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San Ramon Government 101

The San Ramon City Clerk's Department will host the 5th session of San Ramon Government 101 in February 2012. The class will be presented in City facilities at 6:30pm on six consecutive Mondays. The 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 will be available in January 2012 on the City's homepage at www.sanramon.ca.gov. Contact the City Clerk's office at (925) 973-2538 for additional information.

Tentative Spring 2012 Schedule

Introduction/Overview of City Organization (City Clerk/City Attorney/City Manager)
Monday, February 27, 2012

Tour City Facilities
Saturday, March 3, 2012
Meet at 8:30am;
Tour from 9:00am-12:00pm

Financing and Fun in San Ramon (Finance/Parks)
Monday, March 5, 2012
Dougherty Station Community Ctr
17011 Bollinger Canyon Road

Public Safety in San Ramon (Police Services)
Monday, March 12, 2012
2401 Crow Canyon Road

Economic Vitality in San Ramon (Economic Development)
Monday, March 19, 2012
2401 Crow Canyon Road

Planning San Ramon's Future (Planning/Building/Transportation)
Monday, March 26, 2012
2401 Crow Canyon Road

Sustaining San Ramon/ Wrap Up (Public Services/Engineering)
Monday, April 2, 2012
San Ramon Service Center
5000 Crow Canyon Road

Recognition at City Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2012



Contact Information

City Council

Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
Scott Perkins, *Vice Mayor*
Dave Hudson, *Councilmember*
Jim Livingstone, *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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SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



◆ Winter 2011-2012 ◆

Celebrate the Holidays in San Ramon!

Holidays are a time for creating new memories with family and friends. By shopping in San Ramon, you will save gas and have more time to spend with your loved ones! Take advantage of the many restaurants, hotels, and activities that San Ramon has to offer!

Shop

Discover traditional holiday gifts and services right here in San Ramon:



- ✓ Bicycles, cameras, clothes, computers, jewelry, golf clubs, toys. (Speaking of toys, visit the new Learning Express Toys at The Marketplace!)
- ✓ Spa certificates, smart phones, custom framing for family photos
- ✓ Flowers, chocolates, caterers, decorations, tuxedos, limousines

Dine

Who wants the hassle of washing dishes? Treat your family and friends to a delicious meal at one of our fine local restaurants. Did you know that there are over 90 restaurants in San Ramon including 12 Chinese, 9 Japanese and 4 Italian restaurants? For a full listing and downloadable guide visit www.ShopSanRamonFirst.com. Book your company holiday lunch in San Ramon too, and demonstrate the spirit of the season with businesses supporting businesses.

Stay

Guests visiting from out of town can stay close by at one of our six hotels! For a special treat, you and your spouse can spend a night away without leaving the city. Take advantage of the Winter Weekend Getaway offered by the Tri-Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau, and get a \$50 Visa card by booking through www.trivalleycvb.com.

...and Play

Don't miss the shows at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center! From dance, to music, to Broadway plays, San Ramon Performing Arts Center has something spectacular for everyone to enjoy, especially during the holidays! For a schedule of events visit www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com, or see page 2.

Remember—Sales Tax dollars GO TO THE CITY YOU SHOP IN! Sales tax revenue pays for many community services. When you decide where to shop, put your money where your home is and **Shop San Ramon First!**

Celebrating Over 10 Years in San Ramon!

Staying in business over the course of time means you are doing something right! These businesses have been in San Ramon over 10 years:

- Aaron Brother's Art & Framing
- Bay Books – New, Used, Rare
- Big 5 Sporting Goods
- Crow Canyon Florist & Gifts
- Diablo Motors (17 years)
- Enchanted Florist & Gifts
- Gold N Treasures
- Has Beans Coffee & Tea (25 years)
- Hellers Jewelers (15 years)
- JewelSmith (20 years)
- Loehmann's
- Men's Wearhouse
- Natural Comforts Down & Linens
- Office Depot
- Petco
- Radio Shack
- Rite Aid
- San Ramon Lighting
- See's Candies
- The Upholstery Shop



Over 600 San Ramon businesses are listed at www.ShopSanRamonFirst.com



The asterisked events listed here require advance registration or ticket purchase. For more information, please visit www.SanRamon.ca.gov/parks or call (925) 973-3200.

December 2011

10th Annual Bishop Tree Lighting
Thursday, December 1, 5:30–7:30pm
Bishop Ranch One

Bah Humbug! 5K Run/Walk*
Saturday, December 3, 9:00am
Bishop Ranch Two

Holidays on the Farm
December 3 & 10, 10:00am–2:00pm
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

“Home for the Holidays”—A Musical Review*
December 3 through December 17
Front Row Theater at Dougherty Station Community Center

San Ramon Symphonic Band Concert*
Winter Wonderland
December 16 at 7:00pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

San Ramon Community Chorus
Holiday Concert
Sunday, December 18 at 3:00pm
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

Messiah Sing-Along*
Sunday, December 18 at 7:00pm
San Ramon Presbyterian Church, 12943 Alcosta Blvd.

January 2012

Thank You San Ramon!
Red Panda Acrobats*
Saturday, January 7 at 2:00pm and 4:00pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Second Saturday Tours: Calling Cards
Saturday, January 14
Forest Home Farms Historic Park



February 2012

Second Saturday Tours
Victorian Valentine Making
Saturday, February 11
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

San Ramon Youth Symphony Concert
Monday, February 13 at 7:00pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Thank You San Ramon!
Free Senior Drop-in Day (55+)
Wednesday, February 15
Alcosta Senior & Community Center

Moscow Festival Ballet presents
Sleeping Beauty*
Sunday, February 19 at 4:00pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

San Ramon Symphonic Band Concert
Latin Spirit*
Friday, February 24 at 7:30pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Parks Make Life Better
Alcosta Senior & Community Center Park
Clean-Up Day*
Saturday, February 25, 9:00am–12:00pm
Alcosta Senior & Community Center Park



City Offices Holiday Closure



Most City of San Ramon facilities and offices will be closed, December 23, 2011 to January 2, 2012. This closure is a cost saving measure, and represents a staff furlough which was included in the 2011–12 City budget. While this furlough affects most City departments, Police Patrol Services and Law Enforcement will not be impacted.

Note the following exceptions to full closure: While the City's parks will remain open, the park restrooms will not be open or serviced during this period. The Dougherty Station Library and the San Ramon Library will be open during this period except for the holidays. Please check the Library website for hours at www.cclib.org/locations.

The Alcosta Senior and Community Center will be open for the Senior Nutrition lunch program on December 23 and December 27 to 30 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Lunch orders for these days must be placed no later than December 22. Please call (925) 973-3250 to make reservations.

For flood and storm events, such as downed trees blocking roadways and clogged storm drains, or malfunctioning traffic signals, please continue to call 9-1-1 for emergencies and (925) 973-2779 for Police/non emergencies. The City will also monitor the Government Outreach Citizen Request system during this time for urgent/critical repairs that need to be addressed during this furlough period. Access the system at www.sanramon.ca.gov and click on *contact us* on the home page.

What You Should Know Before Using Your Fireplace

As the colder weather arrives, the use of wood-burning fireplaces and stoves increases. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) reports that there are 1.4 million wood-burning fireplaces and stoves in the Bay Area. During the winter months the wood smoke from these devices is a significant source of harmful air pollution in our region.

Wood smoke has been linked to a series of public health problems including aggravated asthma, chronic bronchitis, irregular heart beat, and heart attacks.

To reduce wood smoke pollution and to protect public health, the BAAQMD adopted regulations that include mandatory prohibition of wood burning on days when air pollution levels are forecast to be unhealthy. These rules also restrict excessive chimney smoke and prohibit the burning of garbage, plastics and other unsuitable materials.



Beginning **November 1st through February**, the BAAQMD will call winter spare the air alerts when air pollution is expected to reach unhealthy levels. During spare the air alerts, it is illegal to use any wood-burning fireplace, woodstove, pellet stove or outdoor wood-burning pit.

There are a number of ways to find out if there is a spare the air alert so you can check before you burn. Call (877) 4NO-BURN, check the website www.sparetheair.org, listen for announcements on radio, TV and other local media or you can sign up for spare the air alert notification at www.sparetheair.org.

For more information about the wood burning regulations call the BAAQMD's Communication and Outreach office at (415) 749-4900 or check out their website at www.baaqmd.gov.

Are the Sports Fields Open for Play?

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 by email or to your wireless device (phone or PDA) and can be updated as often as necessary to keep field users informed as to the status of fields, particularly during inclement weather. The Sports Field Conditions are sent out at 2:00pm, Monday through Friday, and at 8:00am on Saturday and Sunday. Signing up is free, easy and risk-free. To subscribe, go to www.SanRamon.ca.gov and click on *E-SanRamon Updates*.

