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Learn about the Neighborhood Chipper Program and its current accomplishments

The 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 designating 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. Under this program, residents are responsible only for the labor and costs associated with brush removal, cutting, stacking, and staging them in locations deemed suitable by the Town. The goal is to create a 100-foot Defensible Space around each property or to the extent feasible and as required by law. The Town will in turn utilize contract labor to chip the materials on designated and pre-approved chipper days and dispose of them accordingly.

At the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, July 2nd, the Town's Resilience Coordinator gave a presentation on the program's efforts, accomplishments, and future goals. We thought it would be a good idea to share the PowerPoint presentation with you all, in case you did not get to watch it through the live recording or in person. You may view the presentation by clicking [here](#). If you would like to watch the video recording of the presentation, you can click [here](#).

For questions about the Chipper Program, please contact the Town's Resilience Coordinator at 415-924-6362 or you can send an email to resiliencecoordinator@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM...



Pacific Gas and Electric Company®

*** The following are important announcements from PG&E to you ***

SAVE THE DATE: PG&E Wildfire Safety Open House

PG&E is hosting a series of regional open houses throughout its service area to share more information about its Community Wildfire Safety Program (CWSP). These drop-in gatherings will be an opportunity to learn more about wildfire safety and emergency preparedness, meet with PG&E representatives, ask questions and share feedback.



Wildfire Safety Open House

July 30, 2019, 6 - 8 p.m.

Embassy Suites San Rafael,
Mill Valley and Sausalito Ballroom
101 McInnis Parkway
San Rafael, Calif. 94903

Topics will include:

- Expansion of the Public Safety Power Shutoff program
- Accelerated safety inspections of electric infrastructure
- Enhanced vegetation management around power lines
- Hardening the electric system for the future by replacing equipment and installing covered power lines and stronger and more resilient poles

Please feel free to share this invitation with everyone you know. If you can't attend, then participate in one of their upcoming webinars.

To view and share the event flyer, [please click here](#).

PG&E Wildfire Safety Webinar

If you are not able to attend the open house mentioned above, then you have the opportunity to participate in a webinar. The same topics will be covered as those in the open house.

Below is more information about the next scheduled webinar. Please feel free to share this invitation. Closed captioning for the event will be available in English, Spanish and Chinese.

Wildfire Safety Informational Webinar
Monday, July 22, 2019

6 to 7:30 p.m.

Access by clicking this

link*: <https://engage.vevent.com/rt/pacificgasandelectriccompany~071719>

*Event Notes

Please note that for optimal viewing, it is best not to use VPN, but instead to connect directly to the Internet.

Please disable your pop-up blockers in order to view the content in its entirety.

This event is being streamed. It is recommended that you listen via your computer speakers. An additional option for audio listening in to dial in:

Toll-Free Attendee Dial In: 855-247-4312

Passcode: 8482036

PG&E Power Outages

Wildfire season is here and Marin County residents need to be prepared for prolonged power outages related to PG&E's efforts to reduce wildfire risks.

What is a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS)?

Most Marin County residents live in elevated (Tier 2) or extreme (Tier 3) fire threat areas. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is expanding its Community Wildfire Safety Program. This includes turning off electric power for safety ([Public Safety Power Shutoff](#)) when extreme fire danger conditions are forecasted. Learn more about Public Safety Power Shutoffs at prepareforpowerdown.com.

When will PG&E activate the PSPS? For how long?

PG&E may activate a Public Safety Power Shutoff if extreme fire danger conditions are forecasted to help reduce the likelihood of an ignition. These include, but are not limited to:

- A Red Flag Warning declared by the National Weather Service
- Low humidity levels, generally below 20 percent
- Forecasted sustained winds generally above 25 mph

Marin County residents need to prepare for at least 5 days without electricity.



KEEP YOUR MONEY SAFE!



Age-Friendly Corte Madera, Twin Cities Village, Corte Madera Parks and Recreation and Age-Friendly Solutions, Sponsors of The Third Wednesday Speakers Series present...

Keep Your Money Safe

Learn valuable advice from members of the Marin County Financial Abuse Specialist Team (F.A.S.T.) to avoid becoming a victim of scams, frauds, "wealthy Nigerian princes" and IRS impersonators, a growing problem right here in our own neighborhood. Marin F.A.S.T. enlightens

and educates you on how to protect yourself against common financial scams. A 2017 study asserts that financial abuse cases make up 32% of all referrals to Adult Protective Services.

This event will be held on Wednesday, July 17th from 11am to 12:30pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. Complimentary light refreshments will be provided. [Click here to view and share the event flyer.](#)



Teens Ukelele Class

The Corte Madera Library invites you to a ukelele class. If you know NOTHING about the uke, but would like to start making music IMMEDIATELY, this is the class for you!

Scott Gifford will teach you 4 chords (C7, C, F & G7) and you'll play about 10 one-, two- and three-chord songs during the hour. Everyone gets a free pick and can email

Scott for a chord chart, a list of great websites, and other useful info.

"A splendid time is guaranteed for all!"

This class is for grades 6-12. Ukeleles will be provided.

The class will be held on Wednesday, July 17th from 4pm to 5pm at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive.

Sign-ups are required. Space is limited. Call 415-924-3515 to register and for more information.



Got Defensible Space???

The Town of Corte Madera is offering a FREE Chipper Weekend for Corte Madera residents.

This is an opportunity dispose of your brush, branches, and dead vegetation to create Defensible Space around your home and neighborhoods and overall, make our

community safer. We want to be able to provide a "Fire-Safe" Community.

Chipper Weekend will be held at the Neil Cummins School Parking lot on the following days and times:

- Saturday, July 20th from 8am to 3pm
- Sunday, July 21st from 12pm to 3pm

For the safety of our workers, here are some regulations:

- Collection is for "GREEN" waste only. No lumber, appliances, trash, metal objects, batteries, hazardous waste, etc. will be accepted.
- Waste must be segregated by chippable versus non-chippable materials (French and Scotch broom, bamboo, vines and grasses are not chippable material).

- NO GARBAGE is allowed.
- Proof of Corte Madera residency is required. Anyone without an ID will be turned away. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Questions? Call the Town's Resilience Coordinator at 415-924-6362

Please make sure to share the [event flyer](#) with your friends and neighbors.



Tween/Teen Science Lab: Popping Boba

The Corte Madera Library invites you to learn about molecular gastronomy by making popping boba (those tasty spheres you put in drinks or on your frozen yogurt), and then make your own!

This event is for grades 4 and up. It will be held on Thursday, July 18th from 2pm to 3pm at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive.

Space is limited, signups are required. Call 415-924-3515 for details.



Chili Cooks Needed for the Upcoming Chili Cook-Off

We are hoping you can help us spread the word on the upcoming chili cook-off. The cook-off will be held on Saturday, September 7th on the Day of Fun presented by the Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce, Town of Corte Madera and City of Larkspur.

The cook off will be from 12pm to 1:30pm at the Corte Madera Town Park. There are some things you need to make a note of prior to registering. Those are:

- You have to make your chili at your home or restaurant and transport it to the Corte Madera Community Center
- You must arrive by 11:30am because the tasting begins at 12pm.
- You must bring at least 1 gallon of chili
- There is no cost to register but all registrations are due by September 1st.

To download the registration [please click here](#). To register through our online portal, [please click here](#).



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.



Corte Madera Community Foundation's Summer Concert Series

The Foundation's free Summer Sunday Concerts at Piccolo Pavilion in Old Corte Madera Square began on June 9, 2019, and will continue on Sundays through August 25, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Here's the current lineup of fine bands that are scheduled to perform during the 2019 season:

- **July 14: The Jones Gang w/ Sean Allen** (Rock/Funk/Blues/Americana) <https://www.thejonesgang.com/>
- **July 21: Gator Nation Band** Cajun/Zydeco/New Orleans R&B) <https://www.gatornationband.com/>
- **July 28: Victoria George & The High Lonesome** (California Country) <https://victoriageorgemusic.com>
- **Aug 4: Soul Mechanix** (Soul/Funk) <https://www.facebook.com/soulmechanix/>
- **Aug 11: Bubba's Taxi** (Classic Rock) <https://www.facebook.com/BubbasTaxi>
- **Aug 18: New Copasetics Band** (Rock/Pop/Americana/Little Bit of Soul) <http://www.newcopasetics.com>
- **Aug 25: Danny Click and the Heck Yeahs!** (Americana/Folk) <http://dannyclick.com>

To visit the Corte Madera Community Foundation's website, [please click here](#).

Town Center's Summer Music Series

Looking for something to do on Sundays? Town Center has entertainment for the entire family. Visit Town Center every Sunday from 12pm to 2pm for live music and family fun. Below is the current line up for the entire summer.

- July 14th: The Autonomous Region
- July 21st: Brica Uz



- July 28th: Xochitl
- August 4th: Andy Lentz
- August 11th: The Nomad Band
- August 18th: Ken Husbands
- August 26th: Jessica Schaeffer



Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 11 Moon Landing & the First Ever Moonwalk

Celebrate and learn much more about the Apollo 11 Rocket and NASA's First Ever Moon Walk which happened only 50 years ago, on July 20, 1969. The Novato Space Station Museum will be at the Novato Library with loads of cool model spacecraft and experts in the field of the space race.



This event will be held on Wednesday, July 17th from 6:30pm to 8pm at the Novato Library, 1720 Novato Blvd. For information, [please click here](#).

Alert Marin Emergency Notification

Ensure you're informed during an emergency. Sign up for Alert Marin, Marin County's emergency alert system.

Please visit

<https://www.marinsheriff.org/services/emergency-services/alert-marin> to sign up.



San Geronimo Ridge

This walk is for ages 18 and up. You'll start the morning with a slow ascent from the valley floor to the San Geronimo Ridge. It's a sustained climb but once you reach the top you'll enjoy amazing views and the pygmy Sargent cypress forest that makes this preserve so unique. For lunch you'll drop down to a shaded clearing among towering Redwoods and Douglas-firs. Distance: 5 miles; elevation gain: 1,200 feet. Remember

to bring binoculars, if you have them.

High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 7am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. We request that no pets (except service animals) attend. No registration is required. If you have questions, contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520.



The walk will be held on Sunday, July 14th from 9am to 2pm at the Gary Glacomini Preserve. Meet at the gate on Redwood Canyon Dr in San Geronimo. For directions, and more, [please click here](#).



JULY 2019 AGE FRIENDLY CORTE MADERA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10:00-11:30am: Yoga with Sherry	10:00-11:30am: Yoga with Sherry	10:00-11:30am: Yoga with Sherry	10:00-11:30am: Yoga with Sherry
11:30am-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation	11:30am-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation	11:30am-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation	11:30am-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation
1:00-2:30pm: Art with Pam	1:00-2:30pm: Art with Pam	1:00-2:30pm: Art with Pam	1:00-2:30pm: Art with Pam
2:30-4:00pm: Games & Activities	2:30-4:00pm: Games & Activities	2:30-4:00pm: Games & Activities	2:30-4:00pm: Games & Activities
4:00-5:30pm: Music with Sherry	4:00-5:30pm: Music with Sherry	4:00-5:30pm: Music with Sherry	4:00-5:30pm: Music with Sherry
5:30-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment	5:30-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment	5:30-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment	5:30-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment

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 [July 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

Upcoming Town Council, Board and Commission Meetings




Work Week of Monday, July 15th to Friday, July 19th

- [Tuesday, July 16th: Corte Madera Town Council Meeting](#) - CANCELLED
- [Tuesday, July 16th: Sanitary District No. 2 Board Meeting](#) - CANCELLED



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