



Winter 2021

Zero Waste Tips: Holiday Gift Giving

Everyone likes to receive thoughtful and beautifully presented gifts during the holiday season. Homes are made more cozy, family recipes are prepared with anticipation, and many make room for visits and celebration. With just a bit of planning and forethought, these holiday offerings to your loved ones can also be waste-free.

The last year has shown a steep increase in the waste produced by households – mostly resulting from delivery of food or products that require an extra layer of packaging to be delivered. Many products come with a pile of trash that needs to be managed by each household.

Zero waste giving is often narrowly focused on zero waste tools like reusable water bottles or metal drinking straws. For those people who already have one (or several) of those items, try one of these, top-shelf gift possibilities:

- Gifting experiences, like guitar lessons, baseball or concert tickets, or those cooking classes they've always wanted (or needed).
- Reservations or gift certificates for a day of wine-tasting, dinner out with friends, or attending a cultural event together.
- Select a Saturday to host backyard movie parties or game nights with friends and family - these often build memories worth saving more than any "thing".
- Thoughtfully repairing a beloved, but broken item; having the piano tuned, the bike fixed, that favorite pair of jeans patched.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

You've heard this before, but did you know it is a hierarchy? The first two are the most important when trying to reduce waste to close to "zero". And by the way, "Zero Waste" planning and policy means finding ways to strategically reduce waste wherever possible.

To avoid the piles of trash after the gifts have been opened, consider reusable packaging when wrapping those treasured gifts. Consider using a festive box that can be used year after year, passed around to different family members. How about one or two for everyone? Ribbon that is beautifully reusable can dress up a gift wrapped in recyclable and unbleached paper, or purchase colorful dishtowels and use these to wrap your selected gift.

For more zero waste tips, please visit: www.sanramonrecycles.com/zerowaste/.



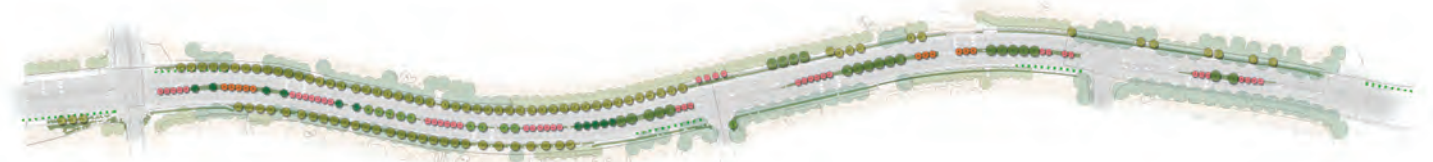
Crow Canyon Road Widening Project - Alcosta Boulevard to St. George Road – Construction Begins Spring 2022

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, and includes improved facilities for pedestrians, wide green bike lanes, new vibrant drought-tolerant landscaping, and updated traffic signals and streetlights with the latest equipment and technology.

Minor construction work consisting primarily of utility relocation work is currently taking place. The original scope of the utility relocation work has increased as additional activities have been identified. This work is expected to continue through winter 2021/2022, with the road widening phase beginning in spring 2022. Project completion is anticipated to be the end of summer 2023.

During the widening phase, there will be major disruption to traffic, with lane closures and expected 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.



IMPROVEMENT SIMULATION – WEST OF ST. GEORGE ROAD ♦ CROW CANYON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

General Plan, Housing Element, and Climate Action Plan Update

The City is currently working 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. In September and October 2021, the City held community workshops and study sessions to gather input on the community vision. Public outreach and meetings will continue as part of the Update process



through 2022. The City invites you to provide comments and feedback on the Project at 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 workshops and meetings, and publication of reports.

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

Sports Field Renovations



Windemere Ranch Cricket Pitch



Athan Downs Baseball Field



Old Ranch Park



Central Park Soccer Field #1

This fall, the Public Services Division completed annual sports field renovations at several park sites. Minor renovations at most sites are scheduled annually, with

the scope of work determined by staff. A typical baseball infield renovation consists of: verifying base anchor and pitching mound locations; assessing the condition

of the pitching mound and home plate and replacement, if necessary; straightening grass sidelines by trimming or adding sod, ensuring outfield grass is level with the playing field; verifying the radius of the infield arc; and adding sod to define the edge when needed. The need for replacement infield material at each site is assessed and added to maintain a safe playing surface. Sports turf is aerated, de-thatched, after which seed is added, and then topdressed.

The following parks have major sports field turf renovations planned:

PARK NAME		RENOVATION TASKS PLANNED
Athan Downs: 4 Soccer and 4 Baseball Fields	Central Park: Baseball Fields #1 & #4	Aerate, add seed, topdressing Renovate Turf baseball fields Renovate Cricket Pitch Aerate, de-thatch, add seed, topdressing
Memorial Park: Baseball Field	San Ramon Sports Park: Soccer & Baseball Fields	
Old Ranch Park: Soccer Field	Windemere Ranch Middle School: Cricket Pitch	
Rancho San Ramon Park: Grass Soccer Field		
Central Park - All Soccer Fields		

Spare the Air in the Winter

During winter months, the primary air pollutant is particulate matter. Particulate matter is made up of microscopic solid or liquid particles. Particles less than 10 micrometers in diameter can cause significant health problems. Fine particles measured under 2.5 micrometers, also known as PM 2.5, are considered the most dangerous.

During the cooler winter months, more than one-third of particulate pollution comes from wood smoke. On some days, wood smoke can account for up to 90 percent of particulate pollution in certain areas.

On cold, calm days, wood smoke can become trapped close to the ground by an inversion layer, typically formed when a layer of warm air acts as a lid over a layer of cooler air.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) passed its wood burning regulation in July 2008, making it illegal to burn wood, fire logs, pellets, or other solid fuels in fireplaces, wood stoves, outdoor fire pits, or other wood-burning devices when there is a Spare the Air alert in effect for fine particulate pollution.

Now, a Spare the Air alert banning wood burning can be called for



particulate pollution year-round, especially when there are wildfires affecting the Bay Area.

Visit www.sparetheair.org/understanding-air-quality/wood-burning-rule for more detailed information on how to sign up for Spare the Air alerts and the Wood Burning Rule, or call 1-800-HELP AIR or 415-479-4900.

Using commute alternatives during Spare the Air days is also encouraged. The City of San Ramon and 511 Contra Costa provide incentives for transit, carpool, or vanpooling. For more information, contact the Transportation Division at: (925) 973-2650.

Iron Horse Middle School Gymnasium – Floor Improvements

If you participate in any of the City’s evening sports programs, you may be enjoying the newly refinished floor at the Iron Horse Middle School. The Iron Horse Middle School Gymnasium is part of the Master Use Agreement between the City of San Ramon and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Per the Agreement, the District and the City share the annual maintenance costs associated with the gymnasium floor. As part of the routine maintenance, staff determined that the gym floor needed to be sanded and refinished for the following reasons:



1. The surface of the floor was being damaged after years of intense use.
2. Refinishing would extend the life expectancy of the floor.
3. The City’s Parks and Community Services Department has received many requests for pickleball and badminton courts.



The District agreed to fund half of the wood floor refinishing and the addition of the new lane lines for pickleball and badminton. The City’s portion of the project was funded through the FY 2021/22 Capital Improvement Program No. 925432 - City Facilities Floor Covering Replacement. The work was completed in August 2021.



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December Holiday Service Schedule

This year, there are **no changes** to the residential service schedule during the Christmas and New Year’s Day Holiday weeks. Please set your collection carts out on your normal service day.

DECEMBER 20 – 24, 2021

There are **NO CHANGES** to the residential service schedule during the Christmas Holiday week.

DECEMBER 27 – 31, 2021

There are **NO CHANGES** to the residential service schedule during the New Year’s Day Holiday week.

SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTS:

Please place your tree out for collection on your service day through the month of January. It will be collected by a separate truck from your Green organics cart.

MULTI-FAMILY TENANTS:

Contact your property manager – some complexes will have a centralized “tree box”, and others will have a designated tree collection zone.

Holiday Tree Collection

Tree collection will be performed on your service day beginning the last week of December and continuing through the month of January 2022.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- Remove all decorations, lights, & the stand.
- Cut tree in half if taller than 6 feet.
- Please do not place the tree in any type of plastic wrap or bag.
- Flocked trees are accepted, but will not be composted. Artificial trees are not accepted.



Questions? Call ACI: 925-380-9480

Open Space Through the Lens of a Nature Photographer

Please join the San Ramon Open Space Advisory Committee and a local nature photographer on February 12th at Valley View Park for an informational event where you will learn about San Ramon's commitment to preserving and protecting open space, and get tips on how to document your enjoyment of these natural



resources. This event is open to all ages, and participants are encouraged to bring their own cameras or camera phones. The program is free; however, pre-registration is required.

If you are interested in participating, you can register and find more information at: www.sanramon.ca.gov/srtrails.

San Ramon Redistricting Process Underway

The City of San Ramon is beginning the process of re-drawing the district lines for future City Council elections, based on new data from the 2020 Census.

In 2019, the City of San Ramon undertook the process of moving from at-large elections to district-based elections for the Mayor and all City Council seats.

San Ramon's first District Election took place in November 2020, with the Mayor elected at-large, and City Councilmembers from



Districts 1 & 3 elected by district. In November 2022, the Mayoral seat will again be elected at-large, and Councilmembers from Districts 2 & 4 will be elected by district.

The 2022 redistricting process was initiated by the release

of 2020 Census block-level redistricting data.

Public input is key to the redistricting process, and the process will include four (4) public hearings. These hearings will take place at City Council meetings, and the redistricting process is expected to be complete in the spring of 2022.

To learn more about the redistricting process and view the public hearing schedule, visit: sanramon.ca.gov/redistricting_2022.

Sandbag Stations

In preparation for the upcoming rainy season, the City of San Ramon has placed sand and sandbags for residents to use at the following park sites beginning November 9, 2021:

- 1) Central Park – located along the Alcosta Boulevard main entrance
- 2) Athan Downs – located on Montevideo Drive (nearest cross street is Davona Drive)
- 3) San Ramon Sports Park in Dougherty Valley – located on Sherwood Way (nearest cross street is East Branch Parkway)
- 4) Fircrest Lane parking lot

The locations are marked with blue "Sandbag Station" signs inside the above-mentioned parking lots. Sandbag stations are self-monitored.





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WINTER EVENTS CALENDAR

JANUARY

- Jan 8
Open Space Advisory Committee Hike:
Annabel Lake Loop
- Jan 19-22
Bay Area Children's Theatre: Sing or Swim!
A Musical Ferry Tale*
- Jan 21
Friday Foreign Film: The Guilty*
- Jan 22
Lady K & The Kings
of Swing Winter
Jazz Concert*
- Jan 26-29
Bay Area Children's Theatre: Extra, Extra!
A News Musical*
- Jan 28
San Ramon Historic Foundation Crab Feed*



FEBRUARY

- Feb 5
San Ramon Senior Foundation
Super Bowl Bingo*
- Feb 11
Friday Foreign Film:
Pain & Glory*

Feb 12
Open Space Through
the Lens of A Nature
Photographer*



- Feb 25
Friday Foreign Film: The Innocents*
- Feb 27
San Ramon
Performing Arts Series:
The Purple Xperience*



MARCH

- Mar 11
Friday Foreign Film: Mother*
- Mar 11
San Ramon Symphonic Band
Concert: A Night at the Opera*
- Mar 25
Friday Foreign Film: The Hunt*
- Mar 27
San Ramon Performing Arts Series: The
Underwater Bubble Show*



*These events require registration or ticket purchase.

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

Contact Information

City Council

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- Scott Perkins, *Vice Mayor*
- Mark Armstrong, *Councilmember*
- Sridhar Verose, *Councilmember*
- Sabina Zafar, *Councilmember*
- City Council 973-2530
- City Manager 973-2530

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- 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 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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San Ramon Valley
Street Smarts Program



San Ramon Valley Street Smarts grows and evolves as issues related to traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian safety surfaces. With that in mind, Street Smarts educates pedestrians and bicyclists on the safe crossing in crosswalks. Riding your bike or walking along the Iron Horse Trail is encouraged.

Please view www.youtube.com/watch?v=d4kUlbyfRKc for proper instruction while crossing the intersections along the Iron Horse Trail. For more information on bicycle or pedestrian traffic safety programs, visit www.street-smarts.com, or contact the Transportation Division at (925) 973-2650.