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Street Sweeping in Corte Madera



Important Info Regarding Leaves and Street Sweeping

Dear Corte Madera Residents:

We want to take this time to remind you that street sweeping is conducted by Mill Valley Refuse Service (MVRS) and by our Department of Public Works (DPW). This means your street is swept twice a month.

- To view the MVRS street sweeping schedule, please click on the following link: <https://www.millvalleyrefuse.com/residential/residential-street-sweeping/corte-madera-street-sweeping/>
- To view the Public Works street sweeping schedule, please click on the following link: https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4722/Street-Sweeping-Schedule_DPW-Fall-and-Winter

We understand that the weather forces leaves to fall and scatter all over Town, however, we do not have the capacity to sweep all Town streets on a daily basis. Therefore, we ask for your assistance in keeping our Town's beauty in tact by helping us sweep up leaves on days where there are overwhelming amounts on the ground. This will help by preventing the leaves from being blown into areas where MVRS and our DPW team cannot access with the street sweepers. Additionally, we ask that you not leave large piles of leaves on the street. Large piles of leaves on the streets exceeds the street sweepers' cleaning capacity. Sweepers are not designed to collect large leaf piles.

And speaking of street sweepers, the most important thing we ask of you is to maintain the trees and bushes that might be encroaching onto the public right-of-way (street and sidewalk). This is extremely important because when there are trees and bushes growing and overhanging into the street, MVRS and our DPW team are unable to drive the street sweepers close enough to your property to collect all the leaves. How much your vegetation encroaches onto the street makes a difference. The photo included in this post can be used as an example of vegetation encroaching onto the street (shown in yellow). You will notice there are leaves right under that tree (shown in bright green) that the street sweepers were not able to collect because of the inability to drive close to the sidewalk. Hopefully this example is helpful for you to understand the importance of maintaining the public right-of-way clear of any obstruction. If you have any questions regarding street sweeping, street and sidewalk maintenance, please do not hesitate to call DPW at 415-927-5057. Additionally, if you wish to view our Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Handout, you can click on the following link:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4265/Street-and-Sidewalk-Maintenance-Handout>



Big Band Dance

Come join the Corte Madera Parks and Recreation Department 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, December 11th at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. Admission is FREE and the music begins at 8pm. Hope to see you all there!

Santa in the Neighborhood

The Central Marin Firefighters Association, with the assistance of a generous grant from the Corte Madera

Chamber of Commerce, will be welcoming Santa Claus to town on Sunday, December 8, 2019. Santa will be riding the fire engine through town and passing out candy canes to all the girls and boys.



Santa will begin on the east side of town at 3:00 p.m. The route will start with a visit to Harbor Drive and Yolo Street, then left onto Paradise Drive, left on Seawolf Passage, left on Golden Hind Passage, right on Pacific Queen Passage, left on Spindrift Passage, left on Diamond Head Passage, right on Golden Hind Passage, left on Paradise, right on Westward, right on Balclutha, left on Privateer, right on Prince Royal, right on Windward, left on Enterprise, left on Prince Royal, right on Endeavor, right on Granada, right on Estrada, left on El Camino, left on Paradise, left on Madera del Presidio, right on Meadow Creek, right on Parkview, left on Koch, left on Wildflower, right on Madera del Presidio (u-turn at end), right on Meadow Ridge (u-turn at end), right on Madera del Presidio.

Santa will make his way to the west side of town at approximately 5:00 p.m. The route will begin at the fire station on the corner of Tamalpais and Pixley, then left on Redwood, left on Willow, left on Oakdale, left on Chapman, right on Manzanita, left on Sausalito, right on Tamalpais, right on Meadowsweet, left on Conow, left on Casa Buena, right on Madera, into the Corte Madera Town Center (one loop around), right on Madera, left on Council Crest, left on Tamal Vista, left on Sandpiper, right on Tamal Vista, right on Monona, left on Seminole, right on Mohawk, right on Lakeside, right on Apache, right on Birch, right on Hickory, left on Walnut, left on Baltimore, left on Pepper, left on Palm, right on Redwood, left on Tamalpais, and then back to the fire station for the engine and up to the north pole for Santa.

Please stay on the sidewalk as the engine comes by. Santa's helpers will bring the candy canes to you.

This year, we will also be collecting gifts for kids in Marin Social Services such as foster care or protective custody. Please have toys or movie tickets or gift cards to any place that teens frequent ready for Santa's helpers, who will collect them from you and get the toy drive.

For additional information, you may contact Central Marin Fire Department at 415-927-5077.



Holiday Concert Party with the Corte Madera Town Band

SAVE THE DATE! Dec. 13th at 7:30! Santa is Coming to Town! Get in the holiday spirit with the Corte Madera Town Band at their Annual winter concert. Playing all your favorite Holiday tunes and some singing! Party afterwards with great food and drink. All free to say Thank You to Corte Madera, Marin, friends and family! Bring the Family! www.cortemaderatownband.org

The concert will be held at the Corte Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. [Click here to view and share the event flyer.](#) We hope to see you there!

The Third Wednesday Speaker Series Holiday Season Celebration

Age-Friendly Corte Madera, Twin Cities Village, Corte Madera Parks and Recreation and Age-Friendly



Solutions, Sponsors of The Third Wednesday Speakers Series invites you to celebrate the season with refreshments, festivities and holiday cheer!

You'll enjoy holiday music by pianist Nancy Fox. Raconteur Extraordinaire David Kunhardt will be reading the Dylan Thomas classic, "A Child's Christmas in Wales."

This event will be held on Wednesday, December 18th from 11am to 1pm at the Cortes Madera Community Center, 498 Tamalpais Drive. [To view and share the event flyer, please click here.](#)

ATTENTION MEADOWSWEET DRIVE RESIDENTS:

You recently received the notice below via mail and may have also seen this information in the Cortes Madera Chronicles and on Nextdoor. We just want to inform you that the evacuation route abatement project has been delayed due to the weather. Once we have an idea of when the project can begin, we will publish another notice on Nextdoor. If you have any questions, please contact our Resilience Coordinator at (415) 924-6362.

*****Original Notice Mailed to Meadowsweet Drive Residents*****

The Town of Cortes Madera has embarked on another phase of its comprehensive vegetation management program to further increase defensible space, improve ingress & egress for first responders, improve primary and secondary evacuation routes, improve vehicular sightlines, and enhance pedestrian and biker safety. This is a town-wide initiative.

Landscape on Private vs. Public Property

Any tree or vegetation planted on private property is the property owner's responsibility, including if it is encroaching into the public right-of-way. The California Fire Code (Section 4907.2) and ordinances adopted by the Town requires that vegetation be cleared 15' overhead to allow for safe and unimpeded passage by emergency vehicles. The code also requires 10' clearance from the sides of roads and driveways. This is achieved by cutting all dead grasses to a minimum of 4 inches, removing all tree limbs that are within 10 feet of the ground, providing horizontal spacing between shrubs and trees, and cutting and removing all fire prone plants.

One-time Town Abatement Offer

The Town recognizes that street and public right-of-way abatement can be daunting and expensive for a homeowner. Using Measure F funds, the Town is offering a one-time abatement at no cost to the homeowner to bring our streets into compliance. Participation is voluntary. A homeowner can choose to opt out by contacting the Town Resilience Coordinator at (415) 924-6362 and requesting an opt out form.

If the homeowner chooses **NOT** to participate, the homeowner is still responsible for meeting the compliance requirements detailed above. Failure to comply with abatement requirements will result in a Wildfire Hazard Warning Notice requiring the hazard be abated within 15 days. Residents who fail to comply will be noticed. The Town will hire subcontractors to abate the property to conform with the code. The bill for these services will be sent to the homeowner for payment. Failure to pay may result in a special assessment or lien against the property.

Prioritization of Streets

In collaboration with Central Marin Fire Department, the Town has prioritized streets to be abated starting November 2019. These streets have been identified as having excessive roadway encroachments creating fire and safety hazards that place residents and first

responders at considerable risk in the event of an emergency. Mitigation of these encroachments will also enhance vehicular, pedestrian and bicyclist passage.

Please note that Meadowsweet Drive has been scheduled for abatement between Monday, December 2, 2019 and Tuesday, December 10, 2019, as time and weather permits.

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

Filing Period for the March 3, 2020 Town Council Election Has Been Extended Through Wednesday, December 11th

The filing period for the March 3, 2020 Municipal Election opened on Tuesday, November 12th, as Town Hall Offices were closed on Monday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. Notice is given that the filing period for Town Council candidates has been extended through 5:00pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2019, for non-incumbent filers only, as at least one current office-holder with an expiring term has chosen not to file for re-election by the December 6th filing deadline. A copy of the notice is attached to this post.

Please visit the Town's election website for information on how to file to become a candidate: <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/860/March-3-2020-Municipal-Election>

The next regularly scheduled General Municipal Election will be held on March 3, 2020, where the voters of the Town of Corte Madera will elect two (2) members to the Town Council. Candidates for Town Council must be a resident of Corte Madera, at least 18 years of age and a registered voter in the Town of Corte Madera at the time nomination papers are issued.

Interested in Running?

Please Schedule an Appointment to Review and Receive Elections Material: Candidate binders, required forms and related election materials will be available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall (300 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera) throughout the nomination period.

Please contact Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk/Assistant Town Manager, at 415-927-5085 or via email, rvaughn@tcmmail.org, with any questions, or to request an appointment to review and receive the elections materials. Due to the volume of forms and material to review and receive, please allow approximately 1 hour for your appointment.

To view and share the official notice, [please click here](#).



Geography & Action: Deep Currents in Marin History

Historian Jim Holden, author of [It Happened in Marin](#), will use rare maps and photographs to document the deeper trends running through Marin's history thanks to its unique geography and thanks to citizen action. Among the rare items you'll see will be an 1824 map of Marin; Spanish land grant diseños and the first hiking map of Mt Tamalpais. Jim will also have some maps on display.



The event will be held on Monday, December 9th from 6:30pm to 8pm at the Marin Commons: Anne T. Kent California Room Map and Special Collections Annex, 1600 Los Gamos (Lobby B), San Rafael. To view the event info, [please click here](#).

Learn to Skate

Marin County Parks invites you to McInnis skatepark where rangers will offer tips and techniques for beginners as well as ways to attack features that build confidence and skill. This event is geared towards the newbie skateboarder and those looking to cross over from other board sports but aren't quite sure how to start. All skill levels are welcome, and no experience is necessary. Dress in layers and wear sturdy shoes. Don't forget to bring your board, helmet, and pads. Friendly dogs are welcome but must be leashed. Rain will cancel. No need to RSVP, just show up. Questions: Contact Supervising Ranger [Audrea Bocchi](#). Park entrance is free.



This event will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 10am to 12pm at the skatepark in McInnis Park in San Rafael (310 Smith Ranch Road). For directions, and more, please click [here](#).



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

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For information or to view the [December program schedule](#), 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 for more information.

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



Town Manager Cusimano: He reported that the Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce Holiday Mixer will be held at the Corte Madera Inn on December 12th at 5:30pm and the Town Band Holiday Concert Party will be held on December 13th at 7:30pm and lastly, the deadline to submit paperwork to run for Town Council is December 11th. He announced that so far, Fred Casissa (currently serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission) and Charles Lee (currently serving on the Planning Commission) have filed paperwork to run for a possible position on the Town Council.

Councilmember Kunhardt: Reported meeting with the staff of the Larkspur-Corte Madera School District to discuss adding batteries to their current solar systems and they are looking further into this matter. The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) formed an ad hoc committee to review the Hwy 101 and I-580 Interconnection project. He also mentioned there is now a bicycle and pedestrian lane opened up on the Richmond/San Rafael Bridge.

Councilmember Ravasio: He reported meeting with the Wildfire Marin Group and the Board of Supervisors approved putting the tax on the March 2020 ballot. The group is working on trying to raise \$250,000 to educate the public on this ballot measure. He also mentioned he will be working with the Town's shopping centers on collecting donations for this fundraising effort.

Vice-Mayor Beckman: He reported attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting and confirmed the information provided by the Town Manager regarding their holiday mixer and he also stated the Chamber will be submitting their annual budget for the next Town Council meeting. He also reported all is going well with the school board.

Upcoming Town Council, Board and Commission Meetings




Work Week of Monday, December 9th to Friday, December 13th


- [Monday, December 9th: Flood Control Board Meeting](#) - CANCELLED
- [Tuesday, December 10th: Planning Commission Meeting](#) - Begins at 7:00pm in the Corte Madera Council Chambers, 300 Tamalpais Drive.



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