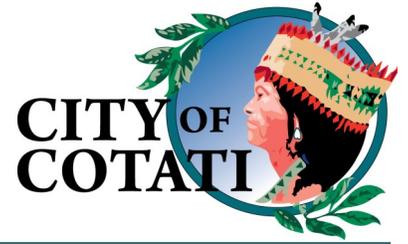


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Happy New Year!

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From all of us at City Hall, we wish you a wonderful 2016 and want to thank you for all of your support and constructive input on the numerous things we are working on to make Cotati even better! While 2016 is poised to be a great year with exciting infrastructure projects, new businesses, and key developments, we also wanted to take a moment to reflect on a busy 2015. Here are some of the key accomplishments that you may have noticed:

1. **Water Conservation.** Everyone pulling together saved 26% over 2014 – exceeding the State mandate by 6%!
 2. **Truck Ordinance.** The Council adopted an ordinance to take heavy truck traffic out of our historic downtown.
 3. **Motor Officer.** The addition of this position has resulted in a continuous focus on traffic safety for Cotati roads.
 4. **Smoking Ordinance.** The Council adopted an ordinance to protect people from exposure to second hand smoke.
5. **Web Streaming.** All Council meetings are now streamed live and available for on-demand viewing.
 6. **2015 Pavement Maintenance.** This annual maintenance project covered 25% of residential streets this year!
 7. **Draper Park Lighting.** New lighting was installed in Draper Park to light the pathways at night and improve safety.
 8. **West Sierra Shoulder Repair.** The road shoulder had failed due to erosion, jeopardizing the roadway, and was repaired.
 9. **Water Fountains.** You may have noticed new bottle-filling water fountains at La Plaza Park and Putnam Park.
 10. **General Plan Update.** Concluding a multi-year public process, the blue print for Cotati's future was adopted.
 11. **City-Wide Lighting.** Our decorative streetlights were retrofitted with new LED lights, dramatically cutting our energy



Recreation is BACK!

It has long been a priority for the City Council to bring back recreation services to the City. As we get started, we want to know what types of programs you would like the City to offer. Please visit the City homepage at www.cotaticity.org under City Services, Recreation Programs or type www.surveymonkey.com/r/DWBSR5N. If an online survey isn't your thing, you can also email Ashley Wilson at awilson@cotaticity.org or come to City Hall to get a paper survey. Thank you for taking the time to let us know what's important to you, and keep an eye out for new recreation programs that we will be adding throughout 2016! Also, if you or someone you know is interested in teaching a class, please download an application at the website above, email awilson@cotaticity.org, or call 707-665-4222. We are currently seeking proposals for all program areas.

Upcoming City Meetings *

CITY COUNCIL

January 12th 7pm

January 26th 7pm

February 9th 7pm

February 23rd 7pm

PLANNING COMMISSION

January 18th 7pm

February 1st 7pm

February 14th 7pm

DESIGN REVIEW

January 21st 4:30

February 4th 4:30

February 18th 4:30

COTATI AT WORK



Old Redwood Highway Gateway Project-

The contractor, Argonaut Constructors, will on-site early in the new year, weather permitting. The contractor was delayed on other jobs, but will be here soon! When this project is completed we will have continuous sidewalks on both sides of Old Redwood Highway between La Plaza and Highway 116, and new streetlights, landscaping, benches, and bus shelters. Thank you for your patience while this important community project is being constructed, and don't forget that businesses remain open during the construction!

Measure G Citizen Oversight Committee-

Congratulations to the members of the newly formed Measure G oversight committee. The following residents are generously donating their time to review the revenue and expenditures related to Measure G:

Arianne Eskew, Ken Savano, Yvonne Van Dyke, Suzanne Whipple, Amy Lyman

New Mayor and Vice Mayor



Congratulations John Moore and Susan Harvey, our new mayor and vice mayor, and thank you to outgoing mayor Wendy Skillman! The mayor and vice mayor are selected each in year in December from among the elected council members. Both John and Susan will assume their roles on January 1, and will call to order the first City Council meeting of the year on January 12th, 2016

Winter Storm Preparedness



Winter is upon us, and along with that can come heavy rains and localized flooding. We often receive questions about who to call for assistance, or just to answer general questions about storm preparedness. "El Nino" is only a predictor of higher than normal annual rainfall. Where the rain falls, and at what intensity, nobody can predict with weather models. To stay informed about potential storm activity, the best source is the National Weather Service 7 day forecast, as this is a much clearer picture of anticipated short term rainfall. For Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and links to the National Weather Service and other resources, please visit the City homepage at www.cotaticity.org, or visit City Hall for a hard copy of the FAQs. The City will be working hard to keep our streets safe and storm drains clear, but please contact us at 792-4611 with non-emergency flooding information or 9-1-1 if there is an emergency. Most of all, have a happy and safe winter!



Christmas Tree Recycling

If you have a Christmas tree, Redwood Empire Disposal has a local drop off location at the Rancho Adobe Fire District fire station at 1 Each Cotati Avenue in La Plaza Park. Please make sure to remove tinsel, lights, trim, ornaments and stands prior to recycling. Drop off hours are from 8am to 4pm until 1/15/16. Questions on the schedule, please see the headlines on the City homepage at www.cotaticity.org.