

# SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Spring 2015

## ***Amador Rancho Center and Rancho San Ramon Group Picnic Area Reservations Now Available!***

**T**he City of San Ramon is excited to introduce its newest rental facilities, the Amador Rancho Center and group picnic areas at Rancho San Ramon Community Park. This brand new community center is located



inside the 22-acre Rancho San Ramon Community Park which includes athletic fields, playgrounds, amphitheater, and a splash park.

Inside the Amador Rancho Center, the Bella Vista Room includes a kitchenette and has access to an attached outdoor patio with spectacular views of Mt. Diablo. The Bella Vista Room can accommodate a wide variety of events including ceremonies, dining and business meetings up to 180 guests, and can be divided in two for a smaller, more intimate event.

The group picnic area in Rancho San Ramon Community Park is ideal for groups of 1-50 or up to 100 and can be rented 7 days per week.

*Reserve these sites today for events starting April 1, 2015. Please contact our staff for more information.*

### **PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Amador Rancho Center

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# Bike to Work Day 2015

Save the date! San Ramon Residents – Gear Up for Bike to Work Day – May 14, 2015



**B**ike to Work Day (BTWD) encourages residents and commuters to try bicycling to work! BTWD is part of a Bay Area wide ongoing effort to relieve traffic congestion, and improve air quality.

Energizer stations are planned 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. In San Ramon, there will be an energizer station located along the Iron Horse Trail and Bollinger Canyon Road.

May is National Bike Commute Month. The Team Bike Challenge is a Bay Area campaign and contest to encourage existing

bicycle commuters to recruit their colleagues, friends, neighbors, and local “honorary” figures to bicycle to work, school, errands or recreational activities during the month of May. The team with the most trips made by bicycle by the end of May will win a grand prize!

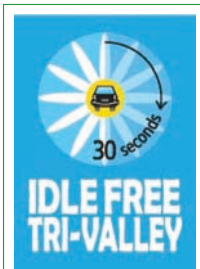
Go to [www.511contracosta.org](http://www.511contracosta.org) for more information. For questions, contact the Transportation Services Division at (925) 973-2650

## Turn The Key – Be Idle Free!

**Y**ou can save money, reduce air pollution, and help everyone breathe easier just by turning a key! Turn off your car engine if you’ll be sitting for more than 30 seconds at a car wash, drive-thru or pick up spot. You’ll save gas, money and help, Spare the Air!

The Tri-Valley Spare the Air Resource Team presents “Idle Free Tri-Valley” [www.idlefreetrivalley.org](http://www.idlefreetrivalley.org) to help create cleaner air around the community. Sign the online pledge for entry into a monthly drawing for a \$10 Starbucks card.

For questions, contact the Transportation Services Division at (925) 973-2650



## Commute Options for 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, biking, walking, vanpooling, or transit at 925-973-2650 or visit <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/default.htm>

### Drive Less Commuter Incentive

- 511 Contra Costa offers a \$50 incentive to qualifying commuters who walk, bike, carpool, or use transit.



### Vanpool Incentive Programs

- New qualifying vanpool passengers receive 50% off their vanpool cost for the first three months.
- Drivers who start a new vanpool and keep it on the road for at least one year could be eligible to receive a \$1,000 cash bonus.

### DVC San Ramon Campus Student Transit Ticket Program

- Registered students are eligible to receive one 12-ride County Connection transit ticket.

Remember.....the 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. County Connection bus routes can take you to the nearest BART station.



## Your Input is Needed!

The City of San Ramon is seeking input from the community on conceptual designs for Bicycle/Pedestrian Overcrossings along the



Iron Horse Trail at Bollinger Canyon Road and Crow Canyon Road. The proposed bicycle and pedestrian overcrossings will enhance safety and reduce delays for both trail and roadway users alike.

Take the visual preference surveys at "Open San Ramon" by visiting the City's website [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov). The online surveys will be available through April 7, 2015.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

The San Ramon Valley Iron Horse Trail Bicycle Pedestrian Overcrossing Project is separated into four phases.

**Phase I** – the Corridor Concept Plan, has been completed, and included input from the City of San Ramon, East Bay Regional Park District, Contra Costa County, Town of Danville, and Contra Costa Transportation Authority. Phase I evaluated the feasibility of constructing overcrossings to improve access and safety for bicyclists and pedestrians and evaluated bridge concepts, feasibility, and potential costs.

**Phase II** - is a collaborative effort between San Ramon, Contra Costa County, and the East Bay Regional Park

District, which owns and maintains the trail. This phase is funded by Measure J, the Contra Costa half cent sales tax approved by voters in 2004. Phase II includes a number of public outreach and design activities.

**Phase III** - Environmental Analysis - The City has secured a grant to complete the Environmental Analysis for the Project and it is expected to begin Summer 2015

**Phase IV and Phase V** (*final design and construction*) is anticipated to take place following environmental approval and pending grant funding.

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## Public Services Department Prepares Park and Fields for Summer Use

During the summer months, park and facility use increases as people get out and enjoy the warm weather. Public Services Department staff prepare for the summer season beginning in late winter. Special projects are completed to enhance the appearance and safety of park sites.



Winter/spring preparation tasks, include but are not limited to:

- Sod replacement
- Soccer and baseball field maintenance
- Irrigation valve repair and replacement
- Scoreboard and sport lighting repair and replacement
- Dive stand refinishing/replacement at the pools
- Pool pump/motor repairs, if needed

Completing these tasks early gives the turf time to grow, and allows special projects to be completed in the



off-season, in order for all parks and facilities to be in excellent condition.

City staff are also scheduled to work weekends during the busy season (March-October) to meet the needs of the increased patronage. Weekend staff visits all major parks and facilities one or more times a day, depending on the level of activity.

*For more information, visit the Parks Maintenance page of the City's website at: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/parks-mnt.htm>.*

# Recycling and Waste Reduction – Three Options for Residents

## 1. Start Composting at Home Today!

Are you interested in making your own healthy soil at home? Take a workshop and reduce waste by composting organic materials like food scraps and yard clippings. Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (CCCSWA) offers free to low-fee composting workshops for residents. Interested residents will learn how to start composting at home right away. For the workshop schedule visit: [http://www.wastediversion.org/app\\_pages/view/2151](http://www.wastediversion.org/app_pages/view/2151).

Compost bins can also be purchased through CCCSWA at discounted prices.

For discounted bins visit: [http://www.wastediversion.org/app\\_pages/view/58](http://www.wastediversion.org/app_pages/view/58).

## 2. Food Scrap Recycling

# FOOD SCRAP RECYCLING

## GIVE YOUR LEFTOVERS A FRESH START!



Close the loop on food scraps and food-soiled paper. Add them to the yard trimmings in your green waste cart to become soil-enriching compost.

Call Valley Waste Management Customer Service at (925) 837-3356. Printed on recycled paper.

### Tips:

Collect food scraps and food-soiled paper in a leak-proof container. Call WM for a free food pail.

Line container with paper towel, paper bags or newspaper for easy disposal and clean up.

Empty your food scraps in your green waste cart on your scheduled service day for collection.

No plastic bags or polystyrene foam, plastic, metal or glass.



# NUTRITIOUS COMPOST IS MADE FROM YOUR ORGANIC HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Feed your green waste cart with food scraps and food-soiled paper and nourish healthy gardens throughout Contra Costa County.

### WHAT'S COMPOSTABLE:

- Fruits, vegetables, peels and pits
- Meat, fish, poultry and bones
- Cheese and dairy
- Bread, rice and pasta
- Eggshells
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea bags
- Floral trimmings
- Used paper towels and napkins
- Pizza boxes and ice cream cartons
- Paper take-out containers
- Yard trimmings
- Paper plates and cups

### WHAT'S NOT COMPOSTABLE:

- Plastic bags and containers
- Pet waste and litter
- Diapers
- Liquids and grease
- Bathroom tissues
- Foil
- Glass
- Metal
- Polystyrene foam and plastic
- Soil
- Rocks

Food Recycling Containers can be obtained free of charge. Please call WM customer service to order one for you.



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## 3. Where to Recycle Just About Anything

Do you need to recycle an old sofa? How about a mattress? Visit [www.recyclewhere.org](http://www.recyclewhere.org) to access a searchable directory. Enter your item and your city, or zip, and "Recycle Where?" will do the rest, providing you a list of available options for your recycling needs.

## “Let’s go fly a kite!”

The annual San Ramon Art & Wind Festival is blowing into San Ramon Central Park on Sunday and Monday, May 24 & 25 from 10 am to 5 pm.

The festival this year will include 150 fine arts & craft vendors featuring a wide range of artistry including painting, sculpture, woodwork, toys, jewelry, hand painted clothing, stained glass, music, photography and more.

Exciting entertainment is happening on four stages including high power party bands, puppet shows, ethnic dancers and high flying birds of prey. The Kid’s Zone will



feature free crafts and face painting in addition to ticketed amusement rides, a rock wall, hamster balls and electronic games.

Kites are one of the main attractions of this two day event. The festival will feature professional aerobatic kite flying demonstrations

choreographed to music and a free kite making workshop- so you can go fly your own kite!

Don’t forget the yummy fair food! Local non-profit organizations will be dishing out delectable treats like gyros, peach cobbler, kettle corn, barbecued pork, tri-tip, churros, corn dogs, sausage sandwiches, ice cream, cotton candy, nachos and more.

Visit [www.artandwind.com](http://www.artandwind.com) for complete festival information.

## Summer Spare The Air

During the summer months, ozone pollution can become a health problem in the Bay Area. The summertime Spare the Air program notifies residents when air quality is forecast to be unhealthy, and urges residents to drive less and reduce their emissions of ozone-forming pollutants.

In the Bay Area, the summer Spare the Air season generally runs from May through mid-October when clear skies, hot temperatures, lighter than usual winds and strong temperature inversions combine to create smoggy conditions. Spare the Air alerts are declared for days forecast to have ozone



concentrations high enough to exceed federal health-based standards.

On these Spare the Air days, residents are urged to cut back on activities that cause pollution such as driving, using oil-based paints, gasoline-powered lawn mowers, or household aerosol products like hair sprays. People who are sensitive to unhealthy air are advised to limit their time outdoors, particularly in the afternoon hours. Learn more about this program and other Spare the Air programs at [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org).

If you are interested in commute alternatives and incentives visit <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/downloads.htm> for more information.





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### APRIL– JUNE 2015 EVENTS

#### APRIL 2015

**First Friday Foreign Film Series – Kolya\***

April 3  
Front Row Theater

**Jumpin’ at the Sun Dance Company Performance\***

April 10  
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

**Night at the Improv\***

April 11  
Front Row Theater

**Spring Fashion Show & Tea\***

April 11  
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

**Fun on the Farm: Spring Garden Exploration**

April 11  
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

**San Ramon Community Theatre Presents: Play On!\***

April 17 - May 3  
Front Row Theater

**Sheep Shearing Day\***

April 18  
Forest Home Farms Historic Park



**Parks Make Life Better Clean-up Day \***

April 25  
Coyote Crossing Park

#### MAY 2015

**Fun on the Farm: Moms and their Fans**

May 9  
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

**Jim Brickman\***

May 10  
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

**San Ramon Symphonic Band – The Symphonic Beatles\***

May 15  
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

**Senior & Community Live Well Resource Fair**

May 16  
Alcosta Senior and Community Center

**San Ramon Art & Wind Festival**

May 24-25  
San Ramon Central Park



**Monkey See, Monkey Do, Family Friendly Improv!\***

May 31  
Front Row Theater

#### JUNE 2015

**San Ramon Youth Symphony Concert**

June 1  
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

**Thank You San Ramon: Astronomy Night**

June 12  
Rancho San Ramon Park

**Night at the Improv\***

June 20  
Front Row Theater

For more information about these upcoming events visit [www.SanRamon.ca.gov/parks](http://www.SanRamon.ca.gov/parks) or call 925-973-3200

\*These events require registration or ticket purchase.

### Contact Information

#### City Council

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City Council ..... 973-2530  
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#### 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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