

# SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Spring 2016

## San Ramon Art & Wind Festival

The San Ramon Art & Wind Festival is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30 in San Ramon's Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days. This family friendly festival features professional kite flying demonstrations, 200 arts & crafts booths, entertainment on four stages, two large kids' activity areas, food booths and much more!

Mark your calendar for the San Ramon Art & Wind Festival, the BEST festival in the East Bay!



For more information, call the City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 973-3200 or visit our website at [www.ArtandWind.com](http://www.ArtandWind.com).

## New City Hall Opening Soon

The City of San Ramon will open a brand new City Hall in April 2016. The 45,000-square-foot facility will include city offices, a new council chamber, public conference rooms, and passport center, all adjacent to a spectacular glass rotunda. The City plans to have a grand opening event for the community in May to introduce their new City Hall Building.

The City Hall building will serve as a catalyst for a number of improvements



along Bollinger Canyon Road. The \$750 million City Center Bishop Ranch project, built by Sunset Development, is estimated to break ground in March, the renovated Skate

Park will open by Summer of 2016, and renovations to the San Ramon Library will be completed in early 2017. These new projects collectively will help to create a Civic Area for the community and will be the downtown that San Ramon residents have sought for years.



**ELECTIONS AHEAD**

## City Election Information

July 18, 2016. The filing deadline is August 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. If one of the incumbents does not file by August 12, the Nomination Period closing date will be extended for 5 days to August 17, 2016.

There will be an informational meeting scheduled in June for those interested in becoming a candidate. The meeting will cover the legal requirements of candidacy as well as other relevant information about the commitment involved in becoming an elected official. Please visit the City website for further information; [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov).



**Are you registered to vote?** New residents, as well as residents who will be 18 before the election, are encouraged to register. You need to re-register to vote when you move, change your name, or change your political party affiliation.

Voter Registration forms are available at the City Clerk's office and the public libraries or you can register online at <http://registertovote.ca.gov/>. The Contra Costa County Elections Department website, <http://www.cocovote.us/voter-registration/> has complete information on voter registration, absentee ballots, poll locations, and election results.

**T**he City of San Ramon will hold Municipal Elections on November 8, 2016. This Election will be for three seats, Mayor and two City Councilmembers. The Candidate's Nomination Period begins on

## On-Call Collection of Electronics and Hazardous Items

**S**an Ramon residents can have used electronics and household hazardous waste collected from their doorsteps as many times as needed, any time of the year, at no additional charge. Items collected include: computers, televisions, cell phones, DVDs, microwaves, electronics, batteries, fluorescent lights, paint, motor oil, needles, and household chemicals.



Starting April 1st, San Ramon residents can also set out household batteries for recycling on their regular collection day, at no additional cost. Batteries must be enclosed in a clear plastic bag (e.g. a Ziploc sandwich bag) and

set out on top of the recycling cart. Batteries should not be placed inside of the recycling cart or on the ground next to the cart. Household batteries include: AAA, AA, B, C, D, 9-volt, small button batteries, rechargeable batteries, and cell phone batteries.

*To schedule a pick-up, call 1-800-449-7587, or visit Waste Management's website at: [www.curbsideinc.com](http://www.curbsideinc.com)*

## Fountain Schedules

**M**ake a splash this spring and summer! The City owns and operates two participatory play fountains, one at Central Park and one at Rancho San Ramon Park. These fountains typically run from April through October, weather permitting. At



times, the fountains will be down for maintenance or renovation. To find the most current updates, please visit the City's website for the full fountain schedule including run times, current conditions, and maintenance issues at [www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/facilities-mnt.htm#fountain](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/facilities-mnt.htm#fountain).



## Bike to Work Day 2016

**Save the Date! San Ramon Residents – Gear Up for Bike to Work Day – May 12, 2016**

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!

Go to [www.511contracosta.org](http://www.511contracosta.org) for more information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Transportation Division at (925) 973-2650.

## Spare the Air Every Day

**H**elp reduce pollution and prevent Spare the Air Alerts! Here are some great ways to Spare the Air and find a better way to work.



Make the change from driving alone to **carpooling, taking transit, bicycling** or **walking** for your work commute and 511 Contra Costa will reward you with the **Drive Less Commuter Incentive Program**.

- Get \$50 just to try another way to get to work.

Or how about **vanpooling** to work for those longer commutes? 511 Contra Costa will reward you with a **Vanpool Passenger & Driver Incentive**.

- Get reimbursed 50% for joining a vanpool for the first three months.
- Start a new vanpool; you could be eligible for a \$1,000 driver bonus.

Whether you make the switch one day out of the week or five days a week, driving less can make a difference!

*Contact the Transportation Division for more information on commuter incentives for carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking or taking transit at (925) 973-2650 or visit <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/default.htm>*

## Free Sustainability Workshop

**When: April 12, 2016  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Where:  
Amador Rancho Center  
Rancho San Ramon Park  
Russell Room**



**1998 Rancho Park Loop Rd.  
(Future) Dougherty Rd.  
& Bollinger Canyon Rd.**

**T**he City will be hosting a free workshop called “Sustainable Citizen.” This fun and informational class is designed to teach simple and effective ways to incorporate sustainable practices into your everyday life. Topics covered include recycling, waste prevention, water conservation, and energy efficiency. The Sustainable Citizen class is free, however, registration is required and space is limited.

To register, please go to [www.sanramonrecguide.com](http://www.sanramonrecguide.com) and search for barcode #100160.

## Sports Field Maintenance

Since November, City staff has been working to complete soccer field renovations at Central Park (Fields 1-5), Athan Downs (Fields 1-4), Hidden Valley, Creekside, East Branch, Rancho San Ramon, and Coyote Crossing. During these winter renovations, the fields are evaluated, and soil is brought in to fill in low spots to even out the playing service. The turf areas are dethatched to expose soil and prepare the fields for aeration. The turf is then over-seeded, using a tractor-pulled slit seeder that cuts the seed into the soil. Finally, the fields are top-dressed with compost to promote the seed germination.

Baseball fields are also renovated during the winter months. The turf sidelines and infields are repaired using either seed or sod. The infield



material is shattered or tilled, new infield material is added to provide for a safe and even playing surface, and pitcher mounds are repaired. Then new pitching rubbers, home plates, and base anchors are installed, if needed.

These preparations ensure that the fields are in top playing condition for spring and summer sports.

## Reporting Dead Birds – Vector Control

The Contra Costa County Vector Control Division handles all reports of dead birds, for West Nile Virus testing.

*Should you come across a dead bird, please visit:*

*<http://www.contracostamosquito.com/> or call 877-WNV-BIRD (968-2473).*

## Causes of Potholes and How to Report Them

Potholes develop more frequently in the winter months. The cause can be attributed mainly to water intrusion. Water seeps through hairline cracks on the surface of the pavement, then enters into the sub-base, affecting the integrity of the surrounding pavement. With the El Niño season upon us and excessive rainfall expected, it is inevitable that potholes will develop. If you notice a pothole, please contact the Public Services Division at (925)973-2800 or you can generate a work request by



using the City's CRM system, by clicking on "Contact Us" on the City's homepage at [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov). Upon receiving your request, Public Services maintenance staff are dispatched to temporarily patch the pothole using a cold asphalt emulsion. If the pothole or pavement is severely damaged, the work request will be assigned to City's Engineering Services Division, in order to be evaluated, prioritized, and repaired under the Annual Pavement Management Program.

# I-580 Express Lanes – Are Open through Livermore, Pleasanton and Dublin

**A FasTrak® or FasTrak Flex Toll Tag is required to use the lanes**  
**Carpoolers ride toll-free with FasTrak Flex – Get yours now!**



**T**he I-580 Express Lanes, on east- and westbound I-580 through the Tri-Valley, are open! The I-580 Express Lanes are toll-free for carpools, vanpools, motorcycles, buses and eligible clean-air vehicles (with a green or white sticker) as long as you carry a FasTrak® Flex toll tag set to 2 or 3+. Solo drivers can choose to pay a toll using a FasTrak or FasTrak Flex toll tag to access the lanes for a more reliable trip. Getting your FasTrak toll tag and opening an account is easy at [www.BayAreaFasTrak.org](http://www.BayAreaFasTrak.org).

*Learn more and sign up to receive express lane updates at [www.alamedactc.org/580express](http://www.alamedactc.org/580express) and*

*<https://www.facebook.com/AlamedaCountyExpressLanes>*

*Need help finding a carpool so you can use the lanes for free? [www.rideshare.511.org](http://www.rideshare.511.org)*

## Summer's Coming!!! Is your passport current?

**I**n 2006 there was a surge in passport applications due to requirement changes for travel to Mexico and Canada. Now, 10 years later, all those passports are expiring. Due to the expected number of renewals, processing times may be longer than usual. Check your passport expiration date and re-apply early! The good news is you can renew by mail!! By filling out form DS-82 and enclosing one new photo, the filing fee, and your old passport, you can mail your application to the State Department for processing. Please check the State Department's website for the form, instructions, and current processing times, [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)



## Forest Home Farms Historic Park & Glass House Museum



**Open Tuesday -  
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Fun on the Farm Activities:  
Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Glass House Tours:  
Saturday at 2:00 p.m.**

- Take the Self-Guided Tour
- Tour the Victorian Glass House Museum at 2 p.m. every Saturday (\$5 fee, credit card only)
- Visit the Tractor Barn and see the restored antique tractors and engines
- Shop for unique gifts and toys in the Gift Shoppe open on Saturdays 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Group Tours and programs may be scheduled by appointment during closed hours. Call (925) 973-3284 for information.

### FREE Fun on the Farm Activities

APRIL _____	MAY _____
April 2 - Butterflies and Bugs	May 7 -Thinking of Mom
April 9 – Working Wool	May 14 - Buzzing Bees
April 16 – Caring for Mother Earth	May 21 - Spring on the Farm
April 23 – Sheep Shearing Day	May 28 - Working Dogs
April 30 - Packing for Pioneer Life	





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**EVENTS MARCH – MAY 2016**

**MARCH 2016**

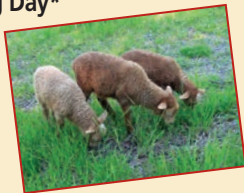
**Friday Foreign Film Series: *Ida*\***  
 March 25  
*Front Row Theater*

**APRIL 2016**

**Jumpin' at the Sun: *Metamorphosis*\***  
 April 1-2  
*Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center*

**Spring Fashion Show and Tea\***  
 April 16  
*San Ramon Community Center at Central Park*

**Sheep Shearing Day\***  
 April 23  
*Forest Home Farms Historic Park*



**Clint Black\***  
 April 24  
*Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center*

**Sing-A-Long Wizard of Oz\***  
 April 30  
*Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center*

**MAY 2016**

**Astronomy Night**  
 May 6  
*Rancho San Ramon Community Park*

**Friday Foreign Film Series: *About Elly*\***  
 May 13  
*Front Row Theater*

**Senior & Community Live Well Resource Fair**  
 May 14  
*Alcosta Senior and Community Center*



**San Ramon Symphonic Band Concerts: Pop Hits Playlist\***  
 May 27  
*Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center*

**San Ramon Art and Wind Festival**  
 May 29-30  
*Central Park*

*\*These events require registration or ticket purchase.*

For more information, please visit [www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks](http://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

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