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Announcement for Business Owners

Dear Business Owners:

The Corte Madera Small Business COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund has been created in partnership with the Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce, and the County of Marin. The goal of this relief fund is to help small businesses sustain their operations as we continue to push through this pandemic and adapt to the mandates that have been put in place.

Corte Madera understands that businesses have been largely impacted by COVID-19 and the limitations that have come about due to the necessary health and safety precautions the County of Marin has been taking through the Shelter in Place Orders. This relief fund is intended to assist qualified small businesses pay for immediate operational costs, including but not limited to rent, payroll, utilities and loan payments.

In order to be eligible for a grant from this relief fund, the small business must meet the following qualifications:

- Operate in Corte Madera under a current, Town business license
- Have had a Corte Madera business license for more than one calendar year
- Have no more than 26 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees (not including business owners) in all locations operating under the same business name (the total should include FTE employees in all locations within and outside of Corte Madera) as of January 1, 2020

- Not have an independent fundraising effort currently established (this includes GoFundMe)

At this time, home office-based businesses do not qualify. Additionally, independent contractors that share a physical location, whether it is a personal or business service, under a single name (e.g. a single salon or an architectural practice) do not qualify. However, the primary business operator can apply for a grant that if approved, would then have to be shared by all independent contractors sharing that physical location.

Please note that your business can be open or closed. As long as you meet the above qualifications, you can apply. The Town of Corte Madera will allocate one grant of \$1,000 per business, on a first come, first served basis. Applicants who previously applied for a Small Business Disaster Relief Grant offered by the Town of Corte Madera have the opportunity to receive a second grant but must submit a new application for review, *no exceptions*. Please note that priority will be given to applicants who did not previously receive a Small Business Disaster Relief grant from the Town of Corte Madera. All applications will be reviewed by the Administration and Finance Department after the close of the application period, June 1, 2020 at 5:00PM. If you have any questions about this program, please call Lorena Barrera at (415) 927-5086.

To access the fillable PDF application from our website, please go to the following link: https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4998/Small-Business-COVID-19-Relief-Fund-Application_Fillable.

Please *email* your completed application to covidgrant@tcmmail.org no later than 5pm on June 1, 2020. Late, incomplete or unsigned applications will not be considered. The Town will not accept paper applications.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TOWN?

Restaurants, Stores and Essential Businesses Currently Open to Serve the Community

Restaurants Open for Curbside Pick-Up/Delivery

- Baja Fresh: (415)924-8522
- Blue Barn: (415)927-1104
- Boudin: (415)737-1849
- Burmatown: (415)945-9096
- Cafe Verde: (415)927-1060
- Fieldwork Brewing Company: (415)891-8273
- Il Fornaio: (415)927-4400
- Juice Shop: (415)927-1959
- La Maison de la Reine: (415)927-0288
- Lighthouse Cafe: (415)945-8902
- Marin Joe's: (415)924-2081
- Nothing Bundt Cakes: (415)924-2500
- Pacific Catch: (415)927-3474
- Peet's Coffee: (415)306-9340
- Philz Coffee: (415)496-2024
- Pig In A Pickle: (415)891-3265
- Starbucks at Town Center: (415)927-1048 (opening on May 25th for to go orders only)

- Stefano's Pizza: (415)924-9666
- The Cheesecake Factory: (415)945-0777
- Tub-Tim Thai Restaurant: (415)924-1223
- World Wrapps: (415)927-3663
- Zinz Winebar: (415)927-9466

Pet Stores/Pet Boarding

- Camp K-9 of Marin: (415)924-2267
- Just Food For Dogs: (628)212-2102
- Pet Club: (415)927-2862

Grocery/Pharmacy Stores

- Andy's Market: (415)945-9068
- Colonial Liquors: (415)924-0512
- Nugget Market: (415)945-8855
- Rite Aid: (415)924-4557
- Safeway: (415)927-1960

Car Dealerships

- Marin Luxury Cars: (415)460-4600
- Mini of Marin: (415)737-0500
- Marin Acura: (415)924-5100
- Tesla: (415)737-0780

Retail Curbside Pick-up

- A Child's Delight: (415)945-9221
- Anthropology: (415)924-4197
- AT&T: (415)496-9803
- B8ta: (415)496--6552
- Bazaar: (628)758-8706
- Big 5 Sporting Goods: (415)924-3221
- Columbine Home: (415)927-8884
- Corte Madera Cleaners: (415)924-1973
- Crate & Barrel: (415)924-5412
- Ethan Allen: (415)383-3600
- Five Little Monkeys: (415)886-8497
- Free People: (415)924-2081
- Hildegard's: (415)924-6455
- iPlayNtalk: (415)936-9797
- Joanne's Fabric Store: (415)924-8700
- Julianna's Fine Jewelry: (415)924-9711
- Louis Thomas: (415)924-1715 (*open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11am to 3pm*)
- Love Sac: (415)945-9396
- Lulu Lemon: (415)927-2891
- Nordstrom's: (415)927-1690
- Pendleton: (415)924-2692
- Peterson's Consign & Design: (415)927-4756
- Pottery Barn: (415)924-1391
- REI: (415)927-1938
- T-Mobile: (415)548-2432
- Talbots: (415)927-3793
- The Container Store: (415)945-9755
- *The UPS Store*: (415)924-8696
- Urban Outfitters: (415)927-1844
- William Sonoma: (415)924-6799

Other Businesses

- D&K Automotive: (415)924-3510
- Herc Rentals: (415)924-4444
- Thrive Healing Arts Studio: (415)927-7030



Social Media Fun

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS- Gear UP for BIKE Week! [More info](#). Enter to win a PRIZE. It's a FUN one-week contest to encourage you to practice your biking skills in MAY. All may participate, even if you're new to biking. Questions? Disponible en español. Contact saferoutes@marinbike.org.

Challenge Week through CORTE MADERA PARKS & REC: May 25-29, 2020

- **MONDAY 5/25: GET INSPIRED!** For motivation to get biking, watch [this video](#) made by a Kent Middle Schooler. THEN, LEARN THE RULES! Review [this flyer](#) on social distancing.
- **TUESDAY 5/26: PREPARE.** Conduct a bike and helmet safety check. Do you have a bicycle? If so, have you done a basic safety check? [Check the fit of your helmet](#) and teach others in your family how to properly fit their helmets. Then do the ABC quick check with help from [this video](#).
- **WEDNESDAY 5/27: SAME ROAD = SAME RULES.** Who goes first when many riders/drivers get to an intersection at the same time? Watch [this 5 minute video](#) on rules and being predictable. Ask your parents where you can safely practice signaling, stopping, and turning.
- **THURSDAY 5/28: GET OUT THERE:** Walk or ride with your family! If you can, plan a route to your school. If you're in 8th grade, test a route to your new high school. Your school might have a suggested routes map - [check it out!](#) Plus, you can get a walking or biking route from Google Maps! ****YOUR CAMPUS IS CLOSED**** You can ride there, but you can't go onto campus.
- **FRIDAY 5/29: ENTER TO WIN!** [Take this quick quiz](#) and you will be entered into a raffle to win one of three \$50 gift cards (Sports Basement, Patagonia, or Proof Lab) - RIDE ON! BONUS! Tag your photos with #SafeRoutesMarin PRIZES: Students who take the Friday quiz by May 31 will be entered into a raffle drawing for one \$50.00 gift card to Sports Basement, Patagonia, or Proof Lab. Winners announced by June 10, 2020.

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](#).

Community Chat with the Mayor and Town Manager



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Please join Mayor Eli Beckman and Town Manager Todd Cusimano for this week's virtual Corte Madera Community Chat. This Chat will take place on Tuesday, May 26th 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 and Town Manager Cusimano 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 26th, 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).



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>

**Corte Madera Parks and Recreation 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

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. To read and share the

public notice containing all of the details, click [here](#).

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.



Evacuation Route Fuels Reduction Program

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.

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

- May 27th, 28th, 29th and June 1st, 2nd and 3rd: Sausalito Street

Please do not hesitate to contact our Resilience Coordinator Marla Orth at (415)924-6362 if you have any questions. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

To view the mail notification sent to residents on the above named street, click [here](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN & AROUND MARIN

Memorial Day Ceremony Goes Virtual

The annual Memorial Day ceremony which honors all fallen American servicemen and servicewomen in the line of duty with a special emphasis on Marin's own heroes will be held via Facebook so Marin residents can watch safely from home. A live video will be streamed at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 25, on the [Council's Facebook page](#) and later replayed on Novato Community Television (NCTV) and Marin TV (CMCM).



Amenities Currently Open in Marin County

Wondering what Parks and Recreation Amenities are Open & closed in Corte Madera & Marin County?

We agree that there is a lot of information to reference. We have done our best to consolidate info [here](#). Want more places in Marin to access? Explore [Shelter in Place Location Updates by Area](#).



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

A Stay at Home Order is in place for Marin County until further notice. The new order, which takes effect May 17th, 2020 at 11:59 PM, will ease some additional restrictions while practices to strengthen containment of COVID-19 are put into place. All construction activities, certain businesses that operate primarily outdoors, and some outdoor activities continue to be allowed with the new Order. In addition, the new Order allows for curbside pickup for retail stores and retail supply chain businesses to open. To help you understand the restrictions of the order, please click [here](#). In addition to the Stay at Home Order, Marin's Public Health Officer has amended the order closing parks, campgrounds and open spaces to motorized access. Some locations will now be open to motorized access, with some remaining closed. Click [here](#) for details.

New Shelter-in-Place Order Allowing Curbside Retail and Manufacturing to Open Across Marin

The public health officer for Marin County issued a [new shelter-in-place order](#) allowing curbside retail and manufacturing to open across Marin cities, towns and unincorporated areas on May 18. This builds on the May 4 order, which re-opened outdoor businesses and construction. [Marin Recovers Industry Advisors](#) – comprised of industry experts, business representatives, residents, public health professionals and local government – has created industry-specific working groups to collaborate on reopening the economy and community while supporting businesses with the reopening process.

The result includes clear [guidelines](#) for reopening that are aligned with state and local public health requirements and result in safe and productive businesses environments. The goal of the guidelines is to ensure that every business owner is well prepared to protect both employees and customers when they reopen. Click [here](#) for details.

Age Friendly Activities in Marin

Age Friendly Fairfax Forum

May 29, 1-2 pm

"Being an Ally to Those Different From Me" America is the land of the diverse, and it can be a challenge to know how to relate to people with life experiences quite unlike our own. What does it mean to be an ally?? Join us to hear from two speakers, Dana van Gorder, Executive Director of the Spahr Center, our local LGBTQ non-profit, and Lisa Bennett, Core Group member of SURJ Marin, Showing Up for Racial Justice, which "engages white people to dismantle systems of white supremacy."



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8539357484?pwd=M3JXYlcyYmNvdUJlZlZFWUFZWlhsUT09>

Meeting ID: 853 935 7484

Password: 398715

One tap mobile

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San Anselmo

Gardening and the Great Outdoors Reading and Discussion Group (Tuesdays 4:00pm). Led by Alexis Fineman

This reading and discussion group will focus on things that are happening in the outside

world around us. This is a broad topic, and readings and discussion may range from seasonal gardening activities to local wildlife activity, weather patterns, natural history, and the changing climate, depending on group interest. Each week a series of articles will be sent out. The content of these articles will guide the discussion for the coming class.

Register with [Eventbrite here](#). You will receive zoom information and the readings from Alexis.

Free Online Golden Chair Yoga with David Knox (Thursdays, 11:00am)

This is a gentle chair yoga class in which we will learn to safely move and stretch our body. Our focus will be on breathing, range of motion, strength and flexibility. The practice will also be infused with yoga philosophy, physical and energetic anatomy and meditation. Please have a sturdy chair with no arms and a small blanket available. The chair will be used for seated poses as well as support for standing poses. Please be able to move from the chair, to standing, back to the chair safely. Please join us for gentle to moderate stretching, yoga inspiration and guided meditation. All levels welcome. 1 hour in length. Contact Kevin at kmacleod@townofsananselmo.org to register.

Zoom Information

<https://zoom.us/j/97314212137?pwd=YzdTeWdRb2NSVTVZT3NNcCtXT2RNZz09>

Meeting ID: 973 1421 2137

Heart to Heart with therapist Lynne Dixon (Mondays 5-6PM)


Each week we will be exploring our thoughts and feelings related to issues that touch us during the pandemic. For anyone suffering grief, anxiety, or other emotional struggles during the pandemic, a virtual support group led by Lynne Dixon, a psychotherapist and Good Fairy volunteer in San Anselmo.. Come as needed or attend every week. Share your views and find some comfort. Please email Lynne prior to the meeting letting her know that you would like to attend by 3:00 pm the day of the meeting at the address below and a link will be sent to you. Please arrive on time; the meeting will be locked at ten past the hour to allow for a safe and productive space. Lynne@lynnemdixon.com

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

- **[Tuesday, May 26, 2020: Planning Meeting](#)** - The meeting will be held via videoconference only and is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm. Click [here](#) for details.
- **[Friday, May 29, 2020: Central Marin Fire Council Special Meeting](#)** - The meeting will be held via videoconference only and is scheduled to begin at 9:00am. Click [here](#) for details.



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