

# SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Fall 2020

## San Ramon's First District Election – November 3, 2020

The first district-based election in San Ramon history will be held on November 3, 2020. All registered voters will vote for a Mayoral candidate. Registered voters in District 1 and 3 will each vote for one City Council candidate. The residents listed below have qualified as candidates. Their names are listed as they will appear on the ballot per the Secretary of State's random alphabetical order. All candidates have voluntarily subscribed to the Code of Fair Campaign Practices.

### Mayor

Sabina Zafar  
Dinesh Govindarao  
David E. "Dave" Hudson  
Sanat Sethy  
Susmita Nayak  
Aparna Madireddi

### City Council District 1

Luz Gomez  
Scott Perkins

### City Council District 3

Reza Majlesi  
Sridhar Verose  
Varun Kaushal  
Sameera Rajwade



To find what district you live in, please go to: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/findyourdistrict](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/findyourdistrict)

The City Clerk's office encourages all new residents to register to vote. If you have moved within the City of San Ramon, you will need to re-register in order to vote. The last day to register to vote is October 19, 2020.

Due to COVID-19, ballots will be mailed to every registered voter. All voters should check their registration status and address on the County's website [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us) or on the Secretary of State's website [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov) to ensure you receive your ballot. Ballots cannot be forwarded. Detailed information on the vote by mail process in Contra Costa County can be found at <https://www.cocovote.us/registration-and-voting-options/how-vote-by-mail-works/>.

### Outdoor ballot drop boxes will be open 24/7 at these City locations:

- San Ramon Community Center - 12501 Alcosta Blvd
- Dougherty Station Community Center - 17011 Bollinger Canyon Road

Please register and vote! Remember—Voting is your right and your responsibility!

# Crow Canyon Road Widening Project – Alcosta Boulevard to St. George Road

Utility relocation work for the Crow Canyon Road Widening Project has begun. This project will construct one additional driving lane in each direction of Crow Canyon Road between Alcosta Boulevard and St. George Road. In addition to the new lanes, the work includes improved facilities for pedestrians such as sections of new sidewalk, ADA upgrades, crosswalk consolidation, and a spacious walking path. Wide green bike lanes will be installed throughout the project to provide additional delineation between vehicles and cyclists. New vibrant drought-tolerant landscaping will be installed to enhance the roadway features. Updated traffic

signals and streetlights, with the latest equipment and technology, will replace the existing older traffic signals and lighting. The existing lanes will be repaved at the same time as the widening to provide a new, smooth, and durable roadway.

Utility relocation work is expected to continue until the end of 2020, with road widening construction

beginning in the spring of 2021. Project completion is anticipated by the end of summer 2022.

This road widening work is a requirement of the Dougherty Valley Settlement Agreement and is being funded with Developer funds allocated specifically for this project.



Existing Conditions – West of St. George Rd.



Design Simulation

## New Self-Guided Tour at Forest Home Farms

The City of San Ramon Parks & Community Services Department, in partnership with the San Ramon Historic Foundation, is excited to announce a new self-guided tour at Forest Home Farms Historic Park. Interact with the historic buildings and points of interest through Otocast, a fun, interactive app where you can walk into history.



Otocast will guide you through eleven points of interest where you can see videos, listen to stories, and learn about the significance

of the buildings and spaces in the historic park. From the Foreman's House to the Walnut Processing area to the Tractor Museum, there's a whole park full of history and learning to explore!

This is a great opportunity to explore Forest Home Farms and learn more about the history of the San Ramon Valley. This is also a great activity for the family to do outdoors while physical distancing. This program was



made possible by the support of the San Ramon Historic Foundation.

Download the Otocast app now at Google Play or the Apple App Store. For more information, visit [www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks) or call 925-973-3200.



# What Is My Flood Risk?

Parts of San Ramon are in a Flood Zone, and residents should be aware of their flood risk. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publishes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that delineate flood zones in the City. Areas designated as zone “A” or “AE” are estimated to have a 1% chance or greater of being flooded every year. This includes areas near South San Ramon Creek, where some properties suffered flood damage in the Sunny Glen area during the winter of 2002. **Your mortgage lender may require you to purchase flood insurance if your property is located in one of these zones.** Regardless of your property’s proximity to the flood zone or your mortgage requirements, you are encouraged to obtain flood insurance. You may be in an unmapped flood prone area. If you have flood zone insurance, check to ensure you have contents coverage as well.

## Protect yourself and your property

- During a flood, protect yourself from flood hazards by staying away. Do not walk or drive through flood waters.
- Protect your property from flood damage by ensuring adequate drainage around your home; elevating electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters and appliances; and moving essential items and valuables to upper floors.



- Build responsibly. Check with the City Building Division before you build, alter, or grade your property. Do your part to keep our creeks and drainage system functioning by keeping leaves, trash, and debris away from storm drain inlets. If you see an area that is at risk from flooding, from a clogged storm drain inlet, down tree, or flooded roadway, contact our Public Works - Public Services Division at 925-973-2800 or Police Dispatch at 925-973-2779 after hours.

## What is the City doing to reduce my flood risk?

The City performs activities such as:

- Maintenance of drainage infrastructure (storm drain inlets, pipes, and creeks)

- Enforcement of the City’s Floodplain Management Ordinance
- Outreach to residents, lenders, and insurance agents
- Assistance in determining flood zones and reading FIRMs

By performing these annual activities and participating in the Community Rating System (CRS), FEMA has awarded the City a CRS Class rating of 6, which provides residents up to a 20% discount in their flood insurance premiums, which should be incorporated into your insurance quote.

*If you would like more information about the CRS Program, flood risk, flood insurance, or flood zone determination, visit FEMA’s websites at: [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), and [msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov), or contact City staff at 925-973-2670.*

## Weekly Street Sweeping in the Fall

In order to remove Fall leaves, street sweeping on public residential streets will be increased from two times a month to four times a month from October to January. The City would like to remind residents to keep their streets clear of cars and other obstructions on regularly scheduled street sweeping days. This will assist the street sweeper to remove leaves and debris that tend to gather closer to the curb areas. To find out your regularly scheduled street sweeping day, please visit the street sweeping map on the City's website: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/stsweeping](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/stsweeping). During the Fall, just refer to the day of the week on the map. For example, if your street is normally swept the "1st & 3rd Monday" on the map, during the Fall it will be swept every Monday except when there are 5 Mondays in a month. Residential streets are swept between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM. To contact our street sweeping vendor (Contract Sweeping Services) with any questions, please call 888-837-9337, or call the City at 925-973-2800.



To prevent flooding and protect our creeks, remember "Only Rain Down the Drain". Do not place leaves from your property in the street and never put motor oil or garbage down a storm drain. Please contact ACI at 925-380-9480 if you need a second green organics cart, motor oil recycling jugs, or extra garbage tags. To report illegal dumping or contamination of storm water, contact Public Works at 925-973-2670.

## San Ramon Olympic Pool and Aquatic Park Renovation

The San Ramon Olympic Pool and Aquatic Park is one of the City's most popular facilities with an annual attendance of over 200,000 visits. This facility hosts a number of programs including: swim lessons, dive lessons, exercise programs, open swim, swim meets, and water polo tournaments. The facility is also used for California High School's Physical Education Program. The City's Parks and Community Services Department (PCS) oversees and schedules these programs. If you are interested in finding out more information,



Old Play Structure



New Play Structure



New Play Structure in Motion

please check out the City's website at: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/aquatics](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/aquatics). PCS will be posting programs and classes as the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place restrictions allow.

While the facility receives routine maintenance, it has not received any updates since its last major renovation in 1997. Based upon its popularity, condition, and age, it was time for a refresh. The City began renovating the facility in June 2020, taking a phased approach.

Phase 1 included the replacement of the Children's Play Pool Structure and the replaster of the Children's Play Pool. Phase 2 is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2020 and will include the replaster of the 50M pool, as well as repair work to the surrounding deck. The final phase, the renovation of the facility, will begin in the Winter of 2020. The facility renovation will include: new carpet, lighting updates, restroom updates, locker room updates, new lockers, and ADA compliant upgrades. Staff is looking forward to the relaxation of the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place Order and the ability of our residents to enjoy the renovated facility. We can't wait to see all of the younger San Ramon residents use the new play structure!



# Bike Safety

A bike ride is a great way to get exercise and fresh air! With more bikes and fewer cars on the roads, safety measures and road rules are still important.

Here are some helpful tips from our Street Smarts Program:

- ✓ Wear a properly fitted helmet
- ✓ Ride with the flow of traffic
- ✓ Slow down and yield (give up your right of way) to pedestrians



# Street Smarts San Ramon Valley

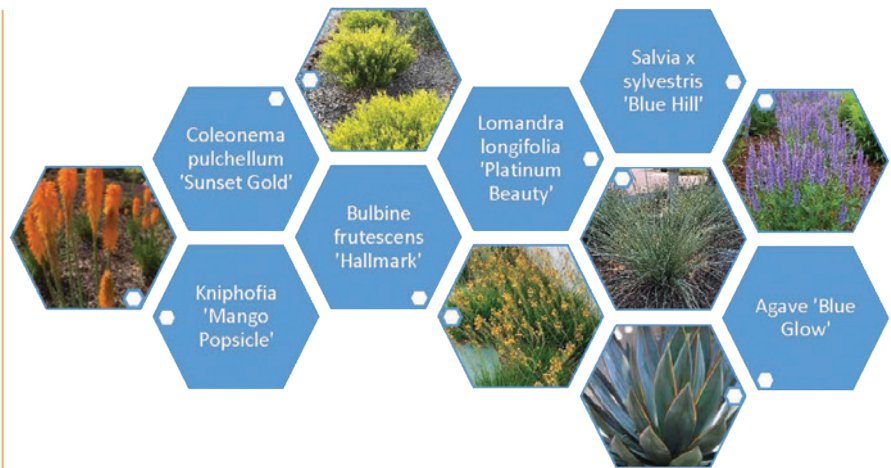
- ✓ Stop and look left, right, and left again, before crossing the street
- ✓ Don't wear headphones or ear buds while riding
- ✓ Wear bright clothing or reflective gear
- ✓ Use directional hand signals
- ✓ When riding as a group, ride single file, with one bike length between each bike

- ✓ Ring your bicycle bell before passing on the left
- ✓ Cross at marked crosswalks and walk your bike across the crosswalk

Please visit the San Ramon Valley Street Smarts website at: [www.street-smarts.com](http://www.street-smarts.com) for more Bike Safety information.

## Changing Landscape - Drought Resilient Landscapes

Over the last several years, San Ramon's medians, slopes, and park strips have seen a changing landscape influenced by the onset of frequent drought cycles, hotter temperatures, and longer growing seasons. Several sections of roadside turf throughout the City have been converted to ornamental landscapes, while water-loving plants are being replaced with drought tolerant species. In addition to the water savings, many of the selected plant species offer added benefits including lower maintenance, improved species diversity, habitat for wildlife and pollinators, reduced disease, pest resistances, and enhanced aesthetics from an array of showy flowers and foliage. Converting these landscapes helps the City to comply with the 2015 California Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWEL0), which promotes efficient water use in new and



retrofitted landscapes. Even though a significant portion of San Ramon streetscape and parks are watered using recycled water, this limited resource must still be managed well to avoid supplementing with

potable drinking water. The City will continue to renovate its conventional and aging landscapes to become more sustainable and provide attractive landscapes for the future.





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**San Ramon's "StoryWalk" Promotes Literacy and the Outdoors at Central Park**

San Ramon's new "StoryWalk" is another creative way for children and their families to enjoy both reading and exercise in a beautiful outdoor setting. Located at San Ramon Central Park, the StoryWalk features pages taken directly from a children's book and displayed along a 20-station pathway. As families walk along the path, they read and share the story, step-by-step, page-by-page. The first StoryWalk book, Daniel Finds a Poem, by Micha Archer, is a simple story with beautiful collage illustrations. Stories will be changed quarterly.



The Central Park StoryWalk begins near the front entrance of the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park by the half-court basketball area, wraps around the pathway near the play structure, ending at the Community Center's rear fountain.

The StoryWalk display stands were funded by the Rotary Club of San Ramon as part of a community partnership between the City of San Ramon, Contra Costa County Library Services, the San Ramon Library Foundation, and the Rotary Club of San Ramon.

**Contact Information**

**City Council**

- Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
- Sabina Zafar, *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

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