



## The Town of Corte Madera's Newsletter for October 18, 2019

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### **FREE Chipper Weekend Saturday & Sunday**

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.](#)

# What's Happening in Town



## Spooky Spaghetti BINGO

Join us on Friday, October 25th for a night of food and fun! Enjoy a buffet-style spaghetti dinner from 6PM to 7PM and then BINGO for prizes until 9PM.

This is fun the whole family can enjoy! The cost will be \$20 per person. This includes 3 BINGO cards. The event will be held at the Community Center on 498 Tamalpais Drive. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 415-927-5072.



## Lions Share Service Project To Aid Seniors in Corte Madera

The Corte Madera Lions Club in partnership with Age-Friendly Corte Madera will, once again, offer "LIONS SHARE," a day dedicated to aid Corte Madera seniors with small household tasks.

On Saturday, October 26th, from 9am to noon, volunteers from the Corte Madera Lions Club will make free house calls to Corte Madera seniors to perform minor household chores and repairs. Examples include replacing smoke alarm batteries, changing hard-to-reach light bulbs, unclogging slow drains, oiling squeaky doors, rotating mattresses and other small household projects.

The seniors, aged 60 and older, must live in Corte Madera, and be home on Saturday, October 26th, between 9am and noon. No specific appointment times will be made. Participants must have the necessary supplies on hand.

Corte Madera seniors wishing to receive help on the Lions Share service day may contact Marge at Age-Friendly Corte Madera at 415-480-9758 and leave contact information and a description of the task. To learn more about Age-Friendly Corte Madera, visit [www.agefriendlycortemadera.org](http://www.agefriendlycortemadera.org).

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

## National Prescription Drug TAKE BACK DAY

Clean it out and drop it off! National Prescription Drug Take-back Day is Saturday, October 26th. RX Take-Back



Day is a safe, convenient, and responsible way to dispose of your unused or expired prescription drugs. Old and unused prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning overdose, and abuse. Pharmaceutical drugs can be just as dangerous as street drugs when taken without a prescription or a doctor's supervision.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. On the last Take-Back Day in April 2019, nearly 470 tons (more than 935,000 pounds) of unused or expired

medications were collected nationwide.

You can drop off pills and patches at either of our stations between 10am and 2pm on the 26th. Please no liquids or sharps. Our Larkspur station is located at 250 Doherty Drive, and our San Anselmo station is 525 San Anselmo Avenue.

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

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### **SHARKtober at the Corte Madera Library**

Please help spread the word. All this month, children who check out books from the Corte Madera Library will receive a raffle ticket for a grow shark. All they need to do is bring their checkout receipt to the Children's Librarian or the Circulation Desk to receive the raffle ticket, fill it out and deposit it into the SHARKtober jar in the Kids' Room.

They may receive one ticket a day. Drawings will be held for the 10 grow sharks on SHARKtober 31st.

For more information, please contact the library by calling 415-924-6382.

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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. Today's topics: SAFARI

1 pm: Learn how to search the Internet for anything with this application on any of your devices and computer. Learn which search engine gives you the most privacy and least ads.

2 pm: Then, once you've learned how to find something online, learn how to create bookmarks and bookmark folders of those sites for easy retrieval later. Learn how to add an item to your Safari reading list so you can read it when you're not online.

This class will be held on Tuesday, October 22nd from 1pm to 3pm at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive. For more information, contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844.

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**Free Central Marin Neighborhood Response Group Event:  
Disaster Planning for Pets/Animals**

## DISASTER PLANNING FOR PETS & ANIMALS

Corte Madera Community Center  
October 22, 2019  
7:00 to 8:30 PM



**When:** Tuesday, October 22nd, 7pm to 8:30pm

**Where:** Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr, Corte Madera, CA 94925, USA ([map](#))

**Description:** Disaster Planning for Pets/Animals.

Special Guest Speaker, Commander Cindy Machado of the Marin Humane (f.k.a. Marin Humane Society) will present on how best to plan for pets/animals before a disaster and how best to care for pets/animals during and after a disaster.

Cindy Machado, CAWA - Director of Animal Services/Captain Marin Humane, Adjunct Faculty Santa Rosa Jr. College

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



### **\*\*Save the Date - More Information to Follow\*\***

Are you interested in running for Town Council? Do you have an interest in civic issues? The next election to fill two Council seats for a 4-year term will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The terms of Councilmembers James Andrews and Sloan Bailey will expire at that time.

To qualify to run for Council, you must be a Corte Madera resident, at least 18 years of age and a registered voter. The filing period for Council candidates begins on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 and runs through Friday,

December 6, 2019. Should any incumbent not file for re-election by December 6th, the filing date will be extended to Wednesday, December 11th.

If you are interested in running for a Council seat or have any questions regarding the process, please contact Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk, at (415) 927-5085, or via email to [rvaughn@tcmmail.org](mailto:rvaughn@tcmmail.org). An appointment with the Town Clerk is necessary in order to obtain the nomination papers that must be completed as part of the nomination process.



### **Bay Area Science Festival Explorer Days Tour of SF State's Tiburon Marine Lab**

Take advantage of a unique opportunity to tour the inside of San Francisco State's marine science lab with the scientists and students, and learn first-hand about their research. See their beautiful and historic bayfront site tucked away on the Tiburon Peninsula, suit up like a scientist in a lab coat and safety glasses to go "behind the scenes" in their laboratories, and "Be a Diatom!"



Attendees will be escorted through the labs in small groups of 10 or less, to be assigned

upon check-in. Tours will be continuous from 3:30pm to 5:30pm, but guests arriving at 5:00pm may have a shortened tour. PLEASE NOTE: children must be at least 10 years old to attend.

This event will be held on Tuesday, October 29th from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at the Estuary and Ocean Science Center, 3150 Paradise Drive in Tiburon. To register for this event, [please click here](#).

## Senior Stroll at Bothin Marsh

You'll take a slow, easy walk along the west shore of Richardson Bay. Bothin Marsh is an example of what the wetlands surrounding San Francisco Bay and San Pablo Bay looked like before they were channeled, diked, and filled. During fall and winter, migratory waterfowl thrive in the open water, and sandpipers and other shorebirds feast on the invertebrates that are found in the mudflats. This is a level, well-maintained path, and is wheelchair accessible. Remember to bring binoculars.



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

This event will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 10am to 11:30am at the end of Sycamore Avenue on the multiuse pathway in Mill Valley. For directions, and more, please click [here](#).



OCTOBER 2025		AGE FRIENDLY INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER (AFIC)	
Monday	October 13	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Tuesday	October 14	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Wednesday	October 15	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Thursday	October 16	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Friday	October 17	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Saturday	October 18	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Sunday	October 19	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Monday	October 20	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Tuesday	October 21	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Wednesday	October 22	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Thursday	October 23	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Friday	October 24	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Saturday	October 25	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Sunday	October 26	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Monday	October 27	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Tuesday	October 28	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Wednesday	October 29	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Thursday	October 30	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga
Friday	October 31	10:00am - 12:00pm	Senior Yoga

## 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 [October 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*



## Intergenerational Indoor Pickleball

Pickleball is for everyone – ALL AGES! This is a class for kids and adults new to the sport. Learn to play Pickleball and join in on one of the fastest growing sports today. All ages and athletic abilities have a great time playing Pickleball. This is a game that transcends age, gender and boundaries. It's about having fun and making connections. All equipment is provided. No experience necessary. All ages welcome.

Free to members and children of members; \$10 drop-in fee for non-members. Membership is a \$25 tax-deductible donation to Age-Friendly Solutions for Corte Madera residents and \$40 for those outside of Corte Madera. Members are entitled to attend all programs at the Intergenerational Center for the entire year at NO CHARGE. Call Pam at 991-4040 or come into the Intergenerational Center to sign up. Pickleball is held at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Dr, Corte Madera.



## SAVE THE DATE: Thanks for Giving GALA

Save the Date for the Thanks for Giving Gala that is scheduled for Friday, November 22nd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Community Center.

There will be fun for the whole family including fun, food, drinks, music, gifts and a silent auction. There will also be a super holiday boutique featuring a wide array of gifts including original art, ornaments, jewelry and items for all ages.

Proceeds to benefit the Age-Friendly Intergenerational Center. Admission is FREE so bring your friends. [Click here to view and share the event flyer.](#)



**Town Manager Cusimano:** He reported on the recent personnel changes that have taken

place. He also mentioned the Town Clerk/Assistant to the Town Manager has been doing outstanding work in her position and he will be coming forward with a recommendation to change her position to an Assistant Town Manager. Lastly, he provided some reports that were created by HdL, the revenue solutions company that has been working with the Town on reports involving the sales tax generated in Town and analyzing the economic opportunities for the Town.

**Director of Planning and Building Adam Wolff:** He reported that the Council will be hearing about a toolkit that is going to be created by the Marin County jurisdictions using funds from a non-competitive grant that was awarded to the participating jurisdictions in Marin County that received authorization from their elected officials to participate in the joint application process. The toolkit is only one of the several projects the participating jurisdictions will be working on using the grant funds and it is intended to assist with multi-family housing design standards. The toolkit is a proactive effort to having and using objective standards when it comes to multi-family housing.

**Councilmember Kunhardt:** He reported that the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) is going to be receiving funds for four different projects all connected to transportation within Corte Madera.

**Mayor Andrews:** He reported that the Finance Ad Hoc Committee met on October 11th and the ad hoc reviewed funding options for the rebuilding of Town Hall and went over asset allocation for the pension trust. He also reminded everyone about the Chipper Weekend being held this weekend.

**Councilmember Ravasio:** He reported attending the MCCMC Homelessness Committee meeting and mentioned that there has been a 28% decline in homelessness in the County within the last four years. He mentioned the Mobile Showers program has been very successful in engaging people and he mentioned that out of the 170 people that have been assisted in finding housing through the Mobile Showers program in the last two years, 95% of those people still have housing today. Lastly, he announced that on October 22nd, there will be a presentation made by the Marin Human Society on disaster planning for animals at the Corte Madera Community Center.



## Work Week of Monday, October 21st to Friday, October 25th

- [Tuesday, October 22nd: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - Begins at 7:00pm in the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive



## 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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