

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



◆ Summer 2012 ◆

Celebrate America Celebrate San Ramon

4th of July

San Ramon Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd.

FREE ADMISSION

4:00pm - 7:30pm

Enjoy Central Park this 4th of July with great music, patriotic celebration, and an opportunity to honor our national and City birthday. *Blue Star Moms* will be accepting items for care packages for the troops. Visit their table to also write a post card to our service men and women. See the City website for donation information.

- ★ *Pride & Joy, High-Energy Band*
- ★ *Salute to our Armed Forces*
- ★ *San Ramon Symphonic Band, Patriotic Tribute*

Please Note: No aerial fireworks.

For More Information Visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov

**Run San Ramon 10K Run
5K Fun Run & Walk
3K Fun Walk
Wednesday, July 4 at 8:15am
San Ramon Central Park**

Get a healthy start to your 4th of July
with this Independence Day Classic.



San Ramon Government 101

The San Ramon City Clerk's Department will host the fifth session of San Ramon Government 101 in September 2012. The class will be presented at 6:30pm on six consecutive Mondays. The class goal is to enhance understanding of local government and departmental functions and encourage participation in the City's various Committees and Commissions. Feedback from the previous classes included the following comments: "This was wonderful! Greater appreciation for all that it takes to run, manage, and maintain our great city. I will be recommending this session to my friends and family."

The class is free but space is limited. Information and applications are available now on the City's home page at www.sanramon.ca.gov. Contact the City Clerk's office at (925) 973-2538 for additional information.

Council Meetings to be Aired on CCTV and Now Available Online – Video on Demand

Beginning in July, residents who subscribe to Comcast or AT&T U-Verse will be able to watch recorded broadcasts of City Council meetings and the San Ramon Mayor's Report on Comcast channel 27 or AT&T U-Verse channel 99. The move is due to a change in broadcast providers. Contra Costa Television (CCTV) is Contra Costa County's public, education and government (PEG) channel provider and will now air San Ramon's programs. Subscribers already receive Comcast channel 27 or AT&T U-Verse channel 99.

Video on Demand (VOD) recordings of City Council meetings are currently available on the City's website at www.sanramon.ca.gov. A great feature of the VOD is that you can click on a specific agenda item and view that portion of the meeting. VOD's are available for all City Council meetings from January 2012 to the present and are available 24 hours a day!

The move to CCTV and the addition of the VOD feature on the website is in response to the City's goal of providing as much transparency to residents as possible while working within the City's budget.



TRAFFIX is a traffic congestion relief program funded by Measure J, the 1/2 cent sales tax approved by Contra Costa voters in 2004. Its sole purpose is to reduce traffic congestion caused by parents driving their children to and from school through some of San Ramon Valley's most congested intersections.

In San Ramon, TRAFFIX provides school bus service to Pine Valley Middle School, Country Club, Neil Armstrong, and Walt Disney elementary schools.

TRAFFIX began service in August 2009 with a fleet of new clean-burning buses with state-of-the-art safety features. To encourage parents to stop driving their kids to school, TRAFFIX provides this service at less than half the cost of traditional school bus programs, only \$275 for an entire school year. That works out to about \$1 a day — much less than the cost of driving.

TRAFFIX will expand its operations to offer service to California High School for a one-year demonstration period beginning fall 2012. California High students will be able to take the bus from three stops including: Central Park, Memorial Park and Senior Center. At the end of the one-year demonstration period, the bus service will be evaluated to determine if the service should be implemented for additional years. More information is available at RideTrafix.com.



Summer Construction—City's Pavement Management Program

Construction has begun on the City's Annual Pavement Repair Project (CIP 5489). Work includes:

- Pavement rehabilitation work on Crow Canyon Road from Dougherty Road to the east City limits and residential streets in the Countryview subdivision;
- Pavement reconstruction on Amherst Court, Cindy Court and Evans Creek Court; and
- Preventive maintenance slurry seal work on Broadmoor Drive from the north end of Ascot Drive to Alcosta Boulevard and residential streets in the vicinity of Broadmoor Drive and Davona Drive between Pine Valley Road and Sedgefield Avenue.



Crow Canyon Road is anticipated to be completed by the end of June. The slurry seal work on Broadmoor Drive is planned for completion in early August prior to the start of the school year. All construction is planned to be substantially complete by the end of this year. Notices have been distributed to residents affected by the work. The project cost is \$2.5M, funded by Gas Tax, Dougherty Valley Mitigation Funds, Measure J Fund, and the Crow Canyon Fund.

Additionally, late summer/early fall, pavement rehabilitation will begin on Alcosta Boulevard from Fircrest Drive to San Ramon Valley Boulevard (CIP 5549). Project cost is \$1.9M, funded through grant funds and Gas Tax Funds.

Any questions regarding our pavement management program, please contact the Engineering Services Department at 973-2670.

New Street Name Signs

A new, updated street name sign has been approved by the City of San Ramon and will be installed as older signs wear out or are damaged, and for new developments as well. The City follows the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards for all traffic, regulatory, warning and guide/directional signs and markings. In 2009, a series of changes governing these signs including the acceptable background and sign colors, shapes, sign size, size of lettering, minimum reflectivity requirements and illumination requirements was implemented. These larger signs are easier to see in the dark and provide uniformity for the City's street name signs.



Current Street Name Sign



New Street Name Sign

Daily Shopping Decisions Impact Community Services

Did you know where you eat impacts the San Ramon Olympic Pool at California High School? Or where you buy tires for your car impacts traffic signal operations at Alcosta Blvd. and Crow Canyon Road? When you dine at San Ramon restaurants or buy products from San Ramon stores, a portion of the sales tax goes to the General Fund which the City uses to pay for maintenance of facilities such as the aquatic center or traffic signals.

Local sales tax revenue pays for City services, so there is a direct effect between where you make your purchases, including groceries and gas, and its impact on City services ranging from

community center operations to police services, and street maintenance to programs for teens. What can you do to support our beautiful city? Shop San Ramon First!

For information on businesses in San Ramon, visit www.ShopSanRamonFirst.com where over 600 businesses are listed. Businesses "coming soon" are also listed, and you can subscribe to receive email notices of updates on shopping options in San Ramon!



Sports Field Conditions Are Now Online

The City of San Ramon provides daily information on sports field conditions using a free email and digital subscription service. Once you subscribe, information on fields that are open, closed or under repair will be sent in real time by email or to your wireless device (phone or PDA). The Sports Field Conditions are sent out at 2:00pm, Mondays through Fridays and at 8:00am on Saturday and Sundays.

The Sports Field Conditions are also online. For visiting teams, who would like to find out if the sports fields are open or closed, and do not want to subscribe to E-SanRamon Updates, they can visit the City's website and click on the "Sports Field Conditions" link on the homepage. The link will send them to www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/alerts.htm where the most recent 10 bulletin alerts are posted.



North Camino Ramon Specific Plan

The North Camino Ramon Specific Plan (NCRSP), if approved by the City Council, is a land use plan that includes potential for a variety of future uses that are transit-oriented and pedestrian/bicycle friendly.

The NCRSP area consists of approximately 295 acres bounded generally by the City limits to the north, Executive Parkway to the south, Highway 680 on the west and Alcosta Boulevard to the east.

Since late 2008, the Specific Plan evolved from an initial concept into vision for infill mixed-use districts that will provide a stimulus for economic development and address the unmet commercial, retail and housing needs. The Plan emphasizes a vision for future opportunities and experiences that will add to the quality of life for San Ramon residents and the business community that will also complement to the City Center project.

Over the past three years the City has had an extensive outreach and educational program about the Specific Plan and solicited input. There have been over 25 workshops, study sessions, committee meetings, service group and community presentations. Building on that public engagement program, the Planning Commission has conducted 5 public hearings since February 2012 to solicit comments on the merit of the Specific Plan and potential environmental impacts including extensive discussions related to traffic, transportation, housing,

parks and economics.

Through the public hearing process, the Specific Plan has been extensively analyzed and there are certain policy thresholds that provided for monitoring of future development activities to ensure that it is consistent with the Plan vision and overall City goals. Should those thresholds not be met, no further development would be allowed to occur. On May 15, 2012 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the NCRSP to the City Council. The Planning Commission majority concluded that the vision and opportunities provided by the Plan are in the best interest of San Ramon and its residents because the Specific Plan balances housing, traffic and economic goals while providing protections for existing businesses as supporting services for residents.

With the Planning Commission's review of the Specific Plan and environmental documents complete, the City Council now has the final decision to approve the Specific Plan. Public hearings by the City Council are scheduled for June and July 2012. Copies of the Specific Plan and related documents are available at City facilities and on the City's website at www.sanramon.ca.gov/plan. Contact Planning Services at 925-973-2560 if you have any questions about the Specific Plan or public hearings process.

Summer Youth Passes

County Connection Summer Youth Passes will be for sale for \$15 beginning June 10, 2012 through September 30, 2012. The passes are good for 20 rides for students ages 6 to 18. For a list of San Ramon facilities where passes can be purchased please visit the City of San Ramon website: www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/transitnews.htm.

Student Transit Ticket Program

The City of San Ramon in concert with 511 Contra Costa provides free public transit tickets as an alternative to driving your student to school for School Year 2012/2013. Qualifying students will receive two 12-ride County Connection transit tickets. Students must be registered in a public or private K-12 school in San Ramon, Danville, Alamo, Lafayette, Moraga, or Orinda. This offer is available at a maximum of 3 students per household while supplies last. Please check the City of San Ramon homepage in August for the program application.

Fountain Schedule

The City of San Ramon operates seven display fountains. These fountains make San Ramon a special place to live, work and visit. The City often receives calls inquiring about the schedules for the displays.

The schedule is kept updated at www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/fountain.html.

While the City strives to keep the fountains running as scheduled, there may be situations where unforeseen disruptions or repairs are needed. The City also schedules routine maintenance which may necessitate the fountains being inoperable for some time.



NEW! Convenient All Swim Pass

The Parks & Community Services Department is excited to announce a new ALL swim pass. Whether you want to lap or recreation swim, come by yourself or bring 10 friends, our new pass system is flexible to meet your needs. Buy one pass for your whole family. All ages swim for the same price. Recreation swim will be open daily beginning June 18.

Benefits

- All Ages Swim for the Same Price
- Fast Entry for Pass Holders
- One Pass for Recreation and Lap Swim
- Receive GO Points for Multiple Swim Passes
- Load Your Pass Card Online in Advance for Fast Entry on Hot Days

Visit www.sanramon.ca.gov/parks or call (925) 973-3240 for more information.



Youth/Adult/Senior	Entrance Fees	Savings
Daily Swim	\$4	None
10 Visit Swim Pass	\$38	5%
20 Visit Swim Pass	\$72	10%
40 Visit Swim Pass	\$136	15%
60 Visit Swim Pass	\$192	20%

CELEBRATING 5 YEARS

Thursdays
Bishop Ranch
— 3 —
Camino Ramon & Bishop Drive
10:00am - 2:00pm
April - October

Saturdays
Bishop Ranch
— 2 —
Bollinger Canyon Rd & Sunset Drive
9:00am - 1:00pm
All Year Round

Eat Local
San Ramon Farmers Market
At Bishop Ranch
www.SanRamonFarmersMarket.org

Hill Physicians, Charles Scitwab, Provident, Vivon, Yiping

The Permit Center Celebrates its One-Year Anniversary

It has been one year since Planning/Community Development and the Engineering Services and Economic Development Departments relocated their offices to 2401 Crow Canyon Road. The relocation brought these departments together to enhance customer service and provide a centralized location for information, as well as permitting requirements, for all those who live and do business in San Ramon. Over the past year, we have listened to comments and continue to make changes to better serve our residents and business community. Visitors to the Permit Center told us we were difficult to find. In response, we have enhanced our directional signage along Crow Canyon and Bollinger Canyon and within the interior of building to make finding us easier. We look forward to our second year, and encourage you to complete a Customer Satisfaction Survey Card following your visit, so we can continue to improve our service.





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June 2012

Annie Jr.*
 June 28 – 29
 Dougherty Valley Performing Arts
 Center

July 2012

**Run San Ramon 10K Run, 5K
 Run & Walk, 3K Fun Walk**
 July 4 at 8:15am (Registration
 begins at 6:30am)
 San Ramon Community Center

**Celebrate America, Celebrate
 San Ramon**
 July 4, 4:00–7:30pm (no fireworks)
 San Ramon Central Park

**Second Saturday Tours:
 Keeping Cool**
 July 14
 Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Summer Concert Series
 July 15, 22 & 29 at 5:30pm
 Central Park Amphitheater

Parks Make Life Better*
 July 28, 9:00am–12:00pm
 Crow Canyon Gardens

August 2012

Summer Concert Series
 August 5 at 5:30pm
 Central Park Amphitheater

**Second Saturday Tours: Ice
 Cream Social**
 August 11

Forest Home Farms Historic Park

**Thank You San Ramon!
 Movies on the Lawn—Grease**
 August 10 at 8:30pm
 Dougherty Station Community Center

**Thank You San Ramon!
 Dive-In Movie—Dolphin Tale**
 August 17 at 8:00pm
 San Ramon Olympic Pool

**Thank You San Ramon!
 Movies on the Lawn—The
 Adventures of Tintin**
 August 24 at 8:00pm
 Dougherty Station Community Center

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

** These events require advance
 registration or ticket purchase.*

**Contact
 Information**

City Council

- Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
- Jim Livingstone, *Vice Mayor*
- Dave Hudson, *Councilmember*
- Scott Perkins, *Councilmember*
- Phil 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
- Employee Services 973-2523
- Engineering 973-2670
- Passport Services 973-2533
- Planning 973-2560
- Police 973-2700
- Police Sub Station (Dougherty Station) ... 973-3300
- Public Services 973-2800
- Transportation 973-2650

Facilities

- Alcosta Senior & Community Center 973-3250
- Dougherty Station Community Center 973-3350
- 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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