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A Message From Your Parks and Recreation Director

Team Parks & Recreation is diligently working behind the scenes to provide alternative programming and outreach to our participants.

Last week staff called over 200 of our beloved senior participants and were thrilled to hear that most are being looked after by family and neighbors. Our team will continue to call the list of seniors weekly until we are able to resume programming.

Looking for alternative recreation & resources? Our [Virtual Recreation Center & Resource Point](#) is updated almost daily. Check out the latest suggestions by age group or send us your favorites.

While facilities are closed we are working on long term planning and projects to improve the programs and services we offer our community. We will have a community needs assessment survey to share in the next few weeks.



Will, Ashley & Shelby (2yo)

Hi I'm Ashley, I am your new Parks & Recreation Director. This might be a crazy time to join a new team, but I am so happy to be here to help our staff and community navigate this situation. I am confident that we will emerge a more connected and cohesive team. I am a Marin County native with over 20 years of experience in recreation. I have worked in the private sector, for a community services district and for two cities. I have a BS degree in Recreation from Cal Poly, SLO and a Masters from SF State. I am creative, responsive and eager. We have a great team of staff and we look forward to improving efficiency and trying new things.
We can't wait to reopen!





Update List of What's Open In Town

With all of the restrictions that have been ordered due to the shelter in place, we know there are many who are wondering what local businesses might still be open to the public. Luckily, the Corte Madera Chamber of Commerce can provide us with a reliable list that can be shared with the community. Check out their current list of

local businesses you can keep supporting while following the rules of social distancing.

Restaurants

- Baja Fresh: (415)924-8522
- Burmatown: (415)945-9096 (take out/delivery)
- Cafe Verde Pizzeria and Ristorante: (415)927-1060 (take out from 3pm - 9pm)
- Fieldwork Brewing Company: (415)891-8273 (Open to purchase Crows)
- Juice Shop: (415)927-1959
- La Maison de la Reine: (415)927-0288
- Marin Joe's: (415)924-2081 (take out)
- Nothing Bundt Cakes: (415)924-2500 (take out)
- Pig In A Pickle: (415)891-3265
- The Cheesecake Factory: (415)945-0777
- Tub-Tim Thai Restaurant: (415)924-1223 (take out/delivery)
- World Wrapps: (415)927-3663

Childcare

- Andrews Camps: (415)891-3185 (<https://www.andrewscamps.com/>)

Pet Stores

- Just Food For Dogs: (628)212-2102 (Open reduced hours 11am - 6pm Monday to Sunday)
- Pet Club: (415)927-2862

Food Stores

- Andy's Market: (415)945-9068
- Nugget Market: (415)945-8855 (see info below on dedicated senior shopping hours)
- Rite Aid: (415)924-4557
- Safeway: (415)927-1960 (see info below on dedicated senior shopping hours)

Nugget Market and Safeway are designating temporary shopping hours specifically for guests ages 65 and older and for those who are at-risk due to health conditions. The designated shopping hours for both stores will begin on Tuesday, March 24 and be in effect every Tuesday and Thursday for the time being. The hours for each store are as follows:

- Nugget Market: 7-8am
- Safeway: 7-9am

For questions on these designated shopping hours, please call the stores.

Attention Chapman Park Residents: ROAD CLOSURE on Stetson Avenue

The Central Marin Fire Department has been in continuous contact with the Marin County Health and Human Services Department regarding the current state



of the COVID-19 health crisis, and more importantly on what are the best practices during the Shelter at Home Order.

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.

Central Marin Fire Department will be temporarily closing Stetson Avenue to through traffic for three (3) days starting on March 31, 2020 through April 2, 2020 from 9:00 am to 4:00 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.

To read and share the official notice, please click on the following link:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4916/Stetson-Road-Closure-Letter>



COVID-19 Scams and Frauds

During these difficult times, some individuals make this an opportunity to prey on vulnerable people. It is very important to be aware and alert at all times.

If you think you are a victim or have had interactions with others whom you believe have fraudulent intentions,

please make note of the following information.

Federal Trade Commission

- For virus-related scam and fraud information: <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus>
- Report scams and frauds to: <https://www.ftc.gov/complaint>
- To receive consumer scam and fraud alerts: <https://www.ftc.gov/subscribe>
- To check out a charity: <http://www.ftc.gov/charity> or <https://www.charitynavigator.org>

AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline

- Report suspected frauds and scams: 877-908-3360



New Building Department Protocol During Marin County Shelter in Place Order

In response to the Marin County Shelter in Place Order ("Order") issued by the Marin County Health Officer on March 16, 2020, the Town of Corte Madera's Building Department has developed protocols that will be implemented immediately in order to protect public health

and safety. If you have a building permit pending or active, or plan to submit for building permit, these new protocols may affect your ability to begin or continue construction activities at this time. The protocol includes information on how to submit for building permits, the types of building permits that will be issued and inspections that will be conducted while the Order is in effect. For more information please visit our [website](#).

Please contact the Building Department with any questions regarding these new protocols at 415-927-5062, buildingpermit@tcmmail.org or [use our website](#) for information on how to access Building Department services during this time. Note these protocols are subject to change.



Protect Your Pipes. Don't Flush Your Wipes

The public is advised to NOT flush disinfecting wipes or paper towels down the toilet; please throw them away instead. Check out this informative t.v. advertisement regarding "flushable" wipes:

https://youtu.be/dpVsJ3Mq_Ok

Please do not flush disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet. (To read the full news advisory from the California Water Board, [click here](#).)



A Message From Your Fire Marshal Regarding Road Work During COVID-19

The Central Marin Fire Department has been in continuous contact with the Marin County Health and Human Services Department regarding the current state of the COVID-19 health crisis, and more importantly on what are the best practices during the Shelter at Home Order. As you are aware certain activities have been allowed to continue, as long as social distances of 6 feet or greater are maintained.

The County urges non-essential outdoor services to be deferred to minimize risk of transmission. However, there are some outdoor services that would be considered essential and are permitted under this Order, including fire reduction work, maintaining growth along curbs and medians in order to ensure visibility along roadways, minimum basic operations necessary to maintain the value of a business, and other tasks that are essential to the health and safety of the public.

The Central Marin Fire Department, Town of Corte Madera, and City of Larkspur will continue its vegetation management and hazardous fuels reduction projects along our PRIMARY and SECONDARY evacuation routes while maintaining social distances.

Please do not hesitate to contact Fire Marshal Ruben Martin at 628-600-9988 if you have any questions.

To view and share the official notice with this announcement, please click on the following link:

<https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4910/Roadside-Work-During-COVID-19>

**ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF THE FOLLOWING STREETS:
Sunnyside Avenue, Presidio Avenue, Prospect Lane, Templeton Court,**

Grove Avenue, Pepper Avenue, Pepperwood Lane, Fawn Lane, and Walnut Avenue

The Town of Corte 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 your streets have been scheduled for abatement to begin the weeks of April 13 and 20 and as time and weather permits.

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



COVID-19 in Marin County

The County's Health and Human Services Department has been publishing status updates regarding COVID-19. Their website is continually being updated and also has lots of details on the Shelter in Place Order. To go to their website and read their latest update, please visit: <https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/>

PG&E Discount Programs

PG&E estimates 65k+ eligible customers are missing out on the 20% or more savings on their monthly energy bills.

Applying is easy & takes about 5 mins. Qualifying customers will begin receiving the CARE program discount within their next billing cycle.



CARE and FERA are PG&E discount programs that help eligible customers pay their energy bills. Over 1.4 million customers are receiving a bill discount through these two programs. Simply complete the online CARE/FERA enrollment form and PG&E will confirm applicant eligibility. Visit the following website to apply.

www.pge.com/care



INTERGENERATIONAL CENTER TEMPORARILY CLOSED UNTIL APRIL 7TH

In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Intergenerational Center is closed until April 7th, as it stands today. Please check the website at www.agefriendlycenter.org or call (415) 991-4040 for updates. We're looking forward to resuming as soon as it's safe to do so. Please do stay well!



Upcoming Town Council, Board, Commission and Committee Meetings

No meetings are currently scheduled



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