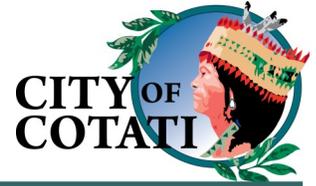


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Community Housing Survey

The Community Development Department is responsible for the City's compliance with our state-mandated housing needs, to ensure that all development projects comply with affordable housing requirements and to represent the City in the sale and resale of affordable housing units.

As a part of implementing these efforts, the City of Cotati will be moving forward with a number of housing related legislative changes. The changes include streamlining the construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) on residential properties throughout the City; creating legislation to allow the development of smaller homes on smaller lots (termed "cottage housing") and generally planning for the increased housing needs across all income levels while preserving what we all love about Cotati.

City staff values community input and would love to get your opinion on this critical topic. Please take a moment to help shape the outcome of these efforts by completing the on-line housing survey at <https://tinyurl.com/surveyhousing>

For information on these projects or any other housing related questions or issues, please contact the City of Cotati Planning Division at 707-665-3636.



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Tips to Avoid Package Thefts During the Holidays

- ◇ Get a P.O. Box at Your Local Post Office
- ◇ Set Up Notifications to Track Your Packages
- ◇ Install a Security Camera
- ◇ Get Your Packages Delivered to Your Office
- ◇ Require a Signature on Delivery
- ◇ Reschedule Delivery or Ask for a Package Hold When on Vacation
- ◇ Insure Your Packages
- ◇ Ask Your Neighbors, family or friends to retrieve Your Packages



Camp Cotati Thanksgiving Break Camp

November 23-25, M-W 8:00am-5:00pm
Fee: \$100/week

To register please visit <https://cotati.recdesk.com/Community/Home> or
contact Ashley Wilson at 707-665-4222



Traffic Enforcement Requests

Do you have traffic enforcement requests you would like to make to the Cotati Police Department? Traffic enforcement requests can be made for a variety of reasons, including crosswalk safety, stop sign violations, illegal use of cell phones, and of course speeding violations. Requests can be made online via the Police Department homepage on the City of Cotati website at www.cotaticity.org. If you have questions please contact Traffic Officer Ryan Reinke at rreinke@cotaticity.org.



COTATI AT WORK

Upcoming City Meetings *

CITY COUNCIL
 Tuesday 11/10—7:00PM
 Tuesday 11/24—7:00PM
 Tuesday 12/8—7:00PM
 Tuesday 12/22—7:00PM

PLANNING COMMISSION
 Monday 11/2—7:00PM
 Monday 11/16—7:00PM
 Monday 12/7—7:00PM
 Monday 12/21—7:00PM

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

West School Street Pathway

The City recently completed the latest phase of work, which adds a new path-way along Richardson Lane. When fully built out, this will be part of a continuous safe path for children and residents to walk from the School Street tunnel to Thomas Page Academy. This project is funded by a federal grant and Measure G.



2020 Street Paving Project

The City also recently completed the re-paving of the named streets (Arthur, George, William, Olof, Henry, and Charles), including a portion of Valparaiso between Cotati Creek and West Sierra Avenue. While the economic impacts of COVID has caused many cities to stop construction, the City has maintained reserves that enables us to bid work when others don't— saving the community about \$300,000 on this project alone. This \$1.4M project is made possible by Measure G.

Pedestrian Safety Projects

Look for new pedestrian crossing lights at key crosswalks in our downtown area coming soon! This will create more visibility for pedestrians crossing in higher traffic locations to improve safety.

Have you noticed the yellow reflective tape on traffic signal heads?

This is part of our preparation for power outages, making signalized intersections more visible at night to improve safety. Remember, if the traffic signals are out, treat the intersection like a 4 way stop for your safety and the safety of others!



Health Order Infractions

While education and voluntary compliance is still the goal, individual violations of the health order are now \$100. Commercial violations are \$1,000. Let's work together to keep ourselves and our community healthy!

City of Cotati Wins Second Straight Financial Transparency Award!

In addition to the second straight year of award winning budgets and award winning popular annual financial report, the City of Cotati was awarded a **second straight** Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the corresponding Award of Financial Reporting Achievement both given by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). These awards are for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by the City. According to Mayor Skillman, "These awards are continued reflection of the City Council's priority to maintain the highest levels of fiscal transparency and to look for new ways to make this information accessible to the residents we serve."

For more information about the award processes please see the **GFOA website**. You can check out the **CAFR** and the brief summary version online at the City website (www.cotaticity.org), under the Administrative Services Department.

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
November 2nd	December 7th	December 8th
January 2nd	February 8th	February 9th

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