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Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance: Town Council Public Hearing 12/3/19

On Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Corte Madera Town Hall, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the introduction of proposed zoning ordinance amendments related to Accessory Dwelling Unit and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations (Chapter 18.04-Definitions, Chapter 18.18-Special Purpose

Overlay Districts, Chapter 18.20-Off-street Parking and Loading and Chapter 18.31-Accessory Dwelling Units of the Corte Madera Municipal Code).

The public hearing notice can be viewed by clicking [here](#). Additional information regarding prior meetings, prior staff reports and presentations can be found on the Town's Active Projects webpage for the project: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/639/Accessory-Dwelling-Units>. If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 415-927-5064. If you would like to provide comments, please forward them to Senior Planner Martha Battaglia at: mbattaglia@tcmmail.org and they will be made available to the Council and public at the meeting.

What's Happening in Town



Notice of Town Hall Closures

We would like to inform you that in observance of Thanksgiving Day, ALL departments will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Administration Department at 415-927-5050. We apologize for the inconvenience.



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: Maps and Travel

1 pm: When you learn how to use Apple's Maps app, as well as other helpful map apps, you'll know how to navigate your way around any city anywhere. Next, because there are many third party travel apps out there, learn which are the best.

2 pm: Learn more about the travel apps; how to find what's recommended as the best things to see and do in another city, and find the right hotels and restaurants based on your criteria. And, because so many of you travel, you have an opportunity to share your own experiences with various travel apps.

This class will be held on Tuesday, November 26th from 1pm to 3pm at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive. For more information, contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844.

Breakfast with Santa

Corte Madera Parks and Recreation is inviting you and your families to a pancake breakfast with Santa and all of his friends. This is a great opportunity for the entire family to enjoy a nice morning filled with delicious pancakes, family entertainment and heartwarming smiles from all of the children as they take pictures with Santa and his friends.



Santa and Frosty will also be there to accept donations for the Warm Coat & Toasty Toes Drives. The breakfast will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019, 8am to 10am at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. Tickets are \$10. [Sign up online by clicking here](#) or call the Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Department, 415-927-5072. Tickets sell quickly so get yours today.

ATTENTION MEADOWSWEET DRIVE RESIDENTS:

The Town of Corte Madera has embarked on another phase of its comprehensive vegetation management program to further increase defensible space, improve ingress & egress for first responders, improve primary and secondary evacuation routes, improve vehicular sightlines, and enhance pedestrian and biker safety. This is a town-wide initiative.

Landscape on Private vs. Public Property

Any tree or vegetation planted on private property is the property owner's responsibility, including if it is encroaching into the public right-of-way. The California Fire Code (Section 4907.2) and ordinances adopted by the Town requires that vegetation be cleared 15' overhead to allow for safe and unimpeded passage by emergency vehicles. The code also requires 10' clearance from the sides of roads and driveways. This is achieved by cutting all dead grasses to a minimum of 4 inches, removing all tree limbs that are within 10 feet of the ground, providing horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees, and cutting and removing all fire prone plants.

One-time Town Abatement Offer

The Town recognizes that street and public right-of-way abatement can be daunting and expensive for a homeowner. Using Measure F funds, the Town is offering a one-time abatement at no cost to the homeowner to bring our streets into compliance. Participation is voluntary. A homeowner can choose to opt out by contacting the Town Resilience Coordinator at (415) 924-6362 and requesting an opt out form.

If the homeowner chooses **NOT** to participate, the homeowner is still responsible for meeting the compliance requirements detailed above. Failure to comply with abatement requirements will result in a Wildfire Hazard Warning Notice requiring the hazard be abated within 15 days. Residents who fail to comply will be noticed. The Town will hire subcontractors to abate the property to conform with the code. The bill for these services will be sent to the homeowner for payment. Failure to pay may result in a special assessment or lien against the property.

Prioritization of Streets

In collaboration with Central Marin Fire Department, the Town has prioritized streets to be abated starting November 2019. These streets have been identified as having excessive roadway encroachments creating fire and safety hazards that place residents and first responders at considerable risk in the event of an emergency. Mitigation of these encroachments will also enhance vehicular, pedestrian and bicyclist passage.

Please note that Meadowsweet Drive has been scheduled for abatement between Monday, December 2, 2019 and Tuesday, December 10, 2019, as time and weather permits.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact our Resilience Coordinator at (415) 924-6362.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR ELECTION TO SERVE ON THE CORTE MADERA TOWN COUNCIL?

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Consolidated Primary Election will be held in the Town of Corte Madera, County of Marin, State of California, on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing two (2) members to the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera, each to serve for the full term of four (4) years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the filing period for Town Council candidates will open at 8:00am on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 (as Monday, November 11, 2019 is a federal holiday and Town Hall offices will be closed) and will run through 5:00pm on Friday, December 6, 2019. The filing period will be extended to 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, for non-incumbent filers only, if any current office-holder with an expiring term does not file by the December 6th deadline. Candidates for Town Council must be a resident of Corte Madera, at least 18 years of age and a registered voter in the Town of Corte Madera at the time nomination papers are issued.

Beginning on November 12, 2019, nomination papers will be available in the Administrative Office at Town Hall from Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. Please call (415) 927-5085 for more information and to make an appointment to meet with the Town Clerk to pick up the nomination packet. Corte Madera Town Hall is located at 300 Tamalpais Drive in Corte Madera, CA.

If no one or only one person has been nominated for any office that is elected on a town wide basis, appointment to the elective office(s) may be made as prescribed by Section 10229 of the Election Code of the State of California.

The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Pursuant to the California Elections Code Section 12109, all ballots, including absentee ballots, shall be counted at the Marin Civic Center, Hall of Justice, Room 121, and not at the individual precincts.

To view and share more information on the March 3, 2020 election [please click here](#).



Learn to Ride

Learn to ride pump tracks and rollers with a ranger at the Stafford Lake Bike Park. This event is ideal for ages 6 and up though riders of all ages are welcome. All skill levels are welcome, and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your bike, helmet, and pads. No pets (except service animals) are allowed at this park. Rain will cancel.

No need to RSVP, just show up. Questions: Contact

Supervising Ranger [Adam Craig](#). Park entrance is waived for participants.

This event will be held on Sunday, December 1st from 10am to 12pm at Stafford Lake Park in Novato. For directions, and more, please click [here](#).



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NOVEMBER 2019				
Nov 1: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Art & Craft	Nov 2: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga	Nov 3: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Games	Nov 4: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Literature	Nov 5: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Technology
Nov 6: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Art & Craft	Nov 7: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga	Nov 8: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Games	Nov 9: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Literature	Nov 10: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Technology
Nov 11: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Art & Craft	Nov 12: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga	Nov 13: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Games	Nov 14: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Literature	Nov 15: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Technology
Nov 16: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Art & Craft	Nov 17: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga	Nov 18: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Games	Nov 19: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Literature	Nov 20: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Technology
Nov 21: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Art & Craft	Nov 22: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga	Nov 23: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Games	Nov 24: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Literature	Nov 25: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Technology
Nov 26: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Art & Craft	Nov 27: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga	Nov 28: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Games	Nov 29: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Literature	Nov 30: 10:00am - 12:00pm: Technology

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 [November 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

Thanks for Giving GALA

The *Thanks for Giving Gala* that is scheduled for Today, 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 thanked Mayor Andrews and Councilmember Kunhardt for assisting the Public Works Director with the submission of the application for the Public Safety Shutoff Grant. He also announced that the Deputy Town Attorney is retiring.

Councilmember Kunhardt: He reported attending the second meeting of the steering committee for the Corte Madera Climate Adaption Plan. He also mentioned that the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) will be considering a new ad hoc committee. Lastly, he mentioned that the Corte Madera Town Band Holiday Concert was coming up in December.

Councilmember Bailey: He reported attending the Central Marin Police Authority Council meeting.

Councilmember Ravasio: He also reported attending the Central Marin Police Authority Council meeting.

Vice Mayor Beckman: He attended a Central Marin Sanitation Agency meeting and he also reported communicating with Senator Mike McGuire's office regarding the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) and he was informed that any efforts to voice concerns regarding those PSPSs should be worked through the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC).

Mayor Andrews: He reported attending the Central Marin Fire Council meeting. He also mentioned Fire Marshal Ruben Martin took him on a tour of the Town to see all of the evacuation routes and the areas that need abatement.

Upcoming Town Council, Board and Commission Meetings




Work Week of Monday, November 25th to
Friday, November 29th


- [Monday, November 25th: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting](#) - CANCELLED
- [Tuesday, November 26th: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - CANCELLED



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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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