

# MARINER COVE

## Neighborhood Newsletter

### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Hello, Mariner Cove!*

It's been quite a year (plus), and I hope you all are enjoying some well-earned time with loved ones near and far. Hopefully, you are even doing so in a place other than your backyard.

First things first - I'm Kristy Wheeler, your new MCNA President. I am wife to Eliot, mama to Nash, Gray, and Remy Dog, marketing exec for a creative education company, and VERY honored to be a part of the MCNA Board. The board is indeed a smart, capable group of humans who have opted to donate some of their time and energy to making this great neighborhood special. I'm thrilled to bring with me a slew of new talent:

- Sara Brooks, MCNA Vice President: Wife to Chauncey, mama to Cole and Lucas, and our resident strategic mastermind and digital wiz.
- Kimberly Adams, Beautification: Wife to Ryan, mama to Richard, and a professional weeder and devoted tree-hugger.
- Marisa Azevedo, Communications: Wife to Halex, mama to Lia, Lisa, and Junin, and the world's fastest "typer" with a mean ability to multitask.
- Ashley Mirkovich, Welcome: Wife to Nick, mama to Ryder and Brielle, and you won't find someone with a better handshake or friendlier smile.
- Catherine Wold, School Liaison: Wife to Jeff, mama to Justin and Ryan, and a bonafide, straight A student with school spirit for days.
- Tiffany Moore, Co-Team Lead MCNA Newsletter: Wife to Kevin, mama to Christian and Brooks, and lover of the written word.

### SAVE THE DATE

The first-ever **MCNA Summer Games** will be held on **Saturday, August 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at The Cove Park**. See Karen Ruppaner's Social Committee report on page 7 for more details.

We are all diving in head first with the gracious guidance of our predecessors and a warm welcome from the awesome team who has been keeping Mariner Cove going strong for many years. As we look for ways to put our bright-eyed energy to use, a few of our main areas of focus will be: introducing digital and social media based communications (while keeping tried and true printed/written methods intact), a focus on gaining new members (keep an eye out for "adult lemonade stands" popping up around the hood this fall so you can get to know us over spiked punch), and a fresh, collaborative take on beautification (think spry, young volunteers from Hall Middle School and family weeding day).

Above all, the goal is to maintain a happy, healthy, and safe community and have a little (read: a lot) of fun along the way.



*Warmly, Kristy Wheeler*

P.S. While we publish this letter twice a year to keep you updated, we also have our website! All of the information in this newsletter and much more can be found at [www.mcnamarin.com](http://www.mcnamarin.com). Come check us out!

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***The Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association is a voluntary association available to 450 homes.***

*Our mission statement is:*

- 1. To build collective strength so that Mariner Cove's interests will be represented to the Town of Corte Madera and its governing bodies.*
- 2. To promote organized social activities and recreational programs for its members and their families.*
- 3. To communicate to residents of Mariner Cove the issues which may affect their quality of life.*
- 4. To ensure the overall maintenance and appearance of our shared areas.*
- 5. To assist residents of Mariner Cove in disaster preparedness.*

Mariner Cove welcomes ALL new owners and renters and shares The Earthquake Talk along with printed materials to help you and your family survive a major quake. The Talk also gives you information on wildfire preparation and evacuation and on surviving a Public Safety Power Shut Off. If you have not shared this talk or received your OK/HELP sign, email Lee Howard at Leejohn7@gmail.com.

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## MARINER COVE NEIGHBORHOOD RESPONSE GROUP (NRG)

Did you know that following an earthquake a lot would happen here in Mariner Cove?

- Your Mariner Cove COMMAND TEAM, comprised of 16 men and women, will report to the Disaster Trailer in Cove. Expecting no help from the authorities, they will take charge of the neighborhood to ensure that we can care for ourselves as best as possible.
- Fifty-four of your neighbors, women and men, will hit the streets as your BLOCK CAPTAINS. They will patrol their assigned clusters of about 20 homes, reporting problems to the Command Team, and assisting where they can.
- Another 14 nurses and doctors of the MEDICAL TEAM will fan out as needed to help the Block Captains tend to medical emergencies.

This group of 84 dedicated Mariner Covers is your Neighborhood Response Group. Its mission is to have us all prepared to take care of ourselves for three to five days following an earthquake. Additionally, they work to prepare us all for a quick and safe evacuation in a wildfire incident.

The program is directed by the NRG Steering Committee, a group of 15 drawn from the volunteers described above. We are pleased to welcome five new committee leaders: Jason Brodersen, Joan Feldman-Isaksen, Sachi Itagaki, Ian Rogers, and Vickie Vann. Please see the enclosed insert for a listing of all team members.

There can never be too many of us prepped and ready to serve. If you think you can help as a Block Captain, Medical Team member, or Command Team person, please let Lee & John Howard (Leejohn7@gmail.com) or Suzi Beatie (suzbeatie@gmail.com) know. It really is all about neighbors helping neighbors.

*John Howard*

### Scenes from our last Disaster Drill



*Checking out the new awning & lighting equipment at the Cove Emergency Trailer*



*Brian Cooley at our new generator. We will greatly miss Brian as he recently moved!*

### NEXT DISASTER DRILL: NOVEMBER 7 at 5 p.m.

**New emergency trailer amenities will be tested during our first ever evening drill.**

Solar & LED lighting, the new communication antenna & radios and the new generator will all be used as the dark of the evening comes upon us. Earthquakes come around the clock, so we will see how we do during this newly scheduled time.

**Please do your part in the neighborhood, by placing your OK/Help signs in your window so Block Captains can easily see them at your house.**

## INFRASTRUCTURE

There will be considerable activity in and around Mariner Cove in the next year. One very exciting and desperately needed initiative is the Town's Sidewalk Pilot Program designed to replace and repair sidewalks in the neighborhood. Read Bill Kimball's Sidewalk Pilot Program article on page 5 for details.

In July, the Department of Public Works started work on the Safe Routes to Schools path upgrades on the north side of Paradise Drive. Due to this, they have opened the informal bike path between the end of Echo and the Bayside Trail which is being used by both students and adult cyclists. Bill Kimball's Town Liaison Update on page 4 provides additional details.

The Corte Madera Climate Adaptation Assessment, previously referred to as the Climate Adaptation Plan, provides analysis, recommendations, possible strategies, and adaptation-related capital improvement projects for the Town's multi-modal transportation infrastructure, land uses, and natural habitats. This document can be found at <https://townofcortemadera.org/837/Climate-Adaptation-Assessment>. It offers a deep dive into issues related to sea level rise and how that has the potential to impact our neighborhood. I recommend every resident review the document, especially those of us that are on the bay or on San Clemente Creek. As an additional resource, if anyone is interested in reviewing the articles published in the San Francisco Chronicle highlighting what Foster City is doing to protect homes in their community regarding climate adaptation initiatives, they can be found at <https://www.sfchronicle.com/projects/2021/san-francisco-bay-area-sea-level-rise-2021/foster-city>.

One final infrastructure reminder residents of Mariner Cove should be aware of is that gas powered leaf blowers are no longer allowed to be used in Corte Madera. However, on the positive side electric and battery powered leaf blowers are still permitted. Homeowners and landscapers can be subject to fines if they continue to be used. Additional information can be found at <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/DocumentCenter/View/4800/Leaf-Blower-Flyer?bidId=>.

*Bob Bundy*

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## TOWN LIAISON

The Town of Corte Madera and its Town Council, headed by Mariner Cove's own Mayor Eli Beckman, have enjoyed a busy and challenging year to date as we return to normalcy after the COVID-19 pandemic. The following items highlight some of the actions undertaken by the Town which should be of interest to the residents of Mariner Cove.

### ***Mariner Cove Selected as First Neighborhood Eligible for Sidewalk Program***

The MCNA is pleased to report that Mariner Cove has been selected by the Town of Corte Madera to be the first neighborhood "zone" eligible for sidewalk replacement projects under the Town's Sidewalk Pilot Program. Thanks to all the residents who expressed interest in participating in the program. Your interest resulted directly in our selection to lead the way with the Sidewalk Pilot Program for Corte Madera. A full description of the program is on the following page.

However, please note that even if you told the MCNA volunteers that you were interested in the sidewalk program, ***you must still tell the Town that you're interested in the program.*** Everyone in Mariner Cove should have received a letter, dated June 30, asking interested property owners to contact Demetre Copeland by email at [dcopeland@tcmmail.org](mailto:dcopeland@tcmmail.org) or by phone at 628-253-1106. Staff is now conducting field visits with interested property owners in Mariner Cove. After all the field visits are completed, the Town will select a contractor who will hopefully begin work this fall. If you're interested in getting your sidewalk repaired and you haven't reached out to Demetre, please do so immediately before it's too late to be included in this year's work cycle.

### ***Keeping Sidewalks Clear of Parked Cars***

The Town continues to receive reports of residents encroaching onto sidewalks when parking their cars. In some instances, the Town reports that vehicles have partially backed out of their driveways and completely blocked the sidewalk, forcing pedestrians off the sidewalk and into the street. Parking a vehicle in a way that blocks full use of the sidewalk is not only illegal, but it also causes sidewalks to be less safe and accessible, especially for children, people using wheelchairs, pedestrians with strollers, and those who are visually impaired. California Vehicle Code Section 22500 (f) addresses this violation and makes it illegal to park on the sidewalk or block it in any way. Please don't block your sidewalk.

### ***Drought and Water Restrictions***

With reservoirs at historic lows, Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD) is now limiting spray irrigation to one day per week. Corte Madera's designated watering day is currently Wednesday. In addition, please note the following restrictions are also in place to help reduce our water consumption:

- Drip irrigation is limited to any two days per week.
- Outdoor watering is prohibited between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to prevent evaporation.

- Covers are required for all pools and spas. Liquid pool covers are acceptable.
- Do not wash vehicles at home, instead use a car wash that recycles water.
- Do not power wash homes or businesses.
- Do not wash driveways or sidewalks.
- Water leaks must be fixed within 48 hours of being discovered.
- Garden hoses must have a shutoff nozzle.
- Do not refill or top off decorative fountains.

Please follow these guidelines. Failure to follow these water use restrictions will result in a written warning. A second violation will result in a \$25 fine, and any subsequent violations will result in a \$250 fine. If you see water waste, please notify the MMWD. You can submit a report by email to [Conservation@MarinWater.org](mailto:Conservation@MarinWater.org) or call 415-945-1523.

### ***Paradise Drive Sidewalk Widening, Resurfacing, and New Multi-Use Path***

You've likely noticed that construction is currently underway on Paradise Drive. This work will widen the dangerously narrow sidewalk on the north side of Paradise Drive between San Clemente Drive to Seawolf Passage to create a new multi-use path that will be accessible for both pedestrians and bicyclists. The new multi-use path will connect to the Bay Trail at San Clemente Drive and provide a pathway for both pedestrians and cyclists to use outside of the busy roadway. The project will also raise the sidewalk up to 15 inches in places to help repair steep cross slopes on Paradise Drive and improve drainage within the project limits. Finally, the Town plans to resurface Paradise Drive shortly after the sidewalks are widened and the path is completed. Construction work is scheduled Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with lane closures on Paradise Drive. Motorists and bicyclists should expect minor delays on westbound Paradise Drive and detours will be in place for pedestrians.

### ***Slurry Seal Project Finalized in Mariner Cove***

Last summer the Town initiated a preventative maintenance project to resurface over 20 road segments by applying a "slurry seal" to improve and preserve the overall pavement condition. The slurry seal work was completed earlier this summer in Mariner Cove with work on Seawolf Passage and Spindrift Passage.

### ***Summer Concert Series***

The Corte Madera Community Foundation will continue its long-standing tradition of sponsoring music for the community this summer. Music will be from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Piccolo Pavilion, Menke Park. The August line-up is as follows:

- Sunday, August 8: Kimoko Joy and the RubaDub Posse
- Sunday, August 15: Soul Mechanix featuring Omega Rae

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- Sunday, August 22: Bubba's Taxi
- Sunday, August 29: Danny Click and the Heck Yeahs

For more information, please visit the Corte Madera Community Foundation website. Hope to see you there.

*Bill Kimball*

## MARINER COVE SELECTED AS FIRST NEIGHBORHOOD ELIGIBLE FOR SIDEWALK PILOT PROGRAM

Here's some good news for the residents of Mariner Cove and their hard-working sidewalks. The Town of Corte Madera has selected Mariner Cove to be the first neighborhood eligible for residential sidewalk replacement projects under the Town's Sidewalk Pilot Program. Many thanks to all the Mariner Cove residents who expressed interest in participating in the program earlier this year. Your interest resulted directly in our selection as the first neighborhood to lead the way in the new Sidewalk Pilot Program for Corte Madera.

As you know, the Town of Corte Madera recently adopted a Sidewalk Pilot Program to assist homeowners by sharing the cost of repairing their damaged sidewalks to help property owners satisfy their obligation to maintain the sidewalk areas and trees in a safe condition. A complete description of the program and its repair strategies is found on the Town website at <https://www.townofcortemadera.org/977/Sidewalk-Pilot-Program>

*Do your sidewalks pose a tripping hazard?*



Under the Town's plan, the maximum contribution from the Town will be \$5,000 per residential property (over a 10-year period). Under the terms of the agreement, the Town will: (i) split the cost of sidewalk replacement 50-50 with property owners (up to a maximum of \$1,000 in Town contribution); (ii) split the cost of street tree work removal and replacement (including root trimming, stump grinding, and removal/replacement) 50-50 with property owners (up to \$2,500 in Town contribution); and (iii) fully incur the cost of curb and gutter replacement (up to a maximum of \$4,000 in Town contribution).

No permit will be required for the repair work, but it must be performed by a licensed contractor hired by the Town.

To qualify for funding, the property owner must enter into an agreement with the Town to ensure that the homeowner will reimburse the Town for the owner's portion of the improvements and resume maintenance responsibility for the newly-installed sidewalk once the work is completed.

Please note that even if you previously told the MCNA volunteers that you were interested in the sidewalk program, you must still tell the Town that you're interested in the program. The town staff is now in the process of conducting field visits with interested property owners in Mariner Cove. After all the field visits are completed, the Town will select a contractor who will begin work as early as this fall. If you're interested in getting your sidewalk repaired and you still haven't reached out to Demetre Copeland in the Department of Public Works, please do so immediately before it's too late to be included in this year's work cycle.

**Again, please contact Demetre Copeland by email at [dcopeland@tcmmail.org](mailto:dcopeland@tcmmail.org) or by phone at 628-253-1106 right away to express interest in the project and arrange for a field visit at your property.**

*Bill Kimball*

## BEAUTIFICATION

Who wants to spruce up our neighborhood (pun intended)? By the time you get this newsletter, we'll likely have already done a mini-cleanup at the entrances to remove weeds and keep the fire department happy. Keep a lookout for some simple upgrades to the signs soon, too.

In the fall, stay tuned for a bigger neighborhood-wide beautification day where everyone can participate (kids, too)! Not only will we include sign-ups for the entrances and shared areas to ensure proper coverage, but we'll also provide an easy way for homeowners to indicate if they need extra help with their own front yard. Our focus will be on cleaning up and pulling weeds, especially foxtails for our dog friends, to help our neighborhood look nice and most importantly to keep it as fire safe as possible. Due to the drought, we'll wait on adding any new plants until late winter/early spring. More info to come via the website and a flyer. Hope you can join us!

Do you have stuff to sell? Please hang on to it for a bit longer! Our annual MCNA Neighborhood Yard Sale is moving to spring 2022. So, get ready for some serious spring cleaning. Date and details to be provided in the next newsletter.

Questions, ideas, or want to help? Drop me, Kim, a line at [kimg@hotmail.com](mailto:kimg@hotmail.com).

*Kim Adams*

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## LARKSPUR CORTE MADERA SCHOOLS

With Marin moving to the Minimal Risk Level and COVID restrictions slowly lifting, we are hopeful this school year will be closer to our old "normal" in the fall. While some of the information below may change later in August, here is the latest information for the LCM School District.

### When does school start?

The 2021 school year kicks off on Wednesday, August 18th. Expect increased traffic as families begin the school drop off process again and get used to this new routine.

### What will the class model be for 2021-22?

- Typical/full size classes
- Full days of in-person instruction
  - Neil Cummins:** 8:10 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.  
(Wednesdays 8:10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)
  - The Cove School:** 8:14 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
(Wednesdays 8:14 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.)
  - Hall 6th Grade:** 8:15 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.  
(Wednesdays 2:12 p.m.)
  - Hall 7th & 8th Grade:** 8:15 a.m. - 3:12 p.m. (Wednesdays 2:12 p.m.)
- Distance learning will not be offered

### Will masks be required?

Current guidance is that children or adults will not be required to wear masks outside, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are still required indoors, but there may be updates in August regarding the indoor use of masks.

### When will the Marin County Public Health release new guidance for schools?

We anticipate an early August release of the new guidance.

### What is the school calendar for next year?

The 2021-22 school year calendar can be found at [www.lcmschools.org/Page/2667](http://www.lcmschools.org/Page/2667).

*Dave Goodspeed*

## THE COVE SCHOOL

Dust off the dirt from camp and get your lunch boxes ready because in-person school is just a few weeks away! Starting August 18, The Cove School and staff are ready to welcome all students in-person for full days. To say we are excited is an understatement!

### Mark your calendars for these special events:

- **Kindergarten Icebreaker Social - Sunday, August 15, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Cove Playground):** Come meet new classmates and families at this event hosted by Cove PTO. There will be popsicles and Cove spiritwear.

- **Cove New Family Orientation - Monday, August 16, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Cove Gallery or Zoom depending on current public health guidelines):** This event is for all new families with students entering K-5th grade. It is a chance to meet other new families, hear about the school's philosophy, ask questions, and meet the Superintendent, Principal, and parent leaders of PTO and SPARK.
- **PTO Welcome Coffee - Wednesday, August 18, 8:15 a.m. (Cove Gallery):** After you drop your child off, join other parents in the Gallery for a cup of coffee hosted by our PTO. You will have a chance to mingle and learn about volunteer opportunities.

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### School Calendar Highlights:

- Teacher assignments will be emailed to families on August 16
- First Day of School - August 18
- Kindergarten Early Dismissal at 12:15 p.m. - August 18-27
- Back to School Night - Sept 2
- Early Dismissal at 1:15 p.m. - Sept 3
- Grades 1-5 Early Dismissal at 1:15 p.m. - September 20-24
- Parent Teacher Conferences - October 18-22 (1:15 p.m. Dismissal for Conference Week)
- Grades 1-5 Early Dismissal at 1:15 p.m. - February 7-11
- Open House Night - March 31
- Early Dismissal at 1:15 p.m. - April 1
- Last Day of School - Early Dismissal at 1:15 p.m. on June 9

For more information about the upcoming school year visit [www.lcmschools.org](http://www.lcmschools.org) or feel free to reach out to me with any questions at [Catherine@Wold.com](mailto:Catherine@Wold.com).

*Catherine Brett Wold*

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association's usual social events for the spring of 2021 continued to be impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. For the second year in a row, due to the restrictions on social gatherings, we were not able to host our annual Spring Egg Hunt and Coffee Social at The Cove Park. However, the Easter Bunny was still able to make an appearance in the neighborhood on Sunday, March 28. Big thanks to Kelly Lawson for helping chauffeur the Easter Bunny in her convertible throughout the streets of Mariner Cove, passing out toy-filled eggs to children through a six foot chute. It was so wonderful to be able to bring some joy to our littles during such a difficult year.



Normally in August, MCNA hosts its annual End of the Summer BBQ and Potluck. Due to the ongoing pandemic we will not be holding this event, but have decided to organize the first-ever **MCNA Summer Games on Saturday, August 14 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at The Cove Park**. Children are invited to participate in relay games such as potato sack races, egg races, 3 legged races, and more. **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR MASKS DURING THE EVENTS**. Thanks for your support in making this happen so that we can provide a fun and safe social event for our community! In addition to the relay games, children are welcome to bring bikes, scooters, skates, and balls for games on the blacktop near the web. We will have chalk for sidewalk art and bubble wands available for additional fun. Families are welcome to bring a picnic blanket for their own snacks and beverages. We are so excited to finally be able to gather together with friends we've missed over the past year, as well as meet our new neighbors in Mariner Cove. Hope to see you all at the MCNA Summer Games!

Another one of Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association's annual social events is our beloved **Halloween Parade and**

**Pizza Party at The Cove Park**. I am feeling very hopeful that we may be able to hold this event (fingers crossed), as there has been some speculation that children under 12 may become eligible to receive their COVID vaccines in early fall. If it turns out that we can host this event, families should plan to meet on the corner of Spindrift and Seawolf at 4:45 p.m. on October 31 for our Halloween Parade to The Cove Park for the pizza party. However, please continue to check [mcnamarin.com](http://mcnamarin.com) for updates about Halloween as the date draws near.

MCNA's final social event of the year **Santa on the Firetruck** is usually held in the beginning of December. In years past, MCNA has provided hot cocoa, cookies, and holiday craft activities for families to enjoy outside one of our lovely neighbor's homes while waiting for Santa to arrive on the firetruck. This event is also a toy and canned food drive for local families in need. Again, please check [mcnamarin.com](http://mcnamarin.com) as it gets closer to December for the date and location.

I am very excited to announce that I now have a fabulous team joining me for MCNA's Social Committee! Big thanks to Catherine Wold, Kristy Wheeler, Kimberly Adams, Sara Brooks, and Ashley Mirkovich for stepping up to the challenge. I am very grateful to have these talented and fun ladies to help with planning our upcoming events. If you are interested in joining MCNA's Social Committee, please email me at [kruppanner@gmail.com](mailto:kruppanner@gmail.com). The more the merrier! Hope everyone is enjoying summer and staying healthy!

*Karen Ruppanner*

## LADIES BOOK CLUB



As summer dawned, the MCNA Ladies Book Club dined in-person under the majestic Redwoods at Perry's. It was a night of delicious food, laughter, and smiles as everyone was excited to be back together again after Covid. And yes, we even decided on some of the logistics for our future meetings! The book selected for this summer is a romance, as everyone agreed a read with a little laughter and love was the perfect choice. At the next gathering on **Tuesday, August 31 at 7:30 p.m.**, the ladies will discuss ***Just Last Night* by Mhairi McFarlane**. The Ladies Book Club is always open to new members, so come meet some neighbors, enjoy some stimulating conversation, and have fun. Please email Dawn Smith at [dawns@cablecarstore.com](mailto:dawns@cablecarstore.com) for additional information. Happy Reading!

*Tiffany Moore*

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## MOTHERS' GROUP

The MCNA Mothers' Group events during the spring of 2021 continued to be affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. Sadly, we were not able to host our usual quarterly playdates or Moms' Night Outs (MNOs). However, the Mothers' Group did organize its first-ever Spring Poetry Contest for kids. It was amazing to see so many talented young poets finding inspiration to write. Be sure to check out all of the wonderful entries for the Spring Poetry Contest on [mcnamarin.com](http://mcnamarin.com). We certainly have some gifted children in the neighborhood! After tallying all the votes by the MCNA Board of Directors, the winners for each age group were determined.

### Children Ages 6-9

1st Place - "A Baseball Game" by Tyler

2nd Place - "Spring" by Shelby

3rd Place - "Yellow Leaf" by Lydia



### Children Ages 10-13

1st Place - "Earth's Teachings" by Lukas

2nd Place - "Beautiful Creations of the Author" by Lily

3rd Place - "Touch of Glee" by Marko

The winners of the Spring Poetry Contest received gift certificates to Book Passage and all participants were given a goody bag filled with a journal, pens, and sweets. Thanks to all the families who helped encourage their children to have fun writing poetry!

Mark your calendars! MCNA Mothers' Group is finally planning our next Moms' Night Out for Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. outdoors at Perry's in Larkspur. For everyone's safety and comfort, we kindly request that everyone attending is vaccinated. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 7 by emailing Catherine Wold at [catherine@wold.com](mailto:catherine@wold.com).

One piece of exciting news is that we have new members of the MCNA Mothers' Group to welcome...Catherine Wold, Kimberly Adams, and Kristy Wheeler! I am looking forward to planning more fun events for our neighborhood families with these ladies. Please email me at [kruppanner@gmail.com](mailto:kruppanner@gmail.com) if you would like to join our awesome team.

The Mothers' Group is especially hoping to find another mom of young kids to join the Mothers' Group who would be willing

to take the lead on organizing playdates for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers since our children are getting big. The playdates can be organized at local parks or backyards, during the week or on the weekend, and should happen ideally at least once or twice a quarter. Please email me at [kruppanner@gmail.com](mailto:kruppanner@gmail.com) if you are interested, or if you know someone who might be up for this rewarding role. I met so many amazing families through the MCNA Mothers' Group playdates when my kids were young, and we are still close friends today. I'm really hoping to pass the baton to someone to help keep this Mariner Cove experience going for families of little ones.

Please continue to periodically check [mcnamarin.com](http://mcnamarin.com) and Nextdoor for updates about possible fall playdates and the December Holiday Sing at Aegis. Hope to see more of you this fall!

*Karen Ruppanner*

## MCNA WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

- We held our first annual Spring Poetry Contest in April and received a number of entries from budding poets aged 6-13. The winners, along with all submitted entries, can be viewed at <https://www.mcnamarin.com/2021-mcna-poetry-contest>.
- We will be holding our first MCNA Summer Games in mid-August. More information will be posted to the website soon, and a reminder email will be sent to all members.
- Content from this newsletter will be posted to the MCNA website, along with a PDF version of the August newsletter on the Archived Newsletter Page.
- With COVID restrictions loosening and a high percentage of Marin vaccinated, our hope is to begin more in-person neighborhood events soon.

*Dave Goodspeed*

### **Don't miss out on WHAT'S GOING ON in our TOWN!**

To keep up with the Town of Corte Madera please subscribe to Corte Madera Chronicles.

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# MCNA MEMBERSHIP

**The MCNA Board would like to send out heartfelt appreciation to all our neighbors below who have supported the Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association with paid dues for 2021!**

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As of July 12 if your name is listed on the previous page, you do not need to pay MCNA dues in 2021 and can ignore the payment envelope included with the newsletter.

If your name is not listed, it is not too late to help MCNA put on all the great programs in 2021, especially as we return to more in-person activities!

## MCNA contributions help fund these events and activities:

- The Neighborhood Response Group (NRG), that is the gold-standard for other neighborhoods in the area, is a dedicated disaster-preparedness team of volunteers that train regularly to be ready to lend assistance within the community during a disaster.
- Popular social events such as the Halloween Parade & Pizza Party, Easter Bunny Visit (returning as the Egg Hunt in 2022), Online Art & Poetry Contests, Summer BBQ, Ladies Book Club, and more
- A Welcome Team to help new neighbors, both owners and renters, feel welcome
- Representation at Corte Madera Town Council and School District Meetings to advocate for our community and ensure our voice is heard in Town and school decisions
- Community Yard Sale Event
- Beautification projects such as upkeep and maintenance of street signs and shared areas

Membership dues run from January 1 through December 31 and can be paid via PayPal or check (using the enclosed envelope).

## 2021 MCNA Dues are:

**Household Membership: \$40**

**Senior (62+) Membership: \$20**

## PayPal:

Send payment to [mcna.membership@gmail.com](mailto:mcna.membership@gmail.com) or use these shortcuts:

Household: [paypal.me/MCNA/40](https://paypal.me/MCNA/40)

Senior Household: [paypal.me/MCNA/20](https://paypal.me/MCNA/20)

## Mail your check:

Mariner Cove Neighborhood Association  
PO Box 496  
Corte Madera, CA 94976

We thank you for joining us. We are grateful for your ongoing support that allows us to continue the great work of enhancing our community. Please email me if you have any questions at [mcna.membership@gmail.com](mailto:mcna.membership@gmail.com).

*Jason Gullion*

# EMERGENCY ALERTS

## SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS!

### *What is the difference between Alert Marin and Nixle?*

They are both electronic emergency notification systems, but each system serves a different purpose.

### *When do we use Alert Marin?*

- When ACTION is needed at a SPECIFIC ADDRESS or NEIGHBORHOOD
- Imminent flooding, wildfires, and evacuations with life safety implications
- During-event information about evacuation routes, shelters, transportation
- Other public safety incidents where lives may be at risk

**Sign up to receive alerts for addresses that are important to you, including your home, work, school, or close family members at [www.alertmarin.org](http://www.alertmarin.org)**

### *When do we use Nixle?*

- When INFORMATION is needed in a ZIP CODE
- Road closures, general updates, issues affecting larger areas
- Post-disaster information about shelters, transportation, or supplies
- Police activity and general public safety information

Text ZIP code to 888-777 or visit [local.nixle.com](http://local.nixle.com)

***Please carefully review the Wildfire and Earthquake preparedness insert and save for future reference.***

# Meet Corte Madera Mayor and Mariner Cove Neighbor Eli Beckman

Story by Tiffany Moore

Corte Madera Mayor and business entrepreneur Eli Beckman calls Mariner Cove home! He shares, “With the exception of my time at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, I’ve lived in Mariner Cove since I was two years old!” An architect by training, Eli began a start-up company that sells prefab backyard cottages called HAUS+ and does freelance architectural work on the side.

As a longtime resident of Mariner Cove, Eli loves the natural beauty and sense of community that are hallmarks of Corte Madera. In his free time, he enjoys hiking, going to the beach, and reading the news. He may be spotted around town dining with his twin brother Spencer at one of his favorite restaurants, Flores. For the past two years, Eli had the distinct pleasure of being the youngest elected official in Marin County. However in 2020 Eli shares, “I was bumped to third youngest – Ouch!”

Please enjoy learning a bit more about Eli and his role as the Corte Madera Mayor from his answers to the following interview questions.

## ***What do you love the most about serving as the Corte Madera Mayor?***

Being mayor of my hometown is the most rewarding thing I could have asked for. I love working on the long-term issues like fiscal sustainability and climate change that set Corte Madera up for a successful future.

## ***What accomplishments as mayor make you the proudest?***

My time as mayor has been almost entirely dominated by COVID and our response to the pandemic and recession, and I couldn’t be more proud of how the Town pulled through. As far as I know, we are the only town in Marin that was able to balance the budget, keep all our staff, and avoid any cuts to programs or services for residents. Through it all, we created new opportunities for the community to come together virtually, helped keep local businesses afloat, and created a housing assistance program that saved about 50 Corte Madera residents from eviction or foreclosure.

In spite of all this, we still managed to make headway on other priorities as well. We adopted a landmark Climate Adaptation Assessment (50+ year blueprint for how we protect Corte Madera from flooding and wildfire), reigned in our pension debt, and implemented a new financial reserve policy.

What a year!

## ***What town endeavors and projects are you currently working on or are planning for in the near future?***

One of my biggest remaining goals for the rest of my term relates directly to Mariner Cove. I want to see the Town engage the neighborhood (including Marina Village) on collaboratively developing a plan to protect our homes from sea level rise over the coming decades.



For our neighborhood, flood hazard should be at the top of our minds, as it’s a serious threat to our homes and property values that may well rear its head sooner than we expect. While an earlier draft of our Climate Adaptation Assessment included a robust section on protecting Mariner Cove and Marina Village, the section was pulled following pushback from some of our neighbors, and re-developing a credible blueprint for protecting our homes is a top priority of mine.

## ***What closing thoughts do you want to leave with your Mariner Cove neighbors?***

Here’s my ask: Please sign up for the Town’s weekly newsletter found at

<https://townofcortemadera.us7.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=2a472bbb1c8b53256a9d02fa1&id=f7f454d8ba>.

I know we’re all incredibly busy, between summer plans, work, and family, and I know that most people aren’t tuned into what’s going on in local government. (I know I sure wasn’t before I started to get involved!) This newsletter is an easy, but important, way to keep an eye on Town Hall and make sure you don’t miss out on issues that matter to you! Each newsletter starts with a bulleted list of topics, so you can quickly scan and see if anything of interest to you is coming up.

If you want a more curated newsletter that only comes out once a month, you can sign up for my Beckman Briefing at <https://eliforcortemadera.us18.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=23b6c4d53e0f30b317a135859&id=2649c6de0a>.

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