

1. How do I leave my home during the fireworks?
<p>A The road restrictions will be set up for inbound traffic only at selected locations. Outbound traffic will be accessible at all times to everyone in the neighborhoods with the exception for the Vista Monte neighborhood. At about 9:00pm, that Vista Monte roadway in total will need to be closed off through about 10:30 p.m. This is necessary due to that road being closer to the 'dropzone' so that during the fireworks launch and afterwards during the final clearance, outbound and inbound access will be restricted.</p>
2. How will this event be different from the larger regional event in the past? Why does this event need to be a regional event?
<p>A The event in Central Park was a regional event. Over many years, the event grew in terms of the number of people coming to the park. During several years in 2006-2010, many other surrounding cities cancelled their fireworks show/event, leaving San Ramon with the only show in the surrounding area. Thus people travelled to San Ramon from throughout the region. The City did not set out to create or host a regional event. This proposed event is designed to be a local event for residents and will only be marketed to residents. The City will not be promoting it regionally.</p>
3. Is wind a factor, and at what wind speed will the show be cancelled?
<p>A The wind could be a factor and will be evaluated prior to the launch of the fireworks by both the Fire Department and the fireworks contractor. Unusually high winds could be cause to cancel.</p>
4. Where are they going to be measuring the wind? What are the historical wind values for that date?
<p>A See above</p>
5. Does the City have insurance to cover fire damage should it occur in the residential neighborhood?
<p>A Yes, the City has insurance. There is also a claim process that property owners and residents can submit requesting that the City review and consider a claim for damages.</p>
6. How will City prepare the dry brush on the other trails? Can the grass be rototilled over not just cut? Will the bark be removed from the hill in the neighborhood?
<p>A The area will be mowed or rototilled based on the needs of the location. The mulch and bark that are located in Summit View Park area can be covered or removed.</p>
7. Will the City have resources for crowd control in other neighborhoods?
<p>A The shoot site will be controlled by City personnel. The neighborhoods will be patrolled by the Police Department with support from other city staff. Pedestrian traffic will be limited in some areas, primarily in the shoot site and the drop zone area. The traffic control plan allows for residents of the neighborhoods and their guests to travel in and out of the neighborhoods. Inbound vehicle traffic via Old Ranch Road will be restricted at 8:30pm.</p>
8. How will the wildlife be affected by the fireworks?
<p>A Further research will be needed. The City cannot speculate at this time as to the magnitude and impact of the fireworks on the wildlife in the area.</p>

9. Will my guests be able to access my home?
A Yes. See Question #1 above.
10. Will sweepers be used to clean-up following the event?
A Yes, street sweepers will be used that night and possibly the following day (if needed) to capture debris in the city roadways. Staff will also be covering by foot Old Rand Road sub division as well as other park sites to remove remaining litter/debris from the public right of way
11. What will happen if a fire does start?
A Additional fire staff will be on duty. Fire Department staff will be on-site during the event with an engine.
12. How do you protect from any fire starting?
A With mitigation, including additional weed abatement in the shoot site area and having emergency responders on-site during the fireworks shoot.
13. Is Central Park going to be closed during the event?
A Central Park will be open for public use as it is 365 days. We do not generally close parks. In the past three years, even with no fireworks, the park is heavily used for picnics and other holiday gatherings. In any case, the park is too large with too many entrances to close off.
14. Will the staff manning the closure points in the shoot site area be uniformed police officers?
A Uniformed officers will be stationed in the high traffic areas. Other areas will be manned by other City staff. Fencing and control barriers in some locations will also be used.
15. How will the temporary fence deter pedestrians from entering private property?
A The temporary 6-foot chain link fence will be installed surrounding Summit View trail/hill. Additional staff will be stationed at the fence lines to prohibit pedestrians from entering the shoot site.
16. How will illegal fireworks be controlled?
A Due to neighboring cities selling legal fireworks, police and fire receive hundreds of calls related to illegal fireworks being detonated each year in years that the City did, and did not hold a fireworks show. Both the Police and Fire departments patrol the neighborhoods, prioritize calls, and respond to calls as quickly as possible.
17. Has a permit been granted by the NFPA?
A The NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) does not issue permits, it is a national organization that develops various industry standards.
18. What is the significance of the 560-foot drop/safety zone come from? Why is the grade by the pyrotechnical experts an A- and not an A for the Old Ranch Park site?
A The 560-foot guideline is based on a standard developed by the NFPA. The safety zone size does account for the firework debris. The grading was established to help City determine the site desirability. The Old Ranch Park site was graded as an A- due to it requiring a public road closure.
19. Has there been consideration of closing Austin Creek and Oak Valley Roads in the Old Ranch neighborhood?

<p>A This was considered by the investigative team, but not included in the recommendation. By closing these, it would severely limit the ability of residents to enter the neighborhoods. The goal was to provide the neighborhood as much access as possible. If closing these additional roads were to be considered, the team would need to develop a more comprehensive traffic control plan, additional staffing and additional costs.</p>
<p>20. Where are the other viewing locations for the fireworks?</p>
<p>A The Old Ranch Park site was selected because it had the best rating for having many viewing locations throughout many portions of the City. Many residents will know good locations based on their familiarity with the City, and their neighborhoods. Staff anticipates hearing from residents after the shoot as to where they were able to see the display, and what the best locations were.</p>
<p>21. Has the City considered the impacts to the golf course?</p>
<p>A Yes, the City made contact with the golf course and Village Commons Shopping Center directly to discuss any of their concerns. The golf course, if concerned, could use the sprinkler systems to deter people from setting up on the fairways/greens. The Village Commons Shopping Center, and other private property owners, could block off and close their parking lots at their discretion.</p>
<p>22. Will a parking plan and a viewing site plan be developed?</p>
<p>A A parking plan for individual neighborhoods will be difficult to develop and enforce. Staff recommends residents park their own vehicles on the street to reserve the driveway spaces for their guests. The City does not recommend establishing formal or 'official' viewing sites as that will require marketing and publicity of those sites, and potentially draw crowds in a concentrated area. If directed to do so, the team would review and present the additional costs would be incurred to provide security, lighting and restrooms at those sites.</p>
<p>23. Can the bollards be removed from Timber Creek Road in the Old Ranch neighborhood to allow residents to have alternate egress routes in case of emergency?</p>
<p>A The necessity of using that as an emergency exit would be extremely rare. The Fire Department will need to review this proposal.</p>
<p>24. Can the City develop success criteria so we can measure the success of the event to see if it should continue?</p>
<p>A The City would collect survey data from residents regarding the success of holding the fireworks at this location, and specifically seek information from the residents in this area regarding the impacts. Another in person meeting could be held after the event, and/or an electronic input survey of some type.</p>
<p>25. What is the post event clean-up plan?</p>
<p>A A plan is in place for clean-up of the Old Ranch neighborhoods and other park sites. Street sweepers and staff will be in place the night of and the day after (if needed), to sweep and remove litter/debris from public right of way, i.e. roadways, sidewalks and park areas.</p>
<p>26. Since it is a fireworks launch site only, what is the opportunity for the local businesses</p>

<p>to participate in the event?</p>
<p>A Traditionally the 4th of July is not a significant marketing opportunity for local businesses due to the holiday and because the crowd is gathered for a very short time period. Local businesses have been asked to participate in years past, however, the duration of the event and exposure to the community has not been sufficient for businesses to want to participate. If a local businesses wanted to recommend how they wanted to participate, the City would definitely consider that. In 2009, the Chamber of Commerce hosted business and food booths, and determined that the cost –benefit of that was not there.</p>
<p>27. Will the City issue parking permits for the neighborhood?</p>
<p>A Parking permits are difficult to manage and can cause confusion with residents, visitors and guests to a neighborhood. Checking ID's is not sufficient as that does not account for guests. There would need to be 100% participation in a neighborhood for it to work. Due to the number of permits that would be required and the time it would take to check the permit, this would cause congestion on both Alcosta Boulevard and Dougherty Road at entry points because there isn't anywhere for cars to queue. The decision to implement permit parking could be deferred to the four HOA's. Staff can review that proposal if the neighborhood were to be completely closed to all traffic.</p>
<p>28. Will there be designated Viewing Areas advertised?</p>
<p>A This event has been planned as a local event to encourage residents to watch the shoot from their homes and neighborhoods. Due to resource constraints to support multiple public viewing areas. By design, this is why this site was selected. Most city parks do not have night lighting. As such the City would not designate a park to be used after dusk if it is not sufficiently lit.</p>
<p>29. Why was 8:30pm chosen as the road closure time? Can it be closed at 4:00pm?</p>
<p>A Based on past experience, most of the non-resident traffic travelled into San Ramon after 8:30pm. Closing the access to the Old Ranch neighborhood at an earlier time is possible if the residents in the area agree. It would mean that visitors to these neighborhoods would need to be in prior to the closure, as no vehicles would be allowed to enter through the closed access points on Old Ranch Road.</p>