



The Town of Cortes Madera's Newsletter for September 13, 2019

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DO YOU KNOW that your home is one of 2000 homes in the Town of Cortes Madera located in the Wildland Interface (WUI)?

DO YOU KNOW that this means your home is in a neighborhood that is designated as a High or Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone? This is due to pervasive unmitigated fuel loads, inadequate ingress and egress, steep terrain, strong prevailing wind patterns, and wood construction.

DO YOU KNOW that a recent study listed Cortes Madera among the Bay Area's most problematic areas when it comes to safely evacuating its residents from the WUI?

DO YOU KNOW that many of your neighbors have lost their home insurance, had their deductibles tripled, and had insurance premiums spike to some of the highest levels in the State of California?

DO YOU KNOW that the State mandates you to maintain 100 feet of defensible space or to the property line, whichever is greater, around your home? Failure to comply with abatement requirements can result in a special assessment or lien against your property.

DO YOU KNOW that the Town of Corte Madera offers programs designed to build community disaster preparedness and resilience by increasing fire danger awareness, by reducing vegetation and designating feasible evacuation routes thereby making our community safer? Visit <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/830/Neighborhood-Chipper-Program> to learn more.

DO YOU KNOW that the Town of Corte Madera sponsors green waste chipper days to as few as 20 households in particularly high-risk fire areas? This service is provided at no cost to you and your neighbors. We can also help you get organized!

For more information on how you can take action to protect your family, your home and your community, please call Marla Orth, Town Resilience Coordinator at 415-924-6362.



The Third Wednesday Speaker Series Presents: Oops! Falls and How to Prevent Them

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

Oops! Falls and How to Prevent Them

About one-third of the population over 65 has a fall each year. The risk of falls increases proportionately with age.

What can you do to prevent them? Spend a little time learning about falls and you just might save yourself from a lot of misery later on.

Presenter: Carol Zeller, RN, MSN

This event will be held on Wednesday, September 18th, 2019 from 11am to 12:30pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. To view and share the event flyer, [please click here](#).

Coastal Clean Up Day

The Corte Madera Community Foundation, Practical Martial Arts, Corte Madera Lions Club and Boy Scout Troop 24 will again be sponsoring the annual California Coastal Cleanup for Corte Madera on Saturday September 21st.

Volunteers should sign in at the tents set up at San



Clemente and Redwood. Everyone will be assigned an area to walk and be given a map of the area. Children are encouraged to attend with a parent or responsible adult and will be given Community Service Credit for the activity.

Park in the Macy's parking lot and cross at the light. Wear work clothes with closed toe shoes and bring gloves, water and a 3-5 gallon plastic bucket if available. Mill Valley Refuse supplies a debris box and recycling bins and our Public Works Department provides support

and supplies for the event. The official arrival time is between 9am and 12pm with a followup barbecue for all participants at the Bay Model in Sausalito.

Help clean up our wetlands and waterways to prevent trash and plastic from reaching the ocean. Any questions contact Bob Bundy at 415-924-8186 or bundyworld@comcast.net.



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.



Dual-Stream Recycling Information

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.



Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Alzheimer's is not normal aging. Join the Civic Center Library to learn about: the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia; disease stages and risk factors; current research, treatment and resources.



Registration is requested, but drop-ins are welcome.

Please call the Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900 to register.

This event will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 12pm to 1:30pm at the Civic Center Library, 3501 Civic Center Drive, #427, San Rafael, CA 94903.

Creekside Restoration

Join Marin County Parks and One Tam staff (a Tamalpais Lands Collaborative initiative) to enrich important habitat areas of Hal Brown Park and Creekside Marsh. Be a part of a community-based effort to install a diverse palette of native plants at a site once dominated by nonnative grasses and weeds.

Volunteer work is mildly strenuous and involves bending, pulling, and kneeling and hiking on steep and uneven terrain. It is possible for volunteers as young as 5 years old to join if teamed with a parent or guardian. Dress in layers you can get dirty, wear sturdy shoes, and bring water. Please bring gloves if you have them. Snacks will be provided.

RSVP's are appreciated but not required. Questions or to RSVP: Contact Volunteer Coordinator Kirk Schroeder at KSchroeder@marincounty.org or (415) 763-2977.

This event will be held on Saturday, September 14th from 9am to 12pm at Hal Brown Park at Creekside, across from Marin General Hospital. For directions, and more, please click [here](#).



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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 [September 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@tcmail.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, September 16th to Friday, September 20th

- [Tuesday, September 17th: Town Council Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:30pm in the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive
- [Tuesday, September 17th: Sanitary District No. 2 Meeting](#) - CANCELLED



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