

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Spring 2020

San Ramon's First District Elections, November 2020



The City of San Ramon recently moved to a District Election System. The first district elections will be held this November. Previously, all elections for City councilmembers and the Mayor were held City-wide. Regardless of where a resident lived, every two years, residents would select two candidates for Council seats and one candidate for Mayor.

The District Election System creates four election Districts, one for each councilmember. Under District elections, residents will vote for one council candidate from their District every four years. This November, District 1 and District 3 will elect one Councilmember from each District.

Mayoral elections are still held every two years, with all residents voting for one candidate for Mayor.

To find what District you live in, visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/srdistricts.

For more information regarding District elections, including a complete history of the formation, public hearings, and public input process, visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/district_elections. You can also contact Steven Spedowfski, Deputy City Manager at 925-973-2632, or spedowfski@sanramon.ca.gov.

City Election Information

The City of San Ramon will hold Municipal Elections on November 3, 2020. This Election will be for three seats, Mayor and two City Councilmembers. The Council Districts open for the 2020 election are District 1 and District 3. To view districts, visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/final_map. The Candidate's Nomination Period begins on July 13, 2020. The filing deadline is August 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. If one of the incumbents does not file by August 7, 2020, the Nomination Period closing date will be extended for 5 days to August 12, 2020. Please contact the City Clerk's office for filing information, 925-973-2504.

The City Clerk's office will conduct a Candidate Information Night in the EOC Room

Candidate Information Session



at San Ramon City Hall. The time and date will be available in May on the City's website or you may contact the City Clerk. The meeting will be held in early June. Information will be provided regarding duties of the office and the technical requirements of candidacy. If you are interested in running for office in this election, please attend this informational meeting.

Voter Registration

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 City Hall and the public libraries, or you can register online at: registertovote.ca.gov/. The Contra Costa County Elections Department website, www.cocovote.us/voter-registration/ has complete information on voter registration, absentee ballots, poll locations, and election results.



Poll Worker Training

Inherent in our system of government is the need for volunteers to assist with the democratic process. Contra Costa County is always in need of Poll Workers to assist voters at the Polling locations. Part of this process is to attend a 2-hour training and accept a position at a polling location in your area. If you are able to perform this invaluable service, please visit the Contra Costa Elections webpage for information at www.cocovote.us/ or contact them directly at 925-335-7800. Your service to the San Ramon community will be very much appreciated.



San Ramon Residents – Gear Up for Bike to Work Day

May 14, 2020 Event rescheduled for September 24, 2020

Bike to Work Day (BTWD) encourages Bay Area residents and commuters to try bicycling to work! BTWD is part of a Bay Area wide campaign to relieve traffic congestion and improve air quality.

BTWD Energizer Stations are located 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.

The City, in partnership with Bishop Ranch, will host an Energizer Station located along the Iron Horse Trail at Bollinger Canyon Road from 6 a.m. – 10 a.m. Come on by for refreshments and giveaways, and to meet your fellow cyclists!



Street  Smarts

San Ramon Valley
and their partners present

“COMMUNITY BIKE FESTIVAL”

A free, fun-filled event for the whole family!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 9, 2020**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

at the Iron Horse Middle School Blacktop in San Ramon

Event Postponed



For more information visit:
www.street-smarts.com/events

San Ramon Citizen's Planning Academy Returns!!

The San Ramon Community Development Department will host the 4th session of San Ramon Citizen's Planning Academy in the fall of 2020. The goal of the Academy is to educate and engage residents in the City's planning process. The Academy will provide an overview of why cities plan, how planning shapes our community, and the land use planning process. The course concludes with a Mock Planning Commission Meeting for a theoretical project, where the participants serve as the Planning Commission, developers, and residents.

The classes will be held on consecutive Mondays starting on September 14, 2020. Each class begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m., and will be held at City Hall. One session will be a Saturday tour of the City. There will be a formal recognition of class participants at a City Council meeting.

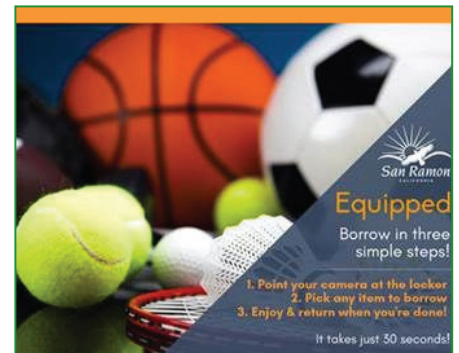
The class is free, but space is limited to 20 participants, over 18 years of age. Applications for the class will be available at www.sanramon.ca.gov/planning_academy, along with the final class schedule in

July 2020. You will be notified of your acceptance to participate by mid-August. Contact the Community Development Department at 925-973-2560 for additional information.



NEW! Equipped Lockers at Rancho San Ramon, Athan Downs, and Central Park

Have you ever been at a park and wished you had a lawn game to play, balls to kick or throw, or even a tennis racket? The City of San Ramon has partnered with Equipped to provide smart lockers so you'll never be without the equipment you need. Borrow equipment for as little as \$2 to \$6 per hour right in the park in 3 easy steps with the use of your smart phone at Rancho San Ramon, Athan Downs, and Central Park. Visit our Facebook page "City of San Ramon News and Information" and let us know what you think or let Equipped know what you want to see in the lockers by calling or texting 650-260-4848 or visit www.imequipped.com.



Bollinger Canyon Road/ I-680 Operational Improvements Project

The Bollinger Canyon Road Widening Project from Market Place to the I-680 Freeway was completed in fall of 2018 prior to the City Center opening. After a year and a half of working diligently with Caltrans, a Caltrans Encroachment Permit was issued to the City for traffic circulation improvements on Bollinger Canyon Road, especially for the westbound peak PM commute. Work is targeted to begin this spring.

The project will include new signalization, signing, striping, and the use of surface-mounted channelizers. This will result in a continuous green traffic signal indication for westbound Bollinger Canyon Road for vehicles entering the I-680 Freeway after passing Sunset Drive onto the southbound Freeway on-ramp without signal interruption, as shown. The area



shaded on the map designates the limits of work and location of channelizers for the continuous green to the southbound I-680 on-ramp.

Sunset Development and their contractor will construct these improvements through a

Reimbursement Agreement for the Bollinger Canyon Road Widening work.

For updates on this project, please go to: www.sanramon.ca.gov or contact the Public Works Engineering Services Division at: 925-973-2670.

Bay Area Air Quality Management District "Spare the Air Every Day" Campaign



Help 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, vanpooling, taking transit, bicycling, or walking and 511 Contra Costa and you will receive \$25 from the Drive Less Commuter Incentive Program just for trying an alternate way to get to work.

For those long commutes, 40+ miles one way...how about vanpooling to work? Vanpools can help you:

- Save time by using Express Lanes and High Occupancy Vehicle lanes
- Save money on gas and parking
- Reduce wear and tear on your personal vehicle
- Work, read, or nap on the way to work

Whether you make the switch one day or five days a week, driving less can make a difference! For more information visit: www.sparetheair.org.

For more information on commuter incentives for carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking, or taking transit, contact the Public Works – Transportation Division at 925-973-2650 or by visiting: www.sanramon.ca.gov/commuter_incentives.

School Ballpark Overseeding Projects

This past winter, the City of San Ramon overseeded all of its school ball parks in order to repair damage to the turf that occurs throughout the year due to high usage from students during physical education classes; after-hours and weekend baseball; soccer and cricket user groups; and residents. The various stages of these projects consisted of core aeration, dethatching, soil mix infill, reclaimed water,



slit-seeding, and compost top-dressing. This year, 375 yards of soil mix, 4,366 pounds of seed, and 599 yards of top-dressing compost were used, and the

project took approximately two months to complete.

When new seed is planted, it can take several weeks to establish, so the longer there is no activity on the field in winter, the longer the turf will last during the summer months. This also helps with weed control and aids in reducing the amount of overseeding that would be needed the following year. Enjoy these beautiful ball fields starting this spring!

Athan Downs Backstop Replacement

The removal and replacement of the backstop for Baseball Field #1 at Athan Downs has been completed. The original backstop was inadequate at stopping foul balls from reaching Montevideo Drive and residences across the street from the field. The new backstop is much larger and covers more of the area behind the batter to prevent the baseballs from going behind the backstop. In addition,

fencing down the first base line has been extended 100 feet and the height of the fence was extended from 12 feet to 20 feet.



Baseball Field Renovations Citywide

Public Works staff completed baseball field renovations at Athan Downs, Memorial, Richard Fahey Village Green, and San Ramon Sports Parks. The base paths and the arcs were cut to remove damaged/worn turf areas and lip build-up between the infield and outfield areas; some areas had new sod added and others were overseeded, depending on need. Work on ballfields at other parks

throughout the City was also completed, and repairs included replacing base anchors, pitching rubbers, and home plates. The work was performed in December and January, and fields were opened by February 1, 2020.



San Ramon Sports Park





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EVENTS MARCH – MAY 2020

March

San Ramon Community Chorus
St. Patrick's Day Concert
March 13
Front Row Theater

Party in the Park & Camp Fair
March 14
Central Park

San Ramon Performing Arts Series:
The Underwater Bubble Show*
March 15
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

San Ramon Valley Community Fair
March 18
Dougherty Valley High School Commons

Arbor Day Celebration
March 21
Forest Home Farms

San Ramon Library Foundation presents:
MEGA Book Sale
March 21-22
San Ramon Library

Monkey See, Monkey Do:
Family Friendly Improv Show*
March 29
Front Row Theater

April

San Ramon Trails Challenge*
Begins April 1

Open Space Hike: Monarch Loop Trail *
April 4
Japonica Way and Paddington Way

San Ramon Performing Arts Series:
Jake Shimabukuro*
April 5
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



Eggciting Aqua Hunt*
April 11
Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center

Bedtime Theater presents: EARTHCAPADES*
April 17
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

San Ramon Senior Center Foundation
presents: Spring Fashion Show & Tea*
April 18
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

Sheep Shearing Day
April 25
Forest Home Farms

May

Bay Area Children's Theater Education
Program presents: The Music Man Kids*
May 4-10
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Open Space Hike: Red Willow Park to Hidden
Crest Park Loop*
May 9
Red Willow Park

Street Smarts Community Bike Festival
May 9
Iron Horse Middle School

Bay Area Children's Theater Education
Program presents: Footloose*
May 15-17
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

San Ramon Symphonic Band Concerts:
Pop Hits Playlist*
May 22
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Art & Wind Festival
May 24-25
Central Park

Contact Information

City Council

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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

*These events require registration or ticket purchase.
For more information, please visit www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks or call (925) 973-3200.