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Street Sweeping in Corte Madera



Important Information Regarding Leaves and Street Sweeping

We want to take this time to remind you that street sweeping is conducted by Mill Valley Refuse Service (MVRS) and by our Department of Public Works (DPW).

This means your street is swept twice a month. To view the MVRS street sweeping schedule, please click on the following link: <https://www.millvalleyrefuse.com/residential/residential-street-sweeping/corte-madera-street-sweeping/>

To view the Public Works street sweeping schedule, please click on the following link: https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4722/StreetSweeping-Schedule_DPW-Fall-and-Winter

We understand that the weather forces leaves to fall and scatter all over Town, however, we do not have the capacity to sweep all Town streets on a daily basis. Therefore, we ask for your assistance in keeping our Town's beauty in tact by helping us sweep up leaves on days where there are overwhelming amounts on the ground. This will help by preventing the leaves from being blown into areas where MVRS and our DPW team cannot access with the street sweepers. Additionally, we ask that you not leave large piles of leaves on the street. Large piles of leaves on the streets exceeds the street sweepers' cleaning capacity. Sweepers are not designed to collect large leaf piles.

And speaking of street sweepers, the most important thing we ask of you is to maintain the trees and bushes that might be encroaching onto the public right-of-way (street and sidewalk). This is extremely important because when there are trees and bushes growing and overhanging into the street, MVRS and our DPW team are unable to drive the street sweepers close enough to your property to collect all the leaves. How much your vegetation encroaches onto the street makes a difference. The photo included in this post can be used as an example of vegetation encroaching onto the street (shown in yellow). You will notice there are leaves right under that tree (shown in bright green) that the street sweepers were not able to collect because of the inability to drive close to the sidewalk. Hopefully this example is helpful for you to understand the importance of maintaining the public right-of-way clear of any obstruction. If you have any questions regarding street sweeping, street and sidewalk maintenance, please do not hesitate to call DPW at 415-927-5057. Additionally, if you wish to view our Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Handout, you can click on the following link:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4265/Street-and-SidewalkMaintenance-Handout>

What's Happening in Town



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](#).



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.

1 pm: Learn how to set up and sync your devices on iCloud so the same information from your Apple apps appears on all your devices and a change on one becomes a change on the others too. iCloud can also be used to back up your iPhone, iPad and computer. Lost your iPhone? Locate it with your computer or another device!

2 pm: Learn how to sync your photos so they show up in all your devices with iCloud. Need additional storage for your photos and documents? Learn how to use external memory devices for your computer, iPhone and iPad.

This event will be held on Tuesday, January 28th from 1-3pm. For more information, contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844.



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 rvaghn@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 rvaghn@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.



AARP Free Income Tax Assistance

Free, one-on-one, confidential income tax counseling & tax return preparation service by volunteers for low and middle income taxpayers who file basic income tax forms.



What to bring: A copy of your 2018 Tax Return; Picture ID, plus social security cards or ITIN's for self, spouse, and dependents; Any and all W-2 Forms; All forms 1099 Social Security, pension, interest, dividends, stock/bond sales, & IRA distributions; unemployment, etc; All forms 1095 & 1098; Checkbook or bank account and routing numbers for direct deposit; Tax-exempt interest or dividend statements; Cost basis of stock, bond, and other investments that you sold during the year; To itemize, bring your list of paid property taxes, medical bills, charitable contributions and mortgage interest.

The event will be held on Monday, February 3rd from 10am - 2pm at the Fairfax Library Community Room, 2097 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Fairfax.

Winter in the Canyon

This walk is for 18 and up. There's no better time than this to enjoy the beauty of this preserve; the creeks are flowing, and the waterfall should be spectacular. Along the way you'll keep an eye out for fish, salamanders, early blooming flowers, and if the sun is shining, you might even find some of the first butterflies of the season. When the creek is full, you have to use a trail that is cut into a stone bank above the water. This narrow section can be slippery and challenging. Pay attention to street signs when parking. Remember to bring binoculars if you have them. Rain may cancel this event so if the weather is questionable call 415-473-6087 after 8am the morning of the



event. For questions about this event, contact [Shannon Burke](#) at 415-473-6086.

The event will be held on Tuesday, January 28th from 10am - 12pm at the Cascade Canyon Preserve. For more details including driving directions, [please click here](#).



JANUARY 2020 AGE-FRIENDLY INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER (AFIC)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 6 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 7 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 8 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 9 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 10 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040
January 13 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 14 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 15 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 16 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 17 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040
January 20 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 21 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 22 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 23 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 24 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040
January 27 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 28 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 29 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 30 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040	January 31 Senior Center Open House 10:00am - 12:00pm Senior Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive 415-991-4040

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

[Monday, January 27, 2020: Parks and Recreation Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:30pm in the Corte Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.

[Tuesday, January 28, 2020: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - Begins at 7:00pm in the Corte Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.



Town Manager Cusimano: He reported that the Town is continuing discussions on the Town Hall Remodel and Addition Project and informed the Council that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 30th at 6pm at the Corte Madera Community Center.

Councilmember Kunhardt: He reported that the FASTER Bay Area Transportation Proposal has moved to the California State Legislature and he briefly mentioned that the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) has spoken out regarding it's main focuses on improving transportation in Marin. He also mentioned other projects that TAM is working on.

Vice Mayor Beckman: He reported that the Central Marin Sanitation Agency (CMSA) is now exporting power through the sale of energy created through sewage. He mentioned that he will be meeting with an Amazon Representative regarding the petition asking Amazon to reuse shipping boxes. Lastly, he stated he will be at the League of California Cities Conference on Thursday.

Mayor Andrews: He mentioned that the Mayor of San Jose has been contacting him to ask that the council support the effort for a rate-payer funded PG&E. From prior discussions between Councilmembers regarding the steps that should be taken when someone outside of the Town Council requests support or opposition on an issue, Andrews took the initiative of contacting Marin Clean Energy (MCE) because MCE would be an organization that would be affected by a rate-payer PG&E. From his discussion with MCE, he reported that MCE is not taking a position on this matter at this time but they cannot support or be opposed to elected officials taking a position on this matter.

Please note that these reports have been summarized for your reading. If you wish to listen or watch the part of the meeting when these reports were provided, [please click here](#).



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