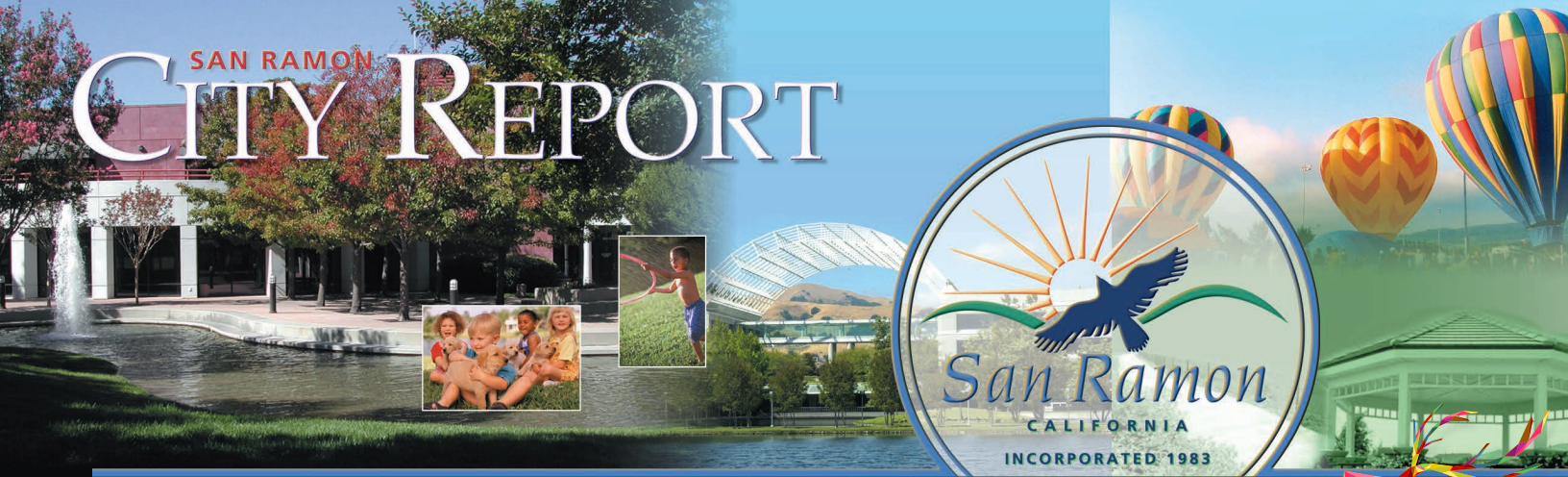


SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Winter 2016

Three Ways to Recycle Your Christmas Tree



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 7, 2017. For a \$10 donation, 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 9, 2017

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 for an additional pickup fee.

For more information on garbage and recycling, please visit: www.SanRamon.wm.com

San Ramon Government 101 is BACK!

The San Ramon City Clerk's Department will host the 9th session of San Ramon Government 101 in the spring of 2017. 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 27, 2017. Each class begins at 6:30 PM and ends at 9:00 PM. 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 11, 2017 City Council meeting.

The class is free but space is limited. Registration information and forms are available in the Winter Recreation Guide. Contact the City Clerk's office at 925-973-2539 for additional information.

SAN RAMON GOVERNMENT 101 TENTATIVE SPRING 2017 SCHEDULE

CLASS TOPIC	CLASS DATE
Introduction/Overview of City Organization (City Clerk/City Attorney/City Manager)	Monday – February 27, 2017 City Hall 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road
Tour City Facilities	Saturday – March 4, 2017 Meet at 8:30 a.m. City Hall, 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road Tour - 9:00 am to Noon
Finance / Parks	Monday – March 6, 2017 City Hall 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road
Police Services	Monday – March 13, 2017 Police Department 2401 Crow Canyon Road
Planning / Building	Monday – March 20, 2017 Permit Center 2401 Crow Canyon Road
Public Works Engineering / Transportation	Monday – March 27, 2017 Engineering Division 2401 Crow Canyon Road
Public Works Public Services	Monday – April 3, 2017 SR Service Center 5000 Crow Canyon Road
Recognition at City Council Meeting	Tuesday – April 11, 2017 City Hall, 7000 Bollinger Canyon Road

Investing in San Ramon: Sports Fields and Pools

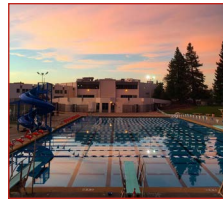
Did you know that the City of San Ramon is home to a total of 91 sports fields and two aquatic facilities both with 50-meter Olympic Pools? The abundant parks and high caliber aquatic facilities are part of what makes San Ramon one of the best communities in the East Bay. But, have you ever wondered what is involved in operating and maintaining City parks and pools? It is not an easy task, and in fact it takes a combination of City staff, contract support, specialty contractors, and a long term capital maintenance and replacement plan to operate our facilities.



The sports fields, including baseball, soccer, lacrosse, cricket and others, are programmed by Parks and Community Services staff. In addition to program staff, the fields themselves are maintained by the Public Works Department sports maintenance team along with contract field maintenance. The City also employs a rotating field schedule,

where fields are rested periodically in order to provide for cost-effective, long-term maintenance to keep up with the heavy usage and avoid costly field renovations. The total operational cost for sports fields is upwards of \$1.8M per year, which is mitigated partially by user fees.

The City's two 50-meter pools in San Ramon, jointly used by the community and the high schools, are programmed by 3 full time staff and numerous part time staff. In addition to operational staff, the Public Works Department has a City pool maintenance team along with contract pool maintenance who maintain the quality of the facility on a regular basis. The total annual operational cost for the City's two pools is approximately \$1.7M. However, there are costs beyond daily maintenance and operation to keep these facilities open to the public and the schools year-round. An annual average of \$460,000



goes towards ongoing, long-term maintenance costs and are planned and budgeted for as a part of the City's Capital Improvement Program each year.

Even though the annual cost to operate and maintain City recreation facilities is substantial, the City has for many years kept the rental rate for field use at a very affordable rate for local sports organizations. Our co-sponsored youth groups (resident organizations who offer recreation activities like little league and soccer) pay \$7 per hour, which helps keep participant fees low for families.



San Ramon residents pay an average of \$14 per hour for a turf field. Pool use is only \$5 per day for recreation or lap swim. This commitment to providing high quality facilities is part of the City Council's priority to make sure residents of San Ramon can enjoy the full breadth of City recreation facilities at reasonable prices.

Winter Spare The Air

The Winter Spare the Air season runs from November 1st through February 28th. 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.



When a Winter Spare the Air Alert is in effect, it is illegal to burn wood, manufactured fire logs, pellets, or any other solid fuels in your fireplace, woodstove, or outdoor fire pit.

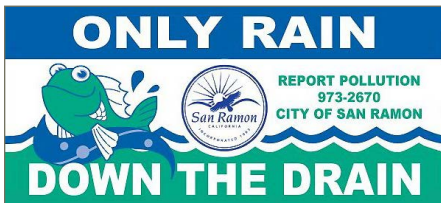
For more information on the Winter Spare the Air Program, please visit: www.sparetheair.org/make-a-difference/spare-the-air-every-day/winter

Storm-Related Emergencies

To report clogged storm drains, fallen trees or flooding, please call Public Works at 925-973-2800 during business hours M-F 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, or Police Dispatch at 925-973-2779 after hours, and they will contact the Public Works Emergency Standby Response Team for an after-hours response.

Help Protect Your Local Watershed

A watershed is an area of land that catches and drains water into a creek and eventually ends up in the Bay. Every neighborhood in San Ramon is located within a watershed. As stormwater flows over land and across the watershed into the creek, it carries polluted urban runoff such as used motor oil and grease, pesticides, trash, and other harmful debris.



Residents can help reduce pollution to our watersheds by:

- **Not allowing yard waste such as grass clippings and leaves to get into storm drains, which can clog the system and cause harm.** The breakdown process of leaves and organic waste robs valuable oxygen from the water creating algae blooms.
- **Properly cleaning and disposing of paint equipment.** All paint equipment should be cleaned in a sink that is plumbed to a sanitary sewer.

- **Washing cars at a local car wash.** When washing cars, the water runoff enters the storm drains. This puts pollutants such as grease, dirt, oil, metals, and soap to our local creeks. It is best to take your car to a car wash where the water is discharged to the sanitary sewer system.

For more information, please contact Public Works – Engineering Division at 925-973-2670 or visit www.sanramon.ca.gov/engr/cleanwater.html.

Extra Trash Service Tag

If you have more garbage than will fit in your garbage cart, you can purchase Extra Trash Service Tags from Waste Management or from the City. Put your extra garbage in your own garbage bag (up to 32

gallons), place an Extra Trash Service Tag on the bag, and set it out on top of the curb next to your garbage cart on your regular collection day with the tag facing the street. Any extra garbage that is set out without an Extra Trash Service Tag will not be picked up.

You can purchase Extra Trash Service Tags by calling Waste Management at 925-837-3356 and the tags will be mailed to your home.

You can also purchase Extra Trash Service Tags in person at San Ramon City Hall (7000 Bollinger Canyon Rd.) M-F 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, or at the San Ramon Permit Center (2401 Crow Canyon Rd.) M-F 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. The cost is \$7.00 per Tag. *This service is available year-round.*

Winter Storm Preparation – Sand Bags



The City of San Ramon has placed sand and sandbags for residents to use at the following park sites:

- 1) Central Park – located along the Alcosta Blvd. main entrance
- 2) Athan Downs Park – located on Montevideo Drive, nearest cross street is Davona Dr.
- 3) San Ramon Sports Park in Dougherty Valley – located on Sherwood Way, nearest cross street is East Branch Pkwy.

Please look for the blue “Sandbag Station” signs inside the above-mentioned parking lots. Sandbag stations are self-monitored, so please bring your own shovel to fill the bags.

EXTRA SERVICE TRASH
Up to 32 Gallons

Place tag on your bag with tag facing the street on your regular service day.
Place tagged bag next to carts curbside.

925-837-3356

Sports Field Conditions

To find out if sports fields are open or closed, please visit the City's website and click on the "Sports Field Conditions" link on the homepage. You will then be directed to the most recent bulletin alerts that have been posted.

You can also sign up for a free digital subscription and receive alerts via email or text message. If there is a change to a Sports Field Condition, an alert will be sent out at 2:00 PM weekdays and at 8:00 AM on Saturdays & Sundays. Subscriptions can be modified or cancelled at any time.



For more information on Sports Field Condition Alerts, please visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/alerts.htm

Join a Vanpool- It's VAN-TASTIC!

Do you have a long commute? Tired of driving to work and dealing with traffic and congestion? We have a solution for you! The City of San Ramon, in concert with "511 Contra Costa", provides commute alternatives to commuters who travel to and from Contra Costa County. As a new vanpool passenger you are eligible for 50% reimbursement, after you ride for three consecutive months. To find an available seat on an existing vanpool, visit: www.511contracosta.org/driving/vanpool.



You could also start a new vanpool and be eligible to receive a \$1,000 bonus when you complete 12 consecutive months with a minimum of 6 new vanpool passengers. For more information on vanpooling or other commute alternative programs, please contact the Transportation Division at 925-973-2650 or visit: www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/tdm.htm.

Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

This year, both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on a Sunday, so there will be no change to the garbage collection schedule. Your garbage, recycling, and organics will be picked up on your regular garbage day.



For more information on garbage and recycling, please visit: www.SanRamon.wm.com

Common Terms Used in Public Works

1. What do you call a reservoir designed to temporarily store storm water?
 - A. Watershed
 - B. Detention Basin
 - C. Water Tower
2. What is an underground concrete structure with openings in curbs and gutters designed to collect water runoff from streets and pavement?
 - A. Outfall
 - B. Gutter
 - C. Catch Basin
3. What is the area formed by the curb and the street to help prevent flooding by channeling runoff to storm drains?
 - A. Gutter
 - B. Slough
 - C. Stream
4. What is the name of the most recent park opened in San Ramon?
 - A. Hummingbird Park
 - B. Rancho San Ramon Park
 - C. Mosaic Park

Answer Key: 1)B; 2)C; 3)A; 4)B

Street Smarts Awards Ceremonies

Street Smarts is a traffic safety campaign in the San Ramon Valley. It is 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 for more information on our programs and outreach events.

Upcoming awards ceremonies

Storybook Poster Contest Awards Ceremony:

Date: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Place: Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center
10550 Albion Road, San Ramon Exhibit Hall

Time: Registration opens at 4:00 PM
Ceremony is from 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM



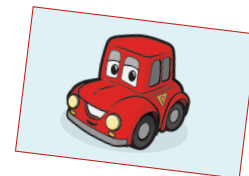
"Be Reel" Video Contest Awards Ceremony:

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Place: Danville Village Theatre
233 Front Street, Danville

Time: Reception at 5:30 PM

Premiere and Awards
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM



San Ramon Sells Former City Hall for \$6.1 Million

The four buildings that together made up the City of San Ramon's City Hall for the past 32 years were sold on October 31, 2016. OlymBuilder Investment Company, Inc. purchased the buildings at 2220, 2222, 2226, and 2228 Camino Ramon for a combined purchase price of \$6.1 million.

The proceeds from the sale of the building will be used to fund the renovation of the San Ramon library. The renovation of the library building will be completed in December of 2016 after which library staff will prepare the newly renovated library for a public opening in March of 2017. "The City Council is very pleased that the

growth in San Ramon's commercial real estate market allowed us to fund the majority of our newly renovated library through a one-time revenue event," commented Mayor Bill Clarkson. "Over a twelve month period, we were able to open a new City Hall, sell our old City Hall, and open what is essentially a new library all of it without taking on new debt for the Community."

San Ramon Ranked as Best City to Live in Northern California by Money Magazine

In the 2016 annual ranking of best places to live, Money magazine chose San Ramon as their top location in Northern California and 21st best nationwide.

Money magazine identified several specific features of San Ramon that factored into the high ranking.

Key metrics for San Ramon included beautiful neighborhoods, ample parks, high performing schools and an abundance of in-town job options.

"This is amazing news and I am so very proud of our City," Mayor Bill Clarkson stated in response to the ranking. "When a national publication like Money magazine recognizes the safety of our community, our commitment to the arts, our bountiful parks

and open space, our robust and growing business community and our award winning schools, it illustrates how San Ramon works together for the people who live here. The City has an important role in our community, but it is our partnerships with community groups, the business community, and the school district that make San Ramon the best place to live in Northern California."



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EVENTS DECEMBER 2016 – MARCH 2017

December

Disney's Cinderella Kids*
December 16-17
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Holiday Tours at the Glass House Museum*
December 17
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

San Ramon Symphonic Band Christmas Festival*
December 23
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

January

"School Days" - San Ramon 150 Event
January 14
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Monkey See Monkey Do, Family Friendly Improv*
January 15
Front Row Theater

Friday Foreign Film Series: The Secret in Their Eyes*
January 20
Front Row Theater

San Ramon Historic Foundation's Crab Feed*
January 28
Dougherty Station Community Center

February

San Ramon Library Gala Fundraiser*
February 4
San Ramon Library

San Ramon Youth Symphony Concert
February 6
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Friday Foreign Film Series: Cinema Paradiso*
February 10
Front Row Theater

Night at the Improv: Love is in the Air*
February 11
Front Row Theater

San Ramon Senior Center Foundation's Mardi Gras Bingo*
February 25
Alcosta Senior & Community Center

March

San Ramon Symphonic Band: March Into Spring*
March 3
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Teen Job and Career Fair
March 4
Alcosta Senior and Community Center

Rhythm in the Night – The Irish Dance Spectacular*
March 4
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



Friday Foreign Film Series: I Wish*
March 10
Front Row Theater

San Ramon Library Grand Opening
March 11
San Ramon Library

San Ramon Community Chorus: St. Patrick's Day Concert
March 17
Front Row Theater

Lady K and the Kings of Swing: Dancing with the Stars*
March 18
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

Average White Band*
March 31
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

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- 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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