



## **Corte Madera Chronicles May 1, 2020**

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### **Community Chat with the Mayor and Town Manager**

Even though we aren't able to meet in person right now, we're not going to let that keep us from connecting with our community, answering questions and seeking feedback. Please join Mayor Eli Beckman and Town Manager Todd Cusimano for a weekly virtual Corte Madera Community Chat.

The first Chat will take place on Tuesday, May 12th from 11am-12pm through videoconference, and a link to participate will be posted soon. Mayor Beckman, Town Manager Cusimano, as well as other Town staff, will be available to talk with residents and hear your suggestions, comments, and feedback about our Town, and answer any questions about the current Covid-19 situation or the County's Public Health Orders. We encourage our community members to drop in and ask the Mayor or Town Manager any questions you may have about Town finances, projects, capital improvements, or anything else that may be on your mind!

If you are unable to attend on May 12th, these weekly Chats will continue to be held, on Tuesdays from 11am-12pm, throughout the duration of the Shelter in Place order. Questions can also be sent in advance to [publiccomment@tcmmail.org](mailto:publiccomment@tcmmail.org).

*\*\*Please note that, while the Mayor cannot take action on any items outside of a regularly scheduled Town Council meeting, your thoughts and concerns will be shared with the Town Council and Town staff, as appropriate, for any requested follow through.*

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TOWN?



## Chamber of Commerce Giving You a Hand

The Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce is the face of our business community, and will be instrumental in promoting and rebuilding our local businesses and sales tax revenue, with an emphasis on shopping locally.

As we understand that many of our local businesses are in a difficult financial situation, the Corte Madera Chamber is here to help. During these difficult times for businesses the Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce would like to

waive first year Chamber dues for local businesses that join during the pandemic.

Please sign up at <http://www.cortemadera.org/membership/membership-application/> or call the Chamber office at 415-924-0441.



## Updates and Opportunities from Parks and Recreation

### Green Hearts of Hope: Thank You Service Workers Marin County Collaborative Project

Recreation Departments in cities across Marin County are banding together for a day of giving thanks to local service workers through a unified demonstration of green hearts of hope on May Day!

Help us champion and lift up our service workers in our neighborhoods! Spread positive messages of hope, love, gratitude, and appreciation with the powerful and universal symbol of a green heart of hope!

Be creative and have fun. Kids can cut out paper hearts, decorate hearts with green and personal messages of thanks and hope and hang them in your windows and on your doors. Or, you can make multiple hearts and write out the message, "Thank you service workers". Another option is to use chalk and create green hearts of hope in your neighborhood!

Display your green hearts beginning Friday, May 1 in your windows, on your doors, chalk your driveway, post a heart in front of your house, on your lawn, on your fence, or in your car windows!

Use #marinplaysathome & tag Corte Madera Parks & Recreation if you want to share with your online community!

- Look for our Next week's Social Media Fun for: May the 4th be with you & Cinco de Mayo.
- Follow Corte Madera Parks & Recreation on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) & Nextdoor and visit our [Virtual Recreation Center & Resource Point](#)

### Age-Friendly Integration Center is Moving

After two successful years, the AFIC is leaving the Community Center to pursue a space they can grow and flourish. Parks & Rec Staff will miss many of the regulars and hope

they join us for new programs and classes offered at the Community Center when it is safe to re-open.

"We are eager to re-open facilities and welcome back the community. We recognize that change and transition can be uncomfortable and we wish leaders and members of the AFIC the very best. We are excited for the opportunity to offer new programming for all ages and are open to collaborations and trying new things. Suggestions and feedback are welcome for future programming and virtual programming during the Shelter in Place."- Ashley Howe, Parks & Recreation Director

<https://agefriendlycenter.org/>



## Skunk Hollow Park Improvements Project

This project consists of an update and replacement of the existing playground structure with site improvements and pathway upgrades for improved accessibility. A few primary enhancements include:

- Replace old play structure with new play facility meeting modern playground standards
- Add swings
- Add a sand play area with water feature
- Use rubberized surface in lieu of existing traditional sand for safety and accessibility
- Add ADA parking stall and ADA compliant curb ramp
- Add 4' tall black chain link fencing at street front
- Replace old drinking fountain
- New concrete path for improved accessibility
- Refinish existing wood picnic tables and add 4 new park benches

### Anticipated Project Schedule

Construction Summer/Fall 2020\*

*\*subject to change pending COVID-19 related schedule and budget impacts*

### Funding

This project is included in the Council Adopted Fiscal Year 2020/2021 two (2) year Capital Improvement Program and has a preliminary construction estimated cost of approximately \$250,000. The funding mechanism will be Marin Parks Measure A Fund.

### Questions

If you have any questions/comments regarding the design or would like to discuss specifics, feel free to contact Jared Barrilleaux [jbarrilleaux@tcmmail.org](mailto:jbarrilleaux@tcmmail.org) or at (415)927-5120. Note, response may be slower than normal due to COVID-19 related workload challenges.



## COMMISSION AND BOARD RECRUITMENTS NOTICE OF NEW RECRUITMENT AND UNFILLED VACANCIES

The Corte Madera Town Council is requesting applications from Corte Madera citizens who may be interested in applying to fill a vacancy on the Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee, the Marin County Commission on Aging (to represent the Town of Corte Madera), and 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.

**Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee:** The Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Town Council and is responsible for reviewing revenue receipts and expenditures of the Transactions and Use Tax (the current 3/4-cent sales tax override, approved by voters in June, 2018). The five-member body currently has one vacant seat, and four incumbent seats up for re-appointment, with terms commencing July 1, 2020. The Committee meets two to four times per year, or as reasonably determined by the committee or Town Council. More information on the Committee can be found on the Town's website:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/537/Sales-Tax-Citizens-Oversight-Committee>

**Marin County Commission on Aging (Corte Madera Representative):** The Marin County Commission on Aging is a 23-member federally mandated advisory council to the Marin Board of Supervisors. The mission of the Commission is to promote the dignity, independence and quality of life of older persons through advocacy, information, programs and services. The commission works closely with the County's Division of Aging on behalf of Marin's older adults. Commissioners are appointed to three-year terms by either the Board of Supervisors or the 11 incorporated Cities and Towns in Marin. According to the Older Americans Act, membership shall be composed of: (a) a majority of persons 60 years or older; (b) service providers; (c) members who reflect the geographic, racial, economic, and social complexion of the area they represent; and (d) at least one member who represents the interests of the disabled.

The commission meetings are open to the public and they take place on the first Thursday of each month, from 10am to 12:30pm, at various locations throughout the county. A presentation is made at 10:00 a.m. featuring a noted guest speaker on a topic of interest to older adults, their families and professionals, and the business meeting follows at 11:15 a.m. The Commission also produces a quarterly newsletter, [Great Age](#). More information about the work of the Commission can be found here:

<https://www.marinhhs.org/boards/commission-aging>.

**Marin/Sonoma Mosquito & Vector Abatement District (2-year term representing the Town of Corte Madera, 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. More information on the work of the Board can be found on the District's website: <https://www.msmosquito.org/board-of-trustees>

Residents interested in applying for consideration may obtain an application on the website at <http://townofcortemadera.org/494/Commission-or-Committee-Appointment>, by calling 415-927-5050 or via email at [rvaughn@tcmmail.org](mailto:rvaughn@tcmmail.org).

#### **APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL POSITIONS ARE FILLED.**

**First review of applications is expected to take place Friday, May 29, 2020.**

While spring recruitment for the Town's other [Boards, Commissions and Committees](#) closed on April 10, 2020, applications will still be accepted on a rolling basis and remain on file throughout the year should additional vacancies occur.

Completed applications may be sent via email to [rvaughn@tcmmail.org](mailto:rvaughn@tcmmail.org) or mailed to Town Hall (300 Tamalpais Dr., Corte Madera, CA 94925). Please note that Town Hall offices are currently closed to the public during the current COVID-19 County Shelter in Place orders.

## **Objective Design and Development Standards**

The Town of Corte Madera is working with 9 other Marin County jurisdictions on the development of Objective Design and Development Standards (ODDS) for new multi-family housing projects. The result of this effort will be a toolkit of design and development

standards that is intended to address requirements for streamlined approval processes. As an initial step in the process, an informational video and an on-line countywide survey have been developed. Other opportunities for community engagement will be coming in the future. The video and survey are available at the Town's ODDS project webpage ([bit.ly/CM-ODDS](https://bit.ly/CM-ODDS)). The project webpage also includes additional information on the ODDS Project and Frequently Asked Questions.

To view and share the Survey Outreach Postcard, please click [here](#).



### Corte Madera Farmers Market

We know a lot of places are closed right now due to the fight against COVID-19 but did you know the Corte Madera Farmer's Market is still being put together every Wednesday? That's right, the Town Center Farmer's Market is currently being set up in the parking lot between Safeway and Rite Aid. The Farmer's Market hours are noon to 5pm. If you did not get a chance to stop by last Wednesday, make sure you head over there next Wednesday and pick out some of the freshest produce around.



### Town of Corte Madera Evacuation Route Fuels Reduction Program Updates

Please note that the following streets have been scheduled for abatement to begin as noted below and as time and weather permits.

Week of May 11th (*postponed from April 13th and April 20th due to urgent projects*)

- Sunnyside Avenue, Presidio Avenue, Prospect Lane, Templeton Court, Grove Avenue, Pepper Avenue, Pepperwood Lane, Fawn Lane, and Walnut Avenue

If you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact our Resilience Coordinator, Marla Orth at (415)924-6362. To view the notice that was mailed to residents on these above streets, please click [here](#).

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN & AROUND MARIN

**FACE COVERINGS**  
are now **mandatory** for

**EVERYONE**

Children under the age of 12 are exempt

**When should I wear a face covering?**  
You should wear a face covering when coming into contact (less than 6 feet) with people you don't live with. Also,

while inside of or waiting in line to enter **Essential Businesses**

when seeking healthcare from Healthcare Operations

when waiting for or riding on **public transportation** and other types of shared transportation

**IN PUBLIC SETTINGS**

Workers engaged in areas where the public is present (or likely to be present) must wear face coverings.

**STAY IN PLACE. MAINTAIN YOUR SPACE. COVER YOUR FACE.**

**MARIN HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**  
Health, Well-being & Safety

#STAYHEALTHYMARIN #KEEPCOMMUNITY

**Marinhhs.org/coronavirus**

California Health and Safety Code § 120295, et seq.; Cal. Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1)

## Shelter-in-Place Orders Extended as Some Rules Ease - Health Officers Extend Order to Stay Home Until May 31

FACE COVERING REQUIRED



This updated Order continues to restrict most activity to essential functions and needs. But because of progress we have collectively achieved in slowing the spread of the disease and limiting hospitalizations, the Order allows certain additional essential businesses and activities to resume, allows certain low-risk outdoor businesses to be operating again, and authorizes certain additional outdoor activities to take place even though they are not essential. The new Order also introduces a framework to guide the Health Officer's decisions about further easing of restrictions, focusing on progress achieved addressing COVID-19 and ensuring that there are adequate health care resources available.

This new Order replaces the shelter order issued on March 31, 2020. We refer to the March 31 order as the "Prior Order" and the April 29 Order as the "new Order" or "Order."

Watch Dr. Matt Willis' [Video Statement](#) about the extension

Information about Orders effective starting May 4, 2020 to May 31, 2020:

[Executive Summary](#) of May 4, 2020 Shelter Order

[Stay at Home Order](#) (April 29)

[Appendix A](#) - Stay at Home Order (April 29)

[Appendix B-1](#) - Stay at Home Order (April 29)

[Appendix B-2](#) - Stay at Home Order (April 29)

[Parks Additional Closure Order](#) (April 29)

[Parks Appendix 1](#) (April 29)

The updated Order goes into effect on Monday, May 4. Town staff is currently analyzing the updates and how they will impact Town operations, particularly related to local construction projects and updates will be posted on the Town's website when available. Thank you for your patience.

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## **PG&E, CFILC Announce Program to Support Vulnerable Customers in Preparation for Public Safety Power Shutoff Events**

*Program Enables Eligible Customers with Disabilities and Older Customers to get Backup Power, Lodging and More for Use During PSPS Events and Emergencies*

As part of Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) commitment to safety and supporting customers and communities, the company will join with the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) as it supports customers with disabilities and older customers who are most vulnerable when the power goes out.

Known as the [Disability Disaster Access and Resources Program](#), the joint effort will aid the disability, aging and Access and Functional Needs (AFN) population ahead of a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS), when power is turned off during times of heightened wildfire risk.

The pilot disaster readiness program is being implemented by local Independent Living Centers associated with CFILC. The program will enable the local centers to provide qualifying customers who use electrical medical devices with access to backup portable batteries through a grant, lease-to-own or the [FreedomTech](#) low-interest financial loan program. Transportation resources, lodging and food, emergency planning, education and outreach about PG&E programs such as Medical Baseline also will be part of the program.

Applications for portable backup batteries will be available online and at Independent Living Centers across the state. Individuals who use life-sustaining electrical support will be the highest priority. Through the application process, the CFILC's Disaster Resource Advisory Committee will make the ultimate determination about the distribution of resources. CFILC will administer all aspects of the program.

[Marin Center for Independent Living](#) (Marin CIL), a forty-one-year-old community-based organization that provides services and advocacy to individuals with all types of disabilities including older adults, is one such program participating. In coordination with other countywide efforts, Marin CIL will work with individuals who utilize assistive technology and medical devices to determine the most appropriate assistance based on power needs.

For requests for lodging, transportation and battery backup systems, please email Peter Mendoza, Director of Advocacy: [peter@marincil.org](mailto:peter@marincil.org). He can also be reached by phone (415) 234-3840.

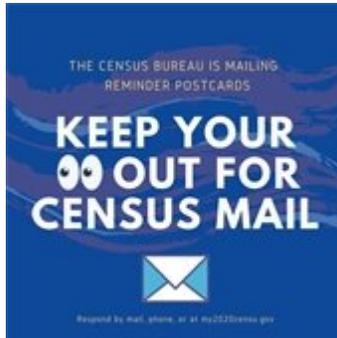
Coordination of resources takes time, so individuals are encouraged to engage with their local centers and formulate a plan long before a safety shutoff is imminent. Customers can find the location of Independent Living Centers [www.cfilc.org/find-ilc](http://www.cfilc.org/find-ilc). Hours of operation may be impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CFILC serves as a membership association for most of the local Independent Living Centers across PG&E's service area. They are grassroots organizations run by, and for people with disabilities, and they provide a variety of services to people across all types of disabilities and ages. Partnering with centers already working together to support the most vulnerable individuals in PG&E's service area is one of the best ways to reach the disabled community during PSPS events or emergencies.

Turning off the power creates a hardship for all PG&E's customers, and a PSPS can impact vulnerable customers dramatically. By working with and offering financial assistance to CFILC, PG&E can help alleviate some of the disruptive impacts and support the safety and wellness of these customers.

### About PG&E

Pacific Gas and Electric Company, a subsidiary of [PG&E Corporation](#) (NYSE:PCG), is one of the largest combined natural gas and electric energy companies in the United States. Based in San Francisco, with more than 23,000 employees, the company delivers some of the nation's cleanest energy to nearly 16 million people in Northern and Central California. For more information, visit [pge.com](#) and [pge.com/news](#).



### 2020 Census Updates

The Census Bureau has extended the response window to October 31. Why is the census important for the Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders? Today, roughly one in five Asian Americans and one and three NHPs live in hard-to-count areas. Some AANHPI communities are especially at risk of being missed, including those that have limited English skills and/or are low-income. For more information, call the Asian Americans Advancing Justice Census hotline at CALL 844-2020-API FOR ASSISTANCE IN ENGLISH, MANDARIN, CANTONESE, KOREAN, VIETNAMESE, TAGALOG, URDU, HINDI, AND BENGALI.

It is very important to remember that the results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location. To learn how you can submit your response to the Census, please click [here](#).

# UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- **[Tuesday, May 5, 2020: Town Council Meeting](#)** - Held via Videoconference only. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm. To learn how you can attend, comment and participate in this meeting, please click [here](#).
- **[Tuesday, May 5, 2020: Sanitary District. No. 2 Board Meeting](#)** - Held via Videoconference only. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:45pm, or upon

conclusion of the Town Council meeting, whichever is later. To learn how you can attend, comment and participate in this meeting, please click [here](#).



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