



**January 31, 2020**

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**Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance: Planning Commission Public Hearing 2/11/20**  
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Based on direction provided by the Town Council on January 21, 2020, the Planning Commission will consider further amendments to the Town's adopted Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance.

On Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7pm at Corte Madera Town Hall, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the consideration of proposed zoning ordinance amendments to Chapters 18.18 (Special Purpose Overlay District) and 18.31 (Accessory Dwelling Units) of the Corte Madera Municipal Code to limit Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units within existing structures within the portions of the Christmas Tree Hill Overlay District that are subject to ADU capacity limitations. In addition, staff will ask the Planning Commission to consider additional non-substantive clean-up changes and clarifications to Chapter 18.31. The Planning Commission will consider draft zoning ordinance amendments and may provide a recommendation to the Town Council.

The public hearing notice and 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.



### **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. The topic for this class will be on email and messages.

1 pm: First, learn how to set up email accounts on all your devices, like iCloud (Apple's email service), Comcast, Gmail or other email providers. Learn how create "mailboxes" and save emails, even between one email account and another, into mailboxes so you stayed well organized.

2 pm: Next, learn how Messages differs from email, and how to use it to stay in touch more quickly. Learn how to compose messages, share and save photos, and even share your location for brief, effective communications.

This event will be held on Tuesday, February 4th from 1-3pm. For more information, contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844.



### **Big Band Valentine Dance**

Bring your sweetheart, family and friends to this special Valentine's Day dance sponsored by the Corte Madera Lions Club!

The dance will be held on Wednesday, February 12th from 8pm to 10pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive.

This is a FREE event! For more information go to

[www.cmparksandrec.org](http://www.cmparksandrec.org) or call 415-927-5072 option 1



## Valentine's Day Spaghetti BINGO

Join our Parks and Recreation Department for our annual Valentine's Day Spaghetti Bingo! This is a fun night for friends, family and your special valentine, so get your tickets now!

This event will be held on Friday, February 14th from 6pm to 9pm in the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. The cost for this event is \$20 per person. To register or for more information go to

[www.cmparksandrec.org](http://www.cmparksandrec.org) or call 415-927-5072 option 1.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.](#)

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**Corte Madera Women's Improvement Club  
Annual Giant Indoor Yard Sale**

The Corte Madera Women's Improvement Club will hold its annual Giant Indoor Yard Sale (GIYS) on Saturday, March 7th from 9am - 3pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive.

This event is organized and staffed entirely by CMWIC members, who help collect, advertise, set up, sell, or clean up. The proceeds fund the scholarships the club awards each year, including those for college-bound, female, high school students who have demonstrated a sustained commitment to community service.

The GIYS is their most direct link to our community, with hundreds of people coming to shop the sale. It is also their opportunity to come together to make it happen, to work alongside each other, and have fun, too. There is room for every talent and there are tasks for each of them. It's a lot of fun and treats are served, too.

**Donations can be dropped off at the Community Center the day before the sale:  
Friday, March 6th, starting at 11am.**

Take advantage of those long, rainy days to reorganize cupboards, closets, and cabinets and set aside some gems for the sale. Check your donation of gently used and sellable items against the list of items they cannot accept on their website. [www.cortemaderawomensclub.org](http://www.cortemaderawomensclub.org). For more information, please send an email to: [info@cortemaderawomensclub.org](mailto:info@cortemaderawomensclub.org)

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**ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS:  
Laurel Drive, Deer Run, Meadow Valley, Stetson Avenue, Alta Way, and  
Alta Terrace**

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 your streets have been scheduled for abatement to begin as noted below and as time and weather permits.

- Weeks of February 10-13 and February 18-20
  - Lower Laurel Drive, Deer Run and Meadow Valley
- Weeks of February 24-27 and March 2-5
  - Alta Way and Alta Terrace
- March 16-19, 23-26, March 30- April 2
  - Stetson Avenue

If you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact our Resilience Coordinator, Marla Orth 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.

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## 2020 Census Jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting to fill hundreds of thousands of temporary positions across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. Help your community while getting paid. Jobs for the 2020 Census include both field and office positions throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. A single application allows you to be considered for several positions, including census taker, recruiting assistant, office clerk, and supervisory staff. They offer extra income, flexible hours, weekly pay and paid training.



For more information or help applying, please call 1-855-JOB-2020

For the Federal Relay Service, call 1-800-877--8339 TTY/ASCII, [www.gsa.gov/fedrelay](http://www.gsa.gov/fedrelay)

You can also visit the U.S. Census Bureau's website by [clicking here](#).

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## Ring Mountain Coffee Stop

Weigh in on Ring Mountain's roads and trails! Ask questions and learn more when you stop by and meet your local park rangers. Join Rangers at Ring Mountain to enjoy a cup of coffee and get a free Ring Mountain bandana. Friendly dogs are welcome but must be leashed. Heavy rain will cancel the event. There is no need to RSVP, just show up. For questions about this event, please contact Supervising Ranger [Luke Bishop](#).



The event will be held on Sunday, February 2nd from 9am - 11am at the intersection of Taylor Fire Road and Ring Mountain Fire Road. For more details including driving directions, [please click here](#).



**Tuesday, February 4, 2020: Town Council Meeting** - Begins at 6:30pm in the Corte Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020: Sanitary District No. 2 Board Meeting** - Begins at 6:45pm, or upon conclusion of the Corte Madera Town Council meeting, whichever is later, in the Corte Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.



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