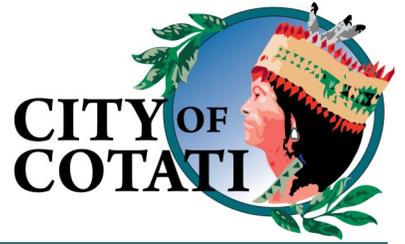


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CASH FOR GRASS TURF REBATE PROGRAM

The City of Cotati is offering residential and commercial customers rebates in return for reducing the amount of lawn area in their landscapes and replacing with low water use landscapes. The City will rebate you up to \$1.00 for every square foot of lawn area removed. Lawns must be watered with City water and well maintained. Application must be received and approved before replacement is eligible.



For more information please call (707) 665-3637 or visit www.ci.cotati.ca.us/wc

Safe Medicine Disposal

Protect the environment and your family!

When flushed down the drain, some medications are not completely removed by wastewater treatment plants and are discharged into rivers and streams. If present at high enough concentrations, they can harm aquatic wildlife. In addition to the potential for damage to the environment, children can be attracted to the colorful pills and packaging and get into unused prescription medication. In fact, about 165 young children – or roughly four school bus loads of children – are seen in U.S. emergency rooms each day after getting into medications. Unused and readily accessible prescription medicines have the potential to be misused and abused by teens and young adults and are the most commonly abused substance in the U.S.



The City of Cotati takes back unused or expired medicines, with a self-service bin located in the lobby of the Police Station at 203 West Sierra Avenue. In 2013, the medicine take back program in Sonoma County collected over 16,000 pounds of unused medicine!

To learn more, visit: <http://www.safemedicinedisposal.org/>

Water & Sewer AutoPay Notice

If you have your water & sewer bill on auto-pay through your Visa or Mastercard & have recently received a replacement card with the new EMV Chip Technology, please be sure to call 707 665-3631 to update your credit card information.



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

Upcoming City Meetings *

CITY COUNCIL

November 10th 7:00pm

November 24th 7:00pm

December 8th 7:00 pm

December 22nd
Cancelled

PLANNING COMMISSION

November 2nd 7:00pm

November 16th 7:00pm

December 7th 7:00pm

December 21st 7:00pm

DESIGN REVIEW

November 5th 4:30pm

November 19th 4:30pm

December 3rd 4:30pm

December 17th 4:30pm

Upcoming Community Events

Holiday Tree Lighting

December 4
6:00pm
La Plaza Park

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

COTATI AT WORK



Draper Park Lighting

If you find yourself in Draper Park on Wilford Lane, you may notice new path lighting throughout the park. The City recently replaced the old lighting, which was susceptible to damage, with sturdy low energy lighting. The project is intended to improve safety and make those night time strolls more enjoyable.



Old Redwood Highway Gateway Project

When this project is complete 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.

Second Hand Smoke

The City Council adopted an update to the local smoking ordinance to protect occupants in multi-family housing, such as apartments, from second hand smoke that can travel through common attic spaces and shared walls. In addition, certain protections were put in place for areas such as City parks where people come together for recreation and events. The City is also working with our local businesses to craft similar protections for outdoor dining areas. These updates will bring our codes current with those of surrounding cities in Sonoma County, and help ensure your protection from unwanted smoke.



K-9

The City is the lucky recipient of Remo, our new police K-9, purchased by the Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation. This foundation is dedicated to providing K-9's in memory of Sean Walsh, an Army National Guard reservist who died while serving in Afghanistan. Remo has been helping make Cotati safer over the last several months. If you happen to see him on duty, say "hi" to Remo or his handler Officer Deaton.