



## **Corte Madera Chronicles May 8, 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, using Zoom webinar. You can join the Chat beginning at 11am using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y7chqd8d> (webinar ID: 910-7929-1529). No pre-registration is needed, just click on the link beginning at 11am, or any time after, to join in. After joining, you can use the "raise hand" icon, and you will be unmuted so that you can ask your question. You may also share your video camera in order to better connect with the Mayor and Town Manager (optional). Any use of profanity, obscenity and/or discriminatory language will not be tolerated and will result in dismissal from the meeting. You may need to download Zoom prior to joining the meeting, and all applications are available here: <https://zoom.us/download>

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 Check-ins 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.

Phone option:

You can also call in using any of the following phone numbers: (408) 638-0968, (253) 215-8782, (301) 715-8592 , (346) 248-7799, (669) 900-6833, (312) 626-6799, (646) 876-9923 (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location).

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TOWN?



## Mother's Day Trivia on Facebook

The Chamber of Commerce created a 6-question trivia post to go live Sunday for 10 Corte Madera residents to win \$25 gift certificate to local businesses.

Click [here](#) to get the questions. Happy Mother's Day & Good luck.

## Social Media Fun



Baby Ewok submitted by Christina Martin

Team Parks & Rec had fun planning fun engagement posts inspired by Star Wars and Cinco de Mayo. In case you missed the fun, our list of crafts and style ideas are available at <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/923/Social-Media-Fun> for another few days as well as on our [Facebook](#) & [Instagram](#).



Rey Hair submitted by Jennifer Stukey Costa



## Dog Park Construction

The Town of Corte Madera will begin constructing a new dog park in the Town Park behind the Park Madera Center starting on Monday, May 11, 2020. Construction will be Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm and is anticipated to last four to six weeks barring any

unforeseen delays.

Some Town Park paths will be closed during construction, pedestrians will need to detour around the work area. The map included in this post shows limits of work and paths which

will be closed during construction.

All construction work will comply with the current Marin County Shelter in Place Health Order. We appreciate your patience during construction.



## Corte Madera Dominating in the 2020 Census

Hello Corte Madera neighbors!

The Census Bureau has some great news... Corte Madera is knocking it out of the park on "self-response" rates to the 2020 Census! Self-response means those people who have already been counted online, by phone or by mail. Corte Madera's 75 percent rate is only 1.6 points away from its 2010 rate, making it the 19th best city or township in the state.

You can track how well Corte Madera is doing with this daily response rate map:

<https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>

and you can see how well Corte Madera's doing compared to its neighbors on this dashboard:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/us.census.bureau#!/vizhome/2020CensusSelf-ResponseRankings/RankingsDashboard>

If you're among the last quarter of Corte Madera residents who haven't responded yet, it's really easy. You can go to [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to respond online, call 844-330-2020 (Spanish: 844-468-2020), or by mail with a paper questionnaire.

Great job Corte Madera, the rest of the Bay Area has some catching up to do!



## REMINDER: Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers are Prohibited in the Town of Corte Madera

We understand that some landscaping restrictions have eased and some outdoor maintenance work is going back to normal. For this reason, the Town of Corte Madera would like to remind residents and professional landscapers that since March 1, 2020, the use of any gasoline-powered leaf blowers is prohibited at any time

within the Town. (Corte Madera Municipal Code 9.36.040)

We ask that persons currently operating gasoline-powered leaf blowers discontinue their use immediately.

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.

### **VIOLATION INFORMATION AND WHERE TO REPORT VIOLATORS**

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, and landscaping professionals. If you have questions regarding the details of this ban, please do not hesitate to contact the Town of Corte Madera at (415)927-5050.

Complainants are encouraged to report subsequent violations to the Central Marin Police Authority via their non-emergency number (415)927-5150 should the use of a gas-powered leaf blower continue. We recommend reports of violations be made as they are witnessed. Thank you for your cooperation with adhering to our Town's Municipal Code. 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](https://library.municode.com/ca/corte_madera/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT9PESAMO_CH9.36NO)

To view and share the information flyer please click on the following link:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4800/Leaf-Blower-Flyer>



### **Updated Building Department Protocol for Building Permit Applications and Inspections**

In response to the Marin County Shelter in Place Order ("Order") issued by the Marin County Health Officer on April 29, 2020 and effective on May 4, 2020, the Town of Corte Madera's Building Department has developed updated protocols that will be implemented immediately in

order to protect public health and safety. The intent of this Order is to ensure that the maximum number of people self-isolate in their places of residence to the maximum extent feasible, while enabling essential work, including construction, to continue, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

If you have a building permit pending or active, or plan to submit for building permit, these updated protocols may affect your ability to begin or continue construction activities at this time. The updated protocol includes information on how to submit for building permit and the Project Safety Protocol that is mandatory at each job site. For more information please visit our website: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/896/Building-Department-Protocol>

### **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.



## 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

[- Sunnyside Avenue, Presidio Avenue, Prospect Lane, Templeton Court, Grove Avenue, Pepper Avenue, Pepperwood Lane, Fawn Lane, and Walnut Avenue](#)

Week of May 18th

[- Chapman Drive](#)

If you have any questions regarding this program, please do not hesitate to contact our Resilience Coordinator, Marla Orth at (415)924-6362.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN & AROUND MARIN

## New Program Provides Free Restaurant Meals to Older Adults

In partnership with the local community, the County of Marin plans to start participation in the State of California's [Great Plates Delivered Program](#), set up to support older adults who are sheltering in place, unable to access meals, and ineligible for other nutrition programs. Marin Great Plates, which would be free to recipients, also is a way to support local restaurants and other food providers who are struggling because of the economic downturn related to COVID-19.



The Marin County Board Supervisors will consider approving the program during its May 12 meeting as proposed by the [Marin County Department of Health and Human Services](#) (HHS). If approved, Marin Great Plates will launch its pilot program and deliver three restaurant meals a day, five days per week, to older adults starting May 18. The program will run through May 29 with the possibility of extension through June 10.

The first 1,000 people who apply who meet eligibility criteria will be recipients of the meals. To qualify, Marin residents must meet the following:

- Individuals who are 65 or older, or 60-64 and at high-risk as defined by the Centers for Disease Control, including those who are medically documented as COVID-19 positive, COVID-19 exposed, or living with an underlying health condition;
- Individuals living alone or with one other program-eligible adult;
- Individuals not receiving assistance from other state or federal nutrition assistance programs;
- Individuals earning no more than 600% of the federal poverty limit, which is \$74,940 or \$101,460 for a household of two;
- Individuals who can affirm an inability to prepare or obtain meals.

The program is free of cost to participants and the majority of the cost will potentially be reimbursed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of California. The County of Marin will fund the remaining share of cost. Program costs to the funding parties for the three meals will be limited to \$66 per day, including tax, delivery, and incidental costs – a maximum of \$17 for breakfast, \$18 for lunch, and \$31 for dinner. Local restaurants will develop modified menus to meet nutritional guidelines and cost requirements.

Starting at noon Tuesday, May 12, residents may call Whistlestop at 415-456-9073 to see if they qualify for the program. The first 1,000 residents who qualify will be served in the initial two-week pilot. Those who receive any state or federally funded nutrition program will not qualify for Marin Great Plates. Those receiving service from CalFresh, Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels), or the County grocery bag delivery program are not eligible.

Local restaurants interested in participation may [apply online](#) and learn more about Great Plates. The County will select the first 50 that apply and meet the eligibility criteria. Restaurant selection is contingent on the food provider's ability to meet volume and nutritional standards, source local produce/meats (if able), meet cultural needs, and prioritize local jobs, worker retention, worker health and safety, and standards of equity and fairness in employment practices, wages, hiring, and promotion.

All meals must be supplied by a food provider not currently participating in a state of federal meal service program. Priority will be given to food providers that meet Marin residents' geographical and cultural needs. Restaurants will provide their own delivery service to qualified residents in their catchment area. All delivery drivers will be background checked.

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## COVID-19 Status Updates

The status updates includes updated COVID-19 activity, information about a new program that pays restaurants to feed seniors, MarinRecovers.com information and a video update from Dr. Willis. Click [here](#) to read all of the details.

# UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- **[Tuesday, May 12, 2020: Sales Tax Citizens' Oversight Committee](#)** - The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00pm and will be held via videoconference only. Click [here](#) for details.
- **[Wednesday May 13, 2020: Climate Action Committee](#)** - The meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00pm and will be held via videoconference only. Click [here](#) for details.
- **[Thursday, May 14, 2020: Central Marin Fire Council Meeting](#)** - The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm or upon conclusion of the CMPA Police Council meeting, whichever is later. Please click [here](#) to get the details once the agenda has been published.

## Parks & Recreation Commission Goes Virtual on Mon, 5/18.

Parks and Recreation will be holding their first virtual Commission meeting via Zoom on

Monday, May 18. The Meeting agenda and draft minutes from February will be posted online next week at [.https://www.townofcortemadera.org/681/Agendas-Minutes-and-Notices](https://www.townofcortemadera.org/681/Agendas-Minutes-and-Notices)



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