Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera. The public hearing notice is [linked here](#) for your review.

If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please call the Town of Corte Madera Planning Department at 415-927-5067 or email Senior Planner Phil Boyle at [pboyle@tcmmail.org](mailto:pboyle@tcmmail.org)

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## April Fools Workshop

The Corte Madera Library is hosting a workshop where you will be preparing yourself for April Fools Day.

You will learn tricks, gags, pranks and other shenanigans so you can hoodwink your friends.

This workshop is for children ages 5 and up. It will be held on Thursday, March 28th from 4PM to 5PM at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive.

Call 415-924-6382 for more information.

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## All Things Apple Classes for Beginner and Intermediate Apple Users

The Corte Madera Library invites you to participate in All Things Apple, a series of free, drop-in classes for both beginner and intermediate Apple users. Discover how to get the most out of your Apple computer, iPad or iPhone in these interactive classes.

Classes are being held Tuesdays from 1-3PM, from now through April 2nd, 2019. For a

complete list of classes visit <http://www.marinlibrary.org/apple-classes/>

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

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### **Beach Plastics: Design for Life**

The Corte Madera Library invites you to an art presentation and interactive sculpture workshop. Each bit of plastic washed up on Kehoe beach has a story to tell about its origin, its use, and its demise.

Artists Richard Lang and Judith Selby Lang, whose artwork has been featured in over 70 exhibitions worldwide, will discuss their artistic process and take workshop participants on a journey — from discovering the artistic potential of trash to transforming it into creative metaphor.

The presentation will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 2PM to 3PM at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive. Call 415-924-6382 for more information.

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### **Residences at Preserve Subdivision (Robin Drive Project) - Public Hearing 4/2/19**

A public hearing regarding the Residences at Preserve Subdivision (Robin Drive Project) is scheduled before the Corte Madera Town Council on April 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Corte Madera Town Hall (300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera). The complete public hearing notice can be

[viewed here](#). The notice also includes instructions on how to access information regarding prior meetings, project plans, prior staff reports and presentations, as well as who to contact and how to submit written comments prior to the public hearing.

Additional information can also be accessed at the Town's active project web page for The Residences at Preserve Subdivision (Robin Drive Project):

[http://bit.ly/AIMCO\\_RobinDrSubdivision](http://bit.ly/AIMCO_RobinDrSubdivision)

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 415-927-5064

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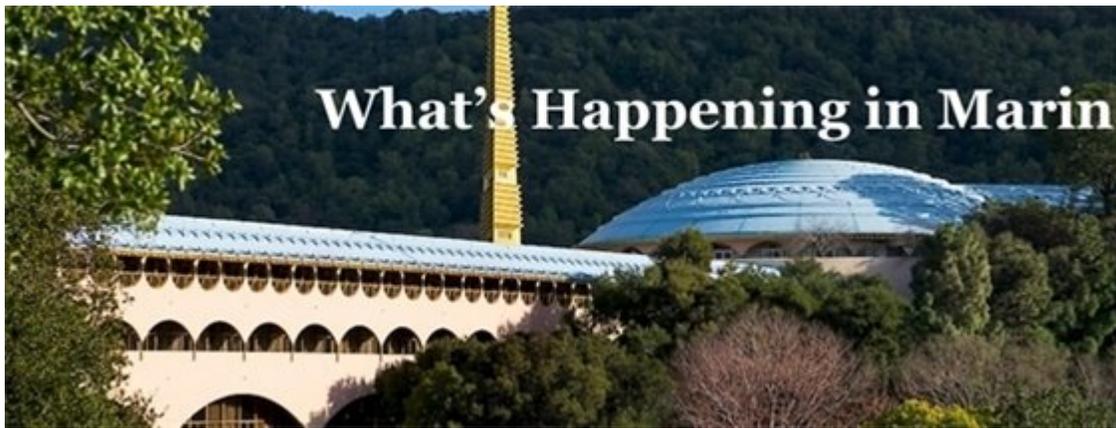
### **Wildfire Preparedness meeting with Fire Marshal Ruben Martin**

\*\*\*\*\*ATTENTION MARINER COVE RESIDENTS\*\*\*\*\*

The Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association's Neighborhood Response Group and the Town of Corte Madera invite you to join Central Marin Fire Authority's Fire Marshal, Ruben Martin, and your Mariner Cove NRG leaders for a meeting to discuss how you and your family can prepare for the next emergency, with an emphasis on wildfire awareness and preparedness.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3rd from 7PM to 8:30PM at Cove School, 330 Golden Hind Passage.

For more information, please contact Suzi Beatie at [suzbeatie@gmail.com](mailto:suzbeatie@gmail.com). Please share the [event flyer](#) with everyone you know. Don't live in Mariner Cove? Do not worry. You are still welcome at the event.



## Resources for Veterans

Veteran volunteer, Mark Seely, will be available to meet with veterans and their families to discuss such issues as health, disability compensation, vocational rehabilitation and employment, education and training and VA life insurance.

If you are interested in meeting with Mark Seely, please go to the Fairfax Library, 2097 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in Fairfax on Friday, March 29th anytime from 1PM to 4PM.



## Marine Science Sundays for 2019

The Marin Mammal Center invites you to join them on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month for Marine Science Sunday - a FREE engaging ocean-inspired classroom series from their education experts. They offer interactive classroom programs for all ages.



The FREE Marine Science Sunday Presentations are 45 minute sessions offered between 12:00 PM and 2:00 PM. The interactive classroom presentations take you on a journey into the big blue. Hosted by their expert education team, these multimedia classes focus on a new-topic each month, ranging from Creatures of the Deep to Endangered Species; you'll learn fascinating facts about marine mammals and their watery world.

The Marine Mammal Center is located at 2000 Bunker Road in Sausalito, CA. Their hours are 10AM to 4PM. For more information on the programs they offer, [please click here](#).

## Grassland Restoration

Marin County Parks invites you to join them for their monthly drop in volunteer workday as they focus on restoring the grasslands of Ring Mountain! Ring Mountain is home to numerous rare and endangered plants, but this habitat is being threatened by invasive species. Volunteer work may include invasive species removal, seed collecting, tarping, and/or installing native plants. Educational components are included as they discuss with you, the plants and animals that inhabit this unique place and explain how volunteer activities are having a positive impact.



In the event of heavy rain and/or high winds call (415) 473-3778 to find out about the

event status. In the event of cancellation, the program will be rescheduled. If you have questions or to RSVP contact Volunteer Coordinator Greg Reza at [GReza@marincounty.org](mailto:GReza@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-3778.

The event will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 10AM to 1:00PM at Ring Mountain Preserve.

For directions to the location and details on proper attire and more, [please click here](#).

## Climate Imperative: Reduce, Reuse and Sequester Greenhouse Gases

Environmental Forum of Marin has organized an event that will discuss greenhouse gas levels, their continued existence in our planet and ways we could protect the planet from learning about the 'new carbon economy'.



The event speakers include [Roger Aines](#), Chief Scientist, Atmospheric, Earth and Energy Division, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, [Clair Jahns](#), Senior Advisor at the U.S. Climate Alliance, and [Noah Deich](#), Co-founder of Carbon 180.

The event will be held on Wednesday, March 27th from 7PM to 9PM at the Marin Health and Wellness Campus, RM 109-110, 3240 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, CA. For detailed information and to register for the event, [please click here](#).



MARCH 2019 AGE FRIENDLY CORTE MADERA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER			
Month	Day	Time	Activity
March 1	Monday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 2	Tuesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 3	Wednesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 4	Thursday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 5	Friday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 6	Saturday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 7	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 8	Monday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 9	Tuesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 10	Wednesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 11	Thursday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 12	Friday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 13	Saturday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 14	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 15	Monday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 16	Tuesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 17	Wednesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 18	Thursday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 19	Friday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 20	Saturday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 21	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 22	Monday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 23	Tuesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 24	Wednesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 25	Thursday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 26	Friday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 27	Saturday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 28	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 29	Monday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting
March 30	Tuesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Senior Center Meeting

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

Intergenerational Center programs are FREE for members. Membership cost for Corte Madera residents is \$25 and for non-residents it is \$40 for all of 2019.

The cost is a tax-deductible donation to *Age-Friendly Solutions*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please contact Pam at The Center at 415-991-4040 or via email at [pwaterstone@tcmmail.org](mailto:pwaterstone@tcmmail.org) for more information.

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



**Councilmember Kunhardt:** Reported that the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) is looking at various options to fixing the flooding issues taking place on highway 37. Additionally, the signalization of northbound on-ramps will be commencing soon. Lastly, he reported that TAM's subcommittee on electric vehicles (EVs) is going to consider supporting Marin Clean Energy's (MCE) EV promotional program through supported funding.

**Councilmember Beckman:** He reported Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) has completed the pre-design for the cogenerator that will be used to convert solid waste into renewable energy. He also reported that the Larkspur Corte Madera School District is going through some financial difficulties. He mentioned that Mariner Cove participated in the Neighborhood Response Group (NRG) Evacuation Drill and that Corte Madera seems to be setting an example for other jurisdictions to follow when it comes to disaster preparedness. Lastly, he attended another Town Hall Working Group meeting and the group is progressing towards having a couple options to present to the Council.

**Mayor Ravasio:** He reported on a call with Supervisor Katie Rice where representatives from every jurisdiction, including the fire departments, also participated. Supervisor Rice is forming a group that is going to be working on County-wide fire prevention.



**Work Week of Monday, March 25th to Friday, March 29th**

- **[Monday, March 25th: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting](#)** - Begins at 6:30 PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive



- [Tuesday, March 26th: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - Begins at 7:00 PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive



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