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COMMUNITY WORKSHOP - Town Hall Remodel and Addition Project

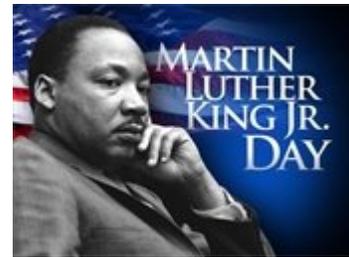
The Town of Corte Madera is in the beginning stages of creating a more resilient, functional, and inviting Town Hall that will be a community asset for the Town's next 100 years. Please join Town staff and other Corte Madera community members on Thursday, January 30th from 6-8pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive for an opportunity to learn more about this important Town project and to help determine the facility's size, character, and community amenities.

A draft agenda of the Community Workshop as well as additional project information is available on the Town's webpage for this project at <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/867/Town-Hall-Project>.

Following this workshop, community feedback will be summarized and a preliminary project design will be presented to the public and Town of Corte Madera Planning Commission, at its February 25, 2020 meeting (tentative date).

If you have any questions please contact Senior Planner, Phil Boyle at pboyle@tcmmail.org or 415-927-5064 or Senior Engineer, Jared Barrilleaux at jbarrilleaux@tcmmail.org or 415-927-5057. To view and share the neighborhood invitation to this community workshop, [please click here](#).

What's Happening in Town



Martin Luther King Jr. Day

In memory of Martin Luther King Jr., all departments will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2020.

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on January 20, 2020, marks the 25th anniversary of the day of service that celebrates the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy. Observed each year on the third Monday in January as "a day on, not a day off," MLK Day is the only federal holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. The Corporation for National and Community service has been charged to lead this effort for the last quarter century. To find local volunteer opportunities, [please click here](#).

Interested in reading about Martin Luther King Jr.? Check out this short biographical piece from the Nobel Prize website by clicking [here](#).



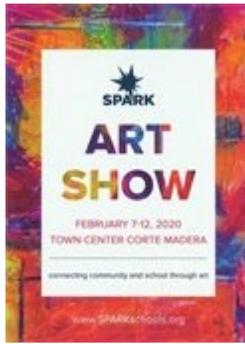
All Things Apple Classes for Beginner and Intermediate Apple Users

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. Topic for January 21, 2020: Camera and Photos

1 pm: First, a quick lesson in how to take a photo with your iPhone and iPad. Learn how to share your photos with friends and family.

2 pm: Next, learn how to organize these photos on your computer, iPhone and iPad in the Apple "Photos" app. Learn a few basic editing techniques so your photos look better and that a change to it in one device keeps the change in all of them when the devices are synced through iCloud. Don't like the change? Don't worry, the original of your photo is still there and you'll learn how to retrieve it.

This event will be held on Tuesday, January 21st from 1-3pm. For more information, contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844.



SPARK Art Show

This is a community art event that will showcase the talents of local and emerging artists and the students of Larkspur-Corte Madera School District. Aimed at highlighting the importance of visual arts education in our schools, the SPARK Art Show will kick off with an opening reception on February 7th at the Town Center Corte Madera.

Event Details

- Art Submission: December 10, 2019 – January 20, 2020, 2D art only, register [here](#)
- Juried art notification: January 27
- Art intake: February 2nd, 12-3pm & 3rd 10am-1pm
- Opening night: February 7th, 5:30-8:30pm
- Open Days: February 8-12, 12-5pm
- Location: Corte Madera Town Center, #325
- Art outtake: February 13, 10am-2pm

To view and share the art submission information and event FAQs, please click on the following link: <https://sparkschools.org/artshow/>



New Climate Action Committee Recruitment

The Corte Madera Town Council is requesting applications from Corte Madera residents and members of the greater business and education community, who may be interested in serving on the newly formed Climate Action Committee, as announced by the Town Council at its December 3, 2019 meeting, which will focus on climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The Climate Action Committee is a temporary Committee of the Town Council that will be comprised of the Town Manager, Vice Mayor Eli Beckman, Councilmember David Kunhardt and several community members (number to be determined based upon interest and effectiveness). It is anticipated that this Climate Action Committee will meet for approximately one year. The responsibility of the Committee will be to suggest, and potentially implement, means and methods to publicize actions now needed to lessen greenhouse gas emissions, furthering the goals addressed by the Town's Climate Action Plan and Climate Adaptation Plan and fully implementing the programs outlined in both plans.

Initial suggested steps include but are not limited to:

- Preparation of a Climate Emergency Resolution for potential Council action
- Holding a student-led Town Hall on climate issues & solutions
- Advancement of a local campaign promoting electric vehicles and the switch to electric heat and appliances
- Engagement of the business community in climate mitigation actions
- Further educational outreach.

The Committee will set its own goals and generate public engagement in these and other solutions. Community members with public policy background, climate action experience, environmental and/or marketing and communication expertise are especially encouraged to apply. The Committee will set its meeting schedule once formed, with the expectation of meeting monthly, or as needed, to fulfill the Committee's responsibility. The Committee will report back to the Town Council by the end of 2020 with its recommendations for additional action and/or continuing programs or staffing requests.

Interested community members may apply by obtaining an application from the Town's website at <http://townofcortemadera.org/494/Commission-or-Committee-Appointment>, by calling 415-927-5085, via email at rvaughn@tcmmail.org or by visiting the Town offices at 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925, between the hours of 8am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm. Please include a brief statement of background and interest with your application.

FIRST REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 27th. Completed applications may be sent via email to rvaughn@tcmmail.org or mailed/delivered to Town Hall (300 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera, CA 94925).

To read and share the official Notice of Recruitment, [please click here](#).



Certified Comprehensive First Aid Training (CCFA)

The Town of Corte Madera is once again sponsoring training classes for community members as part of our continuing efforts to build community awareness, preparation and resilience.

What Makes This Class so Beneficial

- It is certified by the American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)
- You will receive a 2-year certification
- The course material covers child & adult CPR
- You will learn the appropriate use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)
- You will be taught how to manage blood borne pathogens and skilled first-aid training
- The course will give special attention to our local vulnerabilities of fire and earthquake response

Things You Should Know About the Class

- The class is 5 hours
- Participants completing the course will receive a **FREE home first-aid kit** (\$35 value per kit)
- This is a hands-on course so wear comfortable shoes and clothing
- Beverages and snacks will be provided
- There is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee for Corte Madera residents and \$60 for non-residents (this type of class normally costs \$125 to register not including certification)
- This is an adult-only course (18 years or older only)
- This class is taught in English only. (To keep the course within the 5 hour timeframe and due to a lack of space and availability, we are unable to provide translators for this class)

How to Sign Up for the Class

- Email Lorena Barrera at lbarrera@tcmmail.org or call 415-927-5086. Be prepared to provide your home address and contact information. (NOTE: an ID with your home address will be required when you check in for the class) Early enrollment is encouraged (Registration will close 72 hours prior to the scheduled class date)
- Questions regarding the course curriculum may be directed to the Town's Resilience Coordinator (resiliencecoordinator@gmail.com)

Class date currently available:

- Saturday, April 11, 2020 at 9:00 AM (late arrivals will not be accepted, no exceptions) at the Corte Madera Community Center (498 Tamalpais Drive)

[Click here to view and share the event flyer.](#)

ATTENTION MONTECITO DRIVE & TUNNEL LANE 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 Montecito Drive and Tunnel Lane have been scheduled for abatement to begin on the week of Monday, January 27th, 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.



Representative Huffman Community Town Hall

Congressman Jared Huffman invites you to join him for a town hall where he will provide an update from Washington D.C. on topics including reasserting Congress' authority through the War Powers Act, tensions with Iran, next steps in the impeachment trial, and respond to questions from guests.



This event is free and open to the public, however seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis up to capacity. Large bags or backpacks and signs will not be permitted in the venue. Please [click here](#) to RSVP.

The event will be held on Friday, January 24th from 4 - 5:30pm at the San Rafael Community Center, 618 B Street in San Rafael. If you have questions please contact the San Rafael office at (415) 258-9657.

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



This event will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd from 2-5pm at the Civic Center Library, 3501 Civic Center Drive, #427, San Rafael. For more information call 865-201-4047 or email LibraryVeterans@marincounty.org

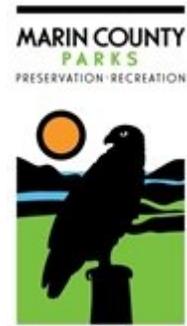
Dog Walk with a Ranger

Join Ranger Krista Hanoff and her dog Rocco on this fun and informative walk in beautiful Roy's Redwoods. You will hike the loop trail as you discuss local plants, birds, and trail etiquette.

This event is ideal for ages 15 and up. It is moderately

difficult. Friendly dogs are welcome but must be leashed. Rain will cancel the event. If you have questions, please contact [Krista Hanoff](#).

The event will be held on Sunday, January 19th from 11am - 1pm at Roy's Redwood Preserve. For more details including driving directions, [please click here](#).



JANUARY 2020 AGE-FRIENDLY INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER (AFIC)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Happy New Year! Classes and Programs resume next week. 498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera - Welcome to the Pencil Bench 415-991-4040 www.agefriendlycenter.org				
<p>JANUARY 6</p> <p>10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga with a Twist</p> <p>1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class</p> <p>3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club</p>	<p>JANUARY 7</p> <p>10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga with a Twist</p> <p>1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class</p> <p>3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club</p>	<p>JANUARY 8</p> <p>10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga with a Twist</p> <p>1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class</p> <p>3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club</p>	<p>JANUARY 9</p> <p>10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga with a Twist</p> <p>1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class</p> <p>3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club</p>	<p>JANUARY 10</p> <p>10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga with a Twist</p> <p>1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class</p> <p>3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club</p>

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 [January 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



Upcoming Town Council, Board, Commission and Committee Meetings

[Tuesday, January 21, 2020: Town Council Regular Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:30pm in the Corté Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.

[Tuesday, January 21, 2020: Sanitary District No. 2 Board Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:45pm, or upon conclusion of the meeting of the Corté Madera Town Council, whichever is later, in the Corté Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.



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