

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Winter 2013

Get Involved In Your City

Want to become more involved in your City government? Residents are needed as members of various City and County committees and commissions. For full descriptions of these committees and commissions, meeting days and times, and the responsibilities of the positions, please visit our website: www.sanramon.ca.gov/bcc/board.htm. Click "Openings" at the top of the



page to view current openings. To apply, fill out an application on the link provided. Please contact the City Clerk's Department at 925-973-2538 if you have any questions.

Celebrate the Holidays in San Ramon!

The holidays are about family and friends. Relax and spend more time with them. Take advantage of all San Ramon has to offer in the way of shopping, restaurants, and entertainment. Visit Shop San Ramon First, www.shopsanramonfirst.com, to locate stores and coupons. If you have out of town guests, utilize San Ramon hotels. San Ramon's variety of dining venues can be viewed and downloaded at www.sanramon.ca.gov/econdev/restaurant.html. Remember, patronizing local businesses will save you time, gas, and money.

Looking for family fun and entertainment? Don't miss the holiday offerings at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center and the Front Row Theatre. There is something spectacular for everyone to see, hear, and enjoy for the holidays. Check the schedule of events at www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com or see the back page of this newsletter for more city-wide events.



BE LOCAL, BUY LOCAL.
Keep your sales tax dollars in San Ramon!

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San Ramon Recycles Christmas Trees Three Ways



Residents are provided with three convenient options to recycle Christmas trees:

- 1. Boy Scouts of America Annual Fundraiser**
Tree Pick-Up Day is Saturday, January 4, 2014. For a \$5 donation, local Boy Scouts will pick up your tree. Visit www.SanRamonScouts.org, e-mail SanRamonTrees@yahoo.com, or call 925-362-8960.
- 2. Waste Management Yard Trimmings / Green Waste Cart**
Cut tree into lengths that will easily fit into cart and allow lid to completely close. Place tree pieces into cart any time after holidays.
- 3. Special One-Time Tree Pickup Week of January 6, 2014**
Set out tree at curb for pickup by a special truck. Cut larger trees into lengths of 6 feet or less.

For trees with flocking, tinsel or tree stands: call Waste Management at (925) 837-3356 to arrange for collection at an additional pick-up fee.

To All San Ramon Business Owners and Residents

Own a business in San Ramon? If you own a business physically located in San Ramon, your business license registration entitles you to a free listing on the Shop San Ramon First website. The Shop San Ramon First website is designed to create connections between local businesses and residents. If you are a current business license holder, log on at www.shopsanramonfirst.com and claim or add your business!! The new website allows business owners to post new services or merchandise, provide coupon offerings, and post job openings.



The interactive directory allows visitors to find coupons, view menus, map business locations, check store hours, and ask questions. Remember, BE LOCAL, BUY LOCAL. Shop San Ramon First and keep your sales tax dollars working in your City.



WWW.SPARETHEAIR.ORG



The Winter Spare the Air program notifies residents when particulate matter levels are anticipated to be unhealthy. On these high pollution days, the Air District will issue a Winter Spare the Air Alert which prohibits wood burning throughout the Bay Area. From November 1 through the end of February, under the Air District's wood-burning regulation, when a Winter Spare the Air Alert has been called, burning wood, firelogs, pellets, or any other solid fuels in your fireplace, woodstove, or other wood-burning device is illegal.

Residents and businesses can call 1-877-4NO-BURN (1-877-466-2876) to check the Winter Spare the Air Alert status and to report wood smoke concerns in their area. To register to receive phone alerts call 1-800-430-1515. To register for e-mail alerts go to <http://baaqmdsparetheair.enviroflash.info>. Once you have registered, you will remain in the system for subsequent Winter Spare the Air seasons.

San Ramon Government 101

The San Ramon City Clerk's Department will host the 6th session of Government 101. The class goal is to enhance understanding of local government, City departmental functions and encourage participation in the City's various committees and commissions.

The class will be presented on six consecutive Mondays starting on February 24, 2014. Sessions will be

held in various City facilities based on the presenting department. There will be a formal recognition of class participants at the Tuesday, April 8, 2014 City Council meeting.

The class is free but space is limited. Information and applications are available on the City's homepage at www.sanramon.ca.gov. Contact the City Clerk's office at 925-973-2538 for additional information.

Get Charged Up and Get Ready to Go!

You can now get charged up at two locations in San Ramon. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations are located in front of the Council Chamber in the City Hall parking lot and in the Permit Center/Police Department parking lot. Please remember to unplug your vehicle after it's fully charged, so others can **get charged up and ready to go!**

The Charging Stations can be accessed via any of the following means:

- ChargePass RFID based Smart Cards (or Key Fobs)
- Contactless Credit Cards, such as MasterCard PayPass™, Visa payWave®, etc.
- Phone call to the customer service number on every ChargePoint charging station
- www.chargepoint.com

For more information regarding the charging stations, please contact Darlene Amaral, Transportation Analyst at 925-973-2655.

Street Smarts Taught Traffic Safety to Over 2,500 Students in the Fall



Street Smarts, a traffic safety education program that serves the San Ramon Valley, held events with over 2,500 students at San Ramon



elementary schools in the fall. Traffic safety assemblies were held for all students at Walt Disney Elementary, Quail Run Elementary, and Hidden Hills Elementary. Sam the Safety



Car, a robotic educational vehicle, helped teach younger students about bicycle and pedestrian safety. Older students watched a video called "Street Smarts News," which features two student news anchors who report on traffic safety stories.

Over 250 students attended bicycle rodeos at Quail Run, Hidden Hills, and Twin Creeks Elementary Schools. These rodeos, featured obstacle courses that give students the chance

to practice their bicycle handling skills. The students also had their helmets and bikes checked to make sure their equipment was safe.

Street Smarts will be holding more assemblies and bike rodeos in the spring. To see if your child's elementary school is on our schedule, visit the Street Smarts website www.street-smarts.com or call 925-314-3382.

Welcome to Kaiser Permanente

San Ramon welcomes another medical facility with the opening of the new Kaiser Permanente medical offices at 2300 Camino Ramon as of November 14, 2013. Family medical services, from grandfather



to granddaughter, care for the whole family is offered including pediatrics, women's health, sports medicine, physical therapy, dermatology, and a pharmacy, lab and imaging all in one place! Kaiser Permanente has

opened a state of the art medical office with extended hours Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., including the lunch hour. Visit www.kp.org/diablo/sanramon today and meet the doctors and learn more about their specialties!

New Building Codes and Regulations Coming January 1, 2014

The State Building Standards Commission has completed the adoption of the **2013 California Building Standards Codes**. These codes provide minimum requirements for buildings and structures constructed in California. The City of San Ramon is mandated to use these codes when approving and inspecting construction projects.

Along with the construction codes, the State Legislature passed **Senate Bill 407** which, among other things, establishes requirements for residential and commercial properties built before January 1, 1994 to replace specified plumbing fixtures with water conserving plumbing fixtures.

On and after January 1, 2014, for all building alterations or improvements to **single family**

residential property, as a condition for final permit approval, the permit applicant shall replace all noncompliant plumbing fixtures with water-conserving plumbing fixtures. **Repairs** are exempt from this requirement. Examples of repairs are reroofing a dwelling, replacing a furnace or water heater, or items that are required for maintenance of the dwelling that also require a permit.

The plumbing fixtures that require replacement are **water closets (toilets)** that use more than 1.6 gallons per flush, **shower heads** that have a flow capacity of more than 2.5 gallons per minute and any interior faucets that emit more than 2.2 gallons of water per minute. The Building and Safety Division is available to answer questions at (925) 973-2580.

Applications Accepted for the San Ramon Citizen's Police Academy

Want to know more about police work? Apply to participate in the Citizen's Police Academy – this thirteen week program is guaranteed to provide firsthand information and experience about the operation of your Police Department.

Applications are available at www.sanramon.ca.gov/police. The Academy is open to those who live or work in San Ramon and a background check is required. Classes are held on Thursday nights from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. starting January 9, 2014.

Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

There is no garbage, recycling, or green waste pick-up on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. If your service day falls on or after the holiday, your pick-up will occur one day late through Saturday. For example, if your service day is Wednesday, your Christmas week pick-up will be on Thursday, December 26. If your service day is Friday, your Christmas week pick-up will be on Saturday, December 28.

Street Smarts Storybook Poster Contest Begins on January 8

The 9th Annual Street Smarts



Storybook Poster Contest presented by Sunset Development Company and Bishop Ranch starts on January 8! Elementary school children in the San Ramon Valley are encouraged to draw illustrations for Street Smarts' 2014 traffic safety storybook, which will have the theme "Helmet Safety for the Whole Family." The winning illustrations will be featured in the final ten-page storybook, which will be distributed to thousands of children in the valley. All submitted artwork and the final storybook will be unveiled at the Storybook Poster Contest Awards Ceremony on March 12, 2014 at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center in San Ramon.

Students in grades K–5 of all artistic abilities are encouraged to participate. Entry forms and contest information will be available in January at your elementary school's front office, the Danville Community Center, Oak Hill Park Community Center, Danville Library, San Ramon Library, and Dougherty Station Library. The contest ends February 5, 2014. For more information about the contest, please visit www.street-smarts.com or contact Cathy DeLuca, Street Smarts Program Coordinator, at 925-314-3382.

Keep San Ramon Safe

The City of San Ramon Emergency Stand-by Program provides for after hours and weekend emergency response by the Public Services Department to incidents involving the City's infrastructure to ensure public safety and to protect the City's assets.

After hours are defined as:

- Weekdays after 5 p.m.
- Weekends starting at 5 p.m. Friday through 6 a.m. Monday morning
- Holidays – starting at 5 p.m. the previous business day through 6 a.m. the following business day.

Examples of Problems Requiring Immediate Attention:

- Traffic signal malfunction
- Critical traffic sign down/missing
- Debris or uprooted trees blocking traffic lanes, roadways, sidewalks
- Manhole cover missing
- Severe sidewalk and curb & gutter damage
- Plugged catch basin (during storm season)
- Hazardous waste spills

- Water line breaks in landscaping and parks
- Vandalism at city parks or facilities causing dangerous conditions

For urgent response on the above items after hours, please call Police Dispatch at (925) 973-2779. Police Dispatch will contact Public Services Stand-by staff. If you have an emergency after hours please call 9-1-1. To report routine items that can be handled by City staff during regular business hours, use the online reporting tools found at www.sanramon.ca.gov under CONTACT US.

Preparing For Storms

To reduce potential flood hazards, City of San Ramon Public Services staff regularly inspects its public facilities, including City-owned storm drains, ditches, and creeks, throughout the year. Each autumn, naturally occurring debris and illegally dumped materials are removed from the City's drainage facilities and detention ponds. Sand bags, hay bales, and straw wattles are prepared and will be readily available for residents and the Fire Department at San Ramon Central Park, Athan Downs and the San Ramon Sports

Park. For more information on the sand bag locations go to www.sanramon.ca.gov/general/storm.htm.

Leaves shall not be raked out into the street or gutter line. Leaves should be picked up and placed into a green waste container. Large concentrated piles of yard waste when vacuumed up into the sweeper may cause the sweeper to clog and break down, which will interrupt the sweeping schedule. Please remember that raking leaves into the street is considered illegal dumping.

Additional street sweeping may be necessary to keep storm drains and gutters clear. Generally, only the most affected section in a sweeping zone will be re-swept. Please note that additional special sweeps typically will not fall on the normal sweep days so you may see a sweeper in your zone during a non sweep day. The street sweeping schedule is available online at www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/street-A.asp.

Extra Holiday Garbage? Bag It!

If you have more garbage than will fit in your garbage cart, you can purchase "Bag-It" bags from the City. Place your extra garbage in the Bag-It bags, tie them off, and set them out on top of the curb next to your garbage cart on your regular collection day. Please do not set them out any earlier than the night before collection.

The price of the specially-marked Bag-It bags includes the cost of the extra pick-up. Extra garbage set out that is NOT in one of these bags, but in regular garbage bags will not be picked up. Overstuffed garbage carts may not be picked up, and can lead to spilled or stuck garbage.

You can purchase Bag-It bags from the City of San Ramon offices,

2226 Camino Ramon, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Stock up on Bag-It bags before the price increases in January 2014 (from \$5 to \$7 each.) Bag-It bags don't "expire," so you can use them whenever you need them; weeks, months, or years after purchase.



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SAN RAMON EVENTS

DECEMBER 2013

December 6

Bishop Ranch Tree Lighting Ceremony
 Bishop Ranch One - 6111 Bollinger Canyon Road

December 6-8, 13-15, 20-22

**San Ramon Community Theater Presents:
 Happy Holidays Musical Review***
 Front Row Theater

December 7

Bah Humbug! 5K Run/Walk*
 Bishop Ranch #2
 (Corner of Camino Ramon and Bishop Drive)

Holiday Festivities - Trim-a-Tree
 San Ramon Library

December 7, 14

Holiday on the Farm
 Forest Home Farms Historic Park



December 8

**Motu'aina Presents:
 Mele Kalikimaka - An Island
 Style Holiday Celebration***
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

December 14, 15

**San Ramon Valley Dance Academy Presents
 Impressions of the Nutcracker***
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

December 15

**San Ramon Community Chorus
 Holiday Celebration Concert**
 Community Center at Central Park

December 20

**San Ramon Symphonic Band Concert*
 Horns for the Holidays**
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

December 21-22

A Year with Frog and Toad*
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

JANUARY 2013

January 3

**First Friday Foreign Film Series
 Life is Beautiful***
 Front Row Theater

January 11

**Second Saturday Tours featuring
 Chicken Tales**
 Forest Home Farms Historic Park

January 12

**Monkey See Monkey Do... Family Friendly
 Improv!***
 Front Row Theater

January 18-19

Disney's 101 Dalmatians Kids*
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

January 24-25

Disney's Mulan Jr.*
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

January 27

Youth Symphony Concerts
 Dougherty Valley Performing Art Center

January 31



**Upright Citizens Brigade Touring
 Company***
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

High School Acoustic Night*
 Dougherty Station Community Center

For more information about these upcoming events visit: www.SanRamon.ca.gov
 or call 925-973-3200

*Ticket or registration fee required

Contact Information

City Council

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 Dave Hudson, *Vice Mayor*
 Jim Livingstone, *Councilmember*
 Phil 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
 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 973-3350
 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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