



Fall 2014

Rancho San Ramon Community Park & Amador Rancho Center Dedication and Celebration

**Saturday, October 18, 2014
1:00pm - 4:30pm**

2000 Rancho Park Loop Rd.

Take Bollinger Canyon Road past
Dougherty Station Community Center and
turn right onto Future Dougherty Rd.
(see map on our website)

Join the City of San Ramon in welcoming the newest community park and facility, Rancho San Ramon Community Park & the Amador Rancho Center.

The community celebration will be fun for the whole family and will include:

- Park Dedication Ceremony
- Food Trucks
- Vintage Baseball Game
- Concert in the park featuring the exciting high energy band, Pride & Joy
- Children's Activities
- Facility Open House
- Opportunity to explore the new park and its amenities

Phase I of the new park includes a lighted softball/baseball field and batting cage, lighted synthetic turf soccer/lacrosse fields, a small amphitheater, picnic areas, lighted tennis courts, playgrounds, a 'splashpad', and a 10,000 square foot multi-purpose facility named



the Amador Rancho Center. The new facility is being constructed by Toll Brothers as a part of their park and recreation dedication requirement in the Dougherty Valley. This state of the art facility will provide additional recreational amenities for local youth sports programs and the San Ramon community.

More details about the event and a map are available! Visit the City website at www.SanRamon.ca.gov, call the Parks & Community Services Department at (925)973-3200 or email parks@sanramon.ca.gov for more information.

Calling All Creative Middle School Filmmakers!

Is your middle school child interested in filmmaking, creating digital media, or acting? If so, they should enter the Street Smarts 10th Annual "Be Reel!" Video Contest, which begins on September 29. Working alone or in teams of up to four, middle school students create 60-second public service announcement videos on a traffic safety theme. The theme for the fall contest is "Texting While Walking: It's a NO Brainer!"

Finalist videos from the fall



contest and the spring 2015 contest will be screened at a special awards

ceremony on May 28, 2015 at the Danville Village Theatre. At the ceremony, the first and second place winners will be announced. Students from Gale Ranch and Windemere Ranch middle schools won first and second place in last year's contest!

Video entries will be accepted through November 7, 2014. Visit www.street-smarts.com for complete contest rules and information, or email info@street-smarts.com.

Water Pollution Increases During the Rainy Season

The rainy season brings more than gray skies; it also brings an increase in water pollution.

The first heavy rains of the season cause a "first flush" effect where built-up pollutants wash off streets and roads into local waters. Some of the major pollutants include motor oil, litter, and pesticides.

The good news is San Ramon residents can help reduce water pollution during the rainy season



by following a few simple tips:

- Check vehicles for leaks! Even a small leak can have a big impact. The used oil from one oil change can contaminate one million gallons of fresh water – a year's supply for 50 people!
- If you see litter, pick it up! A bottle or food wrapper on the ground is unsightly. Rain washes litter down storm drains, directly into local creeks.
- Don't spray pesticides around the perimeter of your home, especially when rain is forecasted. Many of the chemicals applied are hazardous to your health and harmful to the environment. Overuse of chemical fertilizers and pesticides combined with runoff from lawns promotes the growth of algae in our creeks by reducing oxygen levels.

Traveling for the holidays?

Have you checked your passport?

The San Ramon City Clerk's office provides passport processing services. Passport appointments are currently booked approximately one month in advance. If you need to apply for a passport, book early to avoid the expedite fees. You can book your appointment online at www.sanramon.ca.gov/clerk/passport. The online system will automatically take you to the first available appointment. Book now and avoid the RUSH!



Keep connected with the City of San Ramon's latest news, updates and emergency alerts through our Social Media accounts like Twitter, Instagram, and Open San Ramon at www.sanramon.ca.gov/connect.html or by scanning this QR code.



What is the City Doing to Reduce My Flood Insurance Premium?

The City participates in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS), giving San Ramon property owners a 20% discount on flood insurance premiums! CRS is a program that encourages community floodplain management activities to exceed the minimum requirements, helps communities mitigate the economic impacts of flooding, and aids in building maintained environments.

City activities include:

- Drainage infrastructure maintenance
- Flood plain management provisions enforcement
- An annual outreach project for residents, lenders, insurance agents, real estate offices




- Flood Insurance Rate Map information to residents
- Copies of new and old Flood Insurance Rate Maps maintained

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has generated Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which delineate flood zone areas. Areas

designated as "A" or "AE" have an estimated risk of 1% or more of being flooded per year. Mortgage lenders may require flood insurance for properties in an "A" or "AE" zone. Regardless of your proximity to a flood zone, you are encouraged to obtain flood insurance.

To determine if your property is in a flood zone, or for more information about flood risk, flood insurance, or the CRS Program, visit FEMA's websites at: www.fema.gov, msc.fema.gov, www.floodsmart.gov, or contact City staff at 973-2670.

NOTICE GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICT 1306-01
03/2016



You Are Entering a Cattle Grazing Area

Cattle may become defensive if they feel threatened. Although occurrences are rare, cattle are known to charge and bump.

PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AROUND CATTLE:

- Keep dogs on leash and away from cattle. Cows may become agitated because they can't always distinguish between a dog and a coyote.
- Don't try to touch or pet cattle. Don't go between a calf and cow. Leave stray calves alone.
- Keep your distance and walk around herds rather than through them. Give cattle plenty of space and a clear route of escape.
- If cattle are on the trail ahead, wave your arms and shout well in advance – they will usually disperse.

If you encounter a cow, calf or bull that is acting in a threatening manner or appears to be injured, sick or dead, please keep your distance. Note the location, color of the animal, ear tag number if you can safely see it, and report it to **TN Cattle Company** at (925) 997-5543.

EMERGENCIES CALL 911 OR GHAD (CITY OF SAN RAMON) AT (925) 973-2670

You are Entering a Cattle Grazing Area

Next time you are walking on the trails in the Dougherty Valley open space, you will notice informational signs at trailhead locations where the public can access cattle grazing areas. Cattle grazing is considered to be part of good land management and is a requirement of the conservation easements that are in place over most of the Dougherty Valley open space. The intent of the notice is to increase public awareness, provide tips when encountering the cattle, and encourage residents to keep their dogs on a leash while walking on the trails in these areas.

There are approximately 1,500 acres where cattle grazing is allowed, which is over 60% of the Dougherty Valley open space. The trail network maneuvers around and through the grazing area. To see where the trails are in relationship to the cattle grazing, see our new interactive trail map on the City's website at: www.sanramon.ca.gov/Parks/parks_facilities/citymap.htm.

Student Transit Ticket Program



The 511 Southwest Contra Costa County Student Transit Ticket Program is back! FREE public transit tickets will be provided as an alternative to driving your student(s) to school. Each student is eligible to receive two (2) 12-ride County Connection transit tickets. Students must be registered in a public or private school (1st-12th grade) in San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, Lafayette, Moraga or Orinda. This offer is available with a maximum of 3 students per household while supplies last. You can apply for the program now by visiting the City of San Ramon website www.sanramon.ca.gov.

Contact the Transportation Division if you have any questions regarding this program at 925-973-2650.

Commute Options for San Ramon Residents

Interested in starting a carpool or vanpool? Or, considering using public transportation? There's an incentive for that! Contact the Transportation Division for more information on commuter incentives for carpooling, vanpooling or transit at 925-973-2650 or visit www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/default.htm.

Remember..... the San Ramon Transit Center is located on Executive Parkway, and the Bark and Ride Lot is located on 1120 South Wedgewood Road. These Park & Ride lots provide parking, so you can meet your carpool, vanpool or take transit.

Residential Retail Survey



The City of San Ramon has prepared a survey to be distributed to our residents to learn more about how the residents spend their money and where they

increase sales tax dollars and eliminate sales tax leakage in key categories such as women, men's and children's apparel and white tablecloth dining. The retail survey

shop, entertain and dine to identify the retail voids in the City. This information will be used to recruit new restaurants, retailers and entertainment uses to San Ramon in general and to new shopping districts. The addition of new retail and restaurants desired by the community shall ultimately

will be distributed in several ways to obtain the maximum number of responses; including the City of San Ramon website and Open San Ramon Survey at www.sanramon.ca.gov/opensr; and hard copies available at City Hall. The deadline to return the survey will be October 24, 2014.

What are the top retailers (list 3 – 5) you'd like to see in San Ramon? _____

Where do you do your holiday shopping? (List top 5 stores or venues) _____

What are the top restaurants (list 3 – 5) you'd like to see in San Ramon? _____

Where do you shop when you leave San Ramon? How often do you leave? Please provide the name and City/Cities of the store(s). _____

What places do you visit for family-oriented entertainment outside of San Ramon? How often? _____

What types of products do you buy when you shop outside of San Ramon? _____

What types of products do you buy when you shop in San Ramon? _____

Please indicate the following that applies:

- I live in San Ramon I work in San Ramon

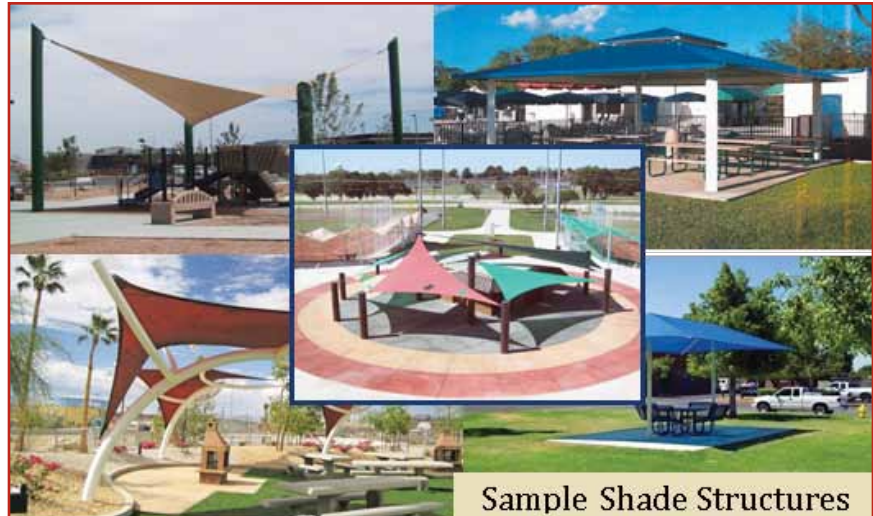
Please return survey to: City of San Ramon
 Attn: Economic Development, 2226 Camino Ramon
 San Ramon, CA 94583 ♦ Email: EconDev@sanramon.ca.gov

City Park Renovations, Repairs, and Upgrades

The Public Services Department is planning to complete several projects this year. These projects are done to enhance safety and appearance of park sites for public enjoyment.

Upcoming projects include:

- Central Park – Renovate the turf field for use by baseball, soccer, softball and lacrosse teams
- Central Park – Renovate the restroom, replace scoreboards, repair the score shack, replace dugout benches and, repair irrigation valves



Sample Shade Structures



Sample Playground Design

- Richard Fahey Village Green and Old Ranch Park – Upgrade the playground equipment
- Various Park Sites – Install new shade structures
- *The Skate Park at San Ramon Central Park will be undergoing repairs and renovations and will be closed temporarily until Summer 2015.*

The Skate Park is not being permanently closed or relocated. These extensive repairs will be completed during the period when the new City Hall is being constructed in the same area of the park.

Water Budget and Drought Measures

Understanding that water is a limited resource and a large utility expense, San Ramon has consistently taken a responsible approach to water management. In 1989, the City began installing the Calsense irrigation management system, which currently consists of over 385 smart controllers, servicing the over 500,000 sprinkler heads that irrigate the City's parks and landscape areas.

Calsense controllers collect weather data through evapotranspiration (ET), which is a measurement of the moisture in the soil. ET is calculated daily using the gauges placed throughout the City. Depending on weather conditions, irrigation is adjusted up or down, as needed.

Flow meters, within the Calsense system also detect real-time mainline and lateral breaks, and

even broken sprinkler heads. Staff uses this tool to respond to repairs in a timely manner.

Many of the landscape areas and parks use recycled water which does not have any use restrictions or required cutbacks. Areas of the City that are browning are on potable water. The City is complying with the voluntary cutbacks and restrictions.



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OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2014 EVENTS

OCTOBER

Thank You San Ramon! - Walk With A Photographer

October 4
 Las Trampas Regional Wilderness

Jazz at the Library - Mads Tolling Quartet, With Terrie Odabi*

October 4
 San Ramon Library

San Ramon Historic Foundation Presents: Oktoberfest*

October 11
 Forest Home Farms Historic Park

San Ramon Symphonic Band - Fall Concert*

October 12
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Homeschool Day*

October 16
 Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Night at the Improv*

October 18
 Front Row Theater

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October 18

Jazz at the Library – Kellye Gray*

October 18
 San Ramon Library

Bedtime Theater Featuring: Not So Scary Halloween Songs & Tales*

October 24
 Front Row Theater

Parks Make Life Better - Park Clean-up Day*

October 25
 Richard Fahey Village Green Park



NOVEMBER

City Read Event - Author Christina Baker Kline

November 5
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



Starship Featuring Mickey Thomas*

November 8
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Jazz at the Library – Wayne Wallace Latin Jazz Quintet*

November 8
 San Ramon Library

Night at the Improv*

November 22
 Front Row Theater

Jazz at the Library – Taylor Eigsti, Solo Piano*

November 22
 San Ramon Library

Lady K & the Kings of Swing*

November 22
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

DECEMBER

San Ramon Community Theatre Presents:

Sleeping Beauty*
 December 5 – 21
 Front Row Theater

Bah Humbug! 5K

December 6
 San Ramon Community Center @ Central Park

Holiday on the Farm

December 13
 Forest Home Farms Historic Park

San Ramon Community Chorus - Holiday Concert

December 14
 San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

San Ramon Symphonic Band - Home for the Holidays*

December 19
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Contact Information

City Council

- Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
- Philip G. O'Loane, *Vice Mayor*
- David E. Hudson, *Councilmember*
- Scott Perkins, *Councilmember*
- Harry Sachs, *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 973-2539
- 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.*