

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Summer 2017

Celebrate Community this Summer in San Ramon

Celebrate America's birthday on July 4th with the Run San Ramon. This 5K and 10K Run/Walk will feature a fun, flat, paved route that is dog and stroller friendly.



The event is open to all ages and this year features a new 5K Run Stroller Division award for the fastest male and female time. The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the San Ramon Community Center at Central Park. Round out your Independence Day celebration with a 5:00 p.m. concert in the park featuring patriotic music performed by the San Ramon Symphonic Band, a salute to our Veterans, and free kids crafts. Earth, Wind & Fire tribute band Kalimba will also perform. Bring a picnic and relax in the park!

Celebrate family at our free events this summer including outdoor concerts Sundays at 5:30 p.m., July 9th through August 6th in Central Park and at our free Dive-in Movie at the San Ramon Olympic Pool featuring Disney's The Little Mermaid on July 28th.

Celebrate our community history on Saturday, August 26th at Forest Home Farms Historic Park with The History of



Farming and Ranching in San Ramon event in partnership with San Ramon 150. Pioneer family members will be on hand to tell their stories of life on San Ramon farms and ranches. Fun activities and farm tours for all!

Celebrate San Ramon at the San Ramon 150 Birthday Party at City Hall on September 9th. Start with a walk on the Iron Horse Trail led by the Open Space Advisory Committee and then join the birthday fun at City Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with historical displays, speakers and refreshments.

For more information about San Ramon upcoming events, visit our website at www.SanRamon.ca.gov.

Summer Youth Passes

County Connection Summer Youth Passes went on sale beginning June 10, 2017 through September 30, 2017. The passes are good for 20 rides, cost \$15, and are for students ages 6 to 18.

For a list of San Ramon facilities where passes can be purchased, please visit the City's website: www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/transitnews.htm.

County Connection Summer Youth Passes FOR STUDENTS AGES 6-18

20 Bus Rides for \$15 That's 75¢ per Ride

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VALID JUNE 10- SEPT. 30, 2017

Summer Safety Tips

Now that summer has arrived, your home may be vacant due to vacations and other recreational activities. There are many things you can do to protect your valuables while you are away. One of the easiest things to do is to request a vacation home check from the San Ramon Police Department. One simple form to fill out and we will keep an eye on your home while you are away. To access the form visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/police/documents/patvacrequest.pdf. In addition here is a list of Crime Prevention tips to prepare for leaving your home:



- 1) Have a trusted neighbor pick up your mail, packages and newspapers. This gives extra eyes and ears on your home while you are away.
- 2) You always want to give the appearance that your home is occupied. Set lights on timers inside and outside your home just as if you are there.
- 3) Park vehicles with built in garage door openers in the garage. This type of opener works without the car being on and will allow access to your home. Lock your interior garage door. Remove openers from all vehicles if left for an extended period of time.
- 4) Contact your alarm company to let them know to call the police department directly in your absence. Time is of essence when a burglary is in progress.
- 5) Do not post your trip on social media. Wait until you return home to post those pictures.

These tips will target harden your valuables while you are away. If you or your neighbors see anything suspicious please always remember “SEE IT, HEAR IT, REPORT IT” and call the San Ramon Police Department immediately at (925) 973-2779.

For more Crime Prevention information visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/police/prevention.htm

Enjoy your summer and stay safe.

Start Your Own “Farm to Table” Vegetable Garden



Are you looking to get outdoors to test out your green thumb? Why not try planting something edible? The summer months are a great time to plant vegetables such as beans, beets, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, cucumber, eggplant, kale, lettuce, peppers, radishes, snap peas, spinach, squash, and tomato.

Keep in mind, even if you don't have a large space to plant in—some vegetables can be grown in containers on patios, decks, or balconies. Happy planting!

Second Dwelling Unit

On January 1, 2017, new development standards for Accessory Dwelling Unit (second dwelling units), approved by Senate Bill 1069 and Assembly Bill 2299, became effective. The new regulations are intended to make constructing an in-law or second dwelling units easier, and serve as a way to promote housing opportunities in existing communities. The new standards allow for the creation of a second dwelling unit that ranges in size from 150 to 1,200 sq. ft. as either a portion of the existing residence or as a detached structure. Standard building permits are required for the construction of these second dwelling units; however, the new law also allows exceptions and deviations to development standards such as certain building setbacks, parking and in some cases the requirements for separate utility connections. For additional information, please contact the Planning Services Division at (925) 973-2560 or Planning@sanramon.ca.gov.

Recycle Batteries, Electronics, Motor Oil, and Hazardous Materials

Residents can recycle household batteries by putting them in a sealed plastic bag and placing the bag of batteries on top of their recycle cart on their regular collection day.

Waste Management also provides weekly curbside collection of used motor oil and oil filters. Call (925) 837-3356 to have used oil recycling containers delivered to your home.

Residents can also have used electronics and household hazardous waste collected from their doorsteps at no additional charge. Items collected include



fluorescent lightbulbs, ink cartridges, computers, televisions, cell phones, microwaves, electronics, batteries, paint, motor oil, needles, and household chemicals. To schedule a pick-up, call 1-800-449-7587, or visit At Your Door Special Collection online: www.wmatyourdoor.com.



Unwanted medicine can be dropped off at the San Ramon Police Dept., 2401 Crow Canyon Road, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Needles and other medical sharps enclosed in safe, sealed containers can be disposed of at any time at the drop-off kiosk in front of the San Ramon Valley Fire District office at 1500 Bollinger Canyon Road.



San Ramon Valley Street Smarts



Street Smarts is a traffic safety campaign in the San Ramon Valley and a collaborative partnership between the City of San Ramon, Town of Danville, Contra Costa County, San Ramon Valley Unified School District, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs, and other community partners. Our goal is to educate drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians on issues related to traffic safety and encourage active transportation through outreach programs. View our website at: www.street-smarts.com, or call (925) 973-2581 for more information on programs and outreach events. Stop by our table for educational traffic safety information at one of the outreach events below:

- Sundays, July 9 & August 6: San Ramon Summer Concerts in the Park at San Ramon Community Center - 5:30 p.m.
- Fridays, June 23 & July 14: Alamo Summer Concert Series at Livorna Park - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturdays, July 8 & August 19: Danville Music in the Park at Danville Town Green - 6:00 p.m.

Student Transit Ticket Program

The City of San Ramon along with 511 Contra Costa provides free public transit passes as an alternative to driving your student to school. For the upcoming school year, students who qualify will receive two 12-ride County Connection transit passes.



Students must be registered in a public or private school (Grades 1-12) in San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, Lafayette, Moraga, or Orinda. This offer is available for a maximum of three (3) students per household, while supplies last. Please check the City's homepage in July for the Program application.

Annual Fire-break Weed Abatement

On an annual basis, the Public Works Department is responsible for complying with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District requirements for weed abatement. All combustible weeds, dry brush and debris overgrowth must be mowed and cut prior to summer. The Fire Protection District



requires that a 60 foot fire-break band be mowed and cut around designated fence lines and a 100 foot fire-break band be mowed

around designated buildings and structures.

Public Works currently maintains 21 sites Citywide that were identified as needing weed abatement. As dry weed and growth became present, staff scheduled and started fire-break mowing. This year, all fire-break mowing was completed by May 29, 2017.

“Wheels Up!” Signs Installed

In an effort to minimize skateboarder and pedestrian accidents in front of City Hall, staff has installed several “Wheels Up!” signs. The purpose of the signs is to request that skateboarders, bicyclists, scooter riders, and skaters avoid the walkways leading up to City Hall or walk their bikes, scooters, and skateboards around the area.



Spare The Air Every Day!

In the Bay Area, the summer Spare the Air season generally runs from April through 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 when ozone concentrations exceed federal health-based standards.



On these Spare the Air days, residents are urged to cut back on any 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.

For commute incentives such as carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking, or taking transit, visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/downloads.htm for more information.

Protect Yourself From Pests

Northern California received a record amount of rainfall this past winter. The large amount of rain, along with warmer temperatures, has led to an increase in mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects.

To minimize your risk of being affected by mosquitoes, check around your home to ensure there is no standing water in or around your property. Inspect all windows and doors and seal off any holes or gaps in, or between, the glass and screens. When out hiking or in areas with a lot of brush, look out for tall grass, shrubs, and fallen trees or branches; ticks tend to be in these types of areas and will latch onto anything that brushes against them. If you are outdoors during the dawn and dusk hours, protect exposed skin by wearing long pants and long sleeves, and always use an effective insect repellent.

These are just a few tips. For more information on mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects or rodents, contact the Contra Costa County Mosquito and Vector Control District at (925) 771-6196 or try the search feature at: <http://www.contracostamosquito.com/>.



What Happens to the Sales Tax I Pay? How much does the City Receive?

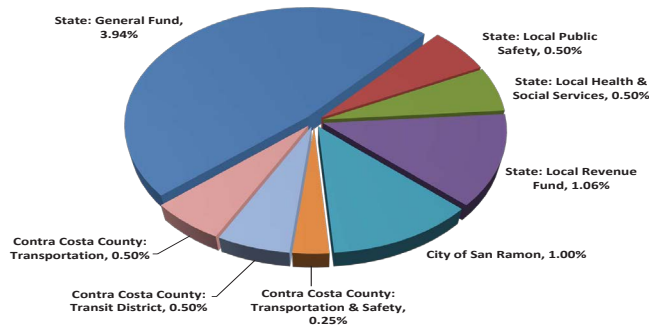
Many of your everyday purchases include a sales tax. In San Ramon you pay 8.25% of the value of the purchase. However, not everything you buy is taxable; services are exempt as are other items like groceries and medicine. Sales tax is shared among a number of different governmental entities. The chart below shows the portion of the sales tax received by each entity.

In 2016-17, the 1% share that goes to the City of San Ramon amounted to almost \$9 million or 20% of the City's total general fund. While this may seem like a robust number, it is only about 82% of the statewide average. Since San Ramon lacks big retail outlets and new car dealerships, the City collects less sales tax revenue relative to other jurisdictions.

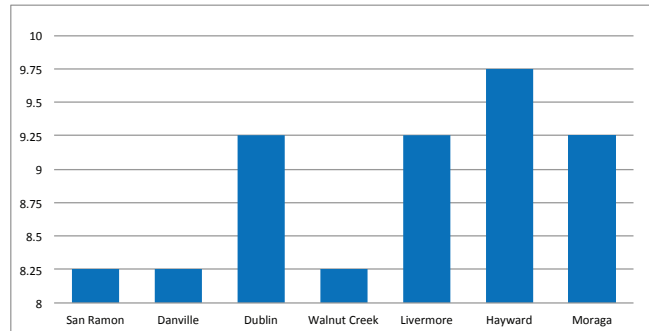
Online sales are also complicating sales tax revenue in San Ramon. Sales tax on items purchased online, is allocated countywide based on total countywide

taxable sales. Since San Ramon has less retail on average, the City receives a smaller commensurate share of the online taxable sales from places like Amazon. More and more purchases are being made online. Due to the sales tax calculation method described above, the City receives significantly less sales tax benefit than if the item had been purchased in a store. So how do Cities increase the amount of sales tax they collect to help support basic services? One way is to promote local retail locations and encouraging residents to "Shop San Ramon First". The second way is by passing a local sales tax measure which adds to the 1% the City receives. Cities that have passed local sales tax measures not only receive the sales tax from the stores within the city limits, but also receive a higher portion of the sales tax made from purchases online and at car dealerships regardless of location.

How much of the 8.25% Sales Tax does San Ramon get?



Sales Tax Rate (%)



San Ramon Water Management Strategies

During the drought over the past five years, the City of San Ramon implemented several water management strategies to conserve water and comply with voluntary and mandatory drought restrictions imposed by the State of California and our local water providers. Some of the strategies implemented include:

- Created a water budget with a 30% reduction goal.
- Eliminated watering of grass in street medians and roadsides irrigated with potable water and begin conversion to low water use landscaping.

- Reduced potable water to non-turf landscaping by at least 30%.
- Converted multiple landscape and park sites to recycled water.
- Installed low-flow water fixtures at City facilities.

As a result, the City reduced water use by more than 25% during the drought. Now that the drought has been declared over, the City will continue to practice sound water management to conserve water and promote sustainable public landscaping and parks.



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JULY 2017 – AUGUST 2017 EVENTS

July

Run San Ramon 10K/5K*
July 4
San Ramon Central Park

Independence Day Celebration
Featuring: Kalimba – Earth, Wind and Fire Tribute Band
July 4
San Ramon Central Park



Summer Concerts in the Park
Featuring: Take 2 – 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, Top 40
July 9
San Ramon Central Park

Summer Concerts in the Park
Featuring: House Rockers – Rock & Soul
July 16
San Ramon Central Park

Summer Concerts in the Park
Featuring: Apple Z - 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, Top 40
July 23
San Ramon Central Park

Summer Outdoor Movie: Disney's The Little Mermaid
July 28
San Ramon Olympic Pool



Senior Summer Barbecue*
July 28
Alcosta Senior and Community Center

Summer Concerts in the Park
Featuring: Rachel Steele & Road 88 - Country
July 30
San Ramon Central Park

August

Family Camp Out
August 5-6
Rancho San Ramon Community Park



Summer Concerts in the Park
Featuring: Ruckatan Latin Tribe – Latin & Reggae Beats
August 6
San Ramon Central Park

Hans Christian Andersen, Jr.*
August 10-11
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

**These events require registration or ticket purchase.*

For more information, please visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov/parks or call (925) 973-3200.

Contact Information

City Council

- Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
- David E. Hudson, *Vice Mayor*
- Philip G. O'Loane, *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
- 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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