



Summer 2015

## Save Our WATER



The State of California has experienced four consecutive years of below-average rain and snow, and is currently facing severe drought conditions. On April 1, 2015 to protect California's dwindling water supplies Governor Brown issued a Drought Executive Order that directed the State Water Resources Control Board to implement mandatory water reductions in cities and towns across California to reduce potable urban water usage by 25 percent.

San Ramon's water providers, East Bay Municipal Utility District and Dublin San Ramon Services District, are in full compliance with the new state mandates. The objective is to reduce potable water (suitable for drinking) by 20 percent to avoid critical shortages. For residents, the most significant change is a complete ban on outdoor irrigation between the hours of 9:00 am and 6:00 pm and



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no irrigation at all within 48 hours of measurable rainfall. You will also need to comply with the 2 non-consecutive days a week maximum watering rule.

There are many simple things residents can do to save water in your daily activities. These include: more water efficient fixtures in your home, locating and repairing small leaks, changing your outdoor landscaping, mulching, and creative re-use of water.

The City is not exempt from these new mandates, and has already taken aggressive steps to reduce water use.

### Our eight point plan includes:

1. Advise residents and businesses of the water conservation and enforcement requirements and restrictions on private [non-City] property.
2. Immediately investigate and repair all City water leaks and breaks with specific priority and staff resource attention to potable accounts.
3. Implement mandatory and voluntary water conservation and saving measures as a water customer to achieve further water use reductions.
4. Submit letter of exception to EBMUD on two provisions of their restrictions on selected potable water meter accounts related to irrigation of sports fields.
5. Suspend planting projects including new plantings and renovations in streetscapes until at least November.
6. Educate residents and businesses on the City's efforts on water conservation and drought measurements including signage advising use of recycled and recirculated water systems.
7. Bring forward alternatives to current City projects that may be impacted by the drought restrictions and water conservation measures.
8. Update the City's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

As we enter the heaviest water consuming months, please partner with us to protect one of our most valuable resources.

**For the latest information on water and conservation tips please visit our water suppliers at [www.ebmud.com](http://www.ebmud.com) or [www.dsrsd.com](http://www.dsrsd.com).**

## Park Project Updates

In preparation for summer park use, the playgrounds at Old Ranch Park and Richard Fahey Village Green were recently upgraded. Staff conducted neighborhood meetings in September of 2014 to collect input on playground design features. Following approval by both the Parks and Community Services Commission and the City Council, staff worked with the playground installer to finalize the playground designs. Renovations began in March of 2015 and both playgrounds were completed and re-opened to the public in April of 2015.



*Richard Fahey Village Green Playground*

## Parks Make Life Better Events

The “Parks Make Life Better” program started in the fall of 2011. Each year, the City’s Public Services staff identifies sites where volunteer assistance in maintaining parks would be beneficial. Some of the tasks for the Parks Make Life Better events are: planting, pruning, spreading mulch, painting fences, sanding, and general cleanup. Staff works each event, alongside volunteers, providing direction and coordination. The Public Services Department has also constructed a dedicated equipment trailer with all of the necessary rakes, shovels, and other tools that participants need.

To date, there have been 22 events at 13 locations, with 733 volunteers providing 1,909 hours of service.

If you would like to be a part of one of these amazing events, visit: <http://citylights.volunteerhub.com/Events/Index>.

**The final events of the season are as follows:**

**June 27, 2015 – Ramona Park and August 22, 2015 – Boone Acres**



*Parks Make Life Better – Coyote Crossing Event – April 25, 2015*

## San Ramon Library is Getting a Makeover!

The San Ramon City Council approved \$4.6 million for the construction phase of the library's much anticipated expansion and renovation. The project will create a new state-of-the-art library within the current building. The second floor is being expanded and existing spaces will be repurposed and re-imagined to increase the public space by 7,000 square feet. The plan calls for bright, inviting décor and updated furnishings. It includes

larger spaces for kids and teens, areas for quiet reading, seven study rooms, and technology upgrades and infrastructure to support the community's high expectations for information access.

San Ramon Library closes on Monday, August 17, 2015 and will remain closed through 2016 as the project progresses. During the closure, hours at Dougherty Station Library will be increased to match the current San Ramon Library schedule including

Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Sunday afternoons. Limited library services will also be available at the San Ramon Community Center where library customers will be able to pick up holds, return items, attend regular storytimes, and access laptops for quick hit computing. For current information about library hours, services and events visit [www.ccclib.org](http://www.ccclib.org) or call San Ramon Library at 925-973-2850.

## Free Sustainability Workshop

**When:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015 ♦ 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Alcosta Room ♦ San Ramon Community Center

12501 Alcosta Blvd., Central Park ♦ Alcosta Blvd and Bollinger Canyon Rd.

The City will be hosting a new free workshop called "Sustainable Citizen." This fun, exciting 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 instructor, Todd Sutton - aka "The Waste Sleuth" - is an expert with over



20 years in the environmental field. He has appeared on national television including the Discovery and History channels. For more information on Todd see [www.WasteSleuth.com](http://www.WasteSleuth.com)

The Sustainable Citizen class is free but registration is required and space is limited.

**To register, please go to [www.sanramonrecguide.com](http://www.sanramonrecguide.com) and search for barcode #96323.**

## Summer Youth Passes



County Connection Summer Youth Passes are valid from June 14th – September 30th. The passes are for sale for \$15, and are good for 20 rides for students ages 6 to 18. For a list of San Ramon facilities where passes can be purchased, please visit the City of San Ramon website: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/transitnews.htm](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/transitnews.htm).

## Student Transit Ticket Program

The City of San Ramon in concert with 511 Contra Costa provides public transit tickets as an alternative to driving students to school. San Ramon students will receive two 12-ride County Connection transit tickets. This offer is available for a maximum of 3 students per household while supplies last. Please check the City of San Ramon homepage in August for the program application.

## Property Assessed Clean Energy Project Financing

The San Ramon Climate Action Plan encourages local energy efficient and resource conservation projects as a greenhouse gas reduction strategy. Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs can promote local improvement projects by providing an alternative funding mechanism.

PACE programs allow residential and commercial property owners to finance up to 100% of eligible projects with little or no up-front costs. These property improvement loans are paid back over time as a voluntary property tax assessment on the existing property tax bill. Examples of qualified projects include:

- Windows, Skylights, & Doors
- Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning
- Solar Panels
- Roofing & Insulation
- Water Heating
- Artificial Turf
- Drought Tolerant Landscaping
- Drip Irrigation
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Other qualified projects

Three PACE programs are currently available in San Ramon, each offering a variety of programs, financing options and loan terms. The availability of multiple PACE providers within the City encourages competition and allows property owners to select a program that is best suited to their specific needs. Each PACE provider has qualified installation contractors and administers all aspects of qualifying people and properties for the programs. Additional information on each program can be found at:

### California Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program

Visit: [www.heroprogram.com/SanRamon](http://www.heroprogram.com/SanRamon) or call 855-HERO-411 (855) 437-6411.

### CaliforniaFIRST-Energy Upgrade Financing

Visit: [CaliforniaFIRST.org](http://CaliforniaFIRST.org) or call (844) 589-7953.

### Figtree Financing PACE Program

Visit: [www.figtreefinancing.com](http://www.figtreefinancing.com) or call (877) 577-7373.

## Outdoor Event Spaces Still Available for Summer!



The City of San Ramon proudly features multiple outdoor event settings for ceremonies, receptions and private events. These rental spaces provide the opportunity for a private rental experience that incorporates an indoor and outdoor space for your event. The Alcosta Senior and Community Center, Dougherty Station Community Center, San Ramon Community Center and the newly opened Amador Rancho Center, are all equipped with outdoor rental areas for your next event. Rental promotions are currently available.



For more information, please contact our staff at 973-3200.

## Shape the Future of Recycling in San Ramon

We need your input! San Ramon is beginning to develop new garbage, recycling, and composting service agreements that will be implemented in 2019.

We are seeking resident feedback on our current programs: What services do you like? What could be improved? In addition, we are looking for your ideas and suggestions for the future,



and resident prioritization of some new programs that we are considering.

Please use the link below to visit our "Open San Ramon" webpage and take the "Recycle 2020" survey on solid waste and recycling services: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/openst/default.htm>

# Run San Ramon 10K Run, 5K Fun Run & Walk

Looking for a fun way to start the holiday in a healthy and family friendly environment? Then join the City of San Ramon this Independence Day for its 23rd annual 4th of July Run San Ramon 10K Run and 5K Run and Walk. Enjoy the measured, paved and looped course. This is a fun, flat, paved route that is dog and stroller friendly beginning at the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd.

The Run San Ramon race is open to all ages. The Mayor's Cup is awarded to the winning pre-registered San



Ramon resident, male & female (5K & 10K). Trophies will be awarded to the winning male and female of both races and medals will go to the top three in each age division, male and female. The Mayor's Crown trophy will be awarded to

the lowest combined times of the 2014 Bah Humbug and 2015 Run San Ramon pre-registered 5k runner (male and female). All pre-registered participants receive a t-shirt prior to the event start time. All race day registrants will receive their shirts upon completion of the race on a "first come-first served" basis.

Race day registration begins at 6:45 am and the first race starts at 8:15 am.

**Registration forms and online registration can be accessed at: [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com), Search "Run San Ramon", or at [www.SanRamon.ca.gov](http://www.SanRamon.ca.gov).**

## Camp Central

Camp Central is an award winning flexible full or half day summer camp program that provides fun, educational and active experiences for children all summer long. Each week you choose a morning and/or afternoon camp as well as the extended care options that you need. Camp Central offers many different camps to choose from including Visual and Performing Arts, Sports, and Enrichment. Camp Central is offered at two facilities this summer: Central Park and Dougherty Station Community Center.

**For more information on camps offered, schedule, and pricing visit [www.SanRamonCampCentral.com](http://www.SanRamonCampCentral.com) or call (925) 973-3200.**





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## Residential Customer

### JUNE – AUGUST 2015 EVENTS

#### JUNE 2015

**Parks Make Life Better Volunteer Day\***  
June 27  
Ramona Park - 6330 Murdock Way

#### JULY 2015

**Run San Ramon 10K/5K\***  
July 4  
San Ramon Central Park

**Fourth of July Beach Party**  
**Featuring: California Beach Boys**  
July 4  
San Ramon Central Park

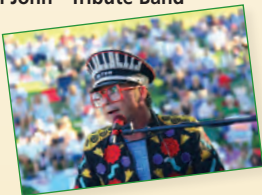


**Summer Concerts in the Park**  
**Featuring: Big Bang Beat**  
July 12  
San Ramon Central Park

**Summer Concerts in the Park**  
**Featuring: Notorious**  
July 19  
San Ramon Central Park

**Shrek Jr.\***  
July 23 – 24  
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

**Summer Concerts in the Park**  
**Featuring: Elton John - Tribute Band**  
July 26  
San Ramon Central Park



#### AUGUST 2015

**Summer Concerts in the Park**  
**Featuring: Rebel Yell**  
August 2  
San Ramon Central Park

**San Ramon Community Theater\***  
**The Mousetrap**  
August 7 – 23  
Front Row Theater

**Thank You San Ramon!**  
**Outdoor Movie: Big Hero 6**  
August 7  
Rancho San Ramon Community Park – 1998  
Rancho Park Loop Rd

**Summer Concerts in the Park**  
**Featuring: ForeJour**  
August 9  
San Ramon Central Park



**Thank You San Ramon!**  
**Dive-In Movie: Hook**  
August 14  
San Ramon Olympic Pool



**Parks Make Life Better Volunteer Day\***  
August 22  
Boone Acres – Davona Dr/Pine Valley Rd

\*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*  
Harry Sachs, *Vice Mayor*  
David E. Hudson, *Councilmember*  
Philip G. O'Loane, *Councilmember*  
Scott Perkins, *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

[www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov)