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Parks and Recreation Closures

We would like to inform you that the Corte Madera Community Center will be closed to the public the week of Monday, August 26th to Friday, August 30th.

The Community Center will be undergoing its annual maintenance work so all activities for that week have been cancelled.

Additionally, the basketball courts are going to be repaved. Therefore, they will be closed starting on Thursday, August 22nd and will be usable starting Monday, August 26th. Please note that because we have to allow the pavement to have several weeks of cure time before the new surfacing is done, we will need to once again, close the basketball courts some time after September 13th (we will announce the official date once it is confirmed). After we announce the official date, the courts will be closed for two weeks while the work is being done.

If you have questions or concerns regarding these closures, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 415-927-5072.

What's Happening in Town



Which Department Do I Call???



Which Department Do I Call?

Do you have questions for Town staff and sometimes need more options on how to contact us or maybe you aren't sure which department you should be contacting? Well, here's a little information on each Town department.

Administration Department: Administration oversees the town's functions, and implements goals and objectives established by the Town Council. Administration also performs the Town Clerk and Council election functions. To contact this department you can call 415-927-5050.

Building Department: The Building Department reviews building permit applications and plans for compliance with State and local building codes including structural, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and energy efficiency. The department also provides inspection and code enforcement services for all building related construction. To contact this department you can call 415-927-5062.

Finance Department: The Finance Department accounts for the collection and disbursement of all monies; invests funds; provides numerous financial statements and reports on financial position; performs budgetary management; administers the position classification plan, job descriptions and associated salary plan; administers the employee compensation and benefit programs; administers the business license ordinance; assists the Town Manager in risk management and other general administrative functions. To contact this department you can call 415-927-5055.

Parks and Recreation: This department provides year-round recreational programs, classes, sports leagues, summer camps and events for residents of Corte Madera and surrounding communities. To contact this department you can call 415-927-5072.

Planning Department: The Planning Department is responsible for land use planning, implementation and maintenance of the Zoning Ordinance and General Plan, and facilitating the land use application review process, including staffing for the Planning Commission. To contact this department you can call 415-927-5064.

Public Works Department: This department is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of all public infrastructure, and oversees, manages, and supervises the town personnel and private contractors who perform this work. To contact this department you can call 415-927-5057.

Sanitary District No. 2: The District provides sewage collection services for the Town, limited areas of the surrounding communities of Larkspur and Tiburon, and certain

unincorporated land within Marin County. These services include the installation and maintenance of sanitary sewer pipelines and pump stations, regulation of sanitary sewer connections, and waste collection services within the boundary of the District. This department is managed by the Public Works Department. [To contact this department you can call 415-927-5057.](#)

Central Marin Fire: Central Marin Fire Department is a Joint Powers Authority formed between the Towns of Corte Madera and Larkspur in Marin County, California in 2018. Central Fire Department is a consolidated department with the mission of protecting lives, property and the environments of Corte Madera and Larkspur, California through education, prevention and community service while working together in a professional and caring manner that is fair, honest respectful and ethical. [To contact this department you can call 415-927-5077.](#)

Central Marin Police Authority: The Central Marin Police Authority was formed in 2013 under a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the Town of Corte Madera, City of Larkspur and the Town of San Anselmo. The Authority provides police services and public safety dispatching to the communities of Corte Madera, Larkspur, San Anselmo and portions of Greenbrae, comprising of approximately 35,000 residents. [To contact this department you can call 415-927-5150.](#)

We know this is a lot of information so next week we will take it another step and provide you with contact information for our Town Council, Boards and Commissions. Stay tuned.



Are You Ready for Dual-Stream Recycling???

You may or may not be aware of the residential dual stream recycling collection that Mill Valley Refuse Service (MVRS) has began to implement. Dual stream collection produces the cleanest and most marketable stream of high-quality material. It helps eliminate contamination which has become very important ever since China's

government decided to change their environmental policy regarding the types of recycling it would accept from other countries. To get more information on international policies affecting global commodity markets, [please click here.](#)

Just so you have a little more background information, MVRS proposed the change to dual stream collection from single stream collection to all of the jurisdictions that are part of the franchise agreement with MVRS and each jurisdiction voted in favor of the proposal.

Now, we want you to know that we understand that dual stream recycling sounds like a big headache, so we want to help guide you in the right direction and help you understand how everything is going to work. [MVRS has mailed you a flyer](#) that looks like the one included in this post. In this flyer you will find answers to questions like "Why not pick up both streams on the same week?" or "What is the alternating week pick up schedule?" The flyer also has information regarding the courtesy notice you will be receiving if for some reason you happen to sort your recycling the wrong way in the next few weeks. We think it is super important to begin educating ourselves on the correct way to sort our recycling so we ask that you visit the MVRS website to learn as much as possible. Don't worry, you won't be the only one doing so, we are right there with you for we have to follow the same process. To visit the MVRS website, please click on the following link: <https://www.millvalleyrefuse.com/>

Remember that if you have any questions, you should [contact MVRS directly.](#) However, you should try to exhaust all of your resources first and by that we mean, [check out their website.](#) They just re-designed it so you have an easier time navigating through everything. There is so much information on their website that it won't take that long for you to become a dual stream recycling expert. We hope you find all of this information helpful and if you still feel like you prefer to contact MVRS with your questions, here is

their contact information.

Office hours: Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Phone: 415-457-9760 ext. 5

Fax: 415-457-3003

Email: customer@millvalleyrefuse.com

Please don't forget to [view and share the information flyer](#) with all of your friends and neighbors. This is super important so please help us spread the word.



High Canal Embankment Repair Project: PLEASE BE ADVISED OF PATHWAY CLOSURES

Please be advised that the Public Works Department for the Town of Corte Madera will be starting a construction project on September 3rd through early November 2019 to repair four slope failures along the High Canal drainage channel. Normal working hours for the project are

tentatively scheduled from 8am-5pm.

In general, when working in the vicinity of schools it is our goal to deliver projects while school is out of session. However, as part of the environmental compliance analysis for the project and coordination with resource permitting agencies (California Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Army Corp. of Engineers) several avoidance measures were identified that limited the construction window within the waterway to only the months of September and October.

In an effort to minimize public inconvenience, we have identified a pedestrian detour route ([click here to view it](#)) and we appreciate your cooperation through the duration of our project. At Doherty Drive and Lucky Drive, safe passage of pedestrians will be maintained at all times and construction-related deliveries will be scheduled to avoid school drop off and pick up, when possible. However, to ensure safety, it is likely that the High Canal path will be closed to the public for the duration of the project (including nights and weekends). Also, upon completion of the slope repairs the gravel and asphalt paths will be restored to pre-existing condition.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact Public Works at pwcounter@tcmail.org or 415.927.5057.



FREE Summer Camp

Microsoft is offering FREE summer camps. These are *Stranger Things*-inspired STEM camps. Campers must be 13 and up and they will be able to take coding and movie making workshops, enter to win an Xbox One X and play

Stranger Things 3: The Game.

Camp will be held every Saturday at 10am now through September 28th at the Level 1 Microsoft Store at the Village, 1618 Redwood Highway. [Click here to register and attend](#).

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](#).



FREE Certified Comprehensive First Aid Training

ARE YOU SIGNED UP for the upcoming, Certified Comprehensive First Aid Training (CCFA)??? The training is FREE, yes, FREE to Corte Madera residents.

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.

- This 5-hour class will certify you for a period of 2 years
- It is certified 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
- **Individuals age 18 or older ONLY (we will not be able to accept anyone under the age of 18.)**, may sign-up by sending your full name and home address via email to Lorena Barrera at 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)
- Questions regarding enrollment may be directed to Lorena Barrera at 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.
- The upcoming class date for the Corte Madera community is: **Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

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

Thank you for your commitment to our Town's safety. [Click here to view the flyer](#) on this class. Make sure to share the flyer with everyone you know.



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:

- **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.

- August 26th: Jessica Schaeffer



Bay Area Pignic - Marin

Join Marin Humane for their 9th annual Pignic, a fun-filled gathering for guinea pigs and their owners! This event will be held on Saturday, August 24th from 10am to 2pm at Marine Humane, 171 Bel Marin Keys Blvd. in Novato. Grab some lunch, pack up your guinea pigs, and join them for:



- Cavy Costume Contest
- Vegetable Eating Contest
- Raffle
- Bake Sale
- Health Checks
- Grooming...and more!

Tickets are \$5 and include one raffle ticket. You may also purchase additional raffle tickets - 2 for \$5, or 5 for \$10.

Bay Area Pignic - Marin is for the benefit of Marin Humane small companion animal services including medical care, re-homing, and education. Marin Humane transforms lives through exceptional animal care, humane education, and advocacy. Every day, they inspire compassion and positive relationships between people and animals.

Rock Spring

This walk is for ages 18 and up. The many trails in this area traverse some of the most diverse and picturesque land in the county, making this a lovely place to spend a summer day. Be sure to bring layering options as you never know if you'll be over or under the fog at this time of year. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them.



High fire danger cancels: Call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Marin County Parks requests that no pets (except service animals) attend. No registration is required. If you have questions, please contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520.

This event will be held on Thursday, August 29th from 10am to 2pm at the Rock Spring Trailhead. Meet at Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) Mt. Tamalpais. For directions, and more, please click [here](#).



AGE-FRIENDLY CORTE MADERA INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER			
Activity	Day	Time	Location
Arts & Crafts	Monday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Room 101
Yoga	Tuesday	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Room 101
Reading Club	Wednesday	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Room 101
Board Games	Thursday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Room 101
Music	Friday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Room 101
Technology	Saturday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Room 101
Tea & Conversation	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Room 101

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 [August program schedule](https://agefriendlycenter.org), 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



Councilmember Kunhardt: He reported the Eastman and Tamalpais intersection would have a crossing guard on the first day of school. Additionally, he mentioned that he is working with the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) to change the way process TAM uses to determine where crossing guards are needed. He also attended the MCCMC Legislative Committee meeting and also went to the Marin Telecommunications Agency (MTA) meeting and reported that the MTA Board reached an agreement on the response to the grand jury report.

Councilmember Ravasio: He attended the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting. He mentioned that the Marin Ready Together group also had a meeting and they will be presenting to the Council at the next meeting. He also attended a Central Marin Police Council and Central Marin Fire Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Beckman: He reported that Age-Friendly Corte Madera held their annual celebration of residents who are 90 years or older and he was informed that it was a great event.

Mayor Andrews: He added to Vice Mayor Beckman's report on the Age-Friendly Corte Madera event and said 25 residents were honored. He also reported that he attended the Flood Control Board had a meeting on August 12th and the Board had a great presentation on the flood system we have in Town. He encouraged residents to watch the presentation.

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



Work Week of Monday, August 26th to Friday, August 30th

- [Monday, August 26th: Parks and Recreation Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:30pm in the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive
- [Tuesday, August 27th: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - CANCELLED



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