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How to Help Inform Current Users of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

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.

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

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TOWN?

Community Chat with the Mayor and Town Manager



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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 along with Public Works Director RJ Suokko for this week's virtual Corte Madera Community Chat. This Chat will take place on Tuesday,

May 19th 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. 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, and Public Works Director RJ Suokko 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 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 19th, 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.

***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).



Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance: Second reading and possible action by the Town Council 5/19/20

On Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm, the Town Council will conduct a second reading and possibly adopt proposed zoning ordinance amendments related to Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) regulations (Chapter 18.18-Special

Purpose Overlay Districts and Chapter 18.31-Accessory Dwelling Units of the Corte Madera Municipal Code). Adoption of the ordinance would 1) make ADUs converted from existing floor space (i.e. basements, garages, and accessory structures), and all JADUs, subject to the existing ADU capacity limitations in the Christmas Tree Hill Overlay District, 2) provide an option for discretionary review to allow non-clerestory windows in ADUs, and 3) make non-substantive clean-up changes and clarifications to Chapter 18.31. The meeting agenda and link to the staff report and proposed ordinance can be accessed [here](#) (refer to Item 6A). Additional information regarding prior meetings, prior staff reports and presentations can be found on the Town's [webpage for this project](#). If you have any questions, please contact the project planner: Martha Battaglia, Senior Planner, at mbattaglia@tcmmail.org or call 415-927-5064.

Please note that the meeting will be videoconferenced using GoToWebinar. For more information on how to register to watch the meeting, how to use the call-in option, and how to submit public comment remotely, [click here](#). All attendees are encouraged to submit any written public comments for the Council before or during the meeting to: PublicComment@tcmmail.org.



Women's Improvement Club Annual Community Service Scholarships Winners

The Corte Madera Women's Improvement Club congratulates the Class of 2020, especially the winners of our annual Community Service Scholarships, Anya Cutter and Evelyn Bailey.

Anya Cutter, who is in the Pathways Program at Tamiscal High School, will receive the \$2,000 Kimberly Powell Memorial Scholarship for her volunteer work with the Marin County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team. At the time of her scholarship application, Anya had participated in 43 searches and spent 1,374 hours training and working with the team, sometimes alongside firefighters, police, and National Guard personnel.

Evelyn Bailey, also graduating from Tamiscal, will receive a \$2,000 Women's Club Community Service scholarship for her volunteer work with the National Charity League, a mother-daughter nonprofit organization. Over a six-year period of active involvement, Evelyn has participated in activities supporting Blue Star Moms, Special Olympics, Milo Foundation, S.F. Symphony, Bay Area Discovery Museum, Bridge the Gap, and Community Action Marin.

For further information please visit www.cortemaderawomensclub.org.

Hotel Floor Area Bonus Ordinance – Planning Commission Public Hearing 5/26/20

On May 26, 2020 at 7pm, via videoconference only, the Corte Madera Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to review information, receive public comments, and consider an environmental analysis (Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration) and Zoning Ordinance Amendment amending the permitted floor area ratio for hotel uses in C-3, C-4, and MX-1 zoning districts, through the creation of a Floor Area Bonus.

The proposed Ordinance would establish a framework for permitting a floor area bonus for hotel development on lots greater than one acre in size within the C-3, C-4, or MX-1 zoning districts provided that specific conditions and criteria related to site planning and design, environmental sustainability, community integration, and the public realm are met. The bonus would permit up to a maximum of .70 FAR where the existing maximum is .34 FAR and a height of up to 47' where a maximum of 35' (in C-3 and C-4 districts) and 40' (in MX-1) currently exists. Please see the complete public notice [here](#).

An Initial Study has been prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Ordinance and a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been filed with the State Office of Planning and Research and the County of Marin. The Initial Study/MND and additional information regarding prior meetings, staff reports and staff presentations can be found on the Town's Hotel Floor Area Bonus Ordinance [webpage](#). For information about how to attend, participate and provide comment at the meeting, please visit the [webinar webpage](#). For questions, or to provide written comment, please use the project contact listed on the [notice](#).

Corte Madera Parks & Rec is selling Tennis Court Keys!

Keys may be purchased online **only** through the links below and picked up after 5/18/20.

Please note: If you have done business with the Parks & Rec Department in the last 5 years you most likely have an account.

1. Select the appropriate link: Corte Madera Resident or Non-Resident.
2. Select "Sign in" in the upper right corner.
3. Sign in to process your payment.

Not sure if you have an account or forgot your password?

- You can check to see if you have an account with us by clicking "create account" and completing the required fields. Once you hit create account, the system will let you know if an account exists with that email or phone number.
- If you have forgotten your password, click "reset password" and wait a few minutes. You will receive an email to reset your password.
- If you have tried the above or know you do not have an account, please create a new account.

Purchase/Register for an Annual Tennis Key:

After selecting the appropriate link below, sign in in the upper right corner of the screen.

[Resident key:](#) \$40

[Non-Resident key:](#) \$50

Keys are sold annually and valid January through December at Town Park and Granada Park. Temporary COVID-19 policies and restrictions are provided during the registration process and posted at the courts.

Picking up Keys: Keys are pre-packaged in envelopes and available for pick-up Monday-Wednesday from 9am-3pm beginning 5/18 (must pre-purchase online).

Where: Rear entrance to the Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Ave. Go up the stairs and show proof of purchase through the door. Please remember to wear a mask and observe social distancing from staff and anyone picking up keys.



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.msamosquito.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.

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 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.

Road Closure on Chapman Drive

During this health emergency, certain activities that are deemed essential have been allowed to continue, as long as social distances of 6 feet or greater are maintained.



Some of the activities that are allowed include; fire reduction work and maintaining growth along curbs or medians in order to ensure visibility along roadways for public safety.

The Town of Corte Madera and the Central Marin Fire Department are currently preparing for the 2020 Wildfire Season by reducing the amount of hazardous fuels that are located along our Primary and Secondary evacuation routes. Unfortunately, roadway widths in certain areas may require partial or full roadway closure in order to

safely perform the work.

We will be temporarily closing Chapman Drive to through traffic starting on Monday, May 18, 2020 through Friday, May 22, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please note that traffic and detour signs will be posted throughout the work area.

Please do not hesitate to contact Fire Marshal Ruben Martin at (628)600-9988 if you have any questions. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



Objective Design and Development Standards for New Multi-family Housing Projects

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). The project webpage also includes additional information on the ODDS Project and Frequently Asked Questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN & AROUND MARIN

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.

Stay At Home Order in effect for Marin County

Marin's health orders were updated on April 29, 2020, and have been extended through May 31 to maintain our progress slowing the spread of COVID-19. The latest order also eases restrictions on some lower-risk activities as of May 4. [Click here for details.](#)

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- **[Monday May 18, 2020: Parks and Recreation Commission](#)** - The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm and will be held via videoconference only. Click [here](#) for details.
- **[Tuesday, May 19, 2020: Town Council Regular Meeting](#)** - The meeting will be held via videoconference only and is scheduled to begin at 6:30pm. Click [here](#) for details.



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