

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



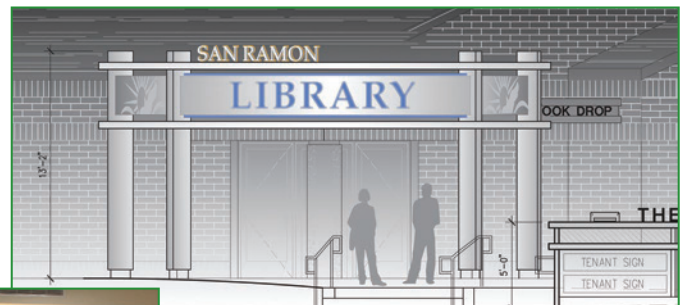
Spring 2017

San Ramon Library Grand Opening – April 15, 2017

The newly renovated San Ramon Library is opening its doors to the community on April 15, 2017. The Library has been closed to undergo major technology upgrades and to expand the usable space from 18,238 square feet to 21,362 square feet, at a cost of \$6.3 million. The renovation was funded primarily through the sale of the old city hall building.

The library has been designed to meet the needs of our evolving tech savvy community. Many furniture pieces have built-in power outlets and USB ports to allow visitors the ability to easily connect and power their devices. Customers will be able to check-out a laptop for use during their visit, or use one of the many, new public computers. The second floor has been expanded to add over 3,124 square feet; with a larger meeting room that can open up to the entire second floor and features state-of-the-art audio visual equipment.

The early reader area will now include two “Burgeon Seed Pods” that were purchased by the San Ramon Library Foundation. These colorful literacy nooks provide interactive panels designed to develop literacy skills through play.



The teen area is on the second floor and provides an excellent space to work on homework and projects.

Local San Ramon teenagers were polled and their feedback was used to create a space that teens will feel welcome and has amenities that meet their needs. The space has two group study rooms as well as a “technology bar” where teens can plug in their devices. The second floor also features a jazz music area that has two listening rooms.

The Grand Opening event is planned for April 15, 2017, and there will be plenty of fun activities for all ages. There will also be over 6,500 new books for opening day. The renovated library will be a great addition to the community, providing a space for people of all ages to come together.

Transit Ticket Sales

Did you know the City of San Ramon offices sell County Connection passes? You can find sale locations by calling the Public Works - Transportation Division at (925) 973-2650 or by visiting: www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/commaltemative.htm.

As of March 1, 2017, the City will no longer sell BART passes. BART has discontinued the sale of the BART paper passes and is encouraging residents to sign up for the Clipper Card to receive discounted ticket fare. You can purchase Clipper Cards and find retail locations that sell Clipper Cards by visiting: www.clippercard.com.



Renovation of the 1850's Russell Barn at Forest Home Farms Historic Park

When the Mexican-American War ended in 1848, and California achieved statehood in 1850, Jose Maria Amador began selling parcels of his extensive land holdings. Early pioneers, Samuel and Esther Russell purchased 750 acres from Amador in 1851-1852. They named the property Forest Home Farms. Russell and carpenter Mark Elliott from Tassajara built the Russell home using redwood from Moraga's hills. Soon after the purchase, the Russells constructed a house and a barn to support their barley, wheat, and hay crops and cattle-raising.

After surviving major earthquakes in 1861, 1906, and 1989, the barn is now deemed seismically unsafe. Following a 2014 structural assessment conducted by ATI Architects and Engineers, the City of San Ramon and the San Ramon Historic Foundation recognized the urgency of preventing further damage to this irreplaceable piece of the Valley's agricultural past. The project cost estimate is \$757,000. The City received \$485,000 from the Contra Costa County Park Dedication Trust Fund. The San Ramon Historic Foundation paid for half of the design cost and has pledged to fund \$250,000 of the estimated reconstruction cost. The Foundation works in partnership with the City of San Ramon to preserve and promote the agricultural history of the San Ramon Valley and the life of its early pioneers.

The City has executed an agreement with HM Construction to perform the restoration of the Ole 1850s Barn.



Restoration, scheduled to begin in March 2017, requires dismantling the barn, with each piece having to be carefully numbered and stored pending reconstruction. The barn will hold interpretive materials and be opened to the public once completed. It will become a featured part of the

educational field trips that take place throughout the year.

Forest Home Farms Historic Park at 19953 San Ramon Valley Boulevard, is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM. On Saturdays from 11 AM - 2 PM free Fun on the Farm events for the whole family are available.

For a complete schedule of events or to schedule a tour or program, visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks.



Children's Fountain Schedule



Where can children "chill out" this summer? Visit one of the City's children's participatory play fountains, located at Central Park and Rancho San Ramon Park. The fountains run from April through October, weather permitting. At times, they may be down for maintenance or renovation, so to find current updates, as well as the fountain schedule, visit the City's website at: www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/facilities-mnt.htm#fountain.

Bike to Work Day 2017

Save the date! San Ramon Residents – Gear Up for Bike to Work Day – May 11, 2017

Bike to Work Day encourages residents and commuters to try bicycling to work! This event 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, an energizer station will be located



along the Iron Horse Trail at Bollinger Canyon Road from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

The month of May is also 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 for more information. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works - Transportation Division at (925) 973-2650.

Bollinger Canyon Road Improvements Near City Center To Begin Soon

Construction of the Bollinger Canyon Road improvements is scheduled to begin in spring/summer 2017, in coordination with the construction of the City Center Plaza District private development project. Improvements to Bollinger Canyon Road include: widening of the roadway to the north to four lanes in each direction and resurfacing and restriping between I-680 and Market Place. Additional improvements within the same roadway section include: increasing the length of some existing turn lanes; adding new turn lanes; median modifications; ADA improvements; streetlight upgrades; traffic signal modifications; and the installation of new landscape irrigated with recycled water.



During construction, traffic control will be in place and lane reductions will be installed. Although some construction impacts cannot be avoided, every effort will be made to limit traffic impacts to the traveling public. The City will enter into a cost-sharing reimbursement agreement with Sunset Development to complete these necessary improvements prior to fall 2018 in coordination with the anticipated opening of the City Center Plaza District Project. The City Center Plaza District Project will include 300,000 square feet of shopping, dining, and entertainment, including a 10-screen luxury movie theater for visitors to enjoy.

Let's Play Ball!

It's that time of year again! Staff is diligently working to renovate the ballfields throughout San Ramon. Staff has been repairing turf areas where tripping hazards have developed by rototilling, amending, overseeding, and resodding in some areas. Additionally, the skinned



infield dirt areas are being graded, leveled, and groomed. The City's Sportsfield crew, along with Parks maintenance staff, worked together to ensure that those fields scheduled for renovation were completed in time to "Play Ball" when the Little League season began.

Spare The Air Every Day!



Help reduce pollution and prevent Spare the Air Alerts! Here are some great ways to Spare the Air and find a better alternative to work:

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

Get \$25 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 Vanpool Passenger & Driver Incentives.

Get reimbursed 50% for joining a Vanpool for your first three (3) months.

Start a new Vanpool and 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! Please visit: www.sparetheair.org/make-a-difference/spare-the-air-every-day for additional information.

Contact the Public Works Transportation Division for more information on commuter incentives for carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking, or taking transit at (925) 973-2650 or by visiting: www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/tdm.htm.

Blooming Trees

San Ramon has a variety of blooming trees planted throughout the City. Pictured below are a sample of a few types of trees you will find in bloom during spring. Can you match the name of each of the four trees to its corresponding photo?

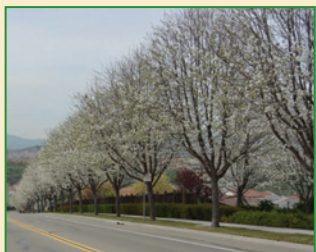
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- ◆ Red Maple/*Acer Rubrum*
- ◆ Crab Apple/*Malus*
- ◆ Ornamental Pear/*Pyrus*



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2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

Key: 1) Crab Apple / Malus 2) Purpleleaf Plum / Prunus Cerasifera 3) Ornamental Pear / Pyrus 4) Red Maple / Acer Rubrum

Where Does My Property Tax Go?

Every year property owners in San Ramon are required to pay property tax based on the assessed value of what they own. Property tax revenue accounts for almost 35% of City revenue and is in fact the largest single source for City services. With the cost of housing in San Ramon it would seem like the City should be flush with cash! However, that is not the case. In fact the actual amount of revenue received by the City is quite a bit less than one would expect and the City's ability to generate revenue through property tax is very limited.

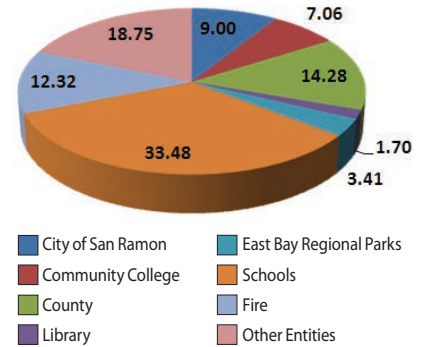
There are several reasons why the actual City revenues from property tax are lower than one would expect. Property tax is based on the valuation of property set at the time of purchase. Due to Proposition 13 passed back in 1978 (prior to the City's incorporation) property tax only increases by a maximum of two percent per

year until the property is sold. Even though homes are sold at a high price today and the value of your home is quite high, property tax only changes when a sale occurs. Our long time residents in fact contribute less revenue to the City relative to new neighbors.

So what does the City actually receive in property tax revenue? The City's share is approximately 9 cents for every one dollar spent on property taxes. Additionally, due to prior tax sharing agreements, over one million dollars in tax money does not return to City coffers. The other major recipients of property tax include the following local agencies: San Ramon Valley Unified School District at 33.4 cents per dollar, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District at 12.3 cents per dollar, and the Contra Costa County General Fund at 14.2 cents per dollar. This means that property tax

from a house valued at \$750,000 contributes only \$675 to the City's general fund.

Local Property Tax Distribution (%)



Please note this chart is a sample tax allocation, actual allocations will vary.

As San Ramon continues to experience growth over the next ten years, the City is exploring ways to ensure there is adequate revenue to provide for the quality services citizens expect. Due to the constraints in the way property tax is provided to the City, it will be necessary for the City to explore additional ways to fund services in the long run.

Spring Cleaning: On-call Collection of Electronics & Hazardous Items

Residents can have used electronics and household hazardous waste collected from their doorsteps at no additional charge. Items collected include computers, televisions, cell phones, microwaves, electronics, batteries, fluorescent lights, paint, motor oil, needles, and household chemicals. To schedule a pick-up call 1-800-449-7587, or visit At Your Door Special Collection online: www.wmatyourdoor.com.

Residents also receive three neighborhood clean-up days per



year for collection of non-hazardous items. See www.sanramon.wm.com and click on "Special Clean-Up" for a list of acceptable items and the 2017 clean-up day schedule by address.

Unwanted medicine can be dropped off at the San Ramon Police Dept., 2401 Crow Canyon

Road, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Needles and other medical sharps - enclosed in safe, sealed containers - can be disposed of at any time at the drop-off kiosk in front of the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District office at 1500 Bollinger Canyon Road.

Residents can also recycle household batteries by putting them in a sealed plastic bag and placing the bag of batteries on top of their recycle cart on their regular collection day.



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MARCH 2017 – MAY 2017 EVENTS

March

San Ramon Valley Community Fair
March 28
Dougherty Valley High School

Average White Band*
March 31
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

April

Family Yoga Night*
April 14
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

Jumpin' at the Sun's Spring Performance
April 14-15
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

San Ramon Library Grand Opening
April 15
San Ramon Library

Friday Foreign Film Series: The Fencer*
April 21
Front Row Theater

San Ramon Historic Foundation's Sheep Shearing Day*
April 22
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

San Ramon Senior Center Foundation's Spring Fashion Show and Tea*
April 22
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Cultural Connection: A Multicultural Dance Event*
April 22
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



Night at the Improv: Earth Day*
April 22
Front Row Theater

San Ramon Youth Symphony Concert
April 24
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

San Ramon Arts Foundation: Sing Along Mary Poppins*
April 29
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

May

Open Space Hike/Walk Series: Western Hills*
May 6
Bishop Ranch Open Space

Friday Foreign Film Series: The Second Mother*
May 12
Front Row Theater

Senior & Community Live Well Resource Fair
May 13
Alcosta Senior & Community Center



San Ramon Symphonic Band: Symphony in the Round*
May 26
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

Art and Wind Festival
May 28-29
Central Park

**These events require registration or ticket purchase.*

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

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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

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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
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