

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Spring 2014

Thank You San Ramon! Events To Focus on Healthy Pursuits in 2014

The City of San Ramon began hosting events in 2011 to say "Thank You!" to all residents for making San Ramon a wonderful place to live, work and play. These Thank You San Ramon! events provide an opportunity for residents to become familiar with City amenities, programs and staff. Past events have included free admission to the aquatic centers, open gym, and senior drop-in classes. In addition, the City will offer a new walking series in 2014. Walks will feature a special guest(s) and a park or trail location within San Ramon. Our hope is that this will

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be a great introduction to walking as an easy method for maintaining your family's physical and mental well-being. Additionally, these events will allow you and your family to explore new places within San Ramon that are great for outdoor activity.

Our first event will take place at Central Park and will be hosted by members of the San Ramon City Council. Thank you for making San Ramon a great place to be healthy!

Construction of new park and recreation facility underway

The construction of Rancho San Ramon Community Park and Amador Rancho Center is underway and completion is expected in summer 2014. The new park includes a lighted softball/baseball field and batting cage, lighted synthetic turf soccer/lacrosse fields, a small amphitheater, picnic areas, lighted tennis courts, playgrounds, a 'splashpad', and a 10,000 square foot multi-purpose facility. The new facility is being constructed by Shapell Homes as a part of their park and recreation dedication requirement in the Dougherty Valley. This state of the art facility will provide additional recreational amenities for local youth sports programs and the San Ramon community.

Walk with the City Council

Saturday, April 12, 2014
at 10:00 am

San Ramon Central Park,
12501 Alcosta Blvd.

Enjoy scenic Central Park as you have an opportunity to engage with San Ramon City Council members about local topics. This beginner friendly route will loop the park and part of the Iron Horse Trail. Healthy refreshments will be provided. Walkers of all ages welcome.

New Street Smarts Banners Highlight Traffic Safety



Street Smarts, a traffic safety education program that serves the San Ramon Valley, recently unveiled new traffic safety banners throughout San Ramon. The banners feature advertisements that were created by local high school students as part of "It Happens," the high school component of the Street Smarts Program. The banner campaign features three distinct ads, including two that were created by California High School students Megan Williams and Calvin Smith. Megan created the ad that promotes skateboarding, and she is also the skateboarder featured in the ad. Calvin's ad, which highlights the dangers of texting and driving, was hand drawn by Calvin himself. The third ad promotes carpooling, and it was created by and features Michael Ha of Monte Vista High

School. Look for these ads on street light poles in Dougherty Valley, along Bollinger Canyon Road, and along Crow Canyon Road. The banners will be displayed throughout the year, reminding drivers to stay safe and to consider commute alternatives.

To learn more about the Street Smarts traffic safety program, visit www.street-smarts.com or call 925-314-3382.

Please Don't Leave Garbage Carts in the Street

Please set your garbage, recycling, and green waste carts out at the curb no earlier than the night before collection and remove them as soon as possible after collection. This will assist with street sweeping and your neighbors will appreciate it. Storing your carts at the curb is a violation of Article B6-22 of the San Ramon Municipal Code. Thank you for your cooperation.

Summer Spare the Air

During the summer months, ozone pollution can become a health problem in the Bay Area. The summertime Spare the Air program notifies residents when air quality is forecast to be unhealthy, and urges residents to drive less and reduce their emissions of ozone-forming pollutants.

In the Bay Area, the Spare the Air season generally runs from May through mid-October when clear skies, hot temperatures, lighter than usual winds, and strong temperature inversions combine to create smoggy conditions. Spare the Air alerts are declared for days forecast to have ozone concentrations high enough to



exceed federal health-based standards.

On these days, residents are urged to cut back on any activities that cause pollution such as driving, using gasoline-powered lawn mowers, oil-based paints, or household aerosol

products. People who are sensitive to unhealthy air are advised to limit their time outdoors, particularly in the afternoon hours.

Learn more about this program and other Spare the Air programs at www.sparetheair.org.

For carpool, transit, and vanpool incentives visit www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/downloads.htm for more information.

Recycling for Businesses and Apartments

State law requires all businesses that subscribe to four or more cubic yards of garbage service per week to implement a recycling program. San Ramon businesses can select the recycler of their choice. The City's website provides an up-to-date list of private commercial recycling service providers at www.sanramon.ca.gov/biz-recycle.htm. Even if your business has to pay for recycling

services, you may be able to reduce your overall cost by decreasing your garbage service. For assistance starting or expanding your recycling program at work, please contact David Krueger, Public Services at (925) 973-2824 or dkrueger@sanramon.ca.gov.

State law also requires that apartment complexes with five or more units provide recycling services for their residents. Apartment and

condominium complexes in San Ramon can receive recycling services from Waste Management at no additional charge. For assistance with the recycling program at your complex, please contact Ann Reese of Waste Management at (925) 250-9395 or areese@wm.com. Recycling brochures and free recycling tote bags are available for each residence.

Central Park Renovation Plans

Landscape architect David Gates and Associates, who designed and developed San Ramon Central Park, has completed a new 10 year renovation Master Plan. The City has already completed some of the renovations including the playground and the participatory fountain.

The next phase, underway currently, is the replacement of trees in the

amphitheater to enhance the appearance and safety of this area. The trees originally planted – 'Poplar' trees- have been in decline due to their age. The design includes removing the remaining sixteen 'Poplar' trees and replacing the original trees with three different tree varieties. This will provide an attractive backdrop, ample shade, increased safety, and reduced maintenance for decades.

How to Recycle Extra Cardboard



San Ramon residents who have more cardboard than will fit in their recycling carts can set the extra cardboard out loose next to their recycling carts on collection day. The cardboard must be cut down to fit in your recycling cart after it has been emptied. In order to collect the extra cardboard, the driver must empty your recycling cart, put the extra cardboard into the cart, and then empty the cart again using the truck's automated collection arm. If you often have more cardboard or other recyclables than will fit in your recycling cart you can order a larger recycling cart (up to 96 gallons) from Waste Management at no additional charge by calling 925-837-3356.

Landscape Renovations

The City is continually renovating existing landscape throughout the Citywide Landscaping Zone. This zone is funded by San Ramon property owners (outside of the Dougherty Valley area). Renovations include removal and replacement of missing or unhealthy plant material. The City identified more than 25 locations along major arterial roadways throughout the Citywide Zone that will be completed over the next 5 years. Three locations on Alcosta Blvd. and two locations on San Ramon Valley Blvd. will be completed by the end of June 2014.

For more detailed information, see the Summer 2013 edition of the San Ramon Cutting Edge.

<http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/documents/ce-summer13.pdf>



Bike to Work Day 2014



**Save the date! San Ramon Residents –
Gear Up for Bike to Work Day – May 8, 2014**

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 and Bollinger Canyon Road.

May is National Bike Commute Month. The Team Bike Challenge is a Bay Area campaign and contest to encourage existing bicycle commuters to recruit their colleagues, friends, neighbors, and local “honorary” figures to bicycle to work, school, errands or recreational activities during the month of May. The team with the most trips made by bicycle by the end of May will win a grand prize!

For more information contact Darlene Amaral, Transportation Division at (925) 973-2655 or damaral@sanramon.ca.gov.

Street Smarts Brings Back the CHP “Start Smart” Program for Teen Drivers

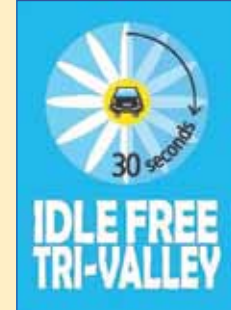
Did you know that motor vehicle collisions are the number one killer of teenagers aged 15–19 in California? To help educate our teen drivers, Street Smarts has partnered with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to bring the “Start Smart” program to the San Ramon Valley. “Start Smart” is a two-hour driver safety education class given by the CHP to new and future teenage drivers and their parents. Street Smarts hosted its first event in November at the Monte Vista High School Theater. The event drew over 175 attendees, and parent feedback was overwhelmingly positive. This spring, Street Smarts is hosting another “Start Smart” presentation on April 2, from 7 pm–9 pm, at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center. CHP officers will discuss collision factors associated with teen drivers, collision avoidance techniques,



and driver/parent responsibilities. Parent and child attendance is strongly recommended. (Note: The presentation contains extremely graphic images.)

The April 2 event is free and open to teens/parents in the entire San Ramon Valley. To register, visit <http://chpstartsmart-4214.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please contact Cathy DeLuca, Street Smarts Coordinator, at 925-314-3382 or cathy@street-smarts.com.

Turn the Key – Be Idle Free!



The Tri-Valley Spare the Air Resource Team presents “Idle Free Tri-Valley” [www.idlefreetrivalley.org] to help create cleaner air around the community. You can save money, reduce air pollution, and help everyone breathe easier just by turning a key! Turn off your car engine if you’ll be sitting for more than 30 seconds at a car wash, drive-thru or pick up spot. You’ll save gas, money, and help Spare the Air! Sign the online pledge for entry into a monthly drawing for a \$10 Starbucks card. The Idle Free pledge states that you will turn off your vehicle while waiting in your car for more than 30 seconds. Join us all year round to reduce idling, save money, and help “Spare the Air” in the East Bay.

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City of San Ramon Facilities for All of Your Indoor and Outdoor Event Needs

Group Picnic Season

Plan your next outdoor event at one of the group picnic sites! The City offers picnic areas for groups up to 200 people. Reservations are available at Central Park, Athan Downs, Valley View, Hidden Valley, Ramona and the San Ramon Sports Park. Picnic areas may be reserved online and all park amenities are available to all guests. The picnic reservation season begins March 1, 2014 and runs through October 31, 2014. Reservations are being accepted now!



Hidden Valley



Central Park

Terrace Room Patio Coming Soon!

Just in time for summer, the City of San Ramon's Terrace Room expansion project will be complete. An additional private outdoor rental area connected to the Terrace Room at San Ramon Community Center Central Park will be available for reservation. Reservations for the Terrace Room and Terrace Room Patio will be taken beginning June 1, 2014. The

Terrace Room currently provides a beautiful outdoor view of Central Park and with the expansion of the patio, you and your guests can now enjoy the indoor space as well as the beautiful summer weather on the Terrace Patio.

Indoor Rental Promotion

Hold your next event with us! The City of San Ramon offers a variety of indoor and outdoor rental locations suitable for a birthday party, anniversary, wedding, or meeting space. Our rental options are affordable and our staff is flexible and eager to assist you with your event.

For more information, please call us at 973-3200 and inquire about our rental promotion packages. Visit us at www.sanramonrecguide.com to reserve group picnic areas and indoor meeting rooms online.

Litter Travels But It Can Stop With You!

Disposable cups - food wrappers - plastic bags.... It's all trash that builds up on street corners, trails, highways, and in gutters, and parks. Litter is a problem that is everywhere.

Litter is a major cause of water pollution in the region. Trash travels down storm drains, polluting creeks, the Bay, and the ocean. Trash degrades water quality and adversely affects fish, wildlife, and aquatic habitats. The

Clean Water Act Permit issued in 2009 to municipalities in five Bay Area counties (Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Solano) requires cities to take actions to eliminate trash in stormwater runoff by 2022.

The City of San Ramon routinely strides to reduce litter through frequent street sweeping, cleanup of litter hot spots, litter removal along arterial streets, and cleaning of the storm drain inlets. Litter is

a preventable source of pollution. Do your part to help prevent litter. While most people don't litter intentionally, it's important to prevent accidental littering. Simple steps such as using trash bags in cars, properly closing lids on trash and recycling bins, and picking up litter are great ways to help.

For more information, visit www.BayWise.org or call Steven Spedowski, Engineering Services at 973-2653.



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2014 SPRING EVENTS

MARCH

Air Supply*

Friday, March 28, 8:00 pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Scout Day*

Saturday, March 29, 9:00 am
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

San Ramon Community Theatre Presents:

Robin Hood*

March 28 – April 14, Fridays 7:00 pm, Saturdays
2:00 pm, Sundays 2:00 pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

APRIL

April in Paris Fashion Show & Tea*

Saturday, April 5, 2:00 pm
Alcosta Senior & Community Center

Thank You San Ramon:

Walk with the City Council

Saturday, April 12, 10:00 am
San Ramon Central Park

Forest Home Farms Historic Park - Fun on the Farm

April 12 - Spring on the Farm, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Night at the Improv*

Friday, April 19, 8:00 pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

Sheep Shearing Day*

Saturday, April 26, 10:00 am
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Parks Make Life Better Clean-up Day

Saturday, April 26, 9:00 am
Hidden Valley Park

Storytime with the Farmer*

Wednesday, April 30, 10:00 am
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

MAY

First Friday Foreign Films: Central Station (Rated R)*

Friday, May 2
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

Monkey See Monkey Do...Family Friendly Improv!*

Saturday, May 4, 2:00 pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

San Ramon Symphonic Band: The Magical Music of Disney*

Sunday, May 4, 2:00 pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Robert Moses' Kin*

Saturday,
May 10, 8:00 pm
Dougherty Valley
Performing Arts Center



Forest Home Farms Historic Park - Fun on the Farm

May 10 - Thinking of Mom, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Bay Area Children's Theatre Presents:

Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy, The Musical*

May 10*, 11, 17 & 18, 11 am, 2 pm, 4:30 pm
(*No 11am showing on 5/10)
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

San Ramon Youth Symphony Concerts

Monday, May 12, 8:00 pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Senior & Community Live Well Resource Fair

Saturday, May 17, 8:00 am
Alcosta Senior & Community Center

San Ramon Art and Wind Festival

Sunday & Monday, May 25-26, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
San Ramon Central Park

Bay Area Children's Theatre Presents:

Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr*

Friday & Saturday, May 30 & 31, 7 pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Bay Area Children's Theatre Presents:

Disney's Cinderella Kids*

Saturday May 31, 11 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

JUNE

Bay Area Children's Theatre Presents:

Disney's Cinderella Kids*

Sunday June 1, 11 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

San Ramon Community Chorus and Dancers: Broadway and Beyond

Friday, June 6, 7:00 pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

Night at the Improv*

Friday, June 21, 8:00 pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

Contact Information

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Business License 973-2510

City Clerk 973-2539

Economic Development 973-2554

Employee Services 973-2523

Engineering 973-2670

Passport Services 973-2533

Parks & Community Services 973-3200

Planning 973-2560

Police 973-2700

Police Sub Station (Dougherty Station) ... 973-3300

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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*These events require registration or ticket purchase.

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