

Cotati Connection

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Santero Way Neighborhood Plan Update

The City has begun the process to update the Santero Way Specific Plan (SWSP), which is a neighborhood plan that sets the rules for development around the SMART train station. The goal of this project is to pivot the current SWSP away from the office and commercial zone originally envisioned 20 years ago, to a residentially focused transit-oriented neighborhood, that also allows for neighborhood-serving retail and community-oriented uses. For this plan update to be successful, we need to hear from members of the community! Please take our survey to provide your direct feedback on the draft plan by scanning the QR codes to the right.

Everyone who takes the survey and provides their email address will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card to a local Cotati business. If you have question or comments about the project, you can email Community Development Director Noah Housh at nhoush@cotaticity.org. Please check the webpage for more details and information <https://www.cotaticity.org/1535/Santero-Way-Specific-Plan-Update>

Recreation Camps

Thanksgiving Break Camp: November 20-22, M-W 8:00am-5:00pm. Fee: \$120/week Let your children experience the magic of Camp Cotati!

Winter Break Camp: December 26-29, T-F 8:00am-5:00pm and January 2-5, T-F 8:00am-5:00pm. Fee: \$160/week Each day will include different games, crafts, and outdoor play (weather permitting). Please send your child with a lunch and snacks each day.

Drop and Shop: December 16th, 10:00am to 3:00pm. Fee: \$40/child Have some last minute errands to run? Need a quiet Saturday to rest and relax? Drop and Shop is here to help! Send your child(ren) to a fun filled day of games, a pizza lunch, a movie, and more! Drop and Shop will be staffed by trained and experienced City Staff.



Upcoming Holiday Events

- ◆ Holiday Tree Lighting - December 1st, 2023; 4:00-8:00pm
- ◆ La Plaza Park Holiday Shop and Stroll - December 2nd 2023; 11am—5pm Downtown Cotati
- ◆ Breakfast with Santa - December 9th, 2023—9:00am and 10:30am Cotati Room, Behind City Hall

To get more information or register for camps or events, please visit the City of Cotati Recreation webpage, City Facebook page, or contact us at 707-796-7301!

Plant-A-Tree Cotati

The City's new program, **Plant-A-Tree Cotati**, compensates Cotati residents for purchasing trees to plant on their property. Residents can be reimbursed for the purchase of up to **two trees per year**, at up to **\$150.00 per tree**, while funds are available. Business owners and apartment tenants are also encouraged to apply with permission of the property owner.

To learn more about this program, please visit the Plant-A-Tree Cotati webpage by scanning the code to the right or visit the website: <https://www.cotaticity.org/1516/Plant-A-Tree-Cotati>



Survey in English



Encuesta en Español



COTATI AT WORK



Upcoming City Meetings*

CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 11/14—6:00PM
 Tuesday 11/28—6:00PM
 Tuesday 12/12—6:00PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday 11/6—6:00PM
 Monday 11/20—6:00PM
 Monday 12/4—6:00PM

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

Street Paving Projects

The City’s effort to maintain its streets is an ongoing effort. During October the City completed a late season street paving project in the East School Street and Gravenstein Way areas. The slurry seal treatment is a thin layer of pavement to extend the life of streets that are just beginning to degrade. Treating them now instead of later prevents the need for more expensive street paving treatments. The City is planning to bid a paving project to perform full reconstruction on Redwood Drive and Cypress Avenue. These streets are in poor condition and require Full Depth Reclamation (referred to as FDR). The City was awarded \$946,000 of State street grant funds for this \$4.5 million project. Work is expected to start in the Spring of 2024.

Water and Sewer Utility Work

City Public Works crews routinely maintain our water and sewer systems including repairing leaking water services, reading and servicing water meters, and cleaning sewer mains. However, these systems are aging, and the City has been working to repair and replace certain portions to prevent them from failing. The sewer in Cypress Avenue has cracked and failing joints and sections of pipe that will be repaired this Fall. That project is to be completed ahead of paving Cypress Avenue to avoid digging up a newly paved street.

Operations Control System

The City is also upgrading its operations control system which is referred to as the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system or SCADA. SCADA, through instrumentation and sensors, operates the wells and storage tanks to maintain system pressures and water quality, as well as sewer lift stations. Alarms are sent out before problems occur so our certified systems operators can take the appropriate preventative measures.

Sonoma County Active Transportation Plan Survey

Cotati is partnering with other jurisdictions in Sonoma County to create a community-informed Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Active transportation refers to “human-powered” modes of travel, like walking, biking, or using mobility devices. The planning team needs your input to identify needs, barriers, and opportunities to ensure a successful ATP. You can provide feedback by adding pins to an interactive map. Access the webpage using the QR code below or visit: <https://fp.mysocialpinpoint.com/sonoma-county-atp>



Utility Billing

Utility Bill Mailed	Bill Due Date	Late Notices Mailed
12/31/2023	02/06/2024	02/07/2024



Don't be afraid to report suspicious activity, call the Cotati Police at 707-792-4611.