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Coastal Clean Up Day TOMORROW

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.

What's Happening in Town



Notice of Public Hearing on the Town's Noise Ordinance

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corte Madera Town Council will hold a public hearing to consider introduction of an Ordinance that would repeal and replace Chapter 9.36 (Noise) of the Municipal Code to update and clarify the regulation of excessive and offensive noise. The purpose of the Ordinance is to update, modernize and clarify the existing noise ordinance to implement the

General Plan and to alleviate challenges currently faced by the Town in the implementation and enforcement of its existing noise ordinance regulations of community noise arising from diverse sources such as transportation, construction, mechanical equipment, entertainment, and human behavior.

All persons interested in the foregoing are invited to appear before the Corte Madera Town Council at the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Town Council Chambers. To read and share the complete notice published by the Town Clerk, please click on the following

link: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3027>

A draft of the proposed Ordinance language can be viewed here:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4617/Proposed-Noise-Ordinance>



Notice of Discussion and Possible Approval of Location For A Dog Park

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the October 1, 2019 Town Council meeting, the Corte Madera Town Council will review the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the final proposed location for a dog park and associated amenities in Town Park, adjacent to the rear of Park Madera Center, which is located at 510 Tamalpais Drive.

Temporary fencing denoting the proposed dog park perimeter has been installed at the location under consideration, as indicated in the photos and map that can be viewed in the complete Notice by [clicking here](#). The community is encouraged to visit the site and provide any comments and feedback to the Town Council in advance of the meeting. Comments can be provided to the Corte Madera Town Clerk via email to vaughn@tcmmail.org, by mail to 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera CA 94925, by calling (415) 927-5050, or in person during public comment when the item is heard at the October 1, 2019 Town Council meeting.

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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@tcmmail.org or 415.927.5057.



FREE Chipper Weekend

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

This is an opportunity 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 Cove School, 330 Golden Hind Passage, on the following days and times:

- Saturday, October 19th from 9am to 4pm
- Sunday, October 20th from 12pm to 4pm

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.

Please note that if rain is predicted for this weekend, the event will be cancelled. Questions? Call the Town's Resilience Coordinator at 415-924-6362

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



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.



DO YOU KNOW that your home is one of 2000 homes in the Town of Corte 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 Corte 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.



Veterans Resource Center

Veteran volunteer, Mark Seely, will be available to meet with veterans and their families to discuss such issues as:

- Health
- Disability Compensation
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment
- Education and Training
- VA Life Insurance



For more information: Call 865-201-4047 or Email: LibraryVeterans@marincounty.org

This event will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 from 2pm to 5pm at the Civic Center Library, 3501 Civic Center Drive, #427, San Rafael, CA 94903.

Senior Stroll at Bear Valley

This shaded path is one of the best places in the county to enjoy a warm fall day. You'll follow a relatively level fire road along a creek enjoying the natural wonders that thrive among the shadows of towering Douglas-firs and stately alders. Remember to bring binoculars, if you have them.

Heavy smoke 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.

Questions: Contact Shannon Burke at SBurke@marincounty.org or (415) 893-9520.



This event will be held on Thursday, September 26th from 10am to 11:30am at Point Reyes National Seashore. 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 100+.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
September 17	September 18	September 19	September 20	September 21
September 22	September 23	September 24	September 25	September 26
September 27	September 28	September 29	September 30	October 1

For information or to view the [September program schedule](#), please visit the Intergenerational Center website: <https://agefriendlycenter.org> or call 415-991-4040.

You may also look at the October program schedule by clicking on the following link:

https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4624/AFIC_Schedule_Oct_2019_FINAL

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



"Paint and Sip"
A Fun, Social, Painting Experience

Discover your inner artist and learn the secrets of creating your own fabulous painting of "The Vase of Flowers" by Henri Matisse!

"Paint and Sip" will be held on Wednesday, September 25th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the AFIC.

Award-winning artist and educator, Debra Maddox will guide you in an informal, encouraging atmosphere to create your own HENRI MATISSE masterpiece. No experience is necessary – this is for everyone, from artistic newcomers to master painters! All art supplies will be provided. Just bring a thirst for creativity and passion for a good time. Bring your favorite beverage and we will provide the snacks! The \$45 registration fee, payable to Age-Friendly Solutions for this event, includes the painting class, all materials and your own beautiful painting on canvas ready to hang on the wall.

Call the AFIC at (415) 991-4040 to make your reservation. You may drop off the registration fee at the Intergenerational Center by September 23rd, 10:30AM to 4:30pm. Register soon as space is limited. To view the event flyer, [please click here](#).



Work Week of Monday, September 23rd to Friday, September 27th



- [Monday, September 23rd: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:30pm in the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive
- [Tuesday, September 24th: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - CANCELLED



Stay Informed

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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