



March 19, 2020

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Town Facilities Temporarily Closed to the Public

In an effort to limit potential exposure and community spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus), Municipalities in Marin County have been advised by Marin County Health and Human Services to close all Town facilities to the public, effective Monday, March 16 until further notice. View the notice from the Town [here](#). Essential services offered by the Town, such as services related to planning, building and public works permits, will be conducted via telephone, email and online. Staff are available to help you by phone and email Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Access our [Staff Directory](#) to find direct emails and phone numbers.

The Town continues to work closely with our partners at the County of Marin's Health & Human Services Department and the California Department of Public Health and will provide ongoing information via the Town website and by email communications. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Click [here](#) to view updates on COVID-19 from Marin County Health and Human Services, the California Department of Public Health, and the CDC.



Wondering What's Open In Town?

With all of the restrictions that have been ordered due to the shelter in place, we know there are many who are wondering what local businesses might still be open to the public. Luckily, the Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce can provide us with a reliable list that can be shared with the community. Check out their current list of local businesses you can keep supporting while following the rules of social distancing.

Restaurants

- Baja Fresh: (415)924-8522
- Burmatown: (415)945-9096 (take out/delivery)
- Cafe Verde Pizzeria and Ristorante: (415)927-1060 (take out/delivery)
- Easy Breezy Frozen Yogurt: (415)429-0035
- Fieldwork Brewing Company: (415)891-8273
- Flores: (415)500-5145
- Juice Shop: (415)927-1959
- La Maison de la Reine: (415)927-0288
- Marin Joe's: (415)924-2081 (take out)
- Nothing Bundt Cakes: (415)924-2500 (take out)
- Pacific Catch: (415)927-3474
- Pig In A Pickle: (415)891-3265
- The Cheesecake Factory: (415)945-0777
- Tub-Tim Thai Restaurant: (415)924-1223 (take out/delivery)
- World Wrapps: (415)927-3663

Pet Stores

- Just Food For Dogs: (628)212-2102
- Pet Club: (415)927-2862

Food Stores

- Andy's Market: (415)945-9068
- Nugget Market: (415)945-8855 (see info below on dedicated senior shopping hours)
- Rite Aid: (415)924-4557

- Safeway: (415)927-1960 (see info below on dedicated senior shopping hours)

Nugget Market and Safeway are designating temporary shopping hours specifically for guests ages 65 and older and for those who are at-risk due to health conditions. The designated shopping hours for both stores will begin on Tuesday, March 24 and be in effect every Tuesday and Thursday for the time being. The hours for each store are as follows:

- Nugget Market: 7-8am
- Safeway: 7-9am

For questions on these designated shopping hours, please call the stores.

Update from the Town of Corte Madera, 3/18/20

On March 13, 2020, Town Manager Todd Cusimano issued a [Proclamation of Local Emergency](#). The Town Council, at its March 17, 2020 Special Town Council meeting, adopted [Resolution No. 13/2020](#), ratifying and modifying the Town Manager/Emergency Operations Manager's Proclamation of Local Emergency. The proclamation is a legal document that will mobilize resources, accelerate emergency planning, streamline staffing, and allow for future reimbursement by the state and federal governments. The proclamation reinforces that this is not business as usual and gives us more tools to be even more prepared so that we can be confident that our local readiness efforts are as robust as possible to protect the health of our community.



New Building Department Protocol During Marin County Shelter in Place Order

In response to the Marin County Shelter in Place Order ("Order") issued by the Marin County Health Officer on March 16, 2020, the Town of Corte Madera's Building Department has developed protocols that will be implemented immediately in order to protect public health and safety. If you have a building permit pending or active, or plan to submit for building permit, these new protocols may affect your ability to begin or continue construction activities at this time. The protocol includes information on how to submit for building permits, the types of building permits that will be issued and inspections that will be conducted while the Order is in effect. For more information please visit our [website](#).

Please contact the Building Department with any questions regarding these new protocols at 415-927-5062, buildingpermit@tcmmail.org or [use our website](#) for information on how to access Building Department services during this time. Note these protocols are subject to change.

Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Resources For Our Community

Are your little ones needing more stimulation, your tweens bouncing off of the walls and adults and seniors needing ideas for mental and physical stimulation? Corte Madera Parks and Recreation is here to help our community! Go to our new Virtual Recreation Center for ideas at:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/895/VIRTUAL-RECREATION-CENTER-RESOURCE-POINT>

Protect Your Pipes. Don't Flush Your Wipes



The public is advised to NOT flush disinfecting wipes or paper towels down the toilet; throw them away instead.

Flushing wipes, paper towels and similar products down toilets will clog sewers and cause backups and overflows at wastewater treatment facilities, creating an additional public health risk in the midst of the coronavirus

pandemic. Even wipes labeled “flushable” will clog pipes and interfere with sewage collection and treatment throughout the state.

Wipes are among the leading causes of sewer system backups, impacting sewer system and treatment plant pumps and treatment systems. Many spills go to our lakes, rivers, and oceans where they have broad ranging impacts on public-health and the environment. Preventing sewer spills is important, especially during this COVID-19 emergency, for the protection of public health and the environment.

Please do not flush disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet. (To read the full news advisory from the California Water Board, [click here.](#))



A Few Messages from Central Marin Fire

In light of recent events we wanted to pass along some information regarding COVID-19.

The men and women of Central Marin Fire remain fully staffed 24/7/365. As a reminder, if you call 9-1-1 for **ANY** reason, please let the call taker know if you are/have been experiencing any flu like symptoms.

To view and share the California Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Prevention flyer, [please click here.](#)



Do NOT Mix These Cleaning Products

As people are trying to get creative with cleaning solutions to defend against COVID-19, please be safe when doing so. The graphic shared by Central Marin Fire, which can be seen by clicking on the following link, is a great illustration of what NOT to mix.

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/ETWZH0dU8AEpZB9?format=jpg&name=medium>

**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.

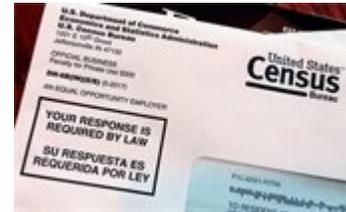


COVID-19 in Marin County

The County's Health and Human Services Department has been publishing status updates regarding COVID-19. Their website is continually being updated and also has lots of details on the Shelter in Place Order. To go to their website and read their latest update, please visit: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/>

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>



INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER TEMPORARILY CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 7TH

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Intergenerational Center is closed until April 7th, as it stands today. Please check the website at www.agefriendlycenter.org or call (415) 991-4040 for updates. We're looking forward to resuming as soon as it's safe to do so. Please do stay well!



Upcoming Town Council, Board, Commission and Committee Meetings

[Monday, March 23, 2020: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting](#) - CANCELLED

[Tuesday, March 24, 2020: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - CANCELLED



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