

## CHAMBER NEWS - February 5, 2018

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### Board of Directors President, Erin Armstrong

Hi, my name is Erin Armstrong and it gives me great honor to be the 2018 President of the Cotati Chamber of Commerce. I have been a member and on the board for several years. I really love being included in Cotati because I think it's the greatest little town in Sonoma County. I love that Cotati has a long and treasured history(as you can see in the Cotati museum), a great centrally located park for community gatherings and a vibrant downtown. We welcome new businesses while still retaining our small town feel. The people of Cotati are a wonderful mix.

I look forward to meeting our members who are business owners of Cotati and surrounding areas to see how our chamber can be of service



Please come join us at one of our upcoming events such as the State of the City luncheon on February 22, Jazz Festival in June and Oktoberfest in October.

Sincerely,  
Erin Armstrong

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## Thank you Renewing Members

### Costco Wholesale

5901 Redwood Dr., Rohnert Park

(707)540-9113

[www.costco.com](http://www.costco.com)

### Green Music Center

1801 E. Cotati Ave., Rohnert Park

(866)955-6040

[www.gmc.sonoma.edu](http://www.gmc.sonoma.edu)


## Member Profile

Are You Ready for Small Business (or Potential Small Business) Advising? Visit [www.napasonomasbdc.org/](http://www.napasonomasbdc.org/) to learn how the local Small Business Development Center can be a valuable resource to those with a small business or to those just starting out as entrepreneurs. The Napa-Sonoma branch of SBDC provides no-cost, one-on-one business advice as well as low-cost business training.. [Read more here](#)




If you would like your business to be one of our member profiles please fill out the attached form and return to the chamber at [chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org). [Member Profile](#)

## Chamber News & Events



**Thursday, February 22, 2018**  
NOON TO 1:30 P.M.



**JOIN US THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 IN THE COTATI ROOM (NEXT TO POLICE DEPARTMENT)**  
216 East School Street, Cotati

Come hear **Mayor Mark Landman** speak  
on the State of the City  
**Ken Hamik**  
Cannabis in Cotati: Then, Now, The Future


Cost is \$15 and includes lunch.  
Chamber membership not required.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**


Call the Chamber (707) 795-5508 or send an email to [chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org) to make your reservation(s)

**Luncheon Speakers**

**State of the City**



**Mayor Mark Landman**  
Cotati City Council



**Ken Hamik**  
Humboldt Green and  
1 Degree Consulting

**Cannabis in Cotati  
Then, Now, the Future**

*Bring your business cards,  
appetite, and be ready to  
eat & network!*

Join us Thursday, February 22  
in the Cotati Room  
(next to Police Department)

Cotati Chamber of Commerce  
216 E. School St.  
Cotati, CA 94931  
[www.cotati.org](http://www.cotati.org)  
(707) 795-5508

Interested in promoting your business by donating to the raffle? Send an email to the chamber at [chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org) or call (707) 795-5508.

**Thank you Susan!**

The Cotati Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Susan Kashack, board president for 2017 on a successful year.

**The Board of Directors for 2018 are:**

President - Erin Armstrong  
Vice President - Kevin Gingher  
Treasurer - Shannon Sundberg  
Secretary - Cherie Chipman

**Directors**

Gisele Rue, Small Biz Help 4 You  
Yvonne Van Dyke, Church of the Oaks  
Victoria Zemrak, Transformations Hair Salon

Thank you to each of you that voted for the new 2018 board of directors. Interested in being more involved in the chamber send an email to [chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org)



## Congratulations and Welcome



## Saturday, January 27 at 10 a.m.

Thank you to those that joined us including  
Erin Armstrong, Armstrong Chiropractic and our new Board President, City of Cotati Vice Mayor  
John Dell'Oso and Mayor Mark Landman with Alisha Reyes her husband and son  
along with friends and family.

On January 20, the Cotati Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards dinner.





Thank you to the Roller Derby girls for helping out, volunteers and each of you that came and supported those receiving the awards and the chamber.

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**Thank you to our members and community that donated  
to the January mixer and annual dinner:**

Armstrong Chiropractic  
Spancky's Bar, Inc.  
Redwood Cafe  
Friar Tucks Pub  
Exchange Bank  
Oliver's Market  
Maher Chiropractic  
Tim & Marlene Cullen  
Rikki Field

Congratulations to  
**Stefanie Richardson, Citizen of the Year**



Long-Term Chamber Members  
**Cotati Large & Small Animal Hospitals**  
 Joined in 1957



The Hometown Heroes Award is new to the Cotati Chamber this year-and  
 we are proud to present it to  
**Rancho Adobe Fire District and the Cotati Police Department**



Photos by Robert Grant and Nicole Kashack

## Spring/Summer 2018 Chamber Business Directory

A great way to promote your business throughout the community and businesses is to advertise in the Spring/Summer 2018 Cotati Activity Guide and Chamber of Commerce Business Directory. If you are interested please let the chamber know by sending an email to [chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org) or call Gail at Penngrove Publishing (707) 665-9408 or send her an email: [gailb@penngroveproud.com](mailto:gailb@penngroveproud.com). **The deadline to be included is February 13th.**





Spring/Summer 2018 Community Activity Guide &  
Chamber Business Directory

January 11th, 2018

Dear Cotati Chamber Member:

The Cotati Chamber of Commerce and City of Cotati are pleased to announce that they are once again joining forces and will be working together with Penngrove Publishing to produce a Spring/Summer 2018 Community Activity Guide and Chamber Business Directory. Featuring the City of Cotati Recreation and Community Class listings with full descriptions and photos. This will be the 10th edition of this very informative and well read publication. We urge you to be part of this comprehensive promotion intended to support your business and influence resident and visitor spending in Cotati.

The Cotati Community Activity Guide and Chamber Business Directory is the publication to use when looking for recreation, goods, and services in the Cotati and the local area, for families and businesses relocating as well as visitors and longtime residents.

- 6,000 full-color guides with quality magazine staying power
- City of Cotati Recreation Guide for an active lifestyle
- City of Cotati Recreation and Community Class listings with full descriptions and information on how to join in
- A Business Directory listing all Cotati Chamber members in categorical order, with Enhanced Listings available for Chamber members only!
- Directly mailed to all homes and businesses in Cotati, with nearly 1,500 additional copies distributed to Advertisers, Local Businesses, Hotels, Restaurants, Chambers and Visitor Centers, Sonoma State University, City Hall, Libraries, and included in all relocation, business start-up, and visitor packets
- Information for citizens and visitors alike; Community and City Calendar of Events, Chamber of Commerce Information, Community Contacts and Important Numbers, Park Facilities, Articles of Local Interest, Interviews and more!
- Rates are for full color advertising, professional design and layout, plus inclusion in the Advertising Index

Advertising revenue supports the production of this publication. Penngrove Publishing Sales Representatives Gail Barrett and Lynda Sutton-Smith will be contacting all of our member businesses with rates and other information, and will give you priority to reserve your ad space. If you would like to be a part of this valuable and informative guide, you may also contact Gail at 863-899-3590, 707-665-9408 or [gailb@penngroveproud.com](mailto:gailb@penngroveproud.com).

Don't miss out on this opportunity to promote your business in the Spring/Summer 2018 Community Activity Guide & Chamber Business Directory! Advertising deadline is February 13th, 2018.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation.

Cotati Chamber of Commerce  
and  
City of Cotati

[Cotati Activity Guide & Chamber Directory information](#)  
[Cotati Activity Guide & Chamber Directory letter](#)

## Member News & Events

### Armstrong Chiropractic

We have some changes to our hours in the month of February. Friday Feb. 16th we are closed in the afternoon and on Mon. the 19th we will be open in the afternoon at 3:00, but closed in the morning.

6950 Commerce Blvd, Ste 4, Rohnert Park, California 94928

(707) 792-1400 [www.armstrong-chiropractic.com](http://www.armstrong-chiropractic.com)

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Dear Sonoma County Business and Community Leaders,

I am writing to invite you to a special breakfast for business and community leaders in Sonoma County.

Sonoma State University is engaged in strategic planning this year. As part of that process, we are seeking community participation and feedback.

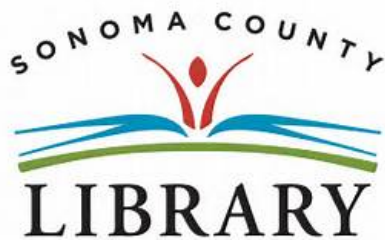
We hope that you will join us for breakfast on Monday, February 12, 2018, from 7:30-9:30 a.m. on campus in Ballroom B of the Student Center.

This is an opportunity for you to share your thoughts about what role you believe Sonoma State can play in our region.

RSVP: [Please click here to RSVP](#) by January 26.

Guest parking permits will be available at either of the two information kiosks as you enter campus.

The Parking Information Centers can be found at the south entrance to campus off East Cotati Avenue at Redwood Drive (near the flagpole) and at the north entrance of campus off Rohnert Park Expressway (across from the Green Music Center site).



Read the latest news from the local library.

[Library News Feb. 2](#)

[Library News February 9](#)

<https://sonomalibrary.org/locations/rohnert-park-cotati-regional-library>



For more information on Redwood Cafe entertainment go to

<https://www.redwoodcafe.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/redwoodcafe.cotati/>

8240 Old Redwood Hwy., Cotati



For more information and events go to

<http://www.sallytomatoes.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/sallytomatoesrp/>

1100 Valley House Drive, Rohnert Park





For more information go to: <http://www.spanckysbar.com/upcoming-events/>  
8201 Old Redwood Hwy  
8201 Old Redwood Hwy, Cotati, CA 94931  
Spanckys Bar is looking for new & exciting bands!  
Please call our Booking Manager - Janet Ginger at 707-799-2440 or email her at [spanckysbar@hotmail.com](mailto:spanckysbar@hotmail.com). Check out the Calendar for upcoming shows!  
Contact Spancky's at 707-664-0169

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Open Wednesday - Sunday  
11:30 a.m. to CL Last call 8:30  
<http://www.gravsouthbrewco.com/welcome>

7950 Redwood Dr., Suite 15, Cotati  
(707)753-4198

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### **Sonoma State University Cannabis in California Spring 2018 Seminar Series**

This series of single seminars is designed to provide professionals with a deeper understanding of current issues as California starts to see an expansion of the business of cannabis.

- Cannabis State Licensing
- Cannabis Taxation and Legalities
- Cannabis Banking and Risk Management
- Cannabis and Wine: An Analysis of Co-Existence
- Labor Law and Labor Issues in the Cannabis Industry
- Sustainability in the Cannabis Industry
- Medical Use of Cannabis

First seminar starts January 20

For more info, or to register, visit [sonoma.edu/exed/cannabis](http://sonoma.edu/exed/cannabis)  
[Cannabis in California Seminar](#)

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Creating a Valentine's moment all month long in Sonoma County, romance isn't limited to a single day in February. It's a time of year when visitors come here in search of that special something.

Maybe it's a day with that brand new love interest, tasting fine wines with handcrafted artisan chocolates.

Or the chance to leave the kids with grandparents and enjoy a couple's getaway.

Or perhaps it's the perfect proposal spot, an incredible engagement party, the ideal Wine Country wedding, or an unforgettable anniversary celebration.

Sonoma County has it all. Our job is to help our guests discover what they're looking for. Learn more about our sweet indulgences at [bit.ly/SoCoValentines](http://bit.ly/SoCoValentines).

We've combed through our list of more than 270 events coming to Sonoma County in the next few months, and listed a few highlights below.

You can view our complete calendar at [www.sonomacounty.com/sonoma-events](http://www.sonomacounty.com/sonoma-events) and our extensive listings of Things to Do in Sonoma County at [sonomacounty.com/things-to-do](http://sonomacounty.com/things-to-do)

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[GravSouth Hiring](#)



<https://www.sonomacounty.com/job-opportunities>



Rancho Adobe Fire District Fire Station · 4.7  
Part-Time Firefighter/EMT  
\$10.50 / hour  
Part-time

Requirements and application can be picked up at the Penngrove fire station or downloaded from  
[www.ranchofire.org](http://www.ranchofire.org)



### **Annual Chicken Barbecue**

Sunday, April 8th Noon to 4 p.m.

Ray Miller Community Center, 216 E School St, Cotati

Food will be served until 3 p.m.



#### Museum Location and Hours

Our museum, located in the west end of Cotati City Hall (201 West Sierra Avenue), is open on Saturdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and also on the second Tuesday of each month from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information go to <http://cotatihistoricalsociety.org/>

#### Sharing of the Green Saturday, March 17

[Sharing of the Green Sponsor Letter](#)  
[Sharing of the Green Sponsor Levels](#)  
[Sharing of the Green Donation](#)



#### REFER LOCALMEMBER GATHERING

Friday, February 9th, 12-1:30pm  
 La Vera Pizza - 629 4th Street, Santa Rosa

Join us next Friday! Build relationships through your GO LOCAL network over a delicious local lunch.

No cost to attend; just buy your own lunch, everyone on separate tabs. Bring a guest; non-members are welcome.

[RSVP NOW](#)

[Get all Refer Local meeting info here](#)







## Upcoming Chamber & City Events

### Chamber Events

#### February

##### **State of the City Luncheon**

Join us to hear Mayor Mark Landman  
and

Ken Hamik, Humboldt Green and 1 Degree Consulting  
Cannabis in Cotati - Then, Now, the Future

**Thursday, February 22 Noon - 1:30 P.M.**

**Cotati Room**

(next to the Police Department)

\$15 per person

Bring your business cards, appetite  
and be ready to eat and network!

#### June

##### **38th Annual Cotati Jazz Festival**

Saturday, June 16

La Plaza Park



Interested in volunteering or being a vendor for the day please contact the chamber  
(707) 795-5508 or [chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org)

#### October

##### **Oktoberfest**

Saturday, October 13

La Plaza Park



Interested in volunteering or being a vendor for the day please contact the chamber (707) 795-5508 or [chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org)

### December

#### **Holiday Cheer**

Thursday, December 6  
Come join us as we stroll Cotati!

### City Events

#### **Sweethearts Fairytale Dance**

Saturday, February 10, 2018  
5:30-8:00pm

\$30/couple + \$10 each additional child (max 2 children per chaperone)  
Cotati Room, 216 East School Street, behind City Hall



Come dance the night away to fun music, make arts and crafts, and enjoy light refreshments. Dress up in your fanciest dress or suit and create wonderful memories that will last. This magical event is for children (ages 3-12) and their favorite adult chaperone. There are no gender requirements. Must purchase tickets in advance.

#### **Parents Night Out**

Ages 5-12  
Tuesday, February 14  
5:00-10:00pm

\$35 first child, \$30 each additional child  
Thomas Page Room of Ray Miller Community Center, 216 East School Street



Need to do some shopping or just need a little rest and relaxation without the children? Maybe even a night out? While you enjoy an evening out or in, your child(ren) will have

dinner, play games, make arts & crafts, and see a movie. All activities are provided by trained and experienced City Staff. Sibling discounts available.

### **Parents Night Out**

Ages 5-12

February 17

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### **Parents Night Out**

Ages 5-12

Thursday, March 23

5:00-10:00pm

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

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



Need to do some shopping or just need a little rest and relaxation without the children? Maybe even a night out? While you enjoy an evening out or in, your child(ren) will have dinner, play games, make arts & crafts, and see a movie. All activities are provided by trained and experienced City Staff. Sibling discounts available.

Let your children experience the magic of **Camp Cotati!**

Each day will include different theme based games, crafts, and outdoor play (weather permitting). Please send your child with a lunch and snacks each day.



For ages 5-12

April 2-6, M-F 7:30am-6:00pm

\$125/week, \$35/day drop in

Location: Thomas Page Room of Ray Miller Community Center, 216 East School Street (behind City Hall)



Register online at <https://cotati.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=61>, over the phone by calling 707-665-4222 or visit us in person at City Hall, 201 West Sierra Avenue, Cotati, CA.

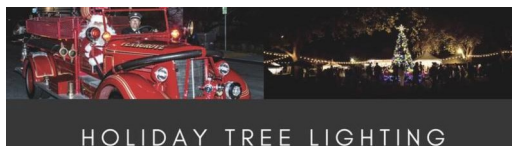
### **Holiday Tree Lighting**

Friday, December 7

Time: 4pm-8pm

Fee: FREE!

La Plaza Park



Come join us for our Annual Holiday Tree Lighting in La Plaza Park! This year, we will also be adding food and craft vendors, starting at 4:00pm. The night will be full of music, free coffee, hot cocoa, and cookies, and more! There will be crafts for the children, story time, entertainment, and "special" guests! Come join us for a fun filled, magical holiday evening!

We are also accepting craft and food vendor applications for the event through November 15. For more information on the event or to become a vendor, please call 707-665-4222 or email [awilson@cotaticity.org](mailto:awilson@cotaticity.org).

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Saturday, December 15

9:00am & 10:30am

\$12 per person over age 2 (Children 2 and under are free)

Cotati Room (next to Police Department)



Come join Santa and his elves for a yummy breakfast of eggs, sausage, & pancakes! Finish it off with delicious coffee and hot cocoa. Each child will also have the opportunity to do arts & crafts, and will receive a gift from the Mr. Claus before they leave.

This is sure to be a fun family event and a great way to celebrate the holiday season. This year, we will be offering two breakfast times. Please indicate which time you'd like to attend when you register. Choose which time you would like to have breakfast and then use the rest of the time to visit with Santa and make crafts with the elves.

### **Free Summer Movies in the Park**

June-Sept. 2018

### **26th Annual Kids Day Parade and Festival**

Saturday, July 14



### **National Night Out**

Tuesday, August 7



For more Cotati Events [visit their Facebook page](#)

## Benefit of being a member

### MEMBERS HELP US PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS

Send the Chamber your news regarding your business events, specials and/or anniversaries including photos! We love to spread YOUR news, but you have to send it to us at [chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org). Emails will be sent out on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month and your submission should be received by Monday of the previous week to be sure to be included in the email.

Interested in having a Ribbon Cutting or hosting a Business After Hours?

Click here: [Ribbon Cutting & Business After Hours](#)

Be sure to like the Cotati Chamber of Commerce [Facebook](#) page so your business can be shared there also.

## Community Event

**Cotatitarod** is a Shopping cart race around Cotati benefiting the Redwood Food Bank. A 5k foot race, pub crawl, food drive, costume contest, and art cart parade!

We are looking for racers, sponsors, volunteers and vendors!

Please spread the word, share our event on Facebook, hang up a flier/poster in your storefront and come out to join the fun!

For more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1926185701031254??ti=ia> or  
<http://www.cotatitarod.org>



## Cotati Chamber of Commerce

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Cotati, CA 94931  
(707) 795-5508

[chamber@cotati.org](mailto:chamber@cotati.org)

[www.cotati.org](http://www.cotati.org)

**Office hours** Monday -Wednesday and Friday  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

