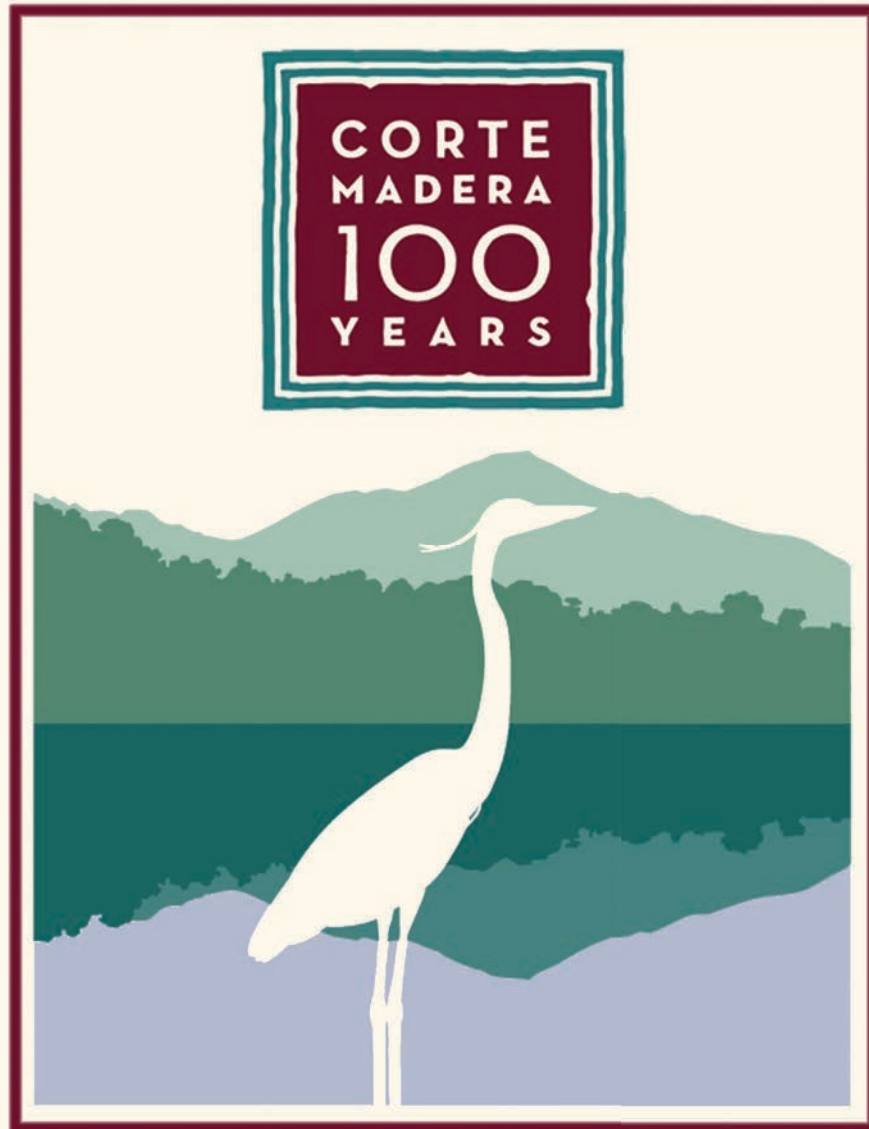


**CORTE MADERA & LARKSPUR WINTER/SPRING 2016**



**THE TOWN OF  
CORTE MADERA**  

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**MARIN COUNTY CALIFORNIA**

**JUNE 10, 1916 - JUNE 10, 2016**

**WELCOME TO THE  
FIRST EVER**

**Twin Cities  
Parks  
Challenge!**

You'll notice four pictures of locations in local parks. Some of these locations may be harder than others to guess exact location - but that's the fun! We're asking community members to search out these locations with friends, family, pets or solo and take a "selfie" in these locations. Use **#twincitiesparks** to post to Instagram or e-mail to **L\_Krecreation@cityofarkspur.org** and the first 25 to complete the challenge will win a prize!





**Contact Information**

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 Fax: (415) 927-6758  
 Rain Out Field Line: (415) 927-5035  
 lk\_recreation@cityoflarkspur.org  
 www.cityoflarkspur.org/recreation

**Hours**

Monday-Thursday  
 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm  
 Closed Friday (appointments available)  
 Closed Saturday and Sunday

**Address**

Larkspur Recreation Department  
 240 Doherty Drive, Larkspur CA  
 (across from the Central Marin  
 Police Authority, next to Hall Middle  
 School Gym)

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# Message from the Director:

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a bright and happy new year from Larkspur Recreation. My name is Dick Whitley and it is my privilege to serve as your Recreation Director. I am very pleased to be working with our employees Nick, Toni, Erin, Beth, Aaron and Mark in providing you our outstanding recreational opportunities and activities.

**Parks and Recreation Commission:** We have had some changes on our Parks and Recreation Commission this fall. Long-time Commissioner Tom McNally passed away after a long illness. Bob Matteo moved out of Larkspur after 10 years on the Commission. Both will be sorely missed. However, this is an opportunity for two new community-minded citizens of Larkspur/Greenbrae to help us make Larkspur and Greenbrae even better. If you're interested in serving on the Commission, please go to: <http://www.cityoflarkspur.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=619>

**Parks Transformation:** If you're visiting our parks, you'll be seeing some amazing changes taking place. Our Public Works Director, Mary Grace Houlihan, has wrought some magic around town. Working with the Recreation Department, the Larkspur Parks and Recreation Commission and Larkspur City Council, Mary Grace has been shaping up our parks and facilities in short order.

**Piper Park:** The sand has been removed from Volleyball Court #1 and we have members of the community wanting to come in and refurbish the border. New sand is on the way and we expect to be up and running by February. We have new playground equipment on the way, too!

**Heatherwood Park:** Members of the Heatherwood neighborhood banded together on November 14th to remove sand and get the Heatherwood Park playground ready to receive new equipment and fall-zone material. The neighbors raised more than \$40,000 of their own money to put toward construction and facilities in their neighborhood park.



**Bon Air Landing Park:** Total renovation is scheduled for Bon Air Landing. New paths, picnic area and dock will be coming soon.

**Neighborhood Park in Larkspur Landing:** A generous donation by the Serenity at Larkspur Apartments paved the way for a new playground! We had a ribbon cutting ceremony in early December.

**Dolliver Park:** There is a newly-renovated bathroom structure and a new climbing structure is on the way for the play area.

We look forward to seeing you. Please stop by our many parks and greenways, or stop by our office and meet our excellent staff.

Very best regards,

*Dick Whitley*, Director  
Larkspur Recreation Department

## Take the Piper Park Survey!

Public Works is looking to upgrade the playground at Piper Park! Take the survey on our website to vote for your favorite theme. <http://www.ci.larkspur.ca.us/piperpark>



### Mission

The City of Larkspur is committed to providing the best possible service to the community, preserving the City's unique historic character, and maintaining its total environmental balance.

### Parks & Recreation Commission

Jeanne Friedel, Chair  
Sandy Blauvelt, Vice Chair  
Richard Cimino

### Park & Recreation Department Staff

Dick Whitley, Director  
Nick Stone, Supervisor  
Toni DeFrancis  
Administrative Assistant

## Online Registration

Larkspur Recreation has a convenient registration system that allows online registration. Program participants can create their own personal registration account and expedite the registration process right from home. If you have not already registered and created your own account, click on “create account” and follow the prompts. Make sure you add your children to your household by clicking on “add members”. Once you have your account you can register, look up past registrations and current registrations. Visit our website to create your account at [www.cityoflarkspur.org/recreation](http://www.cityoflarkspur.org/recreation)

## Program Registrations

Pre-Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise listed. Drop in classes require payment to the instructor before the start of class. Larkspur Recreation cannot hold space in any class or activity unless you have registered and paid. PLEASE REGISTER EARLY- All programs have a minimum registration number and if we don't reach that pre-registration number we have to cancel the class. Some programs may already be full. Please check our website or call our office for program availability.

## How to Register

Online at [www.cityoflarkspur.org/recreation](http://www.cityoflarkspur.org/recreation)

**In Person** at the Larkspur Recreation Department located at 240 Doherty Drive Larkspur, CA 94939. Office hours are from 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-5:00pm Monday- Thursday, closed Friday Saturday and Sunday to the public.

**By Fax** (415) 927-6758

**By Mail** Mail your registration form to 240 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, CA 94939.

**Drop Box** For your convenience, there is a secure drop box to the left of our front door for after hours use.

**By Phone** (415) 927-6746 A current liability waiver must be on file at the recreation department to register by phone. Please have the class code number and your credit card ready before calling.

## Method of Payment

Larkspur Recreation accepts Visa, MasterCard, cash and checks. There is a \$20 charge for returned checks.

## Program Cancellations/Modifications

Larkspur Recreation reserves the right to cancel or modify a program due to low registrations or other unforeseen circumstances. Registrants will be notified by email if changes occur to their programs.

## Refunds

A request for a refund due to withdrawal from a program must be made to the recreation office a week prior to the start of the first class. Refunds are subject to a \$10.00 service charge. If a program is cancelled by Larkspur Recreation, a full refund will be issued. Some programs such as Super Cool Summer School have separate refund policies.

## Program Instructors

We're always on the lookout for instructors to teach classes on new and exciting subjects. If you have a speciality you would like to share, we want to work with you to develop new programs. Contact Nick Stone at (415) 927-6746 for more information.

## Americans with Disabilities Act

Larkspur Recreation welcomes all individuals and families from our community to participate and enjoy our programs and facilities. If you or your child require special assistance call (415) 927-6746.



## Nothing Kills A Program Quicker...

than everyone waiting until the last minute to register for it. If you would like to participate in one of our classes please REGISTER WELL IN ADVANCE of the start date. At some point, we must determine if enrollment is sufficient to hold the activity. By registering early you are assisting us in providing the best service possible.

**Boots Institute of Foreign Languages Spanish Classes.**

Visit [www.bootsinstitute.org](http://www.bootsinstitute.org) for more info!

**Spanish - Early Childhood (3-5 yrs)**

BIFL's Early Childhood Spanish class is focused on getting children excited about learning Spanish and preparing them for our more rigorous academic program in later years. We introduce students to the four main skills of language acquisition: speaking, writing, listening, and reading. This is a highly interactive class where students are actively engaged and encouraged to participate. Your early learners will take with them functional Spanish skills they can use right away.

*Class Location: Larkspur Recreation*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1400	Tue/Thurs	1/12-3/10	1:30pm-2:15pm	\$450	3-5

**Spanish - Kindergarten**

This academic language program is the second part in a sequence of courses leading to advanced proficiency in Spanish. Students continue using the four main skills of language acquisition: speaking, writing, listening, and reading. Students actively practice five forms of communication: interpersonal (active discussion between individuals), interpretive reading (interpretation of what the author wants the reader of the message to understand), interpretive listening (interpretation of what the speaker wants the receiver of the message to understand), presentational speaking (spoken production) and presentational writing (written production). This class is aligned with Common Core State Standards for language learning.

*Class Location: Larkspur Recreation*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1401	Tue/Thurs	1/12-3/10	2:15pm-3:00pm	\$450	K

**Spanish - Grades 1-2**

This academic language program is the second part in a sequence of courses leading to advanced proficiency in Spanish. Students continue using the four main skills of language acquisition: speaking, writing, listening, and reading. Students actively practice five forms of communication: interpersonal (active discussion between individuals), interpretive reading (interpretation of what the author wants the reader of the message to understand), interpretive listening (interpretation of what the speaker wants the receiver of the message to understand), presentational speaking (spoken production) and presentational writing (written production). This class is aligned with Common Core State Standards for language learning.

*Class Location: Larkspur Recreation*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
1402	Tue/Thurs	1/12-3/10	3:15pm-4:00pm	\$450	1-2

**Spanish - Grades 3-5**

This academic language program is the second part in a sequence of courses leading to advanced proficiency in Spanish. Students continue using the four main skills of language acquisition: speaking, writing, listening, and reading. Students actively practice five forms of communication: interpersonal (active discussion between individuals), interpretive reading (interpretation of what the author wants the reader of the message to understand), interpretive listening (interpretation of what the speaker wants the receiver of the message to understand), presentational speaking (spoken production) and presentational writing (written production). This class is aligned with Common Core State Standards for language learning.

*Class Location: Larkspur Recreation*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
1403	Tue/Thurs	1/12-3/10	4:00pm-4:45pm	\$450	3-5

**Songbirds (ages 0-5)**

Songbirds is an interactive musical performance including sing-along, play-along, and dance-along participation. Nicole Forester, a Board-Certified Music Therapist, has been playing music all her life and providing music and therapeutic services for the last 10 years. Come find your voice, your rhythm, and your enthusiasm for the joy of experiencing music. Children ages 6 months to 5 years are welcome with caregivers, parents, grandparents and siblings. Drop ins for this class can be paid on arrival to class for \$15. A Class punch card is also available for \$88 for 6 classes. There is no online registration for this class.

Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Ages
Mon	Ongoing	9:30-10:00am	\$15 drop in	6mo-5 years

**Super Cool Summer School  
2016 Update:**

We're already gearing up for Super Cool Summer School and we have an exciting array of classes and programs rolling out this Summer! This year, SCSS will be held at Neil Cummins Elementary from June 20th – July 15th, 2016. Our summer brochure with more information will be out in mid-March.

## Rafia Club

Learn to make and code in this new club starting at Kent in January. Each week, you'll make a fun project, learn coding skills and program robots in this small group class in the maker space at Kent Middle School. What will you make: a Star Wars furbacca toy, littlebits catapult game, or crazy drawing bot? Bring a friend, share your ideas, have fun making stuff together! Makers Kits can be purchased separately at the class and are about \$40. Led by Claire Comins with engineering students from College of Marin. Bio: Claire Comins is a local parent who has been teaching making and coding at the Intel Computer Clubhouse in San Rafael. She's a big believer in project-based learning as a way for children to really engage in their education and in making and coding as a great vehicle for creativity. Claire is a frequent volunteer at maker events in Marin and the Bay Area and blogs about kids coding and making on twitter (@clairecomins) or her website at kidscontent.org.

*Class Location: Kent Middle School*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
594	Wed	1/6-2/10	1:30pm-3:00pm	\$240	4-6

## Fused Glass Ornament Workshop

This fun workshop will focus on making fused glass ornaments for the holidays. Perfect for a Mom and daughter outing or a family holiday experience of any combination. Try something new and creative, this is a great introduction to the art of kiln formed glass. All attendees will learn the process of cutting and layering glass to make unique ornaments which will then be fired in the kiln. No experience necessary. Light holiday snacks will be offered. Projects can be picked up the following week. Come get your holiday cheer on! Fee covers Parent and Child Pair as well as materials. Price includes one parent and one child. Additional child is \$40.

*Class Location: Larkspur Recreation*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1603	Sat	12/12	10:30am-12:30pm	\$80	



## Wizard of Oz Production

Katia McHaney presents, "Wizard of Oz". Actors registered for this program will audition for and receive a role in this timeless classic which follows Dorothy and her friends down the yellow brick road to Emerald City and back home again. Rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays (days and times will vary depending on role and cast). Actor may miss up to two rehearsals. Performances: May 23-29 at the Marin Civic Center

*Class Location: Hall Middle School*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
2093	Fri	2/5-5/27	3:30pm-5:00pm	\$235	6-8
2093	Wed	4/6-5/25	2:00pm-4:00pm		

## Wizard of Oz: Munchkins & Monkeys

Katia McHaney presents, "Wizard of Oz". Actors registered for this program will audition for and receive a role in this timeless classic which follows Dorothy and her friends down the yellow brick road to Emerald City and back home again. Actors in this program will get to portray the adorable citizens of munchkinland, the witches evil monkeys and other fun supporting roles alongside older actors in the MainStage production of, "Wizard of Oz". Rehearsals will take place on Friday afternoons. Actors may miss up to two rehearsals. All registered actors will receive a role in the production.

Performances: May 23-29 at the Marin Civic Center.

*Class Location: Hall Middle School*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
2094	Fri	2/26-5/27	3:30pm-5:00pm	\$195	2-5

## Fine Art Basics and Beyond

Students will explore fine art in several media, including watercolor, drawing, acrylics, oil painting, and sculpture. Subjects will include still lifes, landscape, and portraiture. A brief lesson integrating examples from the history of art will be followed by individual help. Students may continue the lesson or receive guided instruction for their own projects. Instruction is designed to benefit all levels of skill and experience.

*Class Location: Kent Middle School*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
2301	Thur	1/14-3/10	3:30pm-4:30pm	\$180	5-8



**Intro to Birding**

The winter birding and early spring is an exciting time to be out in the Larkspur park system with its natural habitats viewing waterbirds, raptors, shorebirds, and songbirds migrating through east Marin. We'll discuss the spring timing of migration and species to expect during the spring season, with a special focus on finding and identifying water resident birds and spring migrant songbirds and shorebirds using the Larkspur Parks, creeks and bay shore line. By using our local parks we reduce driving time and our carbon footprint on our local air quality. Be green bird locally! Rich has been Birding Northern California for 48 years and has been conducting Introduction/Beginning Birding adult education classes in several California communities. He is a resident of Larkspur, a member of the Larkspur Parks and Recreation Commission, a volunteer field trip leader for the Marin Audubon Society, a leader for the Marin Christmas Bird count and a volunteer on Hawk Hill in the Marin Head Lands. Rich also leads annual field trips to Alaska, Belize, France and the lower 48 states. Family price \$95.

*Class Location: Larkspur Recreation*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Ages
1503	Sat	1/16 & 1/30	8:30am-11:00am	\$65	5-99
1504	Sat	4/16	8:30am-11:00am	\$65	5-99

**Mountain Biking Club**

In this program, we will concentrate on building our bicycle handling skills, building up our fitness, and appreciation for our local natural ecosystems, while we prepare for high school team level riding. We will also learn the basics of bicycle maintenance and trailside repair. We will ride on surrounding land that is managed by the MMWD and the Marin County Open Space District. On our colder, rainier days, I will use available sheltered space to teach lessons on bicycle repair. We will meet at the Larkspur Recreation Center at 2:00PM and then ride to one of several, local trailheads. All rides will end at the Larkspur Recreation Center at 4:30PM, where parents will be responsible for picking their children up or allowing them to ride their bikes home on their own.

*Location: Hall Middle School*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
1711	Wed	2/3-3/9	2:00pm-4:30pm	\$135	6-8



**Lighten Up Your Carbon Footprint and Make Some New Friends**

Over 200 Marin households have collectively reduced 2.6 million pounds of carbon emissions doing a fun, free program called Resilient Neighborhoods. Find out how to be on one of our teams. You'll learn simple ways to save money by trimming energy and waste, conserving water and driving more economically. You'll also learn how to prepare your home and neighborhood for what a warming planet will bring our way—more wildfires, droughts, sea level rise and severe storms.

If you want to learn more about climate change and what you can do about it, don't miss this presentation. For more information go to: [www.resilientneighborhoods.org](http://www.resilientneighborhoods.org) or email [resilientneighborhoods@gmail.com](mailto:resilientneighborhoods@gmail.com).

Date: Thursday, February 4th from 7:00pm-8:00pm.  
Recreation Night at Hall Middle School



**Rec. Night at Hall**

Middle Schoolers from Hall and Kent! Join us for a night of Music, Inflatables, Food and Fun at the Hall Middle School Gym. This supervised event is a great way to hang out with friends in a fun and age appropriate environment.

**Friday, February 12th from 7:30-10pm**  
(7th & 8th Grades)

**Friday, February 12th from 5-7pm**  
(6th grade)





### USTA Junior Tennis Team Practice

USTA Junior Tennis Team offers girls and boys age 12-14 the opportunity to play on teams in local leagues that emphasize fun, fitness and friends. Teams have the opportunity to advance to Area, Section, State and National Championships!

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1113	Tue/Fri	3/8-6/3	4:00pm-5:30pm	\$425	12-14

### Tennis Quickstart- 5-6 year olds

Children will enjoy the experience of hitting balls back and forth in a safe environment. Emphasis is on passing, rolling, tossing or throwing the ball. Students will learn how to rally a ball over low net using a red foam or red low compression felt ball that moves slower, bounces lower and travels less distance for immediate enjoyment of real tennis.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1114	Wed	1/6-2/10	1:45pm-2:15pm	\$95	5-6
1115	Wed	3/9-4/20	1:45pm-2:15pm	\$95	5-6
1116	Wed	4/27-6/1	1:45pm-2:15pm	\$95	5-6

### Intermediate (3.0/3.5)

For the player with match experience seeking help with consistency, more effective patterns and strategy. A different topic will be covered each week, such as singles and doubles technique adjustments, shot selection and positioning for social, early or more advanced competitive context. Last half-hour is match play.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1108	Wed	1/13-2/3	10:30am-12:00pm	\$105	Adult
1109	Wed	3/9-6/1	10:30am-12:00pm	\$305	Adult

### Advanced (4.0)

Designed for the regular competitive player looking for technical pointers, more advanced drills and practice games in a social yet competitive environment.

Students will be challenged with different patterns each week, specialty shots, taught creativity and encouraged to fine tune their style according to skills.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1110	Wed	1/13-2/3	5:00pm-6:30pm	\$105	Adult
1111	Wed	3/9-6/1	5:00pm-6:30pm	\$305	Adult

### Junior Tennis Beginners/ Semi-Beginners

This class offers girls and boys age 11 to 14 the opportunity to learn sound fundamentals of the game, including groundstrokes, serves, returns, net play techniques, basic strategy and rules of tennis with the goal of preparing them to eventually join the Junior Tennis Team.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1112	Mon	3/7-6/6	4:00pm-5:00pm	\$269	11-14

### Tennis Quickstart- 7-8 years old

Emphasis for this class is on rally skills using both forehand and backhand ground strokes. Students will be taught other skills needed to play a complete game of tennis including serves and returns of serve as well as learn simple tactics and introduction to rules of tennis. Red low compression felt ball will be used.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1117	Wed	1/6-2/10	2:20pm-3:20pm	\$137	7-8
1118	Wed	3/9-6/1	2:20pm-3:20pm	\$269	7-8

### Tennis Quickstart- 9-10 years old

Students will learn the basics of a rally by using forehand and backhand ground strokes. Overhand serve will be introduced and the return of serve is emphasized as well as volley, approach shot and overhead skill. Understanding singles and doubles play, develop the tactics for different playing solutions, shot selection and court positioning. Orange low compression felt ball will be used.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1119	Wed	1/6-2/10	3:25pm-4:25pm	\$137	9-10
1120	Wed	3/9-6/1	3:2pm-4:25pm	\$269	9-10

**Bacich Classes**

Bacich Elementary has given Larkspur Recreation the opportunity to provide after school enrichment classes for their students. These classes are not part of Bacich school. We ask if you have any questions about classes, instructors or registration that you not ask the office staff. Please contact Larkspur Recreation. Once you are registered in a class we will send you an email before the start of the class with the room number. Please make sure you remind your child to go to the correct classroom after school. [www.cityoflarkspur.org/recreation](http://www.cityoflarkspur.org/recreation) • (415) 927-6746

**Checkmate Chess at Bacich**

Develop your critical thinking and problem-solving skills while having fun! Learn how to move the various pieces and basic and intermediate strategy of this fascinating game. The class period generally consists of instruction and supervised play. Competitive matches and tournaments will take place near session's end. For Bacich Elementary students only.

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
581	Mon	1/25-5/2	2:20pm-3:10pm	\$199	1-2
582	Mon	1/25-5/2	2:55pm-3:45pm	\$199	3-4

**Drawing, Painting, Sculpting at Bacich**

Students will explore art basics in several media, including watercolor, pencil, charcoal, and clay. Learn to draw landscapes, portraiture, still life, and bring imagined subjects to life. All levels of skill and experience welcome.

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
583	Tue	1/19-3/15	2:25pm-3:25pm	\$124	1-2
584	Wed	1/20-3/16	12:30pm-2:00	\$164	3-4



**Sew Much Fun**

Sewing Sally is back from Indonesia and can't wait to see her old sewers and meet new ones. She has a variety of projects- felt shapes, embroidery, Valentines, shamrocks and spring specials, felt food complete with shopping bag. New items include animal habitats- A bear in the forest- Duck, frog and snake in the marsh- An alligator in the Everglades- Tropical fish on the reef and a coyote in the desert. Come and perfect your stiches. It's always "sew much fun" to make your very unique and creative project. Sally Palmer has taught at Bacich for many years. She is patient, a great story teller and her teaching methods work like a charm. Please wash your hands before class. Avid sewers please.

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
585	Thur	2/25-4/7	1:10pm-2:10pm	\$130	K
586	Thur	2/25-4/7	2:20pm-3:20pm	\$130	1-2
587	Thur	2/25-4/7	3:00pm-4:00pm	\$130	3-4
588	Thur	4/21-5/26	1:10pm-2:10pm	\$110	K
589	Thur	4/21-5/26	2:2pm-3:20pm	\$110	1-2
590	Thur	4/21-5/26	3:00pm-4:00pm	\$110	3-4

**Amazing Science at Bacich**

NEW topics NO REPEATS ! Join us for a wide variety of kid-pleasing science topics, demonstrations, experiments, and hands-on activities, including chemistry, physics, geology, biology, paleontology, and many others! Make color-exploding milk in Kitchen Science, fly high with Aerodynamics, explore the world of Rainforest Frogs, learn about spectacular Solar Flares, experience electricity in Lightning, conduct mysterious science experiments in Why Why Why ?! and more! All experiments are kid safe and fully supervised. All materials are included. Curriculum is age appropriate: older students lessons are more advanced and complex. Amazing Science is a program of Watershed Preservation Network, a California non-profit environmental education organization. Please visit [www.AMAZINGSCI.org](http://www.AMAZINGSCI.org) for more information on classes.

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
591	Wed	1/20-3/23	12:15pm-1:30pm	\$225	1-2
592	Wed	3/30-5/25	12:15pm-1:30pm	\$200	1-2

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Sports  
Cooking  
Games  
Friends  
Fun

## Swimming – Tidalwaves

The Tidalwaves Swim Team is dedicated to providing access to the sport of swimming and a high quality competitive experience for members of our community to develop self-esteem, swimming skills, sportsmanship, and a strong sense of team spirit and achievement. We are open to swimmers of ALL ABILITIES ages 5-18 and are part of the Marin Swim League (a league of 10 community teams within Marin County). The Spring/Summer program is run primarily at Redwood High School from late February through mid July, (an 8 & Under practice group is run at College of Marin, Kentfield as well). All practices are run by professional coaches. Parent volunteer commitment is required to run team events and meets. Its fun for the whole family! There's no better way for kids to become strong, competent swimmers and build lifelong friendships in the process. More details for our 2016 Spring season, as well as our Fall and Winter swim programs are available online at [www.gowaves.com](http://www.gowaves.com). Head Coach Marie McSweeney is also available to answer questions about your child's readiness for the team at [mariemcswim@yahoo.com](mailto:mariemcswim@yahoo.com) or 415-453-9563.

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## Tennis Classes

### Beginner (2.0/2.5)

Introductory class for players with little or no tennis experience. Emphasis is on proper technique, basic strategy, getting to serve and return serves for immediate game enjoyment. Different sets of shots will be presented each week with review as well. By the end of the session student will be able to play singles and doubles games in a social context.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1104	Tue	1/12-2/2	10:30am-12:00pm	\$105	Adult
1105	Tue	3/8-5/31	10:30am-12:00pm	\$305	Adult

### Intermediate (3.0)

Early intermediate class for players with some basic tennis experience or who have not played in a long time. Emphasis is on proper technique, basic strategy, getting to serve and return serves for immediate game enjoyment. Different sets of shots will be presented each week with review as well. By the end of the session student will be able to play singles or doubles games in a social context.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1102	Mon	1/11-2/8	10:30am-12:00pm	\$105	Adult
1103	Mon	3/7-6/6	10:30am-12:00am	\$305	Adult

### Intermediate (3.5)

For the player with match experience seeking help with consistency, more effective patterns and strategy. A different topic will be covered each week, including technique adjustments, shot selection and effective patterns for social or early competitive context. Last half-hour is singles and/or doubles match play.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1100	Mon	1/11-2/8	9:00am-10:30am	\$105	Adult
1101	Mon	3/7-6/6	9:00am-10:30am	\$305	Adult
1106	Wed	1/13-2/3	9:00am-10:30am	\$105	Adult
1107	Wed	3/9-6/1	9:00am-10:30am	\$305	Adult

### Advanced (4.0+/5.0)

Designed for the advanced competitive player or top high-school players bearing at least a high 3.5 to a 4.0+ rating looking for technical pointers, more advanced drills and practice games in a social yet competitive environment. Students will be challenged with different patterns each week, specialty shots, and encouraged to fine tune their style according to skills. No Class 4/15.

*Class Location: Piper Park Tennis Courts*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
1046	Wed	4/1-5/27	5:00pm-6:30pm	\$181	Adult



**Larkspur Larks**

The Larkspur Larks is open to community members who are 55 and older. This is a great opportunity to bring your own lunch and eat with new and old friends and enjoy the resources of our community and Bay Area. Special guest programs are periodically planned. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:30am-1:00pm at Larkspur Recreation in the Community Room. For more information or to be included on our mailing list for the Larks Newsletter call the Larkspur Recreation Department at (415) 927-6746. Membership fee is \$10.00 per year

**For Fitness' Sake- Low-Impact Aerobics**

Fitness is a gift that only you can give yourself. Make scheduling time for fitness a priority. Study after study concludes that regular, moderate exercise is beneficial for optimal health. This proven program has been offered in Marin since 1985. In our non-competitive, supportive atmosphere, we welcome you at your current fitness level, whatever that is. This is a professional, complete program from warm-up, aerobic and toning, through stretch and relaxation. For questions or to register, call Cindy Leroux at (415) 454-6801. Register for these classes directly with the instructor. \$6 drop-in.

*Class Location: Hall Middle School PE Portable*

Days	Dates	Time	Cost
Mon,Wed,Fri	Ongoing	5:30pm-6:35pm	\$40/8 classes
Mon,Wed,Fri	Ongoing	5:30pm-6:35pm	\$50/12 classes
Mon,Wed,Fri	Ongoing	5:30pm-6:35pm	\$60/month

**Larkspur Walkers**

The Larkspur Walkers would like to invite you to join them on one of their morning walks. Walks start and finish at Piper Park. You have probably seen us walking along the bike paths, trails, and climbing the easement staircases around Larkspur. On the first Wednesday of each month we carpool from Piper Park to take a walk at a location within the county or in San Francisco. Walks are held every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00am-10:00am. Come and walk with us, and decide if this is a fitness program that meets your needs. \$20 yearly membership is good until June 2015.

*Location: Meet at Piper Park*



**Larkspur Community Garden**

The Larkspur Community Garden has been in Piper Park since 1982. We work together to learn about mulching, watering, other gardeners' techniques, sharing harvests, and building community in an ongoing year-round opportunity. We participate in community garden projects, which keep our garden looking nice. We share good old garden know-how and receive recreation and therapeutic hands-in-the-soil benefits. To sign up for the waiting list call (415) 927-6746.



**Open Gym Basketball**

Come down to the Hall Middle School Gym on Sundays for open gym basketball. This program is open to adults 18 years and older. Pay at the door. *Class Location: Hall Middle School Gym*

Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Age
Sun	Ongoing	8:00am-10:00am	\$3	Adult



**Have a class idea?**

Larkspur Recreation is always looking for new class ideas! Call us and let us know what you would like to see! If you have a talent you are wanting to share with others? Come teach through Larkspur Recreation!

## **Program for Adults with Special Needs**

Larkspur Recreation offers a variety of programs at Larkspur Recreation in conjunction with Rec. Inc. for Adults with developmental disabilities. Programs vary from art classes, healthy eating, 3rd Friday dances, wiffleball, movie nights, basketball, world beat, and Lions Club. We always welcomes new participants, for more information about one of the programs visit the website at [www.recinc.org](http://www.recinc.org). Questions? Email [info@recinc.org](mailto:info@recinc.org) or call (415) 453-4847.

### **Larkspur Champions Lions Club**

Members of this special chapter of the international charitable organization: perform community service, act as officers, plan special events, and visit other Lions Clubs.

**Dates:** Check Rec Inc. website for session dates  
**Class Day:** 2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month  
**Time:** 6:00-7:30pm

### **World Beat Circle**

Music & dance everything happens here! It's a circle of personal sharing, stretching, African influenced dancing, and sometimes drumming.

**Dates:** 1/12-2/23  
**Class Day:** Tuesday  
**Time:** 6:10-7:10pm

### **Be Healthy**

Almost all our members have lost weight and are keeping it off! Dixie James with her weekly charismatic, inspirational talks, workout challenges, and healthy food discussions. Lose weight with the support of friends. Learn about nutrition and getting fit.

**Dates:** Check Rec Inc. website for session dates  
**Class Day:** Tuesday  
**Time:** 4:30-6:00pm

### **Wiffleball with the Wildcats!**

REC Inc has produced another undefeated sports team! Come play with Coach Karen Carlson while we slaughter teams from all over the community. Our players have made up an entirely new list of wacky rules so anyone can play this highly adaptable game. Ever play with no "outs", a zillion pitches, or 3 runners on one base?

**Dates:** Check Rec Inc. website for session dates  
**Class Day:** Tuesday  
**Time:** 6:15-7:30pm

### **Third Friday Dance**

This is an excellent opportunity to meet some new folks, catch up with friends, and have a great time. With the wild music of Ebony Slam by Feeve you'll want to dance! A different theme every month!

**Dates:** Check Rec Inc. website for session dates  
**Class Day:** 3rd Friday of Every Month  
**Time:** 7:00-9:30pm

### **Basketball for Winners**

Be a member of the Seals. Everyone plays - we adapt the game to our players' abilities. The Seals play community members, families, police & fire departments, community service groups, and celebrities like comedian Michael Pritchard.

**Dates:** Check Rec Inc. website for session dates  
**Class Day:** Monday  
**Time:** 6:35-8:00pm



## Mini Parks in Larkspur

### Bon Air Landing Park

South Eliseo Drive (next to 557 S. Eliseo)  
Fishing dock, sitting and picnic area greenbelt

### Centennial Park

Magnolia at Alexander Avenue  
Picnic tables, tennis courts, benches, drinking fountain, greenbelt, baseball fields.

### Doherty Park

Between Lucky's parking lot and Magnolia Avenue  
Benches, historical marker, greenbelt

### Dolliver Park

Magnolia Avenue at Madrone Avenue  
Play equipment, restroom, picnic area

### Greenbrae School Park

Eliseo to Parkside Way  
Tot lot, basketball court, greenbelt

### Hamilton Park

South Eliseo Drive (next to 1251 S. Eliseo)  
Sitting and picnic area, greenbelt

### Heatherwood Park

Midway at Diane Lane  
Play equipment, basketball hoop, picnic area, greenbelt

### Neighborhood Park

North side of Larkspur Landing Shopping Center  
Greenbelt, picnic area.

### Niven Park

Barry Way at Drakes Landing  
Benches, picnic tables, play equipment, greenbelt

### Remillard Park

East Sir Francis Drake Blvd.  
Freshwater marsh, wildlife sanctuary, bay fishing from levee.



## Piper Park

Located At 250 Doherty Drive (behind police station)  
Facilities are available to rent.

**Picnic Tables:** 30 tables and 14 BBQ grills  
\$41.00 per table or \$780.00 entire area

**Softball Fields:** 2 fields (price per field)  
Adult: \$46.00/hour Youth: \$41.00/hour

**Sand Volleyball Courts:** 2 courts (price per court)  
Adult: \$46.00/hour Youth: \$41.00/hour

**Soccer Field:** 1 grass field  
Adult: \$46.00/hour Youth: \$41.00/hour

**Synthetic Soccer Field:** 1 field  
Adult: \$72.00/hour Youth: \$72.00/hour

### Canine Commons Dog Park

Larkspur Canine Commons, located in Piper Park, is the regular playground for local dogs and their owners. This special area allows dogs and dog owners to have an opportunity to enjoy the company and interests of other people and their pets. To utilize the Canine Commons, dogs must display a current license, never be left unattended, and females must not be "in heat." It is also recommended dogs are spayed or neutered. Please remember to abide by the City's leash law and pick up after your pet. The Canine Commons is on the move! Check the website for additional information.



## Recreation Department Move Complete

We are back at our offices on the Hall Middle School campus! After months of renovation we have new insides! Come by and check out what was done! As you have probably seen the trailer in Piper Park is no longer there! Where did Public Works Department go? The Department of Public Works has moved to 325 Doherty Drive in the group of buildings that also houses Tamiscal High School and the Maintenance Department and Print Shop for Tamalpais Union High School District.



## Heritage Trees

Part of the culture of living in Larkspur is the respect and loving care we give our community's historical heritage trees. For this reason, Larkspur has long had a Heritage Tree Ordinance. Permits are required to remove or significantly prune a Heritage tree. View the Municipal Code (section 12.16) on our website at [www.cityoflarkspur.org](http://www.cityoflarkspur.org) for more information about Heritage Trees.



## Tree & Bench Donations

The City of Larkspur gratefully accepts donations of trees, park benches and/or monetary contributions for the city's parks. If this is of interest to you, please contact Public Works department at (415) 927-5017 or email [publicworks@cityoflarkspur.org](mailto:publicworks@cityoflarkspur.org).



## City Meetings

Unless noted all meetings will be held at City Hall in the Council Chambers 400 Magnolia Ave.

**City Council:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday 6:30pm

**Library Board:** 2nd Monday 6:15pm

**Planning Commission:** 2nd Tuesday 7:00pm

**Heritage Preservation Board:** 2nd Thursday 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation Commission:** 3rd Thursday 7:30pm

## Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-5:00pm

Closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

[www.cityoflarkspur.org](http://www.cityoflarkspur.org)

## City Council

Catherine Way, Mayor  
Kevin Haroff, Vice Mayor  
Larry Chu, Dan Hillmer,  
Ann Morrison

## Contact Information

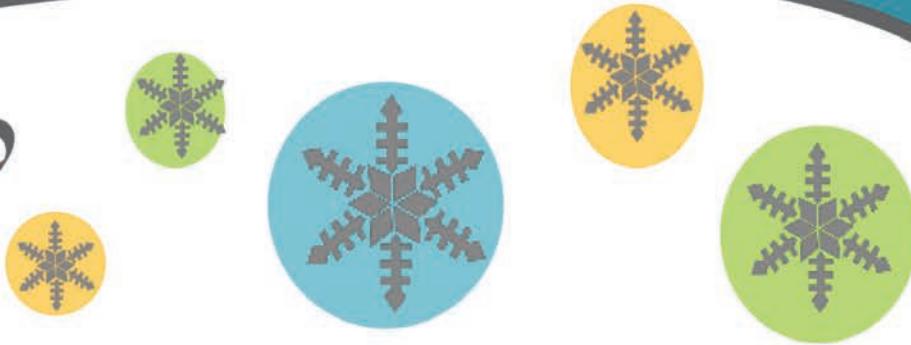
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Make and raffle off a magical gingerbread house, Fashion and eat a snowman on a stick

Dance at our New Year's Eve Party, String a snowflake necklace,

Create memorable ornaments, Wear your PJs for Pancake Day,

Run in the snowman relays, Squish shimmer snow clay,

Bake stained glass cookies, Holiday Bingo with prizes

Call us 415-924-6622 to register or send us an email at [TCCCKIDS@gmail.com](mailto:TCCCKIDS@gmail.com)

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December 23, Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

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December 29, Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_

December 30, Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

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# THE WIZARD OF OZ

## Wizard of Oz Production

Katia McHaney presents, "Wizard of Oz". Actors registered for this program will audition for and receive a role in this timeless classic which follows Dorothy and her friends down the yellow brick road to Emerald City and back home again. Rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays (days and times will vary depending on role and cast). Actor may miss up to two rehearsals. Performances: May 23-29 at the Marin Civic Center.

*Class Location: Hall Middle School*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
2093	Fri	2/5-5/27	3:30pm-5:00pm	\$235	6-8
2093	Wed	4/6-5/25	2:00pm-4:00pm	\$235	6-8

## Wizard of Oz: Munchkins & Monkeys

Katia McHaney presents, "Wizard of Oz". Actors registered for this program will audition for and receive a role in this timeless classic which follows Dorothy and her friends down the yellow brick road to Emerald City and back home again. Actors in this program will get to portray the adorable citizens of munchkinland, the witches evil monkeys and other fun supporting roles alongside older actors in the MainStage production of, "Wizard of Oz". Rehearsals will take place on Friday afternoons. Actors may miss up to two rehearsals. All registered actors will receive a role in the production. Performances: May 23-29 at the Marin Civic Center. *Class Location: Hall Middle School*

Code	Day	Dates	Time	Cost	Grade
2094	Fri	2/26-5/27	3:30pm-5:00pm	\$195	2-5

Please Be Seated

January 20-24th

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Written and Directed by  
Katia McHaney

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**Spring Egg Hunt at Piper Park**  
**Saturday, March 26th at 10:00am**

Grab your basket and join us for the Spring Egg Hunt at beautiful Piper Park in Larkspur! Children will be divided into age-specific areas to search for eggs. Keep an eye out for the Golden Eggs which are filled with gift certificates to local businesses! We'll also have a small petting zoo, crafts, hot cocoa and the Bunny to take photos with! Free to the community.



**Flashlight Egg Hunt**  
**at Piper Park**  
**Friday, March 25th at 8:15pm**  
**Free for Ages 9+**

Grab your flashlight and basket and join us at Piper Park for our first Flashlight Egg Hunt! Eggs stuffed with goodies will be spread across a section of the Park. When the horn sounds, flashlights will turn on and the search begins! The hunt will begin at precisely 8:30pm so don't be late!



For more information, contact The Larkspur Recreation at 927-6746