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### **CORTE MADERA CHIPPER DAYS ARE A HUGE SUCCESS!!**

The Corte Madera Neighborhood Chipper Program is one of many ongoing efforts to build community disaster preparedness and resilience by increasing fire danger awareness, by reducing fuel loads, and by identifying and designated feasible evacuation routes thereby making our community safer.

The Town of Corte Madera has been sponsoring green waste chipper days in particularly high-risk fire neighborhoods Town-wide on a descending priority basis.

These chipping events are provided at no cost to residents to encourage creating and maintaining Defensible Space around their homes.

Parking Lot Chipper Days are also being scheduled at the Cove School and Neil Cummins Elementary for all residents. The first on the schedule is:

- June 8th 8am-3 pm at the Cove School Parking lot
- Others TBA shortly

More information can be found on the Town's website regarding legal requirements to comply, a detailed Q & A on how the neighborhood chipping events work, and important linkages to other resources including where to find more information on fire hazardous plants and fire-resistant plants. [Click here to get that information.](#)

A huge shout- and thank you to the following neighborhoods who stepped-up to the plate to make their homes and all of us safer due to their efforts:

- Fairview/Meadowcrest Ridge
- Hidden Valley
- Meadowsweet/Casa Buena

- Upper Chapman
- Lower Chapman

Their combined efforts resulted in an incredible 2544.7 TONS or over 1885 cubic yards of green waste removal that was either chipped or taken to land fill since late January!

Similar events are planned or scheduled in several additional neighborhoods throughout the course of the summer. For more information in organizing a neighborhood event, please contact Marla Orth, Community Resilience Coordinator at: [resiliencecoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:resiliencecoordinator@gmail.com). Neighborhood Response Groups (NRGs) and Homeowner Associations (HOAs) are encouraged to participate in this efficient and cost-effective program. Other neighborhoods that are not organized can also participate. Minimum resident household participation is 25 homes.

Look to the Corte Madera Chronicles and Next Door for more updates soon.



### **Fire Extinguisher Training Day**

Central Marin Fire Department presents:  
FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING DAY

**Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Fire Station 14, 342 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera**

**DO YOU HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN YOUR HOME?**

*The fire department recommends that you have at least one fire extinguisher in your home, and that you know how to use it!*

### **LEARN HOW TO USE YOUR FIRE EXTINGUISHER**

We will provide the fire extinguisher *and the fire!* This training will also include a short presentation and video. This is an invaluable practice session for those who have never used a fire extinguisher and are hesitant to do so.

Fire Master will be offering to refill your extinguisher for \$15. They will also be selling 5lb fire extinguishers at discounted price of \$55. Please bring cash for purchase or refilling.

**Call 415-927-5077 to sign up for one of the 1 hour training time slot.**

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

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**The Town's Climate Resilience Survey: Provide**



## your input!

Provide your input! The Town's Climate Resilience Survey is now Available. After a series of successful public meetings on May 8th and 9th, the Town's resilience project is really underway. Please help us guide the

community's climate resilience efforts by filling out this short survey: ([click here to go to survey](#)) – it should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

You can also find out more about this effort on the project website

<https://cortemaderaadapts.org>.

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## Music in the Park

The Larkspur Community Foundation invites you to Piper Park on Friday, May 31st from 6pm to 8pm for a FREE concert in the Park.

This family friendly event will feature live music by the local band, The Treble Makers. Set in the newly renovated picnic area, this is the perfect opportunity to get together with friends and neighbors for a good time.

Rent tables or bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Pig in a Pickle will be serving up BBQ and Rec'Ing Crew will be selling drinks to benefit Recreation programming. For more information on renting tables or to view the reservation form and the map of the picnic area, [please click here](#).

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## SAVE THE DATE for... Living With Fire Seminar

Join us for a FREE 2-hour seminar on wildfire preparedness for Marin residents. The "Living with Fire" presentation will be taking place on Tuesday June 4th from 7:00-9:00pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr, Corte Madera.

As Marin residents, we all share responsibility to be prepared for wildfires. Wildfires are a natural part of our environment, and it's imperative that we build our homes, maintain our landscapes, and prepare our families for the next major fire. Learn about your community's hazard and what you can do about it from the wildfire experts at Central Marin Fire Department and FIRESafe MARIN.

- Are you and your family prepared to safely evacuate when a wildfire strikes?
- Is your home vulnerable to igniting from wildfire embers?
- Does your home have adequate Defensible Space?
- Are you interested in working with neighbors and land managers to reduce fire risk in your community?

This workshop is intended primarily for residents, homeowners, and regular visitors to Corte Madera, Larkspur, Greenbrae, and Marin County, CA. Registration online at [www.firesafemarin.org/events](http://www.firesafemarin.org/events) is encouraged, but not required. Click the link to get the details from the Central Marin Fire Website: <https://centralmarinfire.org/about/news/living-with-fire-seminar-corte-madera-june-4>

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## FREE Chipper Day!

Help provide a more "fire-safe" community. Dispose of your brush, branches, and dead vegetation. This is also



an opportunity to clear primary and secondary evacuations routes and roadways. Vegetation encroaching into the roadway or limiting visibility from driveways is more than a nuisance, it's a hazard.

For the safety of our workers, some regulations:

- Collection is for "vegetation" waste only. No lumber, appliances, trash, metal objects, batteries, hazardous waste, etc. will be accepted.
- Stumps and poison oak will not be accepted.
- Any small plant material that has been pulled out by the roots must be free of rocks and dirt or it will not be accepted.
- No wire or metal of any kind may be mixed with the yard waste.
- Proof of Corte Madera residency is required.

This FREE Chipper Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th from 8am to 3pm at The Cove School, 330 Golden Hind Passage. To view and share the event flyer, [click here](#).

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**\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\*\*\***

### **PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff Information**

Did you know that PG&E has information about Public Safety Power Shutoffs? Not sure what we are talking about? Well, if that's the case, we HIGHLY ENCOURAGE you to read the information we are sharing below. This information is directly from the [PG&E website](#).

All Californians need to take important steps to get ready before the 2019 wildfire season, such as creating an emergency kit and thorough emergency plan. Learn more about what California's largest energy companies are doing to address the threat of wildfire and Public Safety Power Shutoffs at [prepareforpowerdown.com](#).

#### **Before, during and after a Public Safety Power Shutoff**

As part of the PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program, they are implementing additional precautionary measures to help reduce the risk of wildfires. If extreme fire danger conditions threaten a portion of the electric system serving your community, it may be necessary for them to turn off electricity in the interest of public safety. This is called a Public Safety Power Shutoff.

#### **What this means for PG&E customers**

While customers in high fire-threat areas (based on the CPUC High Fire-Threat District map) are more likely to be affected, a public safety power outage could impact any of the more than 5 million customers who receive electric service from PG&E. This is because the energy system relies on power lines working together to provide electricity across cities, counties and regions.

Because extreme weather can last several hours or days, for planning purposes, PG&E suggests customers prepare for outages that could last longer than 48 hours.

- To learn how to prepare for outages, [please click here](#).
  - To download the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff Fact Sheet, [click here](#).
  - To download the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoff Policies and Procedures, [please click here](#).
  - To watch the video on Power Safety Shutoff Program, [please click here](#).
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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. You will also learn how to protect yourself from online hackers and create safer passwords.

Join “chic geek” Beryn Hammil to help you figure it out. Her classes are the perfect solution to give you the start you need and eventually take you beyond the basics.

Classes will be held Tuesdays from 1-3 pm, beginning May 7th through August 27th, 2019.

No classes will be held on June 25th or July 2nd.

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.



## Memorial Day Services

The Marin County Memorial Day observance, conducted by Marin County United Veterans Council, will feature music, remembrance program, flag displays and wreath-laying ceremonies.

The event will be held on Monday, May 27th at 10am at the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, CA 94903.



This is a Free event sponsored by the Marin Center.

## Learn to Skate

Join Marin County Parks at the McInnis skatepark where rangers will offer tips and techniques for beginners as well as ways to attack features that build confidence and skill. This event is geared towards the newbie skateboarder and those looking to cross over from other board sports but aren't quite sure how to start.'

All skill levels are welcome, and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy



shoes. Don't forget to bring your board, scooter, helmet and pads. Friendly dogs are welcome but must be leashed.

Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger Audrea Bocchi at [ABocchi@marincounty.org](mailto:ABocchi@marincounty.org).

The event will be held on Saturday, May 25th from 10am to 12pm at McInnis Skatepark. For directions, and more, [please click here](#).



MAY 2019 AGE-FRIENDLY CORTE MADERA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER

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## 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 [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](mailto: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:** He thanked the Resilience Coordinator, Mrs. Marla Orth, for all of the work she has been doing to clear debris and fire fuel through the Chipper Program. He read some of the statistics on the debris clearance already handled through the chipper program. (*To see the report, [please click here](#)*)

He briefly mentioned that the Town will be working on a project that will cover a large area including the top of Christmas Tree Hill. This project will clear the roadway. He also reported that the Town received a grant that will be used for the same type of work next year.

**Councilmember Bailey:** He mentioned attending the Central Marin Police Council and Central Marin Fire Council meetings with Mayor Ravasio. He also mentioned attending a Marin Clean Energy meeting and Ross Valley Paramedic Authority meeting and deferred to reporting on these at the next Council meeting.

**Councilmember Kunhardt:** He reported there are two projects that will be going out to bid with the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM).

**Councilmember Beckman:** He reported attending a Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) and he stated CMSA will be leasing part of their corporate yard to other Marin organizations to generate more revenue. He attended the League of Cities North Bay Division meeting and mentioned there are different housing bills that are being considered.

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



### **Work Week of Monday, May 27th to Friday, May 31st**

- **Monday, May 27th:** Memorial Day - Legal Holiday. All Town Departments CLOSED
- **Tuesday, May 28th:** Planning Commission Meeting - CANCELLED



## Stay Informed

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