

## The Town of Corte Madera's Newsletter for March 8, 2019

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### **Practice Drills for Disaster Response**

***\*\*\*ATTENTION EVERYONE\*\*\* Mark your calendars for this Sunday***

Please don't be alarmed if you see neighbors walking outside wearing vests, back packs and hard hats, speaking into hand-held radios this Sunday morning (9AM to 12PM).

No. It's not a giant scavenger hunt.

It's some of the 41 Neighborhood Response Groups in Larkspur, Greenbrae and Corte Madera practicing their shelter-in-place response team skills and testing their communication lines within their neighborhoods and to Central Marin Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Command Post.

## Why Organize?

In the case of a major earthquake, Marin's first responders will be overwhelmed. They emphasize that all residents must be prepared to survive (food, water, shelter, medical equipment) for 5-7 days in their homes following a disaster. Now that firestorms are also a reality in our area, we need to understand about emergency alerts, how to prepare on high risk fire days and how to escape. As neighbors we can help each other prepare and mitigate fire risks as a community.

## What are NRGs?

Started in 2007, Central Marin Neighborhood Response Groups (NRGs) are **grassroots-led** neighborhood groups in Larkspur, Corte Madera and Greenbrae that prepare as a community for two disaster scenarios (major earthquake & wildfire evacuation). We have 41 NRGs covering 60% of households in Central Marin.

**We believe we can take responsibility to prepare ourselves** as best we can for both scenarios. And **we can help each other** as neighbors. The Central Marin NRG program is not merely a distribution of information. Its strength and longevity is based on the social cohesion of neighbors who have a good reason to get to know each other despite our busy lives - to help look out for one another and our families when we can't be with our loved ones when and if disaster strikes.

Please visit <http://www.nrgmarin.org/> to learn more, or contact [coordinator@nrgmarin.org](mailto:coordinator@nrgmarin.org) to find out how to organize a NRG team for your community. We have NRGs as small as 33 units in a multi-family building, to a planned development of 500 homes.



## Here's Looking at You, Morocco: An Illustrated Travelogue

Are you curious about magnificent Morocco? Diana Saint James, owner of Dimensions in Travel, will share tales, travel tips, and mint tea from the Kingdom of Morocco.

The Corte Madera Library invites you to learn about the rich culture and diverse landscapes from Roman ruins and palaces, to the seaside and snowy Atlas Mountains. See images of the colorful souks, desert camel rides, bathing at a hammam, and of course, legendary Casablanca.

This free event is cosponsored by the Corte Madera Library and Corte Madera Parks & Recreation Department. It will be held on Monday, March 11, 2019 from 10:30AM to 11:30AM at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive.

Registration is not required, however seating is limited.  
For more information, contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844.

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## All Things Apple Classes for Beginner and Intermediate Apple Users

The Corte Madera Library invites you to participate in All Things Apple, a series of free, drop-in classes for both beginner and intermediate Apple users. Discover how to get the most out of your Apple computer, iPad or iPhone in these interactive classes.

Classes are being held Tuesdays from 1-3PM, from now through April 2nd, 2019. For a complete list of classes visit <http://www.marinlibrary.org/apple-classes/>

For more information, contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844.

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## Birds Together by Caleb Jordan-McDaniels and Helen Drake Muirhead

The Corte Madera Library invites you to Corte Madera's first intergenerational art exhibit which features photographs by Redwood High School student, Caleb Jordan-McDaniels, and paintings by his great grandmother, Helen Drake Muirhead.

Meet the Artists Reception:  
Saturday, March 9, 2 - 4pm

This artistic duo loves to hike together, discovering birds and capturing their images via lens and brush stroke. The exhibit runs February 23 - April 4 2019.

This free event will be held on Saturday, March 9th, 2019 from 2PM to 4PM at the Corte Madera Library, 707 Meadowsweet Drive.

For more information, contact the Corte Madera Library at 415-924-4844.

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## Big Band Dance

Come and join the Corte Madera Recreation Center for a fun night of music. The Ray Simpson Band plays the music of the 30's, 40's, and 50's from swing to jazz.

The event will be held on Wednesday, March 13th from 8PM to 10PM at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. Admission is FREE and the music begins at 8PM.

For more information, please call the Corte Madera Community Center at 415-927-5072. Hope to see you all there.

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## Central Marin NRG Newsletter

Have you checked out the newsletter published by the Central Marin NRG Coordinator, Laurie Rice? The newsletter contains lots of important information related to disaster preparedness.



Their latest issue mentions the Meadowcrest Ridge community which is the first Corte Madera neighborhood that has been nationally recognized as a Firewise USA community. The issue also tells you how to sign up for emergency alerts, how to know when and how to evacuate during an emergency and it also has important event information on things happening in the area.

To read their latest issue, [please click here](#). If you want to contact Laurie Rice, you can email her at

[coordinator@nrgmarin.org](mailto:coordinator@nrgmarin.org)



## Reimagine Creekside Commons Design Competition

The Creek Park Community Advisory Committee (CAC), in partnership with the Town of San Anselmo, today released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeking to engage qualified design professionals in the process to bring a revitalized Creek Park to life through a design competition. The reimagined park will highlight the San Anselmo Creek for visitors to downtown San Anselmo, making the integration of public waterfront access and recreation an important feature of the downtown area.



The RFQ can be found in the Competition section of the project website.

<http://reimaginecreekpark.com/competition/>

Qualifications are due on Friday, March 15 at 5:00 pm.

For more detailed information, please visit the project website by clicking [here](#).

## Nature for Kids: Wet Weather Wonders

Marin County Parks invites you and your family to Nature for Kids. You'll start the day learning about the frogs, toads, salamanders, and insects that live in the ponds at the upper end of the Indian Valley Preserve, and then you'll walk up to the waterfall, which is a perfect place to enjoy lunch. Don't forget to take your lunch with you to the event. Marin County Parks requests no pets (except service animals) attend.



Rain may cancel. If questionable weather, call (415) 893-9527 after 8am on the morning of the event to hear a recorded message. No registration is required. If you have questions,

please contact Shannon Burke at [SBurke@marincounty.org](mailto:SBurke@marincounty.org) or (415) 893-9520.

The event will be held on Sunday, March 10th from 10AM to 1PM at the College of Marin Indian Valley Campus in Novato, 1800 Ignacio Blvd. You should meet at parking lot 6.

For more information, [please click here](#).

## Lottery Drawing - Below Market Rate Townhome at the Strand

Marin Housing's Below Market Rate Homeownership Program offers low to moderate income, first-time homebuyers the opportunity to purchase one of the 350 BMR properties throughout Marin County at prices that are substantially lower than market value.



When one of these homes becomes available for sale, a lottery is held and names are drawn from a list of prospective buyers who have applied to the BMR Program. To access the application and learn about the specific eligibility requirements, please visit the Marin Housing website by [clicking here](#). To view the informational flyer on this announcement, [click here](#).



**Town Manager Cusimano:** Cusimano reported that the first working group meeting on the Town Hall Addition Project was recently held and he stated he was looking forward to problem solving the matters of this project with the group. He mentioned that the Town budgets money from the Sales Tax Measure for fire prevention, disaster preparedness and vegetation management. The Town will be using those funds to continue those efforts. Additionally, Mrs. Marla Orth will be assisting staff with trainings for the community, the upcoming chipper program and with helping neighborhoods become nationally recognized by Firewise USA just like Meadowcrest Ridge. Lastly, Cusimano reported that a bid for an early warning system will be brought to the Town Council very soon.

**Councilmember Kunhardt:** Regarding transportation, Kunhardt mentioned that repairs on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge will begin soon. Route 37 has been closed on and off and currently, there isn't a clear solution to the flooding problem. However, there is an MOU that has been authorized to be signed between the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) and the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma. The MOU would initiate a study of the environmental aspect of segment A of Route 37 which is the segment between the Sonoma Raceway and highway 101. He reported that TAM a \$600,000 contribution towards the Yellow School Bus program. The on-ramp metering program will begin next month starting in Sausalito and heading Northbound, the planning for the Highway 101 and I-580 connection is proceeding in the design process and the work on the Novato Narrows that was authorized by transportation legislation will begin at the end of the year. Lastly, the Safe Routes to School Program is looking to improve their service to the high schools due to the increase in the number of students and the lack of parking space. Kunhardt also mentioned the Renewable Energy Stakeholders Working Group and

they have been coming up with solutions in advancing renewable energy.

**Councilmember Beckman:** Beckman introduced Katherine Chan whom he stated is a new Trustee for the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District and who also serves as the liaison to the Town Council representing the school district. He mentioned he would review the minutes to meetings he was unable to attend and would report on those meetings at the next Council meeting. He mentioned attending the working group meeting for the Town Hall addition project and said he felt it was a positive meeting overall.

**Councilmember Bailey:** He reported attending the Central Marin Fire Council, Central Marin Police Council, MCCMC Legislative Committee, Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) and Marin Clean Energy (MCE) meetings. On the Fire Council, he and Mayor Ravasio witnessed the badge pinning of the new Deputy Fire Chief Don Stasiowski. He added that Central Marin Fire has been given the LAFCO exemption and there were several CalPERS, pension and other benefits that were approved at the meeting. For the Police Council, he also attended with Mayor Ravasio. They received the financial audit for FY 2017-2018, discussed strategic planning for 2019 and approved making Mayor Ravasio as Chair of the council. For the MCCMC Legislative Committee, he announced he has been appointed as the Vice-Chair and there are lots of new bills that have been introduced. For MCCMC, he mentioned Senator McGuire gave an extensive report to the group and he is happy to share a summary on what McGuire talked about if anyone is interested. For MCE, Solano County has been approved to join MCE and the group has been discussing a policy on handling the reserves for the organization.

**Mayor Ravasio:** He reported attending the Fire and Police Council meetings with Councilmember Bailey. He also attended a Twin Cities Disaster Preparedness Monthly Meeting. He stated 62% of the homes in the area are involved in NRGs. He mentioned a practice evacuation drill will be held on Sunday and he commented that the meeting participants at the were excited to know that Corte Madera is starting the chipper program.



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Month	Day	Time	Activity
March 1	Monday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Art & Craft
March 1	Monday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Yoga
March 1	Monday	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Reading Club
March 1	Monday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Music
March 1	Monday	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner
March 2	Tuesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Art & Craft
March 2	Tuesday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Yoga
March 2	Tuesday	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Reading Club
March 2	Tuesday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Music
March 2	Tuesday	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner
March 3	Wednesday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Art & Craft
March 3	Wednesday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Yoga
March 3	Wednesday	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Reading Club
March 3	Wednesday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Music
March 3	Wednesday	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner
March 4	Thursday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Art & Craft
March 4	Thursday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Yoga
March 4	Thursday	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Reading Club
March 4	Thursday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Music
March 4	Thursday	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner
March 5	Friday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Art & Craft
March 5	Friday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Yoga
March 5	Friday	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Reading Club
March 5	Friday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Music
March 5	Friday	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner
March 6	Saturday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Art & Craft
March 6	Saturday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Yoga
March 6	Saturday	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Reading Club
March 6	Saturday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Music
March 6	Saturday	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner
March 7	Sunday	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Art & Craft
March 7	Sunday	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Yoga
March 7	Sunday	3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Reading Club
March 7	Sunday	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Music
March 7	Sunday	7:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Dinner

## Intergenerational Center

The Intergenerational Center is a gathering place for seniors, children and young adults, featuring programs in art, games, yoga, literature, technology and more. AFIC offers events and activities for all ages -- preschool to 100+.

For information or to view the [March program schedule](https://agefriendlycenter.org), please visit the Intergenerational Center website: <https://agefriendlycenter.org> or call 415-991-4040.

Intergenerational Center programs are FREE for members. Membership cost for Corte Madera residents is \$25 and for non-residents it is \$40 for all of 2019. The cost is a tax-deductible donation to *Age-Friendly Solutions*, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please contact Pam at The Center at 415-991-4040 or via email at [pwaterstone@tcmmail.org](mailto:pwaterstone@tcmmail.org) for more information.

*The Intergenerational Center is located by the "pencil bench" at 498 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera CA 94925*




### **Work Week of Monday, March 11th to Friday, March 15th**

- **Tuesday, March 12th: Planning Commission Meeting** - Begins at 7:00 PM in the Corte Madera Town Hall Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive



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