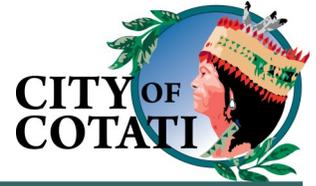


# Cotati Connection

November 2017



## What You Need To Know About Cannabis

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In November 2016, California voters passed Proposition 64 (known as Adult Use Marijuana Act) legalizing the adult or recreational use of cannabis by persons age 21 and older. Prop 64 expanded the legal use of marijuana beyond the previously allowable medical uses. It and related legislation also created a licensing system for commercial activities such as cultivation, product manufacturing and testing labs. In response to these expanded and legalized cannabis operations, each city and county needs to adopt local regulations which will determine which commercial cannabis operations are appropriate, the number of those operations that should be allowed, where those operations should occur and a source of revenue adequate to appropriately regulate this new industry while ensuring public safety. City staff developed draft regulations which were reviewed and modified by the Planning Commission on October 2, 2017 and the City Council on October 24, 2017. Staff is now developing their recommendations into a formal ordinance to be adopted by the City Council later this year.

The City Council, with extensive input from the public and cannabis businesses, voted 5-0 to place a Cannabis Business Tax on the November 7, 2017 ballot. Representatives of the cannabis industry have expressed support for the proposed business tax. Without this measure, the City would have to rely on the General Fund to regulate this industry, which would reduce available funding for other priorities such as public safety, road maintenance, and park maintenance. This measure is narrowly written to affect only cannabis businesses in Cotati, and is not a direct tax on consumers. It is very similar to the existing voter approved cannabis business tax in Santa Rosa, including the extended medical cannabis tax exemption.

Interested persons can visit the City's webpage to learn more about cannabis regulations, the proposed business tax and how they may affect you. Please visit the What You Need to Know About Cannabis page at: <http://www.ci.cotati.ca.us/sections/departments/cannabis.cfm>



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### Holiday Schedule

The holiday closure will be from Monday, December 18th through Monday, January 1st. No building permits will be issued during the closure, however, the Community Development Department will be providing inspections on limited days. If you anticipate that you will need a building inspection during this time, please call 665-3632 to make arrangements.

### Utility Billing

**AVOID LATE PENALTIES & SHUT-OFF SIGN UP FOR AUTO PAY TODAY BY CALLING 665-3631 or pay your bill online at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/cotatica>**

| UTILITY BILL MAILED | BILL DUE DATE | LATE NOTICES MAILED - WITH \$15 LATE FEE | SHUT-OFF NOTICE MAILED | SHUT-OFF DATE WITH \$25 FEE |
|---------------------|---------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NOV 1               | MON, DEC 4    | TUES, DEC 5                              | TUES, DEC 12           | TUES, JAN 9                 |
| JAN 2               | MON, FEB 5    | TUES, FEB 6                              | TUES, FEB 13           | TUES, FEB 20                |
| MAR 1               | MON, APR 5    | TUES, APR 6                              | TUES, APR 13           | TUES, APR 20                |

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

**Upcoming  
City Meetings \***

CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday 11/14—7:00PM  
 Tuesday 11/28—7:00PM  
 Tuesday 12/12—7:00PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday 11/6—7:00PM  
 Monday 11/20—7:00PM  
 Monday 12/14—7:00PM

DESIGN REVIEW

Thursday 11/2—4:30PM  
 Thursday 11/16—4:30PM  
 Thursday 12/7—4:30PM

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

Holiday Tree Lighting  
 12/1—4:00-8:00pm

La Plaza Park  
 Shop N Stroll  
 12/7 Downtown Cotati

Breakfast with Santa  
 12/9—9:00am to 10:30am  
 Cotati Room  
 (Next to Police Dept.)

**COTATI AT WORK**

**Cator Field Sidewalk**



Through the use of a Community Development Block Grant, which the City leveraged with Measure G funding, the construction of another sidewalk project is nearly complete at Cator Field. The project is intended to provide a safe walkway from the East School Street neighborhoods and the west side of town to the public facilities at Cator Field, the Community Center, and City Hall. Currently, there is no off-street pathway, which requires pedestrians to walk on the street shoulder on this heavily used route. In addition to the safety benefits, the new sidewalk also links up with the newly constructed pathway around Veronda-Falletti Ranch, which was completed last year thanks to the assistance of Measure G funds.



**CAMP COTATI**

**Winter Break Camp  
Ages 5-12**

Dates: December 26-29, T-F 7:30am-6:00pm

January 2-5, T-F 7:30am-6:00pm  
 Fee: \$100/week, \$35/day drop in  
 Location: Thomas Page Room of Ray Miller Community Center, 216 East School Street (behind City Hall)

**Thanksgiving Break Camp  
Ages 5-12**

November 20-22, M-W 7:30am-6:00pm

Fee: \$75/week, \$35/day drop in  
 Location: Thomas Page Room of Ray Miller Community Center, 216 East School Street (behind City Hall)

**NEW! Holiday Drop & Shop – Ages 5-12**

December 2, 9:00am-3:00pm

Fee: \$35 first child, \$30 each additional child

Location: Thomas Page Room of Ray Miller Community Center, 216 East School Street

Do you need time to get your holiday shopping and/or errands done without the children? While you get things done, leave your children with us to make holiday arts & crafts, and play. Sibling discounts available. Please send a lunch and snacks with your child.



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