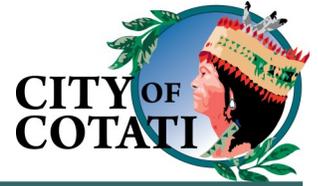


# Cotati Connection

September 2021



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## Evacuation Drill Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm

The Cotati Police Department, Sonoma State University Police Department and Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety will conduct a joint mock evacuation drill using HI-LO siren equipped patrol vehicles. HI-LO sirens are used by all Sonoma County Law Enforcement Agencies to evacuate citizens for emergencies, including but not limited to fires. HI-LO sirens will **only** be used for evacuations. When you hear the HI-LO it's time to GO!

This is only a drill and we ask that you not evacuate on this date. You can receive emergency alerts through Nixle by visiting [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) -OR- texting your zip code to 888777 to start receiving mobile Nixle alerts to your cellular phones.

In a real evacuation, you will receive information from the City through Nixle and other channels giving you information on what and where the threat is so you can evacuate in a safe direction of travel. To view your evacuation zone designation online go to [shorturl.at/amHV2](http://shorturl.at/amHV2)



## Let's Talk About How to Make Cotati a More Equitable and Inclusive Community!

Please join us for a community conversation about diversity, equity, and inclusion on Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm in a shaded area outdoors, behind City Hall at 201 W. Sierra Ave. We need your ideas to help Cotati meet its goal to promote an equitable, compassionate, and healthy community that honors diversity as a source of strength. There will be refreshments and a drawing for gift cards of local businesses. Hope to see you there! Questions? Please call 707-665-3622.



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## September 14, 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election Information



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all active, registered voters will be mailed a ballot in this election. There will also be polling places open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ballot drop boxes will open on August 17 through 8 p.m. on Election Day. Early in-person voting is available beginning August 16 in the Registrar of Voters Office at 435 Fiscal Dr., Santa Rosa.

Polling Places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14 (Election Day). For this election, voters must go to the polling place specifically assigned to them in order to vote a regular ballot. To find your polling place, please visit the [County of Sonoma Voter Information Lookup](#) for the September 14, 2021 California Gubernatorial Recall Election. Registered voters who reside in the Cotati area will use the Cotati Veterans Memorial Building, 8505 Park Ave, Cotati.

## Camp Cotati Thanksgiving Break Camp



November 22-24, M-W 8:00am-5:00pm Fee: \$120/week

Let your children experience the magic of Camp Cotati! Each day will include different games, crafts, and outdoor play (weather permitting). Please contact 707-665-4222 or [awilson@cotaticity.org](mailto:awilson@cotaticity.org) to register or visit [cotati.recdesk.com/community-program](http://cotati.recdesk.com/community-program) to register on line.

**COTATI AT WORK**

**Upcoming City Meetings\***

CITY COUNCIL

- Tuesday 9/14—6:00PM
- Tuesday 9/28—6:00PM
- Tuesday 10/12—6:00PM
- Tuesday 10/26—6:00PM
- Tuesday 11/9—6:00PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

- \*\*Monday 9/7—6:00PM
- Monday 9/20—6:00PM
- Monday 10/4—6:00PM
- Monday 10/18—6:00PM

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

\*\*Special Meeting

**More Street Paving Work Is On The Way**

The City is in its 5th consecutive year of completing significant street paving maintenance projects. This year’s project that is currently wrapping up is repaving streets on either side of Myrtle Avenue. These streets include Wren Drive, Eagle Drive, Falcon Drive, Flamingo Road, Lark Drive, Hahn Way, Miwok Court, Keyt Way, Kepple Way, Acuirre Way Acuirre Court, Veronda Avenue and Eucalyptus Avenue, as well as Old Redwood Highway between Eucalyptus and Myrtle.

Additionally, the City is planning to perform significant street reconstruction projects over the next year. On August 24, 2021, the City Council awarded the West Side Paving Project, which will be completed this fall. This project will be a complete re-build of many of the streets on the west side of US 101 (between Highway 116 and West Sierra), as well as John Roberts Drive, Old Redwood Highway (between Myrtle and Page), Robin and Condor Ct and a new pedestrian path along West School Street from West Sierra to the E. School Street Tunnel.

Next year, the City will be also finishing the second phase of the Downtown Street Reconstruction Project. This will include a complete re-build of La Plaza streets and West Sierra Avenue from Old Redwood Highway to the City Limits.



**What the Heck is RHNA?**

The City has received our draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). This RHNA is the projected number of housing units the City of Cotati should plan to build over the next eight years to meet the regional growth projections for the Bay Area. Assignment of a RHNA is the first step to a Housing Element Update, a planning process done every eight-years to plan for how a community will accommodate its’ share of the projected growth in a region. Staff in the Community Development Department are beginning the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update and expect to formally “kick-off” the update this fall, completing the Housing Element Update in late 2022. Community input on this process is critical to its’ success and we need to hear from you as we begin to draft policies and make decisions regarding the growth of Cotati!



Please visit the Community Development Department Housing webpage (link below) and sign up for regular updates and opportunities to participate. For more specific information on the Housing Element Update process itself, please visit the California Department of Housing and Community Development website (second link below).

[http://www.cotaticity.org/city\\_hall/departments/community\\_development/housing](http://www.cotaticity.org/city_hall/departments/community_development/housing)

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml>

**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
September 6th	October 4th	October 5th
November 1st	December 6th	December 7th