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Want to know what the current regulations are for ADU's in Town???

On Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7pm at Corte Madera Town Hall, 300 Tamalpais Drive, the Planning Commission will hold a public meeting to review and discuss Corte Madera's existing regulations related to second units and consider potential amendments to Chapter 18.31 (Accessory Dwelling Units or ADUs) of the zoning ordinance. To read the complete Planning Commission Notice, [please click here](#).

Additional information regarding prior meetings, prior staff reports and presentations can be found on the Town's Active Projects webpage for the project:
<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/639/Accessory-Dwelling-Units>



Town Hall Addition Project Community Workshops



Please join Town staff for one of two workshops to help shape the new Corte Madera Town Hall Addition Project. Planning has started to determine staff programming needs and preferred site location. However, input is

requested to decide what site planning and design priorities the community desires from a customer-experience perspective. Bring ideas and questions to Saturday or Monday's event.

Workshop dates:

- Saturday, May 11th from 9:30am-12:30pm
- Monday, May 13th from 6:00pm-8:30pm

Both workshops will take place at the Corte Madera Community Center, located at 498 Tamalpais Drive in Corte Madera.

Please call the Public Works Department at 415-927-5057 with any questions regarding these workshops.



ARE YOU RECYCLING RIGHT? Free Seminar on Recycling and Home Composting

The Corte Madera Community Center, in partnership with Zero Waste Marin, is hosting a free advanced recycling and home composting workshop.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, May 18th from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive.

Proper recycling and keeping organic materials onsite, as mulch and homemade compost, are some of the most important practices you can do for our environment. Wonder why some items are not wanted in the recycling bin? Confused about plastic recycling? Are you curious about worm composting? Come learn how proper recycling and composting are related. Come discover how this knowledge makes you an informed and empowered citizen in your community.

Good Reason to Attend

Preventing unnecessary waste is an important goal for all of us. Did you know that the number one single item in our garbage is food scraps? And a lot of the food is even edible when it is thrown away. Did you know that over 20% of what is in the average Marin County garbage can are recyclable bottles, cans, and paper? Combined yard trimmings, along with food scraps, and basic recyclable equal more than 79% of the total waste from Marin County homes. Knowing this means there is a great opportunity to divert this material away from landfills, into a recycling and composting programs, or back into our landscape as homemade compost. Learning how to compost and properly recycle, are some of the most important endeavors one can do for our environment. The instructor, Todd Sutton, aka The Waste Sleuth, is a waste prevention expert with more than 27 years in the environmental field. He has appeared on national television, including Discovery and the History channels, and has educated thousands on sustainable materials management, zero waste concepts, waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting.

Be a Winner – Attend a Free Workshop

By attending this free workshop you will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for the chance to win a free composting bin with a retail value of more than \$100. Everyone is a winner –by learning how to properly recycle at home and work, and by learning how to compost, we all win because we are part of the solution to help keep our environment healthy. Do Not Hesitate Register now to attend a free workshop and learn how to compost. The class is free and seats are limited. Registration is desired, but not

necessary. Please RSVP via email Todd@WasteSleuth.com or call or text 925-787-8913.

Register now. If you would like additional information on this topic please contact Casey Poldino, Zero Waste Specialist, Zero Waste Marin (415) 473-6170. To contact the workshop instructor – Todd Sutton, aka the Waste Sleuth, (925) 787-8913 or Todd@WasteSleuth.com -- www.WasteSleuth.com.

[Click here to view and share the event flyer.](#)



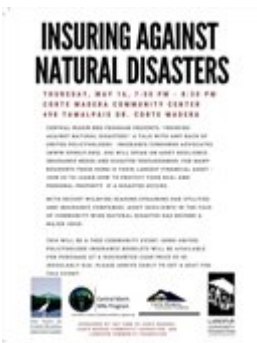
The Third Wednesday Speaker Series: Technology for Successful Aging in Today's World

Age-Friendly Corte Madera, Twin Cities Village, Corte Madera Parks and Recreation and Age-Friendly Solutions, Sponsors of The Third Wednesday Speakers Series present...
Technology for Successful Aging in Today's World

Technology plays an ever more important role. It's how you can connect with friends, communicate with doctors, order groceries, and more. Are you safe online? Are your passwords secure - and how can you keep them straight? Are you better off with a tablet or computer? Who's Alexa? What's a "smart" home? What's Facetime? Do I have to be on Facebook? Technology4Life will answer these questions and share tips and tricks for using technology to remain healthy in your home and connected to your family and community.

Presenter: Linda Siegel, Technology4Life

This event will be held on Wednesday, May 15th from 11am to 12:30pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera. [Click here to view and share the event flyer.](#)



INSURING AGAINST NATURAL DISASTERS

The Central Marin NRG Program presents, "Insuring Against Natural Disasters," A talk with Amy Bach of United Policyholders - Insurance Consumer Advocates (www.upheld.org).

Amy Bach will speak on asset resilience: insurance needs and disaster preparedness. For many residents, their home home is their largest financial asset - Join us to learn how to protect your real and personal property if a

disaster occurs.

With recent wildfire seasons straining our utilities and insurance companies, asset resilience in the face of community-wide natural disaster has become a major issue. This will be a free community event.

It will be held on Thursday, May 16th from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. Please arrive early to get a seat for this event.

This event is sponsored by the Town of Corte Madera, Corte Madera Community Foundation, and Larkspur Community Foundation.

[Check out the event flyer below by clicking here.](#) Make sure to share it with your friends.



Mindful Eating: A Three Part Series with Claire R. Cohn, M.A.

The Corte Madera Library invites you to a three part series of free, drop-in workshops.

Claire Cohn will help you understand your relationship to food, respond to cravings and make better food choices. Each workshop will be interactive and provide practical tips to prevent weight gain.

The workshops will be held on Thursday, May 9th, 16th & 23rd from 7PM to 8:15PM. Below are the workshops left from this series.

Workshop 2: What best practices help curb cravings?

Taming the “hungry self” by slowing down reactions; plan ahead for meals and snacks. Learn tips to handle nighttime eating and get better sleep.

Workshop 3: What do I need to eat to feel satisfied?

Assess your personal eating style and distinguish between “gut or head hunger”. Learn to make better food and meal choices.

All workshops will be held at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive. Call 415-924-6382 for more information.



SKUNK HOLLOW MINI-PARK NEEDS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We need your input!

The Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Department is planning to renovate Skunk Hollow Mini-Park. Please join Town of Corte Madera Staff and The

Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss ideas for Skunk Hollow.

We will have 2 community meeting to gather input and share some design ideas. We encourage families, neighbors, and park supporters to attend. Refreshments and snacks will be provided at the park meeting.

We are considering a project that will replace play equipment, provide safer and better park access and add a picnic and sitting area.

The meetings will be held on:

- SATURDAY, MAY 18th, 9:30am - 11am at the Skunk Hollow Mini-Park - At the end of El Camino
- MONDAY MAY 20th, 6:30pm at the Town Council Chambers—300 Tamalpais Dr.

For Questions about the project please contact Mario Fiorentini at mfiorentini@tcmmail.org or 415-927-5072 or visit www.cmparksandrec.org

[Click here to view and share the flyer for this announcement.](#)

Hotel Floor Area Bonus Ordinance: Town Council Public Hearing 5/21

On Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:30pm the Corte Madera Town Council will hold a Public Hearing to review information, receive public comments, and consider introducing an

Ordinance related to permitted floor area for hotel uses. The public notice is attached for your review.

The proposed Ordinance would establish a framework for permitting a floor area bonus for hotel development on lots greater than one acre in size within the C-3, C-4, or MX zoning districts provided that specific conditions and criteria related to site planning and design, environmental sustainability, community integration, and the enhancement to the public realm are met. The bonus would permit up to a maximum of .70 FAR where the existing maximum is .34 FAR.

Staff reports, minutes and archived video from prior meetings are available at the Town's website at <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/831/Hotel-Floor-Area-Bonus-Ordinance>. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 415-927-5064. [Click here to read and share the public notice on this matter.](#)



Golden Gate Bridge Corte Madera 4-Acre Tidal Marsh Restoration Project

Please note the information below is taken from the [Golden Gate District website project page](#).

Project Overview

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) is proposing to construct the Corte Madera 4-Acre Tidal Marsh Restoration Project (Project) within the District's 72-acre property located in Corte Madera, CA.

The primary goal of the Project is to restore four (4) acres to tidal marsh habitat, thereby fulfilling the District's obligations to establish two (2) acres of tidal marsh suitable for California Ridgway's rail, in accordance with the 1988 Corps permit (#17486N), and two (2) acres of tidal marsh habitat associated with a 1996 modification to District ferry operations at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal.

The proposed restoration efforts will restore tidal connectivity to the Project site and provide tidal marsh habitat in support of Federal-listed species such as the California Ridgway's rail and salt marsh harvest mouse.

The District has prepared a Draft Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in conformance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations 15000 et. seq.), and the regulations and policies of the District to evaluate and address the potential environmental impacts, which might reasonably be anticipated to result from implementation of the Project.

The public is invited to review and comment on the Draft IS/MND and supporting documents listed below. On May 15, 2019, between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., the District will host an open house meeting at the Town of Corte Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925, to answer questions about the Project.

The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day review period from April 26, 2019, to May 26, 2019. Comments should be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on May 26, 2019, in writing or via email as follows:

- In writing:

Amorette Ko, Secretary of the District
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
P.O. Box 9000, Presidio Station

San Francisco, CA 94129-0601

- By email: CMERPublicComments@goldengate.org

Project Documents (Click on the links below)

- [Draft Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration](#)
- [Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration](#) - CEQA Public Review Period: April 26, 2019 to May 26, 2019
- [Cultural Resources Report](#)
- [Hydrology Report](#)
- [Geotechnical Report](#)
- [Soil Report](#)
- [Biological Resources Inventory](#)

Previous Project Meetings

- Corte Madera Town Council Meeting, October 2, 2018: [District presentation](#)
- Corte Madera Town Council Meeting, March 21, 2017: [District presentation](#)

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- [Sign up to receive email alerts](#)

[Click here to view this information on the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District website](#)



31st Annual Classic Car Show and Parade

Greg Borrelli's ``May Madness`` will take place on May 11th, 2019 from noon to 6:00pm in downtown San Rafael. It all started in 1986 with a small gathering of Greg Borrelli's Hot Rod friends. Today there are several hundred classic cars and hot rods from the early 1920's to muscle cars of the early 70's. [Test drive the cars of the future with the EV Ride and Drive](#) sponsored by the Transportation Authority of Marin with support from Marin Clean Energy.



For the event schedule, and more information, click [here](#).

Teen Resume Workshop

The Novato Library invites you to learn how to craft a resume and avoid common mistakes. No work experience

necessary to formulate a draft. Hand-outs will be provided.

Bring your laptop or use one provided by the library. (USB may be necessary.)

This event is intended for high school aged Teens. Space is limited. Sign-up required.

This workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 15th from 5-6:30pm at the Novato Library, 1720 Novato Blvd. For more information or to sign up, call Novato Library at 415-473-2050. [Click here for the details.](#)



Marin County Parks During World War II

Join Ranger Mike Warner for a history presentation about some of Marin County Parks properties during World War II. The presentation will include information about Paradise Beach's use as a training center for repairing naval vessels, Hamilton Army Airfield, and military aviation crashes within Whites Hill, Loma Verde, and Rush Creek Open Space Preserves.



This event is ideal for ages 8 and up. Though people all ages are welcome. There will be hot chocolate, coffee, and snacks. They request that no pets (except service animals) attend.

Please reserve your spot in advance, as this event is limited to 35 participants. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Ranger Mike Warner at MWarn@marincounty.org.

The event will be held on Saturday, May 18th from 11am to 1pm at the Lucas Valley Ranger Station, 18 Jeanette Prandi Way, San Rafael. For directions, and more, [please click here.](#)



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

MAY 2019 AGE-FRIENDLY CORTE MADERA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER

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For information or to view the [May 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 for more information.

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



Town Manager Cusimano: On Cusimano's behalf, Administrative Analyst Barrera reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission has met to discuss the dog park and a discussion item on this matter will be brought up to the council at a later date.

Councilmember Bailey: He reported attending the Ross Valley Paramedic Authority on May 2nd and the budget for the upcoming fiscal year was approved.

Councilmember Beckman: He reported attending the Chamber of Commerce Auction, an Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) meeting where there was a discussion on Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) numbers and housing bills in the state.

Councilmember Kunhardt: He reported that this Saturday will be the May Madness Classic Car Show and the Transportation Authority of Marin invites everyone to attend and test drive an electric vehicle from noon to 4pm in San Rafael.

Vice Mayor Andrews: He reported that SB 50 has been amended to be merged with Senator McGuire's housing bill.

Mayor Ravasio: He reported attending a Disaster Council meeting and he also attended a Homeless Committee meeting where there were updates on the number of people who have received help from the mobile showers program.

To watch the portion of the Town Council meeting where the reports were provided, [please click here](#).

Upcoming Town Council, Board and Commission Meetings




Work Week of Monday, May 13th to Friday, May 17th

- [Tuesday, May 14th: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - Begins at 7:00pm in the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive



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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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