

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Spring 2023

Art & Wind Festival

The Art & Wind Festival will be here on Sunday, May 28th and Monday, May 29th, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM. The annual festival will feature local fine arts and crafts, specialty food vendors along with three entertainment stages, children's shows, crafts for kids, food booths provided by local non-profits, kids fun zone, professional kite flying demonstrations, a kite-making workshop, and much more.



Also, on Memorial Day, there will be a special opportunity to honor America's fallen service members at Memorial Park (5001 Bollinger Canyon Road). On Monday, May 29th, at 9:00 AM, the community will gather with patriotic music, speeches, poetry reading, a moment of silence, and the placing of American flags.



Both events are free and open to the public. For more information on the Art & Wind Festival and the Memorial Program, please visit ArtandWind.com.

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The City of San Ramon is pleased to announce that it has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2022/23 budget. The Award represents a significant achievement by the City and reflects the commitment of the City Council and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the Budget Award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective

budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the 14 mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

Congratulations to all involved!

Student Transportation - Review of Bus Routes

The Measure J Traffic Congestion Relief Agency (TRAFFIX) provides student transportation for selected schools in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, using 24 school buses.

TRAFFIX has hired TJKM, a transportation consulting firm, to prepare a traffic analysis of 65 intersections throughout the San Ramon Valley. The analysis will include evaluating peak-hour traffic congestion by conducting an intersection Level of Service

Study on an array of pre-selected intersections adjacent to school sites. Additionally, TJKM will prepare an analysis of school site circulations at 33 schools, including those currently being served by TRAFFIX, as well as schools that could be served through expansion of the Program. The report is anticipated to be completed by August 2023.

TRAFFIX continues to build ridership with a special promotion for the 2023 spring semester. The rates

will be reduced from \$475 to \$285 for high school students and from \$425 to \$255 for elementary and middle school students purchasing available seats through the remainder of the school year.



The TRAFFIX Program honored their drivers and staff at two events since school started. Drivers and First Student staff were thanked for their hard work transporting students safely to and from school every day.

Save the Date! Gear up for Bike to Work Day – May 18, 2023

Bike to Work Day (BTWD) encourages residents and commuters to try bicycling to work! BTWD is part of a Bay Area wide ongoing effort to relieve traffic congestion and improve air quality. Energizer stations are planned in each Bay Area county. As a bicycle commuter,



you can stop at an energizer station for refreshments, giveaways, and bicycling information, or simply to be “cheered on” by fellow participants. In San Ramon, there will be an energizer station located along the Iron Horse Trail at Bollinger Canyon Road from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

Dougherty Station Community Art Center Coming Soon!

The Dougherty Station Community Center was built in 2005 and has been enjoyed by residents for numerous functions for almost 18 years! Following analysis by City staff, the conclusion was reached that this grand old facility was in need of functional upgrades and rebranding to increase its use and status in the community.

Consistent with the Parks Master Plan and recommendations from the Parks & Community Services Commission, staff held consultations with architects, designers and construction contractors and arrived upon a new direction for the Community Center. The facility will not only continue to serve as a



gathering place and rentable venue for private events, City functions, and performances at the Front Row theater, but will be rebranded to highlight its role in arts and culture.

The aptly renamed Dougherty Station Community Arts Center will include an expanded open art gallery for display, an expanded dance studio, rentable artist’s studios, and music rooms to create and experience visual and permitting arts. The Arts Center will provide increased opportunities for the community to learn, create, perform, and exhibit art in San Ramon.

Renovation construction began in early February and is scheduled to be completed in July. Watch for an announcement for a Grand Re-Opening unveiling.

Bike to Wherever Day – Month of May 2023

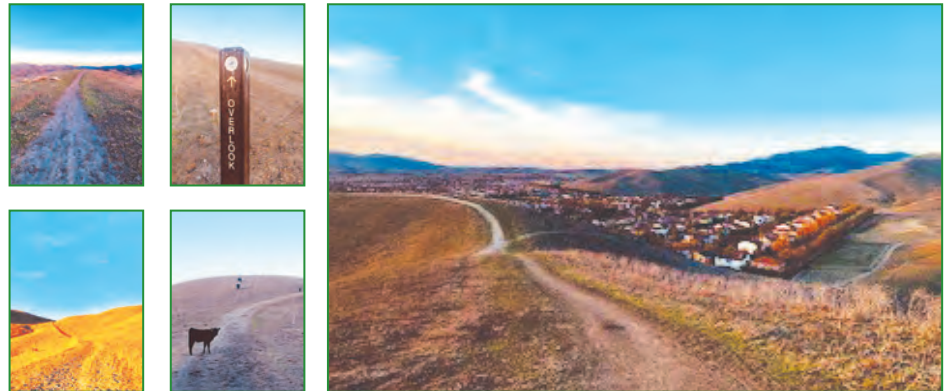
Throughout the month of May, the entire Bay Area is encouraged to celebrate bicycles as a fun and healthy way to get around. Bay Area residents and commuters are

encouraged to pedal to errands, visit friends, commute to work, or ride anywhere they need or want to go. Every day in May is Bike to Wherever Day!

Visit: <https://bayareabiketowork.com/> for more information. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works – Transportation Division at (925) 973-2650.

Trail Network Maintenance

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, which is over 53 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. Public Works is responsible for maintaining most of the trails and open space throughout the City, with safety for all users being the focus and



guiding principle. Trail maintenance is scheduled annually for most trails, and consists of vegetation management, weed abatement, and surface maintenance. The heavy rains eroded many of the trails, but staff addressed these immediately, to make them ready for use and enjoyment! For additional information on trails and open space, visit www.sanramon.ca.gov/srtrails.

Pedestrian Enhancement Devices – Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons

The Public Works Department is committed to improving pedestrian safety throughout the City. To enhance pedestrian conspicuity and increase driver awareness at uncontrolled, marked crosswalks, the City will install two pedestrian actuated Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) systems at two uncontrolled crosswalks on Bollinger Canyon Road intersecting Dos Rios Drive and Marsh Drive. These two intersections serve as school crossings for Twin Creeks



Elementary School in addition to providing the surrounding community with enhanced crossings on Bollinger Canyon Road. Based on research presented to the Federal Highway Safety Administration, the RRFB system is a proven countermeasure device that can reduce pedestrian accidents up to 47 percent and can increase motorist yielding rate up to 98 percent.

Construction is scheduled to be completed this summer.

Crow Canyon Road Widening Project – Construction Update

There continues to be good progress made on the construction of the Crow Canyon Road Widening Project.

Work is currently taking place on the south side of Crow Canyon Road. This construction includes demolition to accommodate the new eastbound lane, utility work, landscaping, irrigation, sidewalk/curb ramp installation, traffic signal upgrades, soldier pile retaining wall installation, soundwall improvements, median streetlight installation, and roadway paving.

Northbound Barbados Drive between Tahiti Drive and Crow Canyon Road will be closed and northbound traffic will be detoured to the intersection of Tahiti Drive and Crow Canyon Road for approximately five months. This lane closure is required to facilitate construction of the retaining wall and installation of the upgraded traffic signal at Crow Canyon Road at Barbados Drive. Southbound Barbados Drive will remain open for all southbound vehicles. A pedestrian detour will be in place to navigate pedestrians around the construction zone. The Tahiti Drive bus stop for Route 622 will be temporarily closed during wall construction. The nearest open Route 622 bus stop is at the intersection of Crow Canyon Road and Canyon Crest Drive.



Please continue to use care when driving through the construction zone. A construction speed limit of 30 MPH will be in effect and enforced. Residents, commuters, businesses, and cyclists are encouraged to use alternate routes, such as Bollinger Canyon Road, Alcosta Boulevard, and/or Dougherty Road to avoid construction impacts and minimize delays.

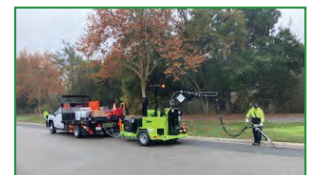
Project is expected to be substantially complete by the end of 2023.

For additional information please visit:

<https://www.sanramon.ca.gov/CrowCanyonWidening>

Crack Seal Pavement Maintenance

During the spring and summer months, Public Works 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 pavement is due to many factors such as thermal stresses, fatigue, erosion, weathering, and soil movement due to seasonal weather patterns and previous drought conditions. The main objective of crack sealing is to make the asphalt watertight, eliminating water and moisture from penetrating the asphalt and getting into the



base rock and sub-grade material below the pavement base. Water in the pavement can lead to more cracking, and these cracks are the beginning of potential potholes that result in expensive repairs. Crack sealing is an extremely economical and effective way that can help extend the life of pavement and may increase 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. Crack sealing usually occurs prior to more extensive pavement treatments, such as rubberized chip seal or slurry seal applications.

Citywide Bicycle Network Improvements

Connected, continuous, conspicuous, and comfortable. These are the qualities of a good bicycle network that residents requested during the development of the Bicycle Master Plan. The City is continually improving the bicycle infrastructure and has made good progress this past year. The City implemented approximately 27 miles of improvements that include signs, Sharrow markings, buffer areas adjacent to existing bicycle lanes, and green conflict zones approaching intersections. These improvements have been completed at:

- Bollinger Canyon Road between Canyon Lakes Drive and Dougherty Road (S)
- Dougherty Road between Crow Canyon Road and Bollinger Canyon Road (S)
- Alcosta Boulevard between Crow Canyon Road and Vera Cruz Drive
- Broadmoor Drive between Alcosta Boulevard and Pine Valley Road
- Fostoria Way between Camino Ramon and the Iron Horse Trail



SHARROW



GREEN CONFLICT ZONE

- Norris Canyon Road between Bollinger Canyon Road and San Ramon Valley Boulevard
- Executive Parkway between Camino Ramon and the Iron Horse Trail
- Bishop Drive between Executive Parkway and Norris Canyon Road

Implementation of improvements to the bicycle network as outlined in the City's Bicycle Master Plan has earned the City of San Ramon recognition at a national level from the League of American Bicyclists receiving a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community Award in 2021.

Dining Out, Trash-Free

In late 2022, City staff certified 19 businesses as Trash-Free, recognizing their commitment to decrease the generation of disposables by providing reusable dishware to customers wherever possible. The businesses that are being recognized were offered a framed certificate and a Trash-Free window cling to be more easily identified by customers. Try them out and thank them for taking the initiative to reduce waste in our community!



The following San Ramon businesses offer reusable dishware:

Chow	C Casa	Curry Up Now	Delarosa
Earthbar*	Erik's Deli	Fieldwork Brewing Co.	Indian Hotspot
LB Steak	Marugame Udon	Mixt	Panera*
Ramen Hiroshi	ROAM	Shish Grill	Slanted Door
Social Affair	Starbucks – City Center	World Wrapps	

*Some of the locations listed above provide discounts to those with a Trash-Free sticker affixed to your reusable cup when you purchase a drink. Try it!

Single-use foodware (i.e. plastic or paper cups, plates, utensils, straws) often end up as litter on our roadways and in our creeks, and the best way to avoid this pollution is to prevent the generation of this waste in the first place.

Challenge yourself: slowing climate change and keeping our community clean by reducing single-use pollution is all about YOU. Consumers can practice bringing in reusable take-out containers and cups to be filled with food and drink provided, or for any extra food left uneaten at the end of the meal.

Public Works will be certifying additional businesses this year. For a list of Certified Trash-Free businesses, to get Trash-Free stickers, or to nominate your favorite eatery, visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/trash-free.



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SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL

April 1
Spring Fashion Show & Tea presented by the San Ramon Senior Foundation*
San Ramon Community Center

April 1
San Ramon Trails Challenge Begins



April 8
Lady K and The Kings of Swing Concert*
San Ramon Community Center



April 8
Enjoy the Sights of Spring from the Tassajara Ridge
Tassajara Staging Area

April 15
Secret History Bus Tour of the San Ramon Valley with Bill Clarkson*
San Ramon City Hall

April 22
Sheep Shearing Day presented by the San Ramon Historic Foundation*
Forest Home Farms

MAY

May 10-14
Bay Area Children's Theatre presents: Disney's Jungle Book Kids*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

May 17-20
Bay Area Children's Theatre presents: Disney's Aladdin*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

May 19
San Ramon Symphonic Band Concert: Musical Playground*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



May 28-29
Art & Wind Festival
San Ramon Central Park



JUNE

June 3
Children and Young Adult Book Sale presented by the San Ramon Library Foundation
San Ramon Library

June 9
San Ramon Community Chorus Broadway Hits Concert
Alcosta Senior & Community Center

June 15-16
Bay Area Children's Theatre presents: Disney's 101 Dalmatians*
Location TBD

June 23
Summer Dive-In Movie: Despicable Me*
San Ramon Olympic Pool



June 29-30
Bay Area Children's Theatre presents: Disney's Aristocats*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

*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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- City Clerk 973-2539
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- 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
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Facilities

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- Dougherty Station Community Center 973-3200
- Dougherty Station Library 973-3380
- Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center 973-3335
- Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center.. 973-3343
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- San Ramon Community Ctr & Central Park.. 973-3200
- San Ramon Library 973-2850
- San Ramon Olympic Pool 973-3240

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