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**Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance: Town Council Public Hearing
Monday 3/2/20**

On Monday, March 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Cortes Madera Town Hall, the Town Council will hold a public hearing for the consideration of proposed zoning ordinance amendments to Chapter 18.18 (Special Purpose Overlay Districts), and Chapter 18.31 (Accessory Dwelling Units) of the Cortes Madera Municipal Code to (1) make Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) converted from existing floor space, and all JADUs, subject to the existing ADU capacity limitations in the Christmas Tree Hill Overlay District, (2) provide an option for discretionary review to allow non-clerestory windows in certain ADUs, and (3) make additional non-substantive clean-up changes and clarifications to Chapter 18.31. The public hearing notice is attached for your review. 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.

What's Happening in Town



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. For more information, please send an email to: info@cortemaderawomensclub.org.

EYE VISION SCREENING
BY THE
CORTE MADERA LIONS



Eye Vision Screening by the Corte Madera Lions



The Corte Madera Lions Club invites you to a free vision screening. This vision screening is not meant to replace a comprehensive eye examination and refraction that you obtain at your eye doctor's office. The vision screening is designed to alert you to eye health issues that could need attention. The screening is done with a diagnostic camera that is used by Lions Clubs in public schools throughout Marin County to help the school nurses perform their required periodic eye tests.

- No fees or ID required

- Screening is conducted by members of the Corte Madera Lions Club
- No pre-registration required
- An optometrist and a medical doctor will be on hand to answer questions

The screening will be held on Saturday, March 14th from 10am to 1pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. [Click here to view the screening flyer.](#)



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?nodeId=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->



Two Openings on Age-Friendly Corte Madera Task Force

Age-Friendly Corte Madera was founded in 2014 to improve life for older residents of Corte Madera.

In addition to the popular Third Wednesday Speaker Series, we host the annual *Corte Madera Honors our Nonagenarians* and Centenarians, and we partner with the CM Lions to offer Lions Share home help days several times a year.

The upbeat, bustling Intergenerational Center was identified early on as a goal in AFCM's Strategic Plan.

What new ideas do you have?

If you would like to volunteer a couple of hours each month to AFCM, please email agefriendlycortemadera@gmail.com. (More information at agefriendlycortemadera.com). To view and share the flyer for this recruitment, [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. There will be open discussion for this class.

Open Discussion is an opportunity for you to ask any question about Apple devices, apps, and technology that might not have been addressed in a previous class.

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



2020 Commission and Board Recruitment

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 rvaughn@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 Friday, March 6, 2020 (*extended from original deadline of 3/2/2020*).
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 Friday, April 10, 2020 (*extended from original deadline of 4/6/2020*).

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.](#)



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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:
Stetson Avenue, North Willow Avenue, Redwood Avenue, Valencia Lane,
Baltimore Avenue, Palm Avenue and Pixley Avenue**

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.

- Week of March 2-5
 - North Willow Avenue, Redwood Avenue, Valencia Lane, Baltimore Avenue, Palm Avenue and Pixley Avenue
- 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.



ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT OPEN SATURDAY

The Elections Department, Suite 121, will be open on Saturday, February 29, 10am to 4pm.

You will have the ability to assist voters with registration and voting. Observers can also watch ballot processing.

For more information, please call 415-473-6456.

The Elections Department is located at 3501 Civic Center Drive, San Rafael.

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](#).

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, March 2nd from 10am - 2pm at the Fairfax Library Community Room, 2097 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Fairfax.

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. Rain will cancel. Friendly dogs are welcome but must be leashed. Heavy rain will cancel the event. No need to RSVP, just show up. Contact Supervising Ranger [Luke Bishop](#).

The event will be held on Sunday, March 1st from 9am - 11am at the Ring Mountain Preserve. Meet at the intersection of Taylor Fire Road and Ring Mountain Fire Road. For more details including driving directions, [please click here](#).



MARCH 2020 AGE-FRIENDLY INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER (AFIC)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6
10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga for Seniors	10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga for Seniors	10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga for Seniors	10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga for Seniors	10:00am - 12:00pm: Yoga for Seniors
1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class	1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class	1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class	1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class	1:00pm - 3:00pm: Art Class
3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club	3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club	3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club	3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club	3:30pm - 5:00pm: Book Club
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March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26
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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 [March 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 2020. 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


[Monday, March 2, 2020: Climate Action Committee Meeting](#) - Begins at 4:00pm in the Corté Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive

[Monday, March 2, 2020: Town Council Meeting](#) - (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE) Begins at 6:30pm in the Corté Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.


[Monday, March 2, 2020: Sanitary District No. 2 Board Meeting](#) - CANCELLED



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