

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Winter 2015

San Ramon Government 101 is BACK!

The San Ramon City Clerk's Department will host the 8th session of San Ramon Government 101 in the spring of 2016. The class goal is to enhance understanding of local government and departmental functions and encourage participation in the City's various Committees and Commissions.

The class will be presented on six consecutive Mondays starting on February 22, 2016. Sessions will be held in various City facilities based on the presenting department. There will be a formal recognition of class participants at the Tuesday, April 12, 2016 City Council meeting.

The class is free but space is limited. Registration information is available in the Winter Recreation Guide.

Contact the City Clerk's office at (925) 973-2538 for additional information.

SAN RAMON GOVERNMENT 101 TENTATIVE SPRING 2016 SCHEDULE

CLASS TOPIC	CLASS DATE
Introduction/Overview of City Organization (City Clerk/City Attorney/City Manager)	Monday – February 22, 2016
Tour City Facilities	Saturday – February 27, 2016 Meet at 8:30 a.m. Tour - 9:00 am to Noon
Finance/Parks	Monday - February 29, 2016 Dougherty Station Community Center 17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd.
Police Services	Monday – March 7, 2016 Police Department 2401 Crow Canyon Road
Public Services	Monday - March 14, 2016 Service Center 5000 Crow Canyon Road
Planning/Building /Transportation	Monday - March 21, 2016 Planning Department 2401 Crow Canyon Road
Engineering	Monday – March 28, 2016 Engineering Department 2401 Crow Canyon Road
Recognition at City Council Meeting	Tuesday – April 12, 2016

Three Ways to Recycle Christmas Trees

Choose one of the 3 convenient options below to recycle your Christmas tree:

1. Boy Scouts of America Annual Fundraiser

Tree Pickup Day is Saturday, January 2, 2016. For a suggested donation of \$10.00, local Boy Scouts will pick up your tree. Visit www.sanramonscouts.org, e-mail Trees@sanramonscouts.org or call (925)587-8733.

2. Waste Management Yard Trimmings / Green Waste Cart

Cut tree into lengths that will easily fit into cart and allow lid to completely close. Place tree pieces into cart any time after holidays.



3. Special One-Time Tree Pickup Week of January 4, 2016

Set out tree at curb for pickup by a special truck. Cut larger trees into lengths of 6 feet or less.

Trees with flocking, tinsel, or tree stands: Call Waste Management at (925) 837-3356 to arrange for collection at an additional pickup fee.

For more information on garbage and recycling, please visit:

<http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/recycle/default.htm>

Parks & Community Services Enhances Online Services

Connect with the Parks & Community Services Department on Facebook

The Parks & Community Services Department has recently launched a new Facebook page! This new social media feature will make it easy for you and your family to stay in touch with all the great events & programs happening in your city. The Department will be sharing events, programs, facility, and performance information.

How to connect with us:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/sanramonparks

Twitter: @cityofsanramon

Instagram: @cityofsanramon

Facility Room Reservations Now Available Online

Need a convenient location for your next family gathering, or corporate event? Along with being able to check room availability online, you now have the ability to reserve indoor rooms online. Visit www.SanRamonRecGuide.com, select facilities, check availability and reserve your room online. Once your reservation is made, a room deposit payment is required to hold your room. Customers will then be contacted by our staff to assist you the rest of the way to ensure that your event is a success.

For more rental information call:

San Ramon Community Center
(925) 973-3217

Alcosta Community Center
(925) 973-3252

Dougherty Station Community Center
(925) 973-3351

Amador Rancho Center
(925) 973-3305

Summer 2016 Employment Opportunities

The Parks and Community Services Department will begin recruiting for summer jobs in early January, 2016.

Opportunities Include:

- Recreation Leaders I-II-Camps
- Lifeguards I-IV
- Senior Lifeguards
- Assistant/Pool Managers

Lifeguard training classes are available. Visit www.SanRamonRecGuide.com to register.

Visit our website www.SanRamon.ca.gov in January, 2016 or call (925) 973-2608 for more information. Testing and interviews will take place in March, 2016.

Calling All Elementary School Artists for the 12th Annual San Ramon Valley Street Smarts Storybook Poster Contest!

The 12th Annual San Ramon Valley Street Smarts Storybook Poster Contest presented by Sunset Development Company, starts on January 6! Elementary school children throughout the San Ramon Valley are encouraged to draw illustrations for this year's traffic safety storybook, written by local author Dana Mentink.

Eleven illustrations will be chosen for inclusion in the final storybook, which will be distributed to thousands of children in the San Ramon Valley. The winning artwork and final storybook will be unveiled at the Storybook Awards Ceremony on March 10, 2016 at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center in San Ramon. All artwork submitted will be exhibited at this great event.

Students in grades K-5 of all artistic abilities are encouraged to participate. Beginning on January 6, students can pick up entry forms and contest information at the front office of their elementary school, San Ramon City Hall, San Ramon Community Center, Dougherty Station Library, Danville Community Center, and Danville Library. The contest ends February 3, 2016. For more information, please visit www.sanramon.ca.gov or www.street-smarts.com or contact Street Smarts at info@street-smarts.com.

Emergency Preparedness

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) registered over 450 earthquakes in the San Ramon area during the month of October. Although none of these shakers were large enough to cause damage, they were a good reminder for all of us about the importance of emergency preparedness.

The City of San Ramon Office of Emergency Management falls under the scope of the Police Department, and is responsible for making sure our community is prepared. The Office of Emergency Management has a detailed Emergency Operations Plan in place should a significant event occur in or around San Ramon.

This Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) is over 500 pages in length and encompasses all aspects of the City of San Ramon's Emergency Management planning. It includes preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery planning for the entire City. A portion of the EOP is dedicated to the management and operations of the City of San Ramon Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Every San Ramon employee is a designated Disaster Service Worker. If a large scale event occurs, and directly affects the City of San Ramon, all of our employees will be required to respond and assist in the response and recovery efforts. The EOC will remain operational 24 hours a day until the event has

stabilized and the primary response and recovery stages are completed.

It is also important that you and your household are ready for a disaster. We recommend at a minimum, you maintain 72 hours of supplies in your household. Although 3 days is the minimum, a week's worth of supplies would be better. For numerous suggestions on emergency preparedness for you home, please visit www.BeReadySRV.org. This website explains the collaborative preparedness work accomplished

by the City of San Ramon, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, San Ramon Valley Unified School District, Town of Danville, and Contra Costa County. Together we have gathered recommendations on household supplies, planning documents, special needs assistance, resources, and numerous other areas to consider so you can make sure you and your families are ready should a disaster hit the San Ramon area.

If you have any questions regarding the Emergency Management for the City of San Ramon please contact Lt. Denton Carlson of the San Ramon Police Department at dcarlson@sanramon.ca.gov.



Winter Spare the Air

The Winter Spare the Air program notifies residents when particulate matter levels are anticipated to be unhealthy. On these high pollution days, the Air District will issue a Winter Spare the Air Alert which prohibits wood burning throughout the Bay Area.

From **November 1 through the end of February**, under the Air District's wood-burning regulation, when a Winter Spare the Air Alert has been called, burning wood, firelogs, pellets, or any other solid fuels in your fireplace, woodstove, or other wood-burning device is illegal.



When wood burning is allowed, residents who do burn in a fireplace or outdoor fire pit must still burn cleanly using dry, seasoned firewood, and not burn garbage, leaves or other material

that would cause excessive smoke. Residents who exceed the excess visible smoke provision in the wood-burning rule could be in violation, which can result in fines.

To get more information regarding the Winter Spare the Air program, please go to <http://www.sparetheair.org>

El Niño Winter Preparation

During the summer and fall months, the City works diligently to complete the annual flood control maintenance program. The City maintains Coyote Creek, Norris Creek, South San Ramon Creek, and sections of Oak Creek.

The following tasks have been performed as part of the City's winter preparation in order to provide clear passageway for winter rains and minimize creek flooding, especially important this year in anticipation of El Niño storms:

- Clearing of obstructions along creek waterways
- Removal of overgrown vegetation, tules, and large grasses in flood control areas
- Catch basin inspection and cleaning, which minimize clogging during heavy downpours
- Tree pruning to avoid trees becoming top heavy (which can cause trees to fall in strong winds)
- Concrete v-ditch cleaning
- Litter abatement

- Clearing vegetation from water quality control ponds, detention basins, and bioswales

Three sandbag stations have also been staged in the parking lots of Central Park, Athan Downs, and the San Ramon Sports Park. The sand and bags are provided; however, residents should come prepared with a shovel to fill the bags.

More information can be found on the City's website at <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/general/storm.htm>.



The Public Services Department has an Emergency Standby Response Team that is on call 24-7 and provides assistance throughout the year.

Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

There is no garbage, recycling, or green waste pick-up on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. Both of these holidays fall on a Friday this year. If your regular service day is Friday, your Christmas week pick-up will be on Saturday, December 26th, and your New Year's week pick up will be on Saturday, January 2nd.

For more information on garbage and recycling, please visit: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/recycle/default.htm>

Extra Holiday Garbage? BAG IT!

If you have more garbage than will fit in your garbage cart, you can purchase "Bag-It" bags from the City. Place your extra garbage in the "Bag-It" bags, tie them off, and set them out on top of the curb next to your garbage cart on collection day. The price of the specially-marked "Bag-It" bags (\$7 each) includes the cost of the extra pick-up. Extra garbage that is set out beside your garbage cart in regular garbage bags will not be picked up. You can purchase "Bag-It" bags from the City of San Ramon offices, 2226 Camino Ramon, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



Beginning in January 2016, Bag-It bags will also be available for sale at the Permit Center, 2401 Crow Canyon Rd., Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *This service is available year-round.*

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Project Financing

On October 27, 2015, the San Ramon City Council authorized the Ygrene Works PACE program to operate within the City limits. The San Ramon Climate Action Plan encourages local energy efficient and resource conservation projects as a greenhouse gas reduction strategy. PACE programs can promote local energy and conservation projects by providing an alternative funding mechanism as an incentive.

The Ygrene Works PACE program joins CaliforniaFIRST, HERO and Figtree as PACE financing options within the City. The availability of multiple PACE providers within the City offers a variety of programs, financing options and loan terms. This competition between providers allows property owners to select a PACE program that is best suited to their specific needs.

PACE programs allow property owners to finance up to 100% of energy efficiency, water efficiency and renewable energy projects with little or no up-front costs. These property improvement loans are paid back over time as a voluntary property tax assessment on the existing property tax bill. Examples of qualified projects include:

- Windows, Skylights, & Doors
- Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning
- Solar Panels
- Roofing & Insulation
- Water Heating
- Artificial Turf
- Drought Tolerant Landscaping
- Drip Irrigation
- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
- Other qualified projects

Each PACE provider has qualified installation contractors and administers all aspects of the program. Additional information on each program can be found at:

Ygrene Works

Visit: <https://ygreneworks.com/> or call (877) 819-4736

California Home Energy Renovation Opportunity (HERO) Program

Visit: <https://www.heroprogram.com/SanRamon> or call (855) HERO-411 (855-437-6411)

CaliforniaFIRST-Energy Upgrade Financing

Visit: <https://californiafirst.org> or call (888) 906-0848

Figtree Financing PACE Program (commercial only)

Visit: <https://www.figtreefinancing.com> or call (877) 577-7373



School Parks Sports Field Renovations

The City maintains 14 school parks under the joint use agreement with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. The fields at these parks are undergoing sports field renovations. Staff has identified and prioritized all sports turf and skinned baseball infield areas requiring regrading.

All fields have been closed to San Ramon sports user groups starting November 9, 2015 and will remain out of service until January 30, 2016, affording ample time for City staff to complete renovations and upgrades.

The field will be core-aerated, fertilized, dethatched, and slit seeded. The overseeding coupled with the three month 'rest' period from league play will improve the playing surfaces in time for the opening of spring sports.

New sod will be installed to ensure a smooth transition from the infield to the outfield turf. In addition, all pitcher's mounds, batter boxes, and base paths will receive additional infield soil mix and clay to stabilize and balance the grade for much improved safety and play.





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EVENTS DECEMBER 2015 – MARCH 2016

DECEMBER 2015

San Ramon Community Theatre: A Christmas Carol*
December 4-20
Front Row Theater

San Ramon Valley Dance Academy: Impression of the Nutcracker *
December 12-13
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Holiday on the Farm with Holiday Tours of Glass House Museum
December 12
Forest Home Farms Historic Park



San Ramon Symphonic Band: Horns for the Holidays*
December 18
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Bay Area Children's Theatre: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*
December 19-20
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Nature's Holiday Decorations & Holiday Tour Of Glass House Museum
December 19
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

San Ramon Community Chorus: Holiday Magic*
December 20
San Ramon Community Center

JANUARY 2016

Friday Foreign Film Series: The Bicycle Thief*
January 8
Front Row Theater



Monkey See, Monkey Do... Family Friendly Improv!*
January 10
Front Row Theater

San Ramon Youth Symphony Concert*
January 25
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Bedtime Theater: Outer Space Musical Adventure Show*
January 29
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

FEBRUARY 2016

Friday Foreign Film Series: The Lives of Others*
February 5
Front Row Theater

Thank You San Ramon: A Place for Poetry Family Workshop
February 27
Front Row Theater

Lady K & the Kings of Swing: Dancing with the Stars*
February 27
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



Night at the Improv*
February 27
Front Row Theater

MARCH 2016

Friday Foreign Film Series: Wadjda*
March 4
Front Row Theater

Teen Job and Career Fair
March 5
Dublin Senior Center, 7600 Amador Valley Blvd

San Ramon Symphonic Band Concert: The British are Coming*
March 11
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

San Ramon Community Chorus Concert: St. Patrick's Day Concert
March 11
Front Row Theater

Vicki Lawrence & Mama: A Two Woman Show*
March 12
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



San Ramon Community Fair
March 15
Dougherty Valley High School

Friday Foreign Film Series: Ida*
March 25
Front Row Theater

Contact Information

City Council

- Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
- Scott Perkins, *Vice Mayor*
- Harry Sachs, *Councilmember*
- David E. Hudson, *Councilmember*
- Philip G. O'Loane, *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 Olympic Pool 973-3240

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**These events require registration or ticket purchase.*

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