



CORTE MADERA CHRONICLES

March 6, 2020

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Community Meeting on Multi-Family Housing Objective Design and Development Standards

The Town of Corte Madera, along with 9 other Marin County jurisdictions, are beginning the process of developing Objective Design and Development Standards (ODDS) for new multi-family housing projects. Come learn more about this important effort at a Community Meeting on March 19th, 7 – 9 pm at the Corte Madera Community Center (498 Tamalpais Drive), and provide comments for us to consider as we advance this process. This is one of four countywide meetings being held to introduce our communities to this project. Please see the attached flyer and the Frequently Asked Questions document on the ODDS webpage (<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/879/ODDS>) for more information.

You can also contact Adam Wolff, Director of Planning and Building at awolff@tcmmail.org or Martha Battaglia, Senior Planner at mbattaglia@tcmmail.org.

To view and share the informational flyer, [please click here](#).



HAPPENING TOMORROW: 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.

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.



CANCELLED: Eye Vision Screening by the Corte Madera Lions

If you have any questions please contact the Lions Club at 415-924-7063.

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. The topic being discussed will be: "Catch All Topics"

1:00 – 3:00PM: This class will give the instructor the opportunity to follow up on anything that might have gone unanswered in the previous week's Open Discussion class. Additionally, a variety of smaller topics like Voice Mail, Lock Screen images, Notifications, Find My, Widgets, Stacks, Settings, etc., will be addressed.

This event will be held on Tuesday, March 10th 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.](#)

The Third Wednesday Speaker Series: Grief and Grieving - What to Expect While Navigating Through Our Losses

Age-Friendly Corte Madera, Twin Cities Village, Corte Madera Parks and Recreation and Age-Friendly Solutions, Sponsors of The Third Wednesday Speakers Series present...

Grief and Grieving - What to Expect While Navigating



Through Our Losses

Grieving the death of a friend or loved one can present us with a myriad of unexpected changes to our thoughts, feelings and behaviors. Join us as we explore and discuss what to expect on the journey as we identify practical tools for navigating through the natural process of grief.

This event will be held on Wednesday, March 18th from 11am to 12:30pm at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. The presenter for this event is Michelle Miller, LMFT Grief Counselor for Hospice by the Bay. To view and share the event flyer, [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 RESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS:
Stetson Avenue, South Way, Madrono Avenue, Pleasant Avenue,
Woodhue Lane, Encina Avenue, Manzanita Avenue, Eastman Avenue,
Oakdale Avenue, Rocklyn Court, Willow Avenue (South of Tamalpais
Drive), and Buena Vista 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.

- March 16-19, 23-26, March 30- April 2
 - Stetson Avenue
- Week of March 23 and March 30
 - South Way, Madrono Avenue, Pleasant Avenue, Woodhue Lane, and Encina Lane
- Week of March 30 and April 6

- Manzanita Avenue, Eastman Avenue, Oakdale Avenue, Rocklyn Court, Willow Avenue (South of Tamalpais Drive), and Buena Vista 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, March 7th, 9:30am to 3:30pm. You will have the ability to watch ballot processing.

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

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

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 9th and Wednesday, March 11th from 10am - 2pm at the Fairfax Library Community Room, 2097 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Fairfax.

Wildflower Mountain Bike Tour

Join Ranger Hanoff for a tour by mountain bike of early wildflowers in some of our West Marin Preserves! You'll ride at a casual pace, but the route does cover some technical terrain and moderate climbing. You'll stop as often as the wildflowers allow. Please bring a bike, helmet, water and a snack.

This event is ideal for ages 15 and up and is of moderate

to strenuous difficulty. Wear comfortable athletic clothing and sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring water and your bike. They request that no pets (except service animals) attend. Rain will cancel.

Questions: Contact: Ranger [Krista Hanoff](#).

The event will be held on Sunday, March 8th from 11am - 2pm at the Loma Alta Preserve. For more details including driving directions, [please click here](#).



MARCH 2020 AGE-FRIENDLY INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER (AFIC)					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5	March 6	March 7
10:00-11:30am: Yoga with a Twist	10:00-11:30am: Yoga with a Twist	10:00-11:30am: Yoga with a Twist	10:00-11:30am: Yoga with a Twist	10:00-11:30am: Yoga with a Twist	10:00-11:30am: Yoga with a Twist
12:00-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation	12:00-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation	12:00-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation	12:00-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation	12:00-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation	12:00-1:00pm: Lunch & Conversation
2:00-3:00pm: Book Club	2:00-3:00pm: Book Club	2:00-3:00pm: Book Club	2:00-3:00pm: Book Club	2:00-3:00pm: Book Club	2:00-3:00pm: Book Club
3:00-4:00pm: Art Class	3:00-4:00pm: Art Class	3:00-4:00pm: Art Class	3:00-4:00pm: Art Class	3:00-4:00pm: Art Class	3:00-4:00pm: Art Class
4:00-5:00pm: Music & Movement	4:00-5:00pm: Music & Movement	4:00-5:00pm: Music & Movement	4:00-5:00pm: Music & Movement	4:00-5:00pm: Music & Movement	4:00-5:00pm: Music & Movement
5:00-6:00pm: Tai Chi	5:00-6:00pm: Tai Chi	5:00-6:00pm: Tai Chi	5:00-6:00pm: Tai Chi	5:00-6:00pm: Tai Chi	5:00-6:00pm: Tai Chi
6:00-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment	6:00-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment	6:00-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment	6:00-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment	6:00-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment	6:00-7:00pm: Dinner & Entertainment
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9:00-10:00pm: Silent Auction	9:00-10:00pm: Silent Auction	9:00-10:00pm: Silent Auction	9:00-10:00pm: Silent Auction	9:00-10:00pm: Silent Auction	9:00-10:00pm: Silent Auction
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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

[Tuesday, March 10, 2020: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - CANCELLED



Town Manager Cusimano: He reported that Marla Orth, the Town's Resilience Coordinator, is recommending the Town meet with PG&E, Caltrans and Marin County Parks to discuss the vegetation maintenance of the areas that threaten the safety of the Town and are right outside the Town's jurisdiction. The idea to manage the clearance in the threatened areas and share the costs for the work.

Councilmember Kunhardt: He reported that the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) announced that the widening of the bicycle-pedestrian pathway at the Corte Madera Creek will be starting soon. He also mentioned TAM is continuing their efforts to encourage people to drive electric vehicles. He also reported that BAYWave held a meeting and the main topic was on the proposed improvements to highway 37. Safe Routes to School had an audit of the Lucky Drive area and they are looking at all of the potential improvements that could be made for the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians and also for preparation of sea level rise. He also reported that the Climate Action Committee for the Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) had their first meeting.

Councilmember Bailey: He mentioned that from the Legislative Committee of MCCMC he learned there are many bills that were introduced in the State Senate and Assembly. He mentioned that as part of that committee, there are scheduled calls with Senator Mike McGuire, Assemblyman Marc Levine and Nancy Hall Bennett of the League of California Cities. He mentioned Levine will be focusing on the Public Safety Power Shutoffs and emergency preparedness. McGuire will be focusing on things related to proper reporting of the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), preparing for fires and school meals. The League

of California Cities is focusing on funding for infrastructure and housing.

Councilmember Ravasio: He reported attending the Disaster Preparedness Council meeting. He reported on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) and the discussion held on the proposed roundabout on Madera Avenue. He commended R.J. Suokko for his presentation on this project and how he explained how this project is a part of a complete streets project for the Town and he clarified some of the information that was really significant regarding that project. (To learn more about this project, please use the following link:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/873/Tamal-Vista-Complete-Streets-Madera-Roun>

Vice-Mayor Beckman: He mentioned the Chamber of Commerce had a mixer at the Fieldworks Brewery in Town Center. He mentioned the Climate Action Committee held their first meeting. Lastly, he mentioned checking in with the school district regarding the Coronavirus and he was informed that the school district is working with the County Health Department on keeping the community informed and safe.



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