



Winter 2012

## Celebrate the Holidays in San Ramon!

**T**his year it seems the holiday season is on the fast track. The mall started putting up their holiday decorations as soon as the last trick or treat left and Holiday Spirit is in full swing! Crooks love the holidays too, just as much or more than the rest of us.

This season is the perfect opportunity for crime. Our homes are decorated inside and out and our prized tree is loaded with sparkling gifts piled underneath. We drive around with our cars full of treasures bought for our loved ones. We rush around, careless and stressed out trying to get everything done before the big day. We often overlook the common sense we need to not become a victim of a crime.

### Here are a few tips to make your holiday season safer.

#### When traveling:

- Get automatic timers for your interior and exterior lights.
- Ask a neighbor or friend to watch your home and park in the driveway from time to time.
- Don't forget to have the mail and newspaper delivery stopped or have a trusted neighbor pick it up for you. If it piles up, it is a sure sign you're gone.
- Call the San Ramon Police Department to request a vacation home check while you are away (925-973-2700).

#### Shopping, shopping and more shopping:

- Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings.
- Park in well lighted areas.
- Be sure to lock your vehicle and keep all valuables **OUT OF SIGHT**. Place items in the trunk of your car before you park your car. Criminals watch for people to place items in the trunk and leave, especially at the gym and mall.
- Take your keys out prior to entering the parking lot – especially if you are shopping alone.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a debit or credit card whenever possible.
- Women, remember to close your purse and carry them close to your body to deter purse-snatchers. Men try to carry your wallet in the front pocket to deter pickpockets.
- Shopping with kids? Teach them to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- Online shoppers: ask trusted neighbors to pick up packages left on porches so they are not taken in your absence.

#### When to call the police:

- When suspicious people are going door to door, car to car
- When you see occupied vehicles unknown to the area
- If you question whether you should call it in, chances are you **SHOULD!**

*Don't let this holiday season stress you out. Make time to spend with friends and family, think about reaching out in the spirit of the season and helping someone who's less fortunate or lonely....and do your part to make the holidays a safe and happy time for everybody – EXCEPT CRIMINALS.*



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## Winterization Preparations Started in the Summer

Last summer, when the skies were clear and the sun was shining brightly, the Public Services Department was busy preparing for winter storms. Now, with winter here, their work will pay off.



The staff works to ensure that all of the City-owned storm drain infrastructures are inspected and properly maintained to allow proper drainage flow and avoid the possibility of flooding during the winter months.



Workers walked, inspected, cut weeds and tules, and removed obstructions from City owned creeks and detention basins, removing overgrown grasses that can block drainage flow along the creeks. Sand bags, hay bales, and straw wattles were prepared and will be readily available and stored for residents and the Fire Department to use at San Ramon Central Park, Athan Downs and San Ramon Sports Park.

The Public Services shop staff have been proactive in getting all emergency equipment and tools ready for emergency winter situations.

## 2010 CENSUS

On April 1, 2010 the United States Census Bureau conducted the decennial census. The U.S. Census counts every resident in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution to take place every 10 years. Since 2010, the Census Bureau has gradually released data from the 2010 Census.

A review of the 2010 Census data shows San Ramon's population increased 61 percent over the last decade. The City's population in 2010 was estimated at 72,148 people. The majority of the population increase is the result of annexing portions of the Contra Costa County approved Dougherty Valley development project.

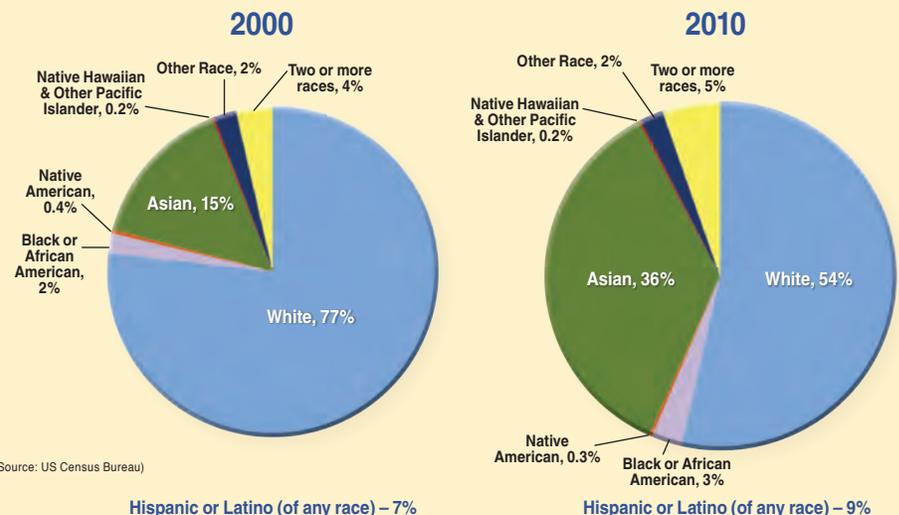
Following a national trend, San Ramon has seen an increase in median age from 36.5 years old in 2000 to 37.1 years old due in part to the large growth (108 percent)

in population over 65. However, the younger population (under 19 years old) also grew by 79 percent in the last decade. The large growth in the younger and older populations has contributed to an increase in household size from 2.64 in 2000 to 2.85 people per occupied housing unit in 2010.

Lastly, a comparison of San Ramon's race breakdown between 2000 and 2010 shows a more diverse population. Similar to other communities in the Bay Area and California, the Asian population has grown significantly in the last decade.

*Additional data on the 2010 Census and San Ramon can be found at [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov) under the "What's New in San Ramon" heading.*

## City of San Ramon – Race Breakdown



## 2013 Recycling Drop Off Events

The City of San Ramon sponsors three recycling drop-off events per year. These events are held at various locations throughout the City. Residents and businesses may drop off paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, scrap metal, and green waste for free. Free compost is also given away. The events are always two days (Saturday and Sunday) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Locations and exact dates are announced at least two weeks before each event using postcards, the City website, and signs. Contact David Krueger at (925) 973-2824 or [dkrueger@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:dkrueger@sanramon.ca.gov) for more information.

### Upcoming Events for 2013

- **January 5 and 6**  
Service Center Rd./Rancho Park Loop  
*off Dougherty Rd. between East Branch Pkwy. and Old Ranch Rd*
- **April 20 and 21**  
Vacant lot next to Central Park and the Iron Horse Trail  
*on Bollinger Canyon Rd. between Alcosta Blvd. and Camino Ramon*
- **August 24 and 25**  
Service Center Rd./Rancho Park Loop  
*off Dougherty Rd. between East Branch Pkwy. and Old Ranch Rd*

## Cross Valley Trail Improvements

New landscaping design and installation of irrigation systems have been completed along the roadways between the sidewalks and fence on Broadmoor and Davona Drives adjacent to the PG&E Corridor and the Cross Valley Trail.

The project includes new trees, shrubs, and ground cover along a 15 foot buffer from the curb.

Irrigation water for the project is supplied via a recycled water pipeline on Pine Valley Road.



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.

[www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org)

## City Offices Holiday Closure

Most City of San Ramon offices will be closed, December 24, 2012 to January 2, 2013. This Closure is a cost saving measure, and represents a staff furlough which was included in the 2012-13 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:*

The Dougherty Station Library and the San Ramon Library will be open during this period except for holidays. Please check the Library website for hours at [www.ccclib.org/locations](http://www.ccclib.org/locations).

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](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov) and click on "contact us" on the home page.

## Athan Downs Playground Renovation

Construction is nearing completion on the renovation of the playground at Athan Downs. This new playground area was designed as a fully inclusive, universal playground which provides fully accessible equipment for children of all ability levels and will be specially suited for children with physical, cognitive, and developmental disabilities. The Parks and Community Services Commission hosted two workshops on the proposed design and was fortunate to get input and feedback from staff from the school district who work with children with all types of disabilities, as well as families with children with disabilities. This greatly assisted in the final design of this new playground. The estimated cost is \$500,000.



## 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. The application is available on the City of San Ramon homepage: [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov).

## Rancho San Ramon Community Park and Amador Rancho Center

The City has recently completed review and approval of the final design of Rancho San Ramon Community Park and the Amador Rancho Center. This facility is located on new Dougherty Road/Service Center Road at the most eastern edge of Bollinger Canyon Road [past the Dougherty Station Community Center]. This \$11 million, 30 acre park is a part of the Dougherty Valley park development plan and is being constructed by Shapell Homes. The first phase of the park will begin in early 2013 and will include about 20 acres, which includes a 10,000 square foot multipurpose recreation center, 2 lit synthetic turf fields for soccer and lacrosse, a lit 90' full size baseball field, two



full size grass soccer fields, group picnic area, 4 playgrounds, splash pad water feature, tennis courts,

and an outdoor stage. Opening is tentatively scheduled for summer 2014.

## Garbage-Powered Garbage Trucks!

Here's one way to recycle: Use garbage to power garbage trucks. All of the Waste Management trucks



that collect garbage, recyclables, and green waste in San Ramon are now powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) that is made from decomposing garbage buried in the Altamont Landfill outside of Livermore.

Not only are these vehicles cleaner in terms of local air quality than traditional diesel-powered garbage trucks, they also reduce the overall amount of greenhouse gases emitted in the region. Garbage buried in the Altamont Landfill produces gas (primarily methane) as it decomposes. The landfill gas is captured in pipes, cleaned, and converted into CNG and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) fuels.

All twelve of Waste Management's residential route trucks were replaced by new CNG-powered trucks in 2011. The two trucks dedicated to collecting garbage from businesses and apartment buildings in San Ramon were replaced with CNG-powered trucks in September of 2012. In addition to their new appearance and CNG signage, these trucks can be identified by the rectangular metal CNG fuel tanks located on the tops of the truck bodies. The new vehicles also run more quietly.

In November of 2012 Waste Management began testing a new CNG/hydraulic "hybrid" truck on San Ramon's residential routes. Like the others, this truck runs on garbage-derived CNG. However, it also uses stored hydraulic energy to power the arm that lifts and dumps the garbage carts. Pressure caused by applying the brakes at every stop is captured hydraulically to be used to lift the carts.

## 511 Contra Costa - Drive less commuter incentive program:

Get \$50 just to try another way to get to work! Whether it is one day a week or five days a week, you are making a difference to help improve air quality and to reduce traffic congestion by driving less and using a commute alternative. For the online application, visit [511cc.org/commuterprogram](http://511cc.org/commuterprogram). This program has a yearly expiration date, so please check the website for updates.

## Thank You San Ramon! Events



The City of San Ramon is inviting residents to attend a series of FREE events in 2013 to say "Thank You!" to each and every one of you for making San Ramon a wonderful place to live, work and play. These "Thank You San Ramon!" events will provide residents with a great opportunity to become familiar with City amenities, programs and staff. All of events are free and open to all residents.

### FREE FITNESS WEEK – January 7-12

Start the New Year off right by trying a new fitness class for FREE! Have you ever wondered what Zumba is like or if Yoga or Pilates would be right for you? This is your chance to try the class before committing to an entire session. During the week of January 7, 2013, select City of San Ramon fitness classes are open for you to enjoy, free of charge. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For complete

class descriptions please visit [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov) or in the Winter/Spring 2013 Recreation Guide.

### Free Senior Drop-in Day (55+) – Thursday & Friday, February 7-8

Adults 55+ are invited to enjoy two free days of drop-in activities at the Alcosta Senior and Community Center. For class times and descriptions please visit [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov) or in the Winter/Spring 2013 Recreation Guide.

### Astronomy Night – Friday, February 15, 6:30pm

#### Old Ranch Park 1000 Vista Monte Drive

See the moons of Jupiter, star clusters, spiral galaxies and gaseous nebulas. Join the Mt. Diablo Astronomical Society for a free tour of the night sky with their incredible telescopes. Perfect for the entire family! Wear warm clothes and bring a flashlight. Weather permitting.



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**NEW! FIRST FRIDAY FOREIGN FILM SERIES**

**Friday, January 4 ♦ February 1 ♦ March 1 ♦ April 5, 2013**  
**7:00 pm**

**Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center**  
**Tickets: \$9**

*Intrigue, exotic locations and beautiful cinematography will delight you in our new foreign film series. Join us the first Friday of every month January through April. Refreshments included in the price of admission. Some of the movies have adult themes, recommended for ages 18 and up unless accompanied by a parent.*

*Tickets can be purchased at [www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com](http://www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com)*

**Picture Bride – January 4**

Set in 1918, seventeen year old Riyo is sent from Japan to Hawaii to be a mail order bride after exchanging photographs with a sugar cane worker. But as luck would have it, Ryo is shocked to find that her future husband appeared much younger in his portrait and is at least 25 years her senior.

**In Japanese with English subtitles Rating PG-13**

**Monsoon Wedding – February 1**

Here comes the bride but is she ready... In this romantic comedy from New Delhi set in contemporary India the bride Adhiti has to contend

with her traditional father and how the dilemma of an arranged wedding conflicts with her modern views on relationships.

**In Hindi with English subtitles Rated R**

**La Vie en Rose – March 1**

2007 Biographical French film about the life of French chanteuse (nightclub singer) Edith Piaf. Marion Cotillard stars as Piaf. The film won five “Cesars” including one for best actress and Cottillard won an academy award for her performance marking the first time an Oscar had been given for a French language role.

**In French with English subtitle Rated PG13**

**Biutiful – April 5th**

Biutiful is a love story about a father and his devotion to his children. This is the journey of Uxbal, a conflicted man who struggles to reconcile fatherhood, love, spirituality, crime, guilt and his own mortality amidst the dangerous underworld of modern Barcelona. Biutiful is a drama directed by Mexican director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu and starring Javier Bardem. It was nominated for two Academy Awards in 2011, best foreign language film and best actor.

**In Spanish with English subtitles Rated R**

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