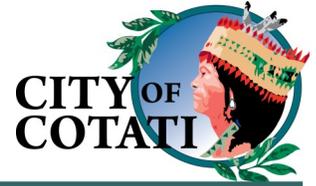


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Parks Master Plan Workshops

We need your ideas, wishes and dreams for your parks. Join us for a series of community design workshops. All workshops will be held at City Hall, 201 West Sierra Ave.

- ◇ Workshop 1—1:00-3:00 PM on Saturday 3/10/18
Draper, Falletti, and La Plaza Park, and Laguna Trail
- ◇ Workshop 2—1:00-3:00 PM on Saturday 3/17/18
Kotate, Sunflower, Helen Putnam, and Santero Way Park
- ◇ Workshop 3—1:00-3:00 PM on Saturday 3/24/18
Civic Center, Veterans Memorial, and Delano Park



If you can't make the date with the park you're interested in don't worry. Come to any workshop and let us know your questions, comments, or concerns.

Final Cannabis Regulations Approved

On February 13, 2018, the City Council approved the final cannabis regulations for the City of Cotati. These new rules allow for up to two storefront retailers in the zone along Highway 116 on the west side of US 101, and will allow other non-retail businesses in the industrial zones north of Helman Lane (Lowes). In addition, Proposition 64 which was approved by the voters, allows adults 21 and over to grow up to a total of 6 cannabis plants for personal use on any residential parcel, with consent of the property owner. In accordance with the city regulations, growing cannabis plants outside is not allowed. These plants must be grown in a secure indoor location, such as an allowable accessory building or in a secure portion of a home where the plants are not visible from another property and not accessible by children. For any questions on the cannabis regulations, please contact Community Development, at 665-3637, or go to <http://www.ci.cotati.ca.us/sections/departments/cannabis.cfm>.

City Receives Multiple Budget Awards

On February 27, 2018, the City Council received awards for Excellence in Budgeting from both the Governmental Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers (CSFMO). To receive this award, the City budget was reviewed by multiple independent reviewers on more than 20 specific criteria and multiple budget categories.



Aside from the basic function of budgeting for planned revenues and expenses, budgets are a key communication tool to convey the City's priorities to our residents. The City Council has continued to prioritize making the City budget more accessible to the community, and the GFOA and CSFMO awards are benchmarks for developing budget documents that are more transparent and make city budgets more understandable.

NEW! Camp Cotati Spring Break Camp – Ages 5-12

Dates: April 2-6, 2018, M-F 7:30am-6:00pm Fee: \$125/week, \$35/day drop in

Location: Thomas Page Room of Ray Miller Community Center, 216 East School Street (behind City Hall). Let your children experience the magic of Camp Cotati! Each day will include different games, crafts, and outdoor play (weather permitting).

Please send your child with a lunch and snacks each day.

Don't be afraid to report suspicious activity. Call the Cotati Police Department 707-792-4611

Upcoming City Meetings *

CITY COUNCIL

- Tuesday 3/13—7:00PM
- **Tuesday 3/20—7:00PM
- Tuesday 3/27—7:00PM
- **Tuesday 4/3—7:00PM
- Tuesday 4/10 — 7:00PM
- **Tuesday 4/17—7:00PM
- Tuesday 4/24—7:00PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

- Monday 3/5—7:00PM
- Monday 3/19— 7:00PM
- Monday 4/2—7:00PM

DESIGN REVIEW

- Thursday 3/15—4:30PM
- Thursday 4/5—4:30PM
- Thursday 4/19 —4:30PM

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

** Special Budget Meeting

Upcoming Camps & Classes

- Petaluma School of Ballet
Pre-Ballet, Beginning Ballet
and Tap. Ages 3-7
- Zumba Gold Ages 18+
- Aikido Ages 12+
- Aikido Weapons Class
Ages 12+

Upcoming Events

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Kids Day
- Farmers Market



COTATI AT WORK

Sunflower Park Restrooms

The City is nearly complete with the refurbishment of the restrooms at Sunflower Park, which will once again be open to the public in March.



Lighting Project

The City is planning to award the construction contract in March to install new lighting in several key areas of town, including in La Plaza Park to join both sides of the park at night, improve safety, and allow for more types of events downtown. The project will also add pathway lighting to the key pedestrian paths between McGinnis and Marsh, as well as McGinnis and Lincoln, which joins the downtown area to the residential area behind Olivers. Finally, the project will improve lighting at the pedestrian tunnel that is a key connector between the east and west sides of Cotati.

East Cotati Avenue Rehabilitation

Measure G funds continue to allow the City to bring in more infrastructure grants, including a \$675,000 Federal Grant to repave East Cotati Avenue from the railroad crossing east to the City limits at Sunflower Drive. This project is now in design and is planned to be constructed in 2019.

Paving, Paving, and More Paving

The City is in design on \$600,000 in street paving work for La Salle Avenue area. This is expected to be constructed this summer.

City Sewer Project

The City expects to begin some critical sewer infrastructure projects in 2018, including replacing the sewer main on St. Joseph’s Way and installing a new trunk main along Highway 116 from Old Redwood Highway to Redwood Drive, and then to Helman Lane by Lowes. Both of these projects are long planned projects to fix some existing capacity restrictions and add additional redundancy and reliability to the City’s sewer system.



NEW! Bunny Brunch & Egg Hunt

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2018 Time: 10:00-12:00pm Fee: \$12 per person over 2 (Children 2 and under are free)

Location: Cotati Room, 216 East School Street behind City Hall
Come join everyone’s favorite bunny for a delicious brunch! Each child will have the opportunity to visit the Bunny, make memorable arts and crafts, take pictures in the photo booth, and finish the morning off with an egg hunt! Hop into spring with this new and fun event!

Utility Billing

Avoid late penalties & shut off. Sign up for Auto Pay by calling 665-3631 or pay your bill online at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/cotatica>

UTILITY BILL MAILED	BILL DUE DATE	LATE NOTICES MAILED W/ \$15 LATE FEE	SHUT-OFF NOTICE MAILED	SHUT-OFF DATE WITH \$25 FEE
MARCH 1	APRIL 9	APRIL 10	APRIL 17	APRIL 24
MAY 1	JUNE 4	JUNE 5	JUNE 12	JUNE 19
JULY 2	AUG 6	AUG 7	AUG 14	AUG 21

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