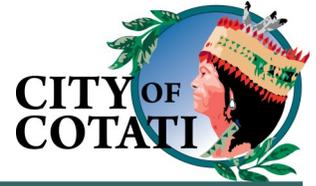


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National Night Out

National Night Out is an annual event to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Come meet your police officers and other City staff at this **FREE** event and enjoy beautiful La Plaza Park. Family games will be available. The event will be held on Tuesday August 2nd at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. Paw Patrol the movie will be shown at 8:30pm. We hope to see you there!

Summer Events at La Plaza Park

- Cotati Community Farmers' Market Wednesdays 4:30pm to 7:30pm beginning June 1st through September 28th.
- Free Movies in the Park on August 2nd (National Night Out), and September 23rd. Movies will start 15 minutes after sunset.
- Come join us for the SoCo Market 11:00am to 4:00pm on July 17th and August 28th.
- Get ready for the 2022 Cotati Accordion Festival on August 20th and 21st. For more information and to buy tickets please visit <https://cotatifest.com>
- North Bay Theatrics presents Summer Theatre in the Park. Saturday August 6th 5:30pm-9pm. For more information please visit www.northbaytheatrics.com.



Backflow Testing

To protect the public water system from backflow of water into the public water system, state regulations require backflow devices when there are wells, pools, water tanks or other potential sources of water that could accidentally backflow into the City's water system. Once installed and tested, the backflow devices will prevent any water from flowing the reverse direction. The City contacts property owners with backflow devices annually to ensure they are tested and operate properly. Tests of backflow devices are performed by state certified Backflow Testers and are submitted directly to the City by email at water@cotaticity.org or mail at 201 W. Sierra Ave. Cotati, CA 94931.



Drought is Still Here



Our water supply is faring better than many other regions in the state. While the reservoirs are at drought levels, they are currently at or above where they were at this time last year. Nevertheless, we are now in the 3rd year of a drought and all of us need to use water wisely. Last year the City enacted a 20% voluntary reduction goal and that remains in place. The State also recently enacted a state-wide irrigation prohibition on decorative lawns for commercial customers. Please go to the City's website and click on the emergency banner for the latest on the water supply situation, water saving tips and conservation rebates and to sign up for real time water leak alerts for your account. It takes all of us working together voluntarily to avoid more drastic water use reductions!

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COTATI AT WORK

Upcoming City Meetings*

CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 7/26—6:00PM
 Tuesday 8/9—6:00PM
 Tuesday 8/23—6:00PM
 Tuesday 9/13—6:00PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday 7/18—6:00PM
 Monday 8/1—6:00PM
 Monday 8/15—6:00PM
 Monday 9/5—6:00PM

*Meetings are subject to cancellation, check the City website prior to the meeting.

Street Repaving

As the West Side Street Paving Project wraps up, the City is preparing for another project to pave about 5.4 miles of streets this summer and another to repave about 2 miles of streets in the spring. The City has recently adopted an updated Multi-Year Capital Plan which continues paving restoration to move to a much lower cost pavement maintenance program.

The *New* Kotate Park is Coming this Year!

The City plans to build an estimated \$2 million in improvements later this summer, including all new play equipment, fitness equipment, picnic areas, public restroom, and new landscaping, lighting and pathways. Following this, the City will be starting design on Putnam Park improvements, so look for more information on that later this year.

Other Current Projects

Other projects currently in construction includes the Pocket Park and McGinnis pathways project. For specific information on this and other projects, including plans, budget, schedule and photos, please visit the City’s webpage -> City Hall -> Public Works -> and click on the “Current Public Works Projects” button. The Public is also encouraged to subscribe to one or more project pages to get notified of the latest updates or provide input to City Staff.



City of Cotati Wins 5th Budgetary Award and Publishes New Digital Budget

The City received their fifth consecutive Distinguished Budget Awards from the Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSMFO). This is a significant achievement by the City and reflects the continued commitment of the City Council and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting and transparent reporting. In order to receive the budget awards, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity’s budget serves as (1) a policy document, (2) a financial plan, (3) an operations guide, and (4) a communications device.



Additionally, as of June 30, 2022, the City Council adopted a balanced budget for the 13th consecutive year. This was made possible by the City Council’s continuing focus on conservative budgeting and maintaining financial reserves. For the second year, the Administrative Services Department has produced the City budget in a more accessible and easier to view all digital interactive format. Reviewing the individual funds, departments and budgeting trends has never been easier! Check out the City Budget online at <https://tinyurl.com/budgetawards>

Updated Agricultural Ordinance

The City recently held a public workshop to explore options for expanded animal keeping and growing produce in residential areas of the City. Watch for upcoming Planning Commission and City Council meetings to consider new ordinance language, or contact the City at info@cotaticity.org for more information.

Utility Billing

Sign up for paperless bill and auto pay at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/cotatica>

Utility Bill Mailed	Bill Due Date	Late Notices Mailed
June 30th	August 1st	August 2nd



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