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Scholarships for Students in Affordable Housing

Scholarship money available! The Aimco Cares Opportunity Scholarship is accepting applications for the 2020 school year, now through Saturday, April 11th at 5:00pm EST. This scholarship is directed to eligible applicants who demonstrate both merit and need who are graduating high school seniors or current undergraduates that are pursuing an undergraduate degree. You can find more information or apply at: <http://hudnlha.com/education-fund/>.

The Aimco Cares Opportunity Scholarship is in partnership with the NLHA Education Fund which administers the program. More than 250 students have received scholarships to date. Funds are available for all years of college and can help with tuition, fees, books, and more. Aimco is a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) headquartered in Denver, Colorado and is one of the largest owners and operators of apartment homes in the country. Aimco is committed to the communities operate and has donated more than \$1 million to the NLHA Education Fund.

What's Happening in Town



Presidents Day - Legal Holiday

We would like to inform you that ALL Departments will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020 in observance of Presidents Day. We will return on Tuesday, February 21st at 8am. All emergency services will remain available during this time.

Want to learn about Presidents Day and how it was established? [Click here for a brief editorial](#) shared by History.com.



The Third Wednesday Speaker Series: The Best Home for Me / Preparing to Transition

Age-Friendly Corte Madera, Twin Cities Village, Corte Madera Parks and Recreation and Age-Friendly Solutions, Sponsors of The Third Wednesday Speakers Series present... The Best Home for Me / Preparing to Transition

Are you considering a move into assisted living? Understand terminology, requirements, what's new in the industry and how to organize, transition and downsize! This is an enlightening, valuable and useful presentation on moving from home into a care setting best suited for you. Learn how to better afford a community, what to take and contacts to help prepare for your move.

Presenter: Margie Cuitti
Senior Living Services

This event will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 11am to 12:30pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive.

Attention Residents and Businesses of Tamal Vista Boulevard and Council Crest Drive.

We encourage you to attend our Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting on Thursday, February 20th at 6pm (at Town Hall, 300 Tamalapis Drive) to discuss our upcoming project.

The Town of Corte Madera will be commencing a “complete streets” construction project on Tamal Vista Blvd from Fifer Avenue to Madera Blvd and on Council Crest Dr. The project involves improving sidewalks, installing ADA accessible facilities, creating new bike lanes, and resurfacing the road. The Town will also be installing a new roundabout at the intersection of Tamal Vista Blvd and Madera Blvd. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer, June 2020, and take approximately 6 months to complete.

If you are interested in learning more about the project please attend our BPAC meeting or feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 415-927-5057.



Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers are Prohibited in the Town of Corte Madera

The Town of Corte Madera would like to remind residents and contractors that effective March 1, 2020, the use of any gasoline-powered leaf blowers will be prohibited at any time within the Town (Corte Madera Municipal Code 9.36.040 adopted November 19, 2019). We ask that persons currently operating gasoline-powered leaf

blowers discontinue their use.

We want you to know that leaf blowers can still be used as long as they are not gasoline-powered and as long as they are used during the times allowed by the Corte Madera Municipal Code. The Corte Madera Municipal Code states that it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any leaf blower during the following times:

1. Residential Properties other than Multi-Unit Residences: No leaf blower may be operated at any residential property that is not a multi-unit residence except between the hours of nine a.m. and five p.m. on weekdays and between the hours of ten a.m. and four p.m. on Saturdays.
2. Other Properties and Use by Town: No leaf blower may be operated at any multi-unit residence or nonresidential property, and no leaf blower may be operated by on-duty staff or contractors of the town, except between the hours of seven a.m. and five p.m. on weekdays, and between the hours of ten a.m. and four p.m. on Saturdays.
3. Sundays and Holidays: It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a leaf blower in any area of the town on Sundays or federal holidays.

Additionally, it is important to note that the Corte Madera Municipal Code also states that it shall be unlawful for any person who operates a leaf blower within the town to allow any leaves, dirt or any other debris blown to enter the storm drain system. All leaves, dirt, or any other debris blown on to public property or in the public right-of-way must be cleaned up and removed.

A violation of any provisions of Chapter 9.36 of the Municipal Code shall constitute an infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation of the same ordinance within one year, and \$500 for each additional violation of the same ordinance within one year (Gov. Code, § 36900).

We ask that you share this information with your friends, neighbors, personal contractors and anyone who you believe will be affected. If you have questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Town of Corte Madera at (415)927-5050.

If you would like to read the text from the Corte Madera Municipal Code, please use the following link: https://library.municode.com/ca/corte_madera/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodelid=TIT9PESAMO_CH9.36NO

To view and share the information flyer regarding this subject matter, please use the following link: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4800/Leaf->

[Blower-Flyer](#)

To read the staff report from the October 15, 2019 Town Council Meeting when the Noise Ordinance was discussed, please click on the following link: http://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/451831/5.A_Staff_Report_and_Attachments.pdf



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 Music, Movies, TV shows, Podcasts,

Magazines & Books.

This topic is especially useful for people who travel and want to take these items with them for entertainment on long flights, road trips, and in hotels.

1 pm: Learn where to find, watch, listen to, and read media content from the wide variety of what's available online. Learn where content is available for free and where it will cost you.

2 pm: Then learn how to retrieve, download and save media content in your iPhone, iPad and computer and how to share some of this content with friends and family.

This event will be held on Tuesday, February 18th from 1-3pm. For more information, contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844.



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

The Corte Madera Womens'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. For more information, please send an email to: info@cortemaderawomensclub.org

2020 Commission and Board Recruitments

The Corte Madera Town Council is requesting applications from Corte Madera citizens who may be interested in serving on the Town's Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Flood Control Board, Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee and Representative to the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Abatement District. With few exceptions, all Corte Madera residents who are registered voters of the Town are eligible to apply for appointment.

Planning Commission: a five member body that oversees the Town's planning process. Currently the two-year terms of three (3) Commissioners will expire on June 30, 2020. One additional seat may be vacated as of April 7, 2020, allowing for an interim appointment to be made for the final 15 months of the term, expiring June 30, 2021, after which the selected appointee could apply to be appointed to a full two-year term. Much of the Commission's time is devoted to reviewing permit applications for home remodels and additions. The Commission works to balance the needs of individual families for more living space with the need to protect neighborhood character. The Planning Commission also works on longer range issues. The Commission meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., with occasional study sessions scheduled as needed.

Parks and Recreation Commission: an advisory board that recommends policy and procedures for parks and recreational facilities, recreation programs, park development and park maintenance. The two-year terms of three (3) Commissioners are expiring on June 30, 2020. One additional seat may be vacated as of April 7, 2020, allowing for an interim appointment to be made for the final 15 months of the term, expiring June 30, 2021, after which the selected appointee could apply to be appointed to a full two-year term. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

- **Parks and Recreation Youth Commissioner** – This 2-year appointment ([see flyer](#)) is open to applicants who are high school students age 18 or younger who wish to serve their community as the voice of the community's youth regarding Parks and Recreation events and activities. Youth Commissioners can earn community service hours based on meeting attendance.

Flood Control Board: advises the Town Council on all matters affecting flooding in Corte Madera. Examples of duties of the board are to review and report on the flooding impact of current and proposed flood control and storm drain projects, and to review and report on flood management plans in order to define what actions are necessary to reduce flood conditions in the Town. The two-year terms of three (3) Board members are expiring on June 30, 2020. Meetings are held bi-monthly on the 2nd Monday of even months at 6:30 p.m.

Town of Corte Madera Representative to the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Abatement District (2-year term, currently vacant) The main purpose of the Board of Trustees of the MSMVCD is to organize and carry out an effective mosquito and vector control program and to develop a budget adequate to staff and support the program. This seat is currently vacant and preference for the appointment will be given to a person with strong interest in the prevention, elimination or control of mosquitoes and other arthropods known to be potential carriers of infectious diseases, or presenting a public nuisance. The Board of Trustees meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at District Headquarters, 595 Helman Lane, Cotati, CA.

If you are interested in serving on one or more commissions or boards, you may obtain an application from Town Offices at 300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera, CA 94925 between the hours of 8a.m.-12:00p.m. and 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m., on the website at <http://townofcortemadera.org/494/Commission-or-Committee-Appointment>, by calling 415-927-5050 or via email at rvaghn@tcmmail.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINES:

1. For those interested the partial term, 15-month appointment to either the Planning Commission or the Parks and Recreation Commission, please submit your application by Monday, March 2, 2020.
2. For those interested the regular two-year appointment to any of the Town's Boards/Commissions/Committees, or the Parks and Recreation Youth Commissioner seat, please submit your application by Monday, April 6, 2020.

Completed applications may be sent via email to rvaughn@tcmmail.org or mailed/hand-delivered to Corte Madera Town Hall (300 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera, CA 94925).

Please call the Town Hall Administrative Office at 415-927-5050 with any questions regarding the appointment process. [To view and share the official notice, 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 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.



Marin Election Information

Voter information guides for the March 3, 2020, Presidential Primary Election have been mailed to registered voters in Marin County. Here are key things to remember:

- Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Voters may register and vote provisionally at their polling place
- The Marin County Elections Department is open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. for registering and voting provisionally
- Vote-by-mail ballot envelopes must be signed and postmarked on or before March 3rd
- Voters can drop their vote-by-mail ballot (in its signed envelope) at the Elections Department or any polling place by 8 p.m.



To learn about the "New Voter Registration Rules" please click [here](#). If you wish to be an Election Observer, you can get information by clicking [here](#). Check the [Voter Information Portal](#) online for information about your registration status or vote-by-mail ballot, or call 415-473-6456. Follow the [Elections Department on Facebook](#).

Elections Need You on March 3rd

The Marin County Elections Department is looking for civic minded people to serve as Election Day poll workers in the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election.

Join in community spirit to serve for this one-day commitment and receive payment for your civic efforts.

You must be a registered voter or a lawful permanent resident. Poll location opportunities are available across Marin County. Hours are from 6:30 AM to 9 PM.

Stipend:

Chief Inspector	\$175, plus \$20 for training
Deputy Inspector	\$150, plus \$20 for training
Clerk	.\$125, plus \$15 for training

Apply in person: Marin County Civic Center, 3501 Civic Center Drive, STE 121, San Rafael.

Apply by phone: 415-473-6438 or 415-473-6439

Apply online: www.marinvotes.org
 To view and share a flyer with this information, [please click here](#).

Nature for Kids: Indian Tree

It's winter, it's wet, and it's cold. Salamanders, slugs, and millipedes are out and about. You'll explore a shady bay forest, an oak-studded woodland, and finally end up among the redwoods for lunch. Along the way you'll talk about these varied habitats and the different plants and animals that call these places home. Remember to bring lunch. Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 473-6087 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message if cancelled. Its requested that no pets (except service animals) attend. No registration is required. If you have questions contact [Shannon Burke](#) at (415) 473-6086.



The event will be held on Tuesday, February 18th from 10am - 1pm at the Indian Tree Preserve (meet at the trailhead on Vineyard Road in Novato). For more details including driving directions, [please click here](#).



FEBRUARY 2020 AGE-FRIENDLY INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER (AFIC)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 3	February 4	February 5	February 6	February 7
February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13	February 14
February 17	February 18	February 19	February 20	February 21
February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28

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 [February 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 The Center at 415-991-4040 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, February 18, 2020: Town Council Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:30pm in the Corté Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.

[Tuesday, February 18, 2020: Sanitary District No. 2 Board Meeting](#) - CANCELLED

[Thursday, February 20, 2020: Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting](#) - Begins at 6:00pm in the Corté Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive



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