

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Fall 2016

Municipal Election Update



The City of San Ramon will hold an election for Mayor and two Council seats on November 8, 2016. Mayor Clarkson is running unopposed. The following residents have qualified as candidates for the City Council seats.

Their names are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot per the Secretary of State's random alphabetical order.

City Council (two seats):

Phil O'Loane
Susmita Nayak
Scott Perkins
Sabina Zafar

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 24, 2016. Applications for Vote By Mail ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters in Martinez by November 1, 2016.

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

San Ramon Library Expansion and Renovation Update

Since the start of construction in November 2015, the San Ramon Library has gone through a complete renovation and expansion. A new entrance has been constructed at the corner of Bollinger Canyon Road and Market Place, and the existing entrance has been relocated from the southside to the eastside of the building.

Some of the renovations include:

- A new circular front desk centrally located for Library patron's easy access.
- The early reader's area expanded to include a more secure play area for younger children.
- Additional technology stations have been added on the first floor.
- Restroom facilities expanded to include a family restroom.
- A new staircase built to access the second floor in addition to the existing staircase.
- A larger elevator installed for more flexibility.



The second floor has been expanded by approximately 3,000 square feet to include group study rooms, listening rooms, and more public technology. More computer stations have been added on the second floor.

The construction portion of the Library Expansion and Renovation will be completed by the end of 2016. It will take another two months to furnish the Library and move contents back from storage, with the anticipated re-opening in March 2017. For questions regarding this Project, contact the Public Works Engineering Division at 925-973-2670.

Commute Options for San Ramon Residents

Interested in starting or joining a carpool or vanpool? Or, considering using public transportation? There's an incentive for that! Contact the Transportation Division for more information on commuter incentives for carpooling, vanpooling, or public transit at 925-973-2650, or visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/default.htm. Remember, the City of San Ramon has two Park and Ride lots located at the San Ramon Transit Center (7051 Executive Parkway), and the Park and Ride (1120 South Wedgewood Road). These Park and

Ride lots provide parking, so you can meet your carpool, vanpool, or take public transit. Directions to the Park and Ride lot can be found at: www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/transp/commaltemative.htm.

Do you need to find a carpool or vanpool? 511 is working with private ride-matching companies to provide you with carpool options! Check out the list of carpool apps. Visit the link below to figure out which best fits your particular travel needs: 511.org/carpool-vanpool/findmatch.

Drought and Water Management Update

Although mandatory drought restrictions have been suspended due to the return of normal rainfall and public conservation efforts, the State of California and local water agencies regulations and restrictions continue to be in effect. In compliance with the regulations and restrictions, the City of San Ramon reduced potable water use by more than 25% between 2013 and 2016 and continues to implement water wise management strategies.

For more information on water regulations and requirements, please visit the City's water conservation page at: www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/wtr-consrv8.08.html

Contra Costa Text-Your-Commute Challenge

The City of San Ramon invites residents to participate in the Contra Costa Text-Your-Commute Challenge. The Challenge starts October 3, 2016, and ends on October 24, 2016. In order to participate, you must have a cell phone with the ability to text. To register for the challenge: text START to 925-905-TRIP (8747). On October 3, 2016, you will begin receiving daily texts at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm that will ask you about your commute. At the end of the Text-Your-Commute Challenge, prizes will be awarded to participants by tiers:



1. Gold Level (\$100) are commute champions with the highest number of clean trips;
2. Silver Level (\$50) meets a minimum of 30 clean trips; and
3. Bronze Level (\$25) meets a minimum of 15 clean trips.

For more information about the challenge, visit: www.511contracosta.org. This challenge is funded by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and 511 Contra Costa.

Recycling Websites

These websites contain useful information for San Ramon residents and businesses on how and where to recycle.

Waste Management:
www.SanRamon.WM.Com



RecycleWhere:
www.recyclewhere.org



What is My Flood Risk?

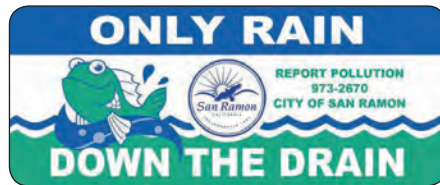
Residents should be aware of their flood risk...the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publishes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that delineate flood zones in the City. Areas designated as Zone "A" or "AE" are estimated to have a 1%

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 floodplan management ordinance
- Outreach to residents, lenders, and insurance agents
- Assistance in determining flood zones and reading FIRMs



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, www.msc.fema.gov, or contact Public Works Engineering Division at 925-973-2670.

New Street Sweeping Schedule and Map Feature

San Ramon's public streets are swept twice per month. On August 1st, the scheduled street sweeping days for most residents changed in order to better coordinate with garbage collection service. Streets are now swept two business days after garbage collection day.

The City street sweeping webpage has a map of the new street sweeping days. The map has a feature that allows residents to look up their sweep day by address. www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/street-A.asp



In addition to regularly scheduled street sweeping, extra sweeps are made in the fall in areas with high leaf fall. Please contact Contract Sweeping at 888-837-9337 with any inquiries about your street sweeping service.

You can help the street sweepers by not parking in the street on your

scheduled street sweeping days and by not putting leaves from your yard into the street. Leaves that fall on your property should be placed into your green waste cart for weekly collection. You can receive a second green waste cart at no additional charge by contacting Waste Management at 925-837-3356. Leaves also make great compost. Visit www.recyclesmart.org/composting to learn how to make your own compost in your backyard and to purchase a home composting bin at a discount.

Civil Marriage Ceremonies

Would you like to have a short, simple and economical wedding ceremony?

Did you know the City of San Ramon performs civil marriage ceremonies at City Hall?

Couples getting married at City Hall can exchange vows overlooking the beautiful glass rotunda.



This service is available by appointment only, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

The fee for civil marriage ceremonies is \$75.00 for residents and \$150.00 for non-residents.


For additional information, or to make an appointment please contact City offices at 925- 973-2530

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 serve as an alternative to driving your student(s) to school. Students, Grades 1st-12th, are eligible to receive two (2) 12-ride County Connection transit tickets. This offer

is available with a maximum of 3 students per household while supplies last. You can apply for the Program now by visiting the City of San Ramon website: www.sanramon.ca.gov.

Contact the Transportation Division if you have any questions regarding this program, 925-973-2650.

IT'S UP TO YOU!
BIKE, WALK & DRIVE SAFELY  Street Smarts
www.street-smarts.com SAN RAMON VALLEY

Street Smart News

- **New dates for the Annual Storybook Poster Contest: October 18, 2016 – November 10, 2016**
Check with your school or library in mid-October for Storybook guidelines and entry form.
- **CHP Start Smart Teen Driver Safety Class coming soon to your local high school!**

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



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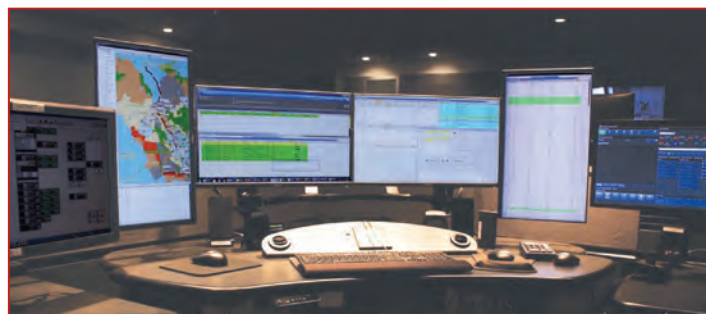
The Contra Costa Vector Control division handles reports of rodent issues and can offer advice to homeowners about prevention and control. www.contracostamosquito.com/rats_mice.htm or call 925-771-6196

San Ramon Valley 911 Communications Center



We are pleased to announce that, as of June 2016, the new San Ramon Valley 911 Communications Center is now operational. This joint partnership between the San Ramon Police Department and the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District has already significantly improved response times for public safety personnel in the City of San Ramon. Now, when anyone in the City of San Ramon dials 911 during an emergency, the call is routed directly to our local communications center for dispatch to the appropriate San Ramon public safety agency.

The opening of this communication center is especially important for medical emergency calls. Statewide, all 911 emergency calls are first routed to law enforcement dispatch centers. In the past San Ramon 911 calls were routed to the Sheriff's Department communications center in Martinez. Once dispatchers there realized it was a medical emergency call, it would be transferred to the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District's communications center and then dispatched to their personnel. Even if done quickly, delays were inevitable and during medical emergencies, every minute counts. Today, these medical emergency calls are answered and dispatched from the same location, eliminating the need for phone call transfers.



In the few months since the communications center has been operational, the benefits are clear. Over an 8 day period in July, two medical emergency calls stand out as examples of the importance of this communications center. In each incident, San Ramon Police personnel were aware of the medical calls faster and were the first public safety personnel to arrive and begin life saving measures. There is no question the San Ramon Valley 911 Communications Center contributed to the faster response times and the saving of these two lives.

The opening of the San Ramon Valley 911 Communications Center was the culmination of over 10 months of intense work and dedication from both San Ramon Police Department and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District employees. It is just another example of the dedication put forth by these agencies to ensure the safety of San Ramon residents.

If you have any questions about the San Ramon Valley 911 Communications Center, or if you have any other law enforcement related inquiries, please email Lt. Denton Carlson at dcarlson@sanramon.ca.gov.



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EVENTS OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2016

October 2016

Bedtime Theater
*The Magic of Phil Ackerly**

October 7
San Ramon Community Center
at Central Park



San Ramon Historic Foundation
*Oktoberfest**

October 15
Forest Home Farms
visit www.srhf.org for tickets

San Ramon Symphonic Band
*Take Me Out to the Ballgame**

October 21
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

The Halloween Happening*

October 22
Dougherty Station Community Center

Night at the Improv
*Spooktacular Halloween**

October 29
Front Row Theater

November 2016

Bedtime Theater
*Carnival of Chaos**

November 4
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

Lady K and the Kings of Swing
*Let's Fall in Love**

November 5
Front Row Theater

The Pointer Sisters*

November 6
Dougherty Valley
Performing Arts Center



A Classic Rock Christmas*
Performed by December People

November 20
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

December 2016

Bishop Ranch Tree Lighting

December 2
Bishop Ranch One – 6111 Bollinger Canyon Rd

San Ramon Arts Foundation
*The Happy Elf by Harry Connick Jr.**

December 2 - 18
Front Row Theater

Bah Humbug! 5K Run & Walk*

December 3
San Ramon Community Center at
Central Park

**Holiday Tours at the Glass House
Museum***

December 3, 10, 17
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Holiday on the Farm

December 10
Forest Home Farms
Historic Park



San Ramon Community Chorus
Holiday Celebration

December 11
San Ramon Community Center at
Central Park

Sing Along Messiah*

December 18
San Ramon Community Center

San Ramon Symphonic Band
*Christmas Festival**

December 23
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.

Contact Information

City Council

- Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
- Scott Perkins, *Vice Mayor*
- Harry Sachs, *Councilmember*
- David E. Hudson, *Councilmember*
- Philip G. O'Loane, *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 Olympic Pool 973-3240

www.sanramon.ca.gov