

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Spring 2022

City Election Information

The City of San Ramon will hold the Municipal Election on November 8, 2022. This election will be for three seats, Mayor and two City Councilmembers. The Council Districts open for the 2022 election are District 2 and District 4. The Nomination Filing Period begins on July 18, 2022. The filing deadline is August 12, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. If one of the incumbents does not file by August 12, 2022, the Nomination Period for that office will be extended to August 17, 2022. Please contact the City Clerk's Office for filing information, cityclerk@sanramon.ca.gov or (925) 973-2504.



To find what District you live in, visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/findyourdistrict

The City Clerk's office will conduct a virtual Candidate Information Night in June. The time and date will be available in May on the City's website or you may contact the City Clerk. Information will be provided regarding duties of the office and the technical requirements of candidacy. If you are interested in running for office in this election, please attend this informational meeting.

Voter Registration

Are you registered to vote? New residents, as well as residents who will be 18 before the election, are encouraged to register. You need to re-register to vote when: you move (even within the city), change your name, or change your political party affiliation. Voter Registration forms are available at



City Hall and the public libraries, or you can register online at: www.registertovote.ca.gov. The Contra Costa County Elections Department website, www.cocovote.us, has complete information on voter registration, absentee ballots, poll locations, and election results.

New Memorial Program at Art & Wind Festival

The Art & Wind Festival is back with you in '22! The City is pleased to announce the exciting return of the Art & Wind Festival on Sunday, May 29th and Monday, May 30th. The Festival will feature local art vendors and musicians, crafts for kids, food booths provided by local non-profits, kite demonstrations, and more! New for 2022, an enhanced Memorial Program to honor America's



fallen service members will be held at Memorial Park, 5001 Bollinger Canyon Rd., at 9:30 a.m., on Monday, May 30th. The Program will include patriotic music, speeches, poem reading, moment of silence, placing of flags, and more. For more information on the Memorial Program and the Art & Wind Festival, please visit: www.ArtandWind.com.

Citywide Utility Upgrades – AT&T, Comcast, and PG&E

Residents throughout the City may have noticed that there has been a lot of utility construction activity in their neighborhoods in the last few years. In the last year or two, the City has issued hundreds more permits than in a typical year. The transition of more residents working from home or schooling from home has created a much higher demand on the overall systems.

Prior to beginning work, the utility companies apply for an Encroachment Permit with the City. Staff reviews the proposed work, construction plans, and traffic control plans. This will ensure that during construction in the public roadway or sidewalk, vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic are properly addressed for safety, and impacts to the residents and public are reduced as much as possible.

- **AT&T** is in the process of replacing their existing underground fiber optic Citywide. This project is necessary for AT&T to upgrade services for television, telephone, and high-speed data. This work includes AT&T crews accessing splice boxes and manholes to remove and replace fiber optic cable and typically does not require excavation in the street.
- **Comcast** also continues to implement their XNET project, which focuses on delivering upgraded, high-speed service to residents. Comcast crews will access the vaults to assess the conditions of their conduit, and if it is determined that a new line is needed, they will then pothole in the street to locate any potential conflicts with existing utilities in the new location. They will bore in the street to install their new conduit and fiber optic line, and install new utility boxes.

- **PG&E** is in the process of upgrading their electric and gas facilities, as well. Similar to Comcast, PG&E conducts a CCTV (Closed Circuit Television) inspection of their electric conduits to assess their condition. Once completed, PG&E's crews excavate and trench in the roadway to install new conduits and transformers within the right-of-way. After this is complete, PG&E will return to restore any damage to the pavement and sidewalk that occurred as a result of the trenching. For the gas system, PG&E is replacing their gas distribution lines in select neighborhoods due to aging pipe. So far, PG&E has begun work in three separate neighborhoods Citywide.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.sanramon.ca.gov/streetclosures>.

Bike to Wherever Days – Month of May 2022



During the month of May, the entire Bay Area will participate in Bike to Wherever Days, which is a celebration of bicycles as a fun and healthy way to get around. Bay Area residents and commuters across the nine-county region will be encouraged to pedal to run errands, visit friends, commute to work, or ride anywhere they need to go! There will also be one day set aside, May 20th, as “Bike to Work Day”, which will include special festivities.

For more information, please visit: <https://bayareabiketowork.com>.

San Ramon Valley Street Smarts Upcoming Events



- **Annual “Be Reel!” Video Contest:** February 8 – April 14, 2022
Visit Street-smarts.com “Video Contest” for entry guidelines, theme, and release/entry forms.
- **CHP “Start Smart” Teen Driver Safety Classes** coming soon! Check with your local High School for dates and schedule.

Visit street-smarts.com for more information regarding Street Smart events and programs.

Let's Create a Trash-Free San Ramon!

We all know the satisfying feeling of sitting down at a table and eating a meal from beautiful dishware, metal utensils; using sparkling glasses, sturdy ceramic cups; and our laps draped with cloth napkins. The only waste created is any bits of leftover food still on the plates.



Since the 1950s, single-use foodware has become increasingly popular in the U.S., largely for convenience. No washing, no problem! Take it to-go! Many of us know the heft of that full paper coffee cup in our hand, plastic-lidded, plastic spill-stopper in the lid, cardboard insulation sleeve keeping fingers from being cold/hot. That cup had about a 10-minute role as YOUR cup, and then it was...Recycled? Composted? Trashed?



Then came the bumpy nature of the Pandemic, where planning to dine out is much like forecasting the weather, and when food for take-out definitely became a lifeline for many restaurants.

Here is the difficult truth - disposable (single-use) foodware makes up the majority of litter found in the U.S. Americans use and throw away almost 108 billion disposable cups every year. Most of these cups are not easily recyclable, are not readily compostable, and often find their way into our parks, schools, and waterways as litter. Moreover, the manufacturing, distribution, and disposal of single-use cups uses 22 billion gallons of oil, produces 26 billion pounds of carbon dioxide, and requires the harvest of over 20 million trees annually.

Consider this when heading out for a bite to eat or picking up food to-go. Take a few more minutes

to make that food choice, and select food establishments that use durable cups, plates, utensils, and cloth napkins. When buying food "to-go", politely refuse the single-use items like paper napkins, plastic straws, ketchup packets, and utensils. Remember that you have the items at home you can use repeatedly!



We can all make tiny changes to help create a trash-free San Ramon.

Centralized Irrigation System Upgrade

As part of the City's Landscape and Irrigation Management Program, existing Calsense irrigation controllers throughout the City are in the process of being upgraded with web-based technology to maximize efficiency and reduce water waste. The irrigation controllers operate the sprinkler systems that irrigate the 2.8 million square feet of shrubs, 5.4 million square feet of turf, and 46,830 trees throughout the City. An individual Calsense controller can operate up to 48 stations with



each station typically running 50-100 irrigation sprinklers for turf, and 15-30 sprinklers for shrubs and trees. There are 457 Calsense controllers in

the City, operating approximately 440,520 sprinkler heads.

The upgrades provide irrigation technicians with mobile access to turn sprinklers on and off and check systems for needed repairs. The controllers also provide daily alerts to any mobile device to pinpoint issues within the sprinkler systems. This access improves response time and reduces costs associated with water waste and insufficiently irrigated turf and landscape.

Trail Network Maintenance



Old Dougherty Road Access Point



Looking up towards the Dougherty Valley Ridge Trail from the Rancho San Ramon Park Access Point



Spring is upon us, and with the warmer weather brings the opportunity to enjoy the City of San Ramon Trail and Open Space network. The Trail network consists of approximately 45 trails – that’s over 50 miles of rolling hills, vistas, and beautiful scenic views to enjoy. Trails are either fully landscaped with shrubs, trees, and ground cover, or partially landscaped with shrubs and trees that blend into the natural surroundings. The Public Services Division is responsible

for maintaining most of the trails and open space throughout the City, with safety for all users being the main focus and guiding principle. Trail maintenance is scheduled annually for most trails and consists of vegetation management, weed abatement, and surface maintenance. For all trail users, it is encouraged that you pick up after your pets, and please dispose all litter and garbage properly that is brought with you.

If there are any concerns or questions about our trails and open space, please fill out a Citizen Request Management form at: <https://www.sanramon.ca.gov/request>. And check out our newest trail, Quail Run Trail, which is approximately 1.1 miles long and can be accessed either from the Old Dougherty Road Trail, Rancho San Ramon Park, or the Dougherty Valley Ridge Trail!

For additional information on trails and open space, visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks.

“New” Dougherty Station Farmers’ Market Starts Sunday, May 1, 2022

The City is excited to announce a partnership with the California Farmers’ Markets Association to bring San Ramon residents a New Farmers’ Market in the Dougherty Valley. This new farmers’ market will provide San Ramon and the Tri-Valley an additional opportunity to purchase local fruits and vegetables meeting our diverse community’s needs. The farmers’ market will feature local crops from the Central Valley to Half Moon Bay, including sweet cherries from Brentwood, apricots from Patterson, strawberries from Watsonville, and the first of the season’s vine-ripened tasty early



girl tomatoes from Stockton. The Dougherty Station Farmers’ Market will also have a variety of festive activities for both children and adults, including a May Day celebration with the May Pole, kids crafts, live music, and the Market Basket Giveaway.

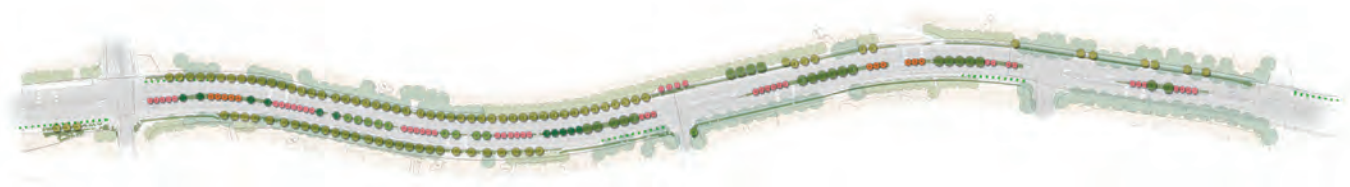
The Dougherty Station Farmers’ Market will be operating on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. starting May 1, 2022, using

the parking lot in front of the Dougherty Station Community Center and Dougherty Station Library. For more information, visit: www.CAFarmersMkts.com.

The San Ramon community will now have two exceptional markets to meet their farmers’ market needs, the new market coming to the Dougherty Valley and the San Ramon Farmers Market @ City Center Bishop Ranch.

For more information regarding the Farmers Market @ City Center Bishop Ranch visit: www.sanramonfarmersmarket.org.

Crow Canyon Road Widening Project - Construction Begins Spring 2022



Large-scale construction of the Crow Canyon Road Widening Project will begin in spring 2022. The Project will add one additional driving lane in each direction of Crow Canyon Road between Alcosta Boulevard and St. George Road, including pedestrian improvements, wide green bike lanes, new vibrant drought-tolerant landscaping, updated traffic signals and streetlights, and repaving to provide a new smooth and durable roadway. Project completion is anticipated by the end of summer 2023.



CONSTRUCTION ZONE!

Please be aware that during the widening phase, there will be major disruptions to traffic with lane closures and traffic delays. A construction speed limit will be in effect and enforced. Residents, commuters, and businesses will be encouraged to use alternate routes, such as Bollinger Canyon Road, to avoid construction impacts and minimize delays.

For additional information on the Project, please visit: https://www.sanramon.ca.gov/crow_canyon_widening.

General Plan, Housing Element, and Climate Action Plan Update

The City continues to work on an update to the General Plan, Housing Element, and Climate Action Plan, which will serve as the City's long-term plan for land use, housing, and climate policies over the next two decades. Through spring 2022, the City will be assessing potential housing sites, holding public study sessions, and conducting public hearings with the Housing Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission and City



Council to gather further input on the Draft Housing Element in advance of formal submittal for State review. The City invites you to provide comments and feedback on the draft Housing Element and General Plan at those public meetings and through

the City's General Plan website: www.plansanramon.com. The City updates the website frequently with information on the status of the Update, announcements of upcoming study sessions and meetings, and publication of reports.

For additional information, please contact Cindy Yee, General Plan Project Manager, at: planning@sanramon.ca.gov.



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SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

Mar 24-26
San Ramon Library Foundation
Mega Book Sale
Mar 25
San Ramon Arts Foundation
Friday Foreign Film: The Hunt*
Mar 27
San Ramon Performing Arts Series:
The Underwater Bubble Show*



APRIL

Apr 2
Lady K & The Kings of Swing:
Spring Jazz Concert*
Apr 9
San Ramon Senior Foundation
Spring Fashion Show & Tea*
Apr 9
San Ramon Library Foundation Jazz Concert:
Tammy L Hall Quartet with Special Guests*

Apr 16
Arbor Day Celebration
Apr 23
San Ramon Historic Foundation
Sheep Shearing Day*
Apr 23
San Ramon Library Foundation Jazz Concert:
Hammond B3 Organ Summit*

MAY

May 1
Dougherty Station Famers' Market
Opening Day
May 20
San Ramon Symphonic
Band Concert:
Evening at the Pops*
May 29-30
Art & Wind
Festival



*These events require registration or ticket purchase.
For more information, please visit: www.SanRamon.ca.gov/parks or call (925) 973-3200.

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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 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

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Crack Seal Preventive Maintenance

During the spring and summer months, Streets maintenance staff are busy performing routine preventive maintenance pavement repairs. One of the most common and cost-effective methods is crack sealing. The formation of a crack in the pavement is due to many factors, such as thermal stresses, fatigue, erosion, weathering, and soil movement due to seasonal weather patterns and the drought. The main objective of crack sealing is to make the asphalt watertight, and eliminating water and moisture from penetrating the asphalt and getting into the rock and sub-grade material below the pavement base. Water in the pavement can lead to the development of more cracking, and these cracks are the beginning of potential potholes that result in avoidable and expensive repairs. Crack sealing is an extremely effective and economical way that can help to extend the life of pavement three to five years, saving the cost of early replacement. Crack sealing is done by filling any pavement crack with an asphalt sealant that is melted and injected into the cracks.

