

Fall 2023

## City of San Ramon 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Light Parade – A Birthday Celebration!

Saturday, November 4 • 6:30 PM

San Ramon's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Light Parade is an event for all families, neighborhood groups, and businesses to come together and celebrate San Ramon. We will light up the night with this evening birthday-themed LIGHT parade, stretching along Camino Ramon to Bishop Drive. Dancers, illuminated floats, bands, auto clubs, and entertainment will make this a luminescent birthday celebration for the whole San Ramon community.

We invite everyone to join us in celebrating 40 years of San Ramon by participating in or watching this year's parade. The community is highly encouraged to be a part of the action and participate in the parade.

For more information on the parade or to participate, please visit: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/SRLightParade](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/SRLightParade).

## Dougherty Station Community Arts Center Now Open

The Dougherty Station Community Art Center opened in August as a hub for arts in San Ramon. The Arts Center will host a wide variety of visual and performing arts classes for patrons of all ages, abilities, and expertise. Classes include drawing, painting, mixed media, music, theater, improv, dance, and so much more. The Arts Center provides an engaging space for beginning, emerging, and professional artists to create and learn in a supportive environment.



Events will be held regularly including the Friday Foreign Film Series, theater performances, open mic nights, and gallery receptions among



many others. Experience or participate in one of these events today! More information on classes, programs, and events at the Dougherty Station Community Arts Center can be found at: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/arts](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/arts).

The Dougherty Station Community Arts Center is also available for meetings, parties, receptions, or other private events.

For information visit: [www.sanramonvenues.com](http://www.sanramonvenues.com).

# Community Input on City of San Ramon Budget

The City of San Ramon is committed to providing the essential services and facilities that help maintain a high quality of life. Every day, our employees work hard to support safe neighborhoods, quality streets and roads, attractive parks, abundant recreation venues and programs, vibrant arts and cultural opportunities, and more. Our goal is to provide the City the services that our community values, while also being fiscally responsible.

Over the past 10 years, **without creating an extra burden on our community, the City of San Ramon has:**

- Constructed the City's Joint Public Safety Facility
- Funded the Iron Horse Trail Overcrossing at Bollinger Canyon Road
- Built San Ramon's new City Hall
- Fully-funded City pension obligations

In May 2023, the San Ramon City Council adopted a **balanced FY2023/24 Budget**, with a commitment to maintaining existing service levels, even as the City navigates rising costs, and revenues remain relatively flat year-over-year.

In line with the City's commitment to maintaining financial stability, this budget meets the City's policy of maintaining a General Fund contingency reserve of 36% (\$20.7 million). Unmet staffing needs and many Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs) continue to remain unfunded, and the City is exploring ways to include critical staffing and infrastructure funding into future balanced budgets.

Community input is vital to budget planning and protecting San Ramon's future. In keeping with our ongoing commitment to quality service and transparency, we want to hear from you. If you have input or questions, please weigh in. For more information, visit: [sanramon.ca.gov/budget](http://sanramon.ca.gov/budget).

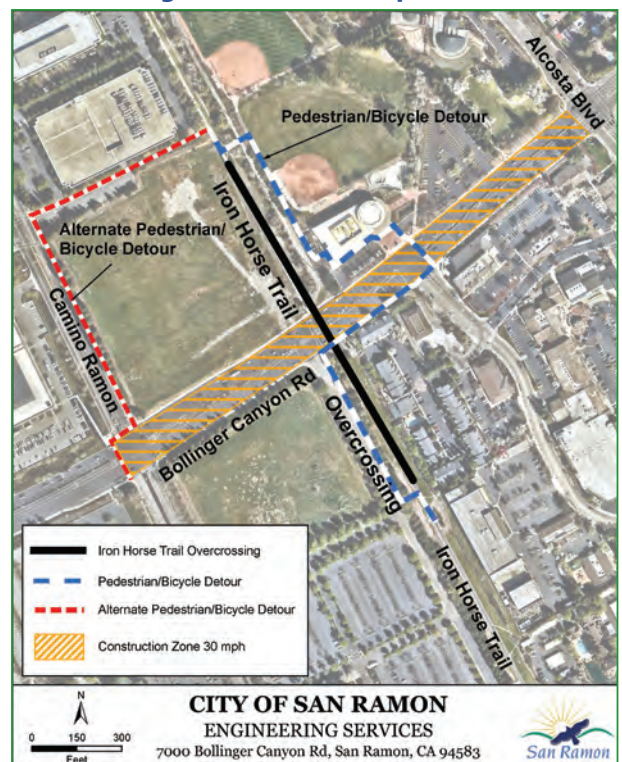
## Bollinger Canyon Road/Iron Horse Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing – Construction

Construction of the Bollinger Canyon Road Iron Horse Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing began in April. The first steps were not visible to the public and included the start of fabrication of steel elements, which will be brought to the site when ready for installation. Visible construction began on July 31<sup>st</sup> with work on Bollinger Canyon Road to expose existing utilities.

The areas that will be directly impacted by construction are around Bollinger Canyon Road between Camino Ramon and Alcosta Boulevard. Traffic will be impacted from time to time in these areas, most significantly during construction of the foundations (October/November 2023) and installation of elements above the roadway. Changeable Message Signs have been placed on Bollinger Canyon Road. For the duration of construction, the Iron Horse Trail will be detoured around the Bollinger Canyon Road intersection to separate trail users from construction activities. Construction is anticipated to take 18 to 24 months.

For more information and project updates, please visit the City's Project webpage at: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/Bollinger\\_Overcrossing](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/Bollinger_Overcrossing).

### Iron Horse Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Overcrossing Construction Map



## Trash-Free Halloween Guide

With the arrival of fall comes the beloved holiday of Halloween, where we unleash our creativity and transform into our favorite characters. However, Halloween also tends to generate a frightful amount of waste with disposable costumes and flimsy decorations. Try these tips for a hauntingly fun and Trash-Free Halloween experience!



- **Thrift Stores:** Instead of purchasing brand-new costumes to wear once, visit thrift stores to find your needed items to build that award-winning costume. Not only will you find unique and affordable options, but you'll also contribute to reducing waste by giving new life to these clothing items.

- **Upcycle and DIY:** Unleash your creativity by upcycling materials from your recycling bin. Transform milk jugs, bathroom paper rolls, and cardboard into fantastic costume pieces or decorations. Let your imagination run wild as you turn ordinary recyclables into extraordinary Halloween creations!
- **Costume Swaps:** Swap costumes with friends or family members. This allows you to breathe new life into costumes that may no longer fit or have been worn in previous years.
- **Durable Decorations:** Choose durable decorations that can last for many Halloweens to come. Opt for ceramic, wood, glass, thick acrylic, or high-quality thick plastic decorations that can withstand the test of time and weather. Not only will these decorations add a touch of style, but can be cherished and reused year after year.
- **Real Pumpkins:** Embrace the tradition of carving real pumpkins rather than plastic alternatives. After Halloween, you can repurpose them by making delicious soups, pies, or composting them. It's an easy way to divert waste from the landfill.



Remember to follow @trashfreesanramon on social media for Halloween costume and decoration ideas as we approach October. Join the Trash-Free movement and show that celebrating this spooky holiday can also be an opportunity to reduce our environmental impact.



*Have a spooktacular Trash-Free Halloween!*

## Weekly Street Sweeping – Fall Leaf Season

Street sweepers are crucial in keeping San Ramon's streets clean, especially during the fall and winter months. While they are designed to remove naturally occurring dirt and leaf accumulation to promote efficient drainage, large piles of yard waste can cause the sweeper to clog and break down.

Leaves collected in gutters can also hide larger objects that can damage sweepers. As a result, sweepers bypass large mounds of debris. To dispose of leaves, put them in the green waste container or use them for composting. Do not sweep leaves into the gutter line, which can

cause drainage issues. Raking leaves into the street is also considered illegal dumping.

### Friendly reminders:

- Sweeping services for residential streets will increase from two times a month to four times a month between October and January.
- Residential streets are swept between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM
- Remember to keep streets clear of vehicles, curbside carts, sports equipment, and other obstructions on your scheduled street-sweeping day.



To find out your regularly scheduled street sweeping day, please visit the street sweeping map on the City's website: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/stsweeping](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/stsweeping). If you have any questions for the City's street sweeping vendor, Contract Sweeping Services, you can reach them by calling (408) 498-4631.

# Organics: Sorting Into Green Bins is Required by the State Of California



ACI of San Ramon has played a crucial role in assisting the

City's residents and businesses in complying with **Senate Bill 1383**, a law designed to significantly reduce short-lived climate pollutants such as methane and **reduce our climate impact**.

■ **Organic material is harmful to the environment when landfilled.** As it biodegrades, it emits methane, a greenhouse gas 84 times more harmful than carbon dioxide.



■ Organics are beneficial to the environment if they are composted instead and applied as a soil amendment to crops. Amended soil with plant growth actually draws down, or sequesters, carbon into the soil, and that soil is then nutrient-rich for growing food.

■ 40% of all food produced for human consumption goes to waste. SB 1383 intends to rescue 20% of that wasted food and redirect it to food rescue organizations.

## So, what does this mean for San Ramon?

Residents and businesses must separate all yard waste, uneaten food, and food-soiled paper and place in the GREEN cart or bin.

■ Larger food producers, like grocery stores and restaurants, must arrange to donate surplus food with a local or regional entity.



■ Enforcement is coming. Penalties and fees will eventually be applied if organic material is found in the garbage.

With minor behavior changes from all sectors, the effectiveness of reducing our City's climate impact is very high. Remember, if it was once alive, put it in the Green Organics container!

Questions? Most answers can easily be found on [sanramon.ca.gov/SB1383](http://sanramon.ca.gov/SB1383).

## Commuter Incentive Programs in San Ramon

The City of San Ramon and 511 Contra Costa encourages our residents to make a change from a drive-alone commute to carpooling, vanpooling, taking transit, bicycling, walking, and working from home. Whether you make the change one day a week or five days a week, driving less can make a difference by reducing traffic congestion and air pollution! Please visit the 511 Contra Costa website at [511contracosta.org](http://511contracosta.org), and you can decide which options best fit your travel needs.



Do you need a place to meet your carpool, vanpool, or the bus? The City of San Ramon maintains two Park & Ride Lots located at the San Ramon Transit Center (7051 Executive Parkway) and the Bark & Ride (1120 South Wedgewood Road). These Park & Ride Lots offer parking on a first-come, first-serve basis to meet your

carpool or vanpool, or to take public transit.

Contact the Public Works Department - Transportation Division for more information at (925) 973-2650, or visit: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/commute\\_options](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/commute_options).

Funding for the 511 Contra Costa Programs and Incentives are provided by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) and the Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

## What is My Flood Risk?

**P**arts of San Ramon are in a Flood Zone. Residents should be aware of their flood risk. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publishes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that delineate flood zones in the City. Areas designated as Zone “A” or “AE” are estimated to have a 1% chance or greater of being flooded every year. **Areas of San Ramon were flooded this year, costing homeowners tens of thousands of dollars. The risk is real and can reoccur even in back-to-back years. This year is an El Niño year, which tends to bring higher levels of rain and risk.** This includes areas near South San Ramon Creek, where some properties suffered flood damage in the Sunny Glen area during the winter of 2002 and 2022-2023. **Your mortgage lender may require you to purchase flood insurance if your property is located in one of these zones.** Regardless of your property’s proximity to the flood zone or your mortgage requirements, you are encouraged to obtain flood insurance. You may be in an unmapped flood prone area. If you have flood zone insurance, check to ensure you have contents coverage as well.

### Protect yourself and your property!

- During a flood, protect yourself from flood hazards by staying away. Do not walk or drive through flood waters.
- Protect your property from flood damage by ensuring adequate drainage around your home; elevating electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters and appliances; and moving essential items and valuables to upper floors. Keep storm drains clear and put leaves in your green organics waste bin.
- Build responsibly. Check with the City Building Division before you build, alter, or grade your property. Do your part to keep our creeks and drainage system functioning by keeping leaves, trash, and debris away from storm drain inlets. If you see an area that is at risk from flooding, from a clogged storm drain inlet, down tree, or flooded roadway, contact our Public Services Division at (925) 973-2800 or Police Dispatch at (925) 973-2779 after hours.



### What is the City doing to reduce my flood risk?

The City performs activities such as:

- Maintenance of drainage infrastructure (storm drain inlets, pipes, and creeks)
- Enforcement of the City’s Floodplain Management Ordinance
- Outreach to residents, lenders, and insurance agents
- Assistance in determining flood zones and reading FIRMs

By performing these annual activities and participating in the Community Rating System (CRS), FEMA has awarded the City a CRS Class rating of 6, which provides residents up to a 20% discount on their flood insurance premiums, which should be incorporated into your insurance quote.

If you would like more information about the CRS Program, flood risk, flood insurance, or flood zone determination, visit FEMA’s websites at [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), and [msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov), or contact City staff at (925) 973-2670.

**TRAFFIX, also known as the Measure J Traffic Congestion Relief Agency**, is operated jointly by the City of San Ramon, Town of Danville, Contra Costa County, and the San Ramon Unified School District with funding from the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Contra Costa County Service Area T-1, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and parent contributions. TRAFFIX has been providing safe school bus service and effective traffic reduction in the San Ramon Valley since 2009.



Visit [Ridetraffix.com](http://Ridetraffix.com) to check ticket availability for the 2023/24 School Year. Questions? Contact [admin@ridetraffix.com](mailto:admin@ridetraffix.com) or (925) 973-2649.



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### FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER

##### October 7

Oktoberfest presented by the San Ramon Historic Foundation\*  
*Forest Home Farms*

##### October 7

Library Jazz Concert Series featuring Jamie Davis\*  
*San Ramon Library*

##### October 14

Las Trampas Hike with San Ramon OSAC  
*Las Trampas Regional Trail*



##### October 15

Culture in the Community Celebration  
*San Ramon Community Center*



##### October 21

Trick or Treat on the Farm  
*Forest Home Farms*

##### October 28

Library Jazz Concert Series featuring Mimi Fox Organ Trio\*  
*San Ramon Library*



#### NOVEMBER

##### November 3

San Ramon Symphonic Band Fall Concert\*  
*Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center*

##### November 4

San Ramon 40th Anniversary Light Parade  
*Camino Ramon*

##### November 4

Holiday Boutique presented by the San Ramon Senior Center Foundation  
*San Ramon Community Center*

##### November 11

Veteran's Day Stroll on Iron Horse Trail with San Ramon OSAC  
*Iron Horse Trail (Meet at City Hall)*



##### November 18

Library Jazz Concert Series featuring Jacki Ryan\*  
*San Ramon Library*

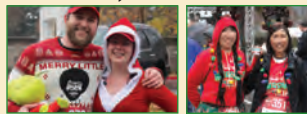
##### November 18

Lady K & The Kings of Swing Fall Jazz Concert\*  
*Front Row Theater*

#### DECEMBER

##### December 2

Bah Humbug! 5K Run/Walk & Kids Dash\*  
*San Ramon Community Center*



##### December 2

San Ramon Holiday Tree Lighting  
*San Ramon City Hall and Central Park Meadow*

##### December 2

Library Jazz Concert Series featuring Alvon Johnson\*  
*San Ramon Library*



##### December 9

Holiday on the Farm  
*Forest Home Farms*

##### December 17

Holiday Concert by San Ramon Community Chorus  
*San Ramon Community Center*



##### December 22

San Ramon Symphonic Band Holiday Concert\*  
*Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center*

### Contact Information

#### City Council

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#### Department Services

Building ..... 973-2580

Business License ..... 973-2510

City Clerk ..... 973-2539

Economic Development ..... 973-2554

Engineering ..... 973-2670

Human Resources ..... 973-2523

Parks & Community Services ..... 973-3200

Passport Services ..... 973-2539

Planning ..... 973-2560

Police ..... 973-2700

Public Services ..... 973-2800

Transportation ..... 973-2650

#### Facilities

Alcosta Senior & Community Center ..... 973-3250

Dougherty Station Community Arts Center 973-3200

Dougherty Station Library ..... 973-3380

Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center ..... 973-3335

Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center.. 973-3343

Permit Center..... 973-2574

San Ramon Community Ctr & Central Park.. 973-3200

San Ramon Library ..... 973-2850

San Ramon Olympic Pool ..... 973-3240

\*These events require registration or ticket purchase.

For more information, please visit: [www.SanRamon.ca.gov/parks](http://www.SanRamon.ca.gov/parks) or call (925) 973-3200.

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