



March 13, 2020

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A Message From Our Assistant Town Manager

As you know, there are a number of meetings and gatherings being postponed or cancelled due to the Coronavirus. At this point, we are continuing to hold certain Town meetings in order to conduct essential business.

There are many ways for our community to watch and participate without attending the meeting in-person. All of our meetings are streamed live on the Town's website, <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/623/Watch-Live-Video>, replayed on the government channel of your cable provider, archived on the Town's YouTube Channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXRfUh7kV_4mHVgpEWCRIXw, and available on our Agendas, Notices and Minutes page, <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/681/Agendas-Minutes-and-Notices>.

For those who are limiting their attendance at public gatherings, we want to remind you that you can always submit written comments on an agenda item via email to Town staff for distribution to the Town Council, or any other Town Board/Commission/Committee and the public prior to their respective meetings. If you would like to support, oppose, or otherwise comment on a Town Council agenda item, please consider sending in your comment rather than attending the meeting in person. As is the Town's practice in accordance with the Brown Act, all communication, whether it is a formal letter or a one-line informal email, is made available to the Town Council and the public, and archived in the Town's records after the meeting. Also, if you are part of a large group that would like to comment on an agenda item, please consider commenting in writing or sending one spokesperson to speak on behalf of the group. This will be as impactful to the Town Council as having a large group in attendance.

Beginning with the March 17 Town Council meeting, the Town will also accept public comment via email during the meeting starting from 6:30 p.m. until public comment is called for the particular agenda item. All public comment received via email during the meeting will be read aloud by staff at the appropriate time on the agenda for each agenda item forwarded to the Town Council, posted to the Town website, and placed in the Town's permanent records. Emailed public comment for the Town Council meeting should be sent to PublicComment@tcmmail.org. The same process will be carried out for all emailed public comment for upcoming Planning Commission and Parks and Recreation

Commission meetings. Other technological opportunities to allow real time comment and participation via live stream are currently being explored and may be introduced at a later date.

Thank you for your understanding and if you have any questions please call the Town Hall Administrative Office at 415-927-5050.



Madera Roundabout & Tamal Vista Boulevard Complete Streets Project

In response to the feedback received from the community, Parisi Transportation Consulting has prepared a [roundabout justification memo](#) and a [revised rendering](#) for the Madera and Tamal Vista intersection.

The memo discusses the general benefits of a modern roundabout and also describes the specific benefits that a roundabout would provide to the intersection at Madera & Tamal Vista, which include improved pedestrian and bicycle safety and comfort, reduction in traffic congestion, enhanced neighborhood livability, and more environmentally friendly. The document also compares the roundabout to a potential enhanced 4-way stop sign-controlled intersection and discusses some of the pros/cons of each of those alternatives.

The rendering shows an updated schematic of the proposed roundabout design, which has been shifted approximately 8 feet closer to the Town Center Shopping Mall, and illustrates some potential visual enhancements such as landscaping and decorative hardscapes, and updates the geometrics to show the various enhanced vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The roundabout's design continues to be refined and minor changes could result.

In addition, based on public input the Town has also reached out to W-Trans, a third party transportation engineering consulting firm, to perform an independent peer review of the Parisi Transportation Consulting design to further assess and determine the applicability of a roundabout at this intersection. The results of their analysis will be shared with the public and is anticipated to be available the week of March 30th.

Thank you all for your feedback, patience and cooperation!

**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.



Don't Forget to Respond to the 2020 Census Survey

The United States Census Bureau is conducting the 2020 survey. The U.S. census counts every resident in the United States. It is mandated by Article I, Section 2 of the Constitution and takes place every 10 years. The data collected by the census is used to distribute billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities.



You will begin receiving your invitation to respond to the 2020 Census between March 12-20. These official [Census Bureau mailings](#) will include detailed information and a Census ID for completing the Census online. For details on how to participate in the Census, please click on the following link: <https://2020census.gov/en/ways-to-respond.html>



AFIC TEMPORARY CLOSURE

In order to protect our community and help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus, as of March 11th we are CANCELLING all indoor classes at the Age Friendly Intergenerational Center (AFIC). This will be in place for two weeks and will be re-evaluated as new information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding and if you have any questions please call CM Parks and Recreation at 415-927-5072 option 1.



Upcoming Town Council, Board, Commission and Committee Meetings

Tuesday, March 17, 2020: Town Council Meeting - Begins at 6:30pm at the Corte Madera Town Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive (pleased note that the Corte Madera Town Council will hold a Special Meeting. The Special Meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:45pm, or upon conclusion of the regular Town Council meeting, whichever is later.)

Tuesday, March 17, 2020: Sanitary District No. 2 Board Meeting - CANCELLED



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