

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Fall 2018

San Ramon Government 101 is BACK!

The San Ramon City Clerk's Department will host the 11th session of San Ramon Government 101 in the spring of 2019. The class goal is to enhance understanding of local government and departmental functions and encourage participation in the City's various Committees and Commissions.

The classes will be held on Mondays starting on February 25, 2019. The course runs for eight weeks. Each class begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 9:00 PM. One session will be held on a Saturday morning to take a tour of the City in order to gain perspective on the various topics.



Sessions will be held in different City facilities based on the presenting department. There will be a formal recognition of class participants at a City Council meeting.

The class is free but space is limited. Applications for the class are available at: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/gov101>.

The final class schedule will be available in December. You will be notified of your acceptance to

participate in the program by early February. Contact the City Clerk's office at 925-973-2539 for additional information.

Municipal Election Update



The City of San Ramon will hold an election for Mayor and two Council seats on November 6, 2018. The following residents have qualified as candidates. Their names are listed as they will appear on the ballot per the Secretary of State's random alphabetical order.

All candidates have voluntarily subscribed to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

Mayor

Bill Clarkson
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City Council (two seats):

Sabina Zafar
David E. (Dave) Hudson
Sridhar Verose
Aparna Madireddi

The City Clerk's office encourages all new residents to register to vote. If you have moved within the City of San Ramon, you will need to re-register in order to vote. The last day to register to vote is October 22, 2018. Applications for Vote By Mail ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters in Martinez by October 30, 2018.

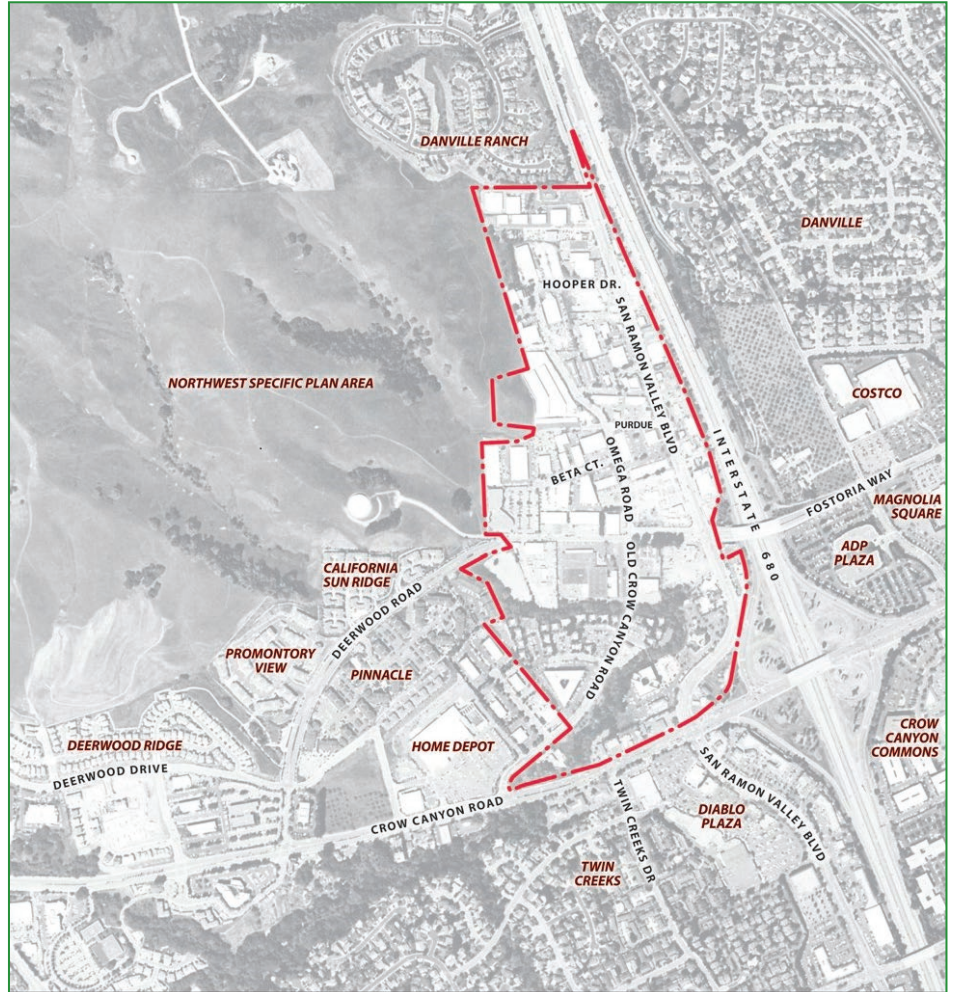
*Please register and vote!
Remember — Voting is your right and your responsibility!*



Crow Canyon Specific Plan (CCSP) Update

Adopted in October 2006, the Crow Canyon Specific Plan (CCSP) provides a vision for a 128-acre office and service commercial area of San Ramon that is currently underutilized, but has the potential to develop into an active, mixed-use center for the community. The purpose of the Plan is to guide coordinated development that responds to citywide and regional objectives while considering the needs of the existing neighborhood. The goal is to create a pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use community that includes concentrated commercial and residential uses, while maintaining viable light industrial and service commercial uses which wish to remain.

The City is embarking on a comprehensive update to the CCSP in light of changes to the potential vision for the area as a result of the elimination of redevelopment funding sources and recent community development. The update will analyze existing conditions and economic trends, evaluate environmental impacts, and review potential land use and development standards modifications. Public participation and outreach efforts are in process.



For more information on the proposed update, contact the Planning Services Division at 925-973-2560 or visit the City's website www.sanramon.ca.gov

Shop San Ramon for Your Gas!

One of the most common activities in almost every household is filling up your gas tank. Did you know you can choose to support your San Ramon parks, streets, and public safety by filling up at home instead of elsewhere? Each gallon of gas you purchase includes sales tax of which 1% goes to the city where you

purchase your gas. This means if you pay \$3.60 per gallon for 14 gallons of gas your \$50 purchase will generate 50 cents in revenue for the City of San Ramon.

While this may not seem significant, if all 30,000 households in the City, bought 14 gallons of gas each time they filled up at \$3.60 per gallon in

San Ramon and drove 20,000 miles on average per year, the City would receive almost \$1 million in sales tax revenue. Buying your gas in San Ramon helps make this a great place to live, work, and play.

For a list of San Ramon Gas stations, please visit our gas station weblink at www.sanramon.ca.gov/shoplocal4gas.

What is My Flood Risk?

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. This includes areas of South San Ramon Creek, where some properties suffered



flood damage in the Sunny Glen area during the winter of 2002. 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, it is encouraged that you obtain flood insurance. If you have flood zone insurance, check to ensure you have contents coverage as well.

Protect Yourself and Your Property

- 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 paths around your home; elevating electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters and appliances; and moving essential items and valuables to upper floors.



- Build responsibly. Check with the City Building Division before you build, alter, or grade your property. You may need a permit to ensure the project is compliant with all regulations.

- 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's on-going participation in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) Program helps San Ramon property owners reduce their risk from flooding and provides them a discount on their flood insurance premiums. Under this Program, 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 Flood Insurance Rate Maps

By performing these annual activities, FEMA has awarded the City a CRS Class rating of 6, which provides residents up to a 20% discount in 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, www.fema.gov, msc.fema.gov, or contact City staff at 925-973-2670.

Leaf Season is Upon Us

It is almost that time of year where there are leaves everywhere! The City would like to remind residents to keep their streets clear of cars and other obstructions on regularly scheduled street sweeping days. This will assist the street sweeper to remove leaves and debris that tend to gather closer to the curb areas. Parking in an area with a designated "No Parking" zone may incur a fine.



If you notice a sweeper on your street on a day that is not your regularly scheduled sweep day, it is a courtesy sweep provided by additional street sweepers in your area. Your street will also be swept on its regularly scheduled day.

*Thank you for your cooperation!
To find out your regularly scheduled street sweeping day, please visit:
www.sanramon.ca.gov/stsweeping*

Discovering Healthy Partnerships!

The City recently partnered with the Discovery Counseling Center of the San Ramon Valley. This partnership will prove to be beneficial to the overall health and well-being of our entire community. The office is in the Dougherty Station Community Center at 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road.

Discovery Counseling Center is a non-profit community-based organization that has provided mental wellness services to families, children, teens, and seniors for almost 50 years. They have offices in Danville and, with the support of the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, provide counselors to every school in the District.

Executive Director Kathy Chiverton notes: "We know that children and families are under tremendous stress these days. By partnering with the City of San Ramon, we hope that we can help alleviate some of that pressure by making Discovery's skilled professional staff more accessible to the San Ramon community. We look forward to working closely with the City and the schools to ensure that all in our community have the support they need to lead healthy lives."

To learn more about Discovery, please go to www.discoveryctr.net or call 925-837-0505.

Student Transit Ticket Program

The San Ramon Student Transit Ticket Program is back! FREE public transit tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis. The transit tickets provide an alternative to driving your student(s) to school. Students in Grades 1 – 12 are eligible to receive two (2) 12-ride County Connection transit tickets. This offer is available with a maximum of three (3) students per household, while supplies last. Apply for the Program by visiting the City of San Ramon website: www.sanramon.ca.gov.

Community Workshops for Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan

Please join the Parks & Community Services Department at the upcoming Community Workshops for the Parks, Trails, Open Space and Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan guides the City of San Ramon for parks, trails, open space, facility and recreation programs for the next 10 years. This will be your opportunity to have your opinion heard! Do you want a park feature enhancement? Or perhaps you are passionate about trail access? By participating in the community workshops you can influence the future in San Ramon!

Workshop Schedule:

Community Input Workshop (Crow Canyon Gardens Focus) – October 24, 2018 at 6PM at City Hall

Community Input Workshop (Citywide Parks, Facilities and Programs Master Plan Focus) – November 8, 2018 at 6PM at City Hall

Questions or concerns, please contact the Parks & Community Services Department at parcs@sanramon.ca.gov or 925-973-3200.

San Ramon Wants to Keep You Informed!

The City of San Ramon is committed to keeping residents informed with not only important community information, but also on the myriad activities, events, and services that are available. However, we recognize that not everyone receives information the same way – we are all unique. In San Ramon, we provide a host of options to keep you up-to-date and even ways to delve into the inside workings of your City.

The hub of information for the City is our newly designed mobile-friendly website. From our home page you will find a current news link, a hot topics page with resources on critical local issues, and a calendar with community events and public meetings. There are webpages on individual departments, services, or just general information you may need.

On the website, use the “eSanRamon” link to subscribe to email updates on any number of topics including meeting notices, project updates, classes, and newsletter publications. The City recently launched the “City Manager Newsletter”, which provides a twice-monthly update from City Manager Joe Gorton on projects, programs, and services throughout the City.

You can use “eSanRamon” to sign up to be notified when the City Manager Newsletter is published.

The City is also active on social media including Nextdoor, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. You can find links to each of these apps on our website. You can also link to the San Ramon Police Department for public safety-related information.



For those wanting a deeper understanding of local government, apply to participate in one of our municipal classes. San Ramon Government 101 provides an overview of how each City Department operates. The

Citizen’s Police Academy provides a more in-depth look at law enforcement in San Ramon. Our newest offering, the Citizen’s Planning Academy, gives an inside look into the thoughtful planning that goes on behind the scene of our growing community.

With all of these tools at your disposal, our goal as a City is to make sure that each of our community members stays informed on the latest and most interesting information in San Ramon.

For more information visit the City’s website at www.sanramon.ca.gov

Shop San Ramon Passport Program

The City has teamed up with the Chamber of Commerce to launch an inaugural shop local Passport Program. The Program will promote local businesses and encourage residents to keep shopping dollars in San Ramon.

From November 17, 2018 to December 15, 2018, passport-holders will be encouraged to visit participating San Ramon businesses to collect stamps. Once your passport is complete, you have the option to return the completed passport



to the Chamber or City offices and be entered into a drawing to win gift certificates from participating businesses. Passports will be available for pick-up at San Ramon Chamber Offices, San Ramon City Hall, and participating retailers in early November.

Shopping locally not only ensures a vibrant and economically sound community, the sales taxes generated from the local dollar goes directly back into San Ramon!



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OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2018 EVENTS

OCTOBER

October 5
**Bedtime Theater:
Pete G Magic Show***
*San Ramon
Community Center
at Central Park*



October 6-7
**San Ramon Library Foundation
Mega Book Sale**
San Ramon Library

October 12
**80's Night Featuring:
The Romantics and
Special Guest
Tommy Tutone***
*Dougherty Valley
Performing Arts Center*



October 13
Night at the Improv*
Front Row Theater

October 19
**San Ramon Symphonic Band Concert:
A Celebration of Leonard Bernstein***
*Dougherty Valley
Performing Arts Center*

October 20
**San Ramon Library Foundation:
Adventures in Jazz – Le Hot Jazz,
Gypsy Jazz ***
*San Ramon
Library*



October 20
**Parks Make Life
Better Clean-up
Day***
*Picadilly Square
Park*



October 20
**San Ramon Historic Foundation:
Oktoberfest***
Forest Home Farms

NOVEMBER

November 3
**San Ramon Senior Foundation
Holiday Boutique**
Alcosta Senior and Community Center

November 3
**San Ramon Library Foundation:
Holiday Gift Sale**
San Ramon Library

November 17
The Ten Tenors*
*Dougherty Valley
Performing Arts
Center*



November 17
**San Ramon Library Foundation:
Adventures in Jazz – Jackie Ryan,
Vocalist & Trio***
San Ramon Library

**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

- Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
- Philip G. O'Loane, *Vice Mayor*
- David E. Hudson, *Councilmember*
- Scott Perkins, *Councilmember*
- Harry Sachs, *Councilmember*
- City Council 973-2530
- City Manager 973-2530

Department Services

- Building 973-2580
- Business License 973-2510
- City Clerk 973-2539
- Economic Development 973-2554
- Human Resources 973-2523
- Engineering 973-2670
- Passport Services 973-2539
- Parks & Community Services 973-3200
- 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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