

## [The Town of Corte Madera's Newsletter for November 29, 2019](#)

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### **Santa in the Neighborhood**

The Central Marin Firefighters Association, with the assistance of a generous grant from the Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce, will be welcoming Santa Claus to town on Sunday, December 8, 2019. Santa will be riding the fire engine through town and passing out candy canes to all the girls and boys.



Santa will begin on the east side of town at 3:00 p.m. The route will start with a visit to Harbor Drive and Yolo Street, then left onto Paradise Drive, left on Seawolf Passage, left on Golden Hind Passage, right on Pacific Queen Passage, left on Spindrift Passage, left on Diamond Head Passage, right on Golden Hind Passage, left on Paradise, right on Westward, right on Balclutha, left on Privateer, right on Prince Royal, right on Windward, left on Enterprise, left on Prince Royal, right on Endeavor, right on Granada, right on Estrada, left on El Camino, left on Paradise, left on Madera del Presidio, right on Meadow Creek, right on Parkview, left on Koch, left on Wildflower, right on Madera del Presidio (u-turn at end), right on Meadow Ridge (u-turn at end), right on Madera del Presidio.

Santa will make his way to the west side of town at approximately 5:00 p.m. The route will begin at the fire station on the corner of Tamalpais and Pixley, then left on Redwood, left on Willow, left on Oakdale, left on Chapman, right on Manzanita, left on Sausalito, right on Tamalpais, right on Meadowsweet, left on Conow, left on Casa Buena, right on Madera, into the Corte Madera Town Center (one loop around), right on Madera, left on Council Crest, left on Tamal Vista, left on Sandpiper, right on Tamal Vista, right on Monona, left on Seminole, right on Mohawk, right on Lakeside, right on Apache, right on Birch, right on Hickory, left on Walnut, left on Baltimore, left on Pepper, left on Palm, right on Redwood, left on Tamalpais, and then back to the fire station for the engine and up to the north pole for Santa.

Please stay on the sidewalk as the engine comes by. Santa's helpers will bring the candy canes to you.

This year, we will also be collecting gifts for kids in Marin Social Services such as foster

care or protective custody. Please have toys or movie tickets or gift cards to any place that teens frequent ready for Santa's helpers, who will collect them from you and get the toy drive.

For additional information, you may contact Central Marin Fire Department at 415-927-5077.



### **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](mailto:mbattaglia@tcmmail.org) and they will be made available to the Council and public at the meeting.



### **Breakfast with Santa NEXT FRIDAY**

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.

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## Holiday Book Swap

Do you have a book you no longer need? Are you looking for something new to read during the holidays? Come to the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive from 12pm to 1pm on December 5th and participate in our book swap.

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## 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.

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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 the official notice, [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
<b>NOVEMBER 2019</b>				
Nov 1 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 2 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 3 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 4 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 5 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 6 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 7 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 8 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 9 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 10 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 11 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 12 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 13 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 14 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 15 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 16 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 17 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 18 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 19 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 20 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 21 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 22 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 23 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 24 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 25 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 26 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 27 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 28 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 29 - 11:00am - 1:00pm Nov 30 - 11:00am - 1:00pm				

## 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](mailto:pwaterstone@tcmmail.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, December 2nd to Friday, December 6th


- [Tuesday, December 3rd: Town Council Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:30pm in the Corte Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.
- [Tuesday, December 3rd: Sanitary District No. 2 Board Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:45pm, or upon conclusion of the Town Council meeting, whichever is later, in the Corte Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.




### Stay Informed

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