

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



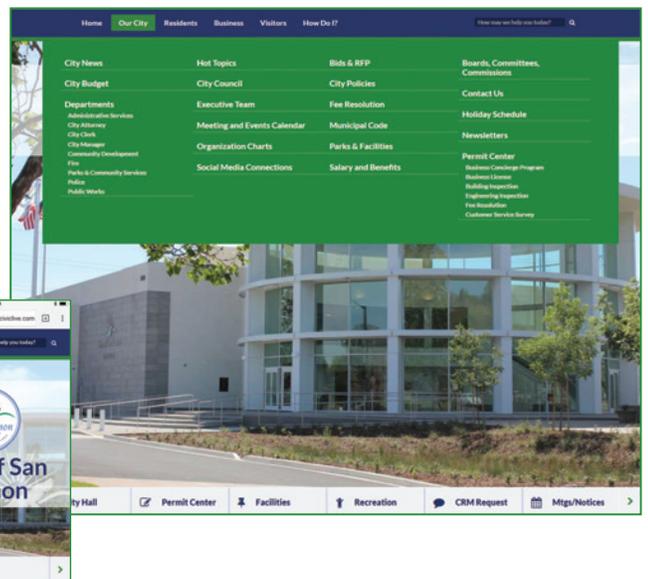
Spring 2018

City of San Ramon Website 2.0

The City of San Ramon proudly announces the launch of a brand new website. The newly designed website at www.sanramon.ca.gov enhances the user experience by making the site easier to navigate and user friendly. It is just one way that we strive to meet our mission to deliver efficient public services that are essential to those who live and work in San Ramon.

In addition, the new website is now mobile friendly and will be easy to view on your tablet or mobile phone. This is an important enhancement for the community as more and more users are accessing the site through this technology. You will have full access to all the features of the website directly from any device.

If you have any suggestions or comments on our site please feel free to reach out to our Assistant City Manager Eric Figueroa at info@sanramon.ca.gov.



City Election Information

The City of San Ramon will hold Municipal Elections on November 6, 2018. This Election will be for three seats, Mayor and two City Councilmembers. The Candidate's Nomination Period begins on July 16, 2018. The filing deadline is August 10, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. If one of the incumbents does not file by August 10, the Nomination Period closing date will be extended for 5 days to August 15, 2018. Please contact the City Clerk's office for filing information, 925-973-2538.

The City Clerk's office will conduct a Candidate Information Night on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the EOC Room at San Ramon City Hall. Information will be provided regarding duties of the office and the technical requirements of candidacy. If you are interested in running for office in this election, please attend this informational meeting.



Voter Registration

Are you registered to vote? New residents, as well as residents who will be 18 before the election, are encouraged to register. You need to re-register to vote when: you move; change your name; or change your political party affiliation. Voter Registration forms are available at the City Hall and the public libraries or you can register online at registertovote.ca.gov/. The Contra Costa County Elections Department website, www.cocovote.us/voter-registration/ has complete information on voter registration, absentee ballots, poll locations, and election results.



Save the Date! San Ramon Residents – Gear Up for Bike to Work Day – May 10, 2018

Bike to Work Day (BTWD) encourages residents and commuters to try bicycling to work! BTWD is part of a Bay Area wide ongoing effort to relieve traffic congestion and improve air quality.

Energizer stations are planned in each Bay Area county. As a bicycle commuter, you can stop at an energizer station for refreshments, giveaways, and bicycling information, or simply to be “cheered on” by fellow participants. In San Ramon, there will be an energizer station located along the Iron Horse Trail at Bollinger Canyon Road from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.



May is National Bike Commute Month. The Team Bike Challenge is a Bay Area campaign and contest to encourage existing bicycle commuters to recruit their colleagues, friends, neighbors, and local “honorary” figures to bicycle to work, school, errands, or recreational activities during the month of May. The team with the most trips made by bicycle by the end of May will win a grand prize!

Go to www.511contracosta.org for more information. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works - Transportation Division at 925-973-2650.

Poll Workers Training

Inherent in our system of government is the need for volunteers to assist with the democratic process. Contra



Costa County is always in need of Poll Workers to assist voters at the Polling

locations. Part of this process is to attend a two (2) hour training and accept a position at a polling location in your area. If you are able to perform this invaluable service, please visit the Contra Costa Elections webpage for information at <http://www.cocovote.us/> or contact them directly at 925-335-7800. Your service to the San Ramon community will be very much appreciated.

City Offers Residents' Choice of Energy Providers

In an effort to offer residents and businesses more choice in renewable electrical service, the City of San Ramon voted to join Marin Clean Energy (MCE) in July of 2017. MCE, a not-for-profit public electricity provider, offers customers a choice of additional levels of renewable electricity at a comparable rate to PG&E. Due to State law, when a City joins a Community Choice Energy provider such as MCE, all customers are automatically migrated to the new provider. So beginning in April 2018, electric service customers in San Ramon will enroll automatically

in MCE's 50% renewable Light Green service. However, during the first 60 days service customers can opt out of MCE at no charge and remain with PG&E's 33% renewable electricity service.

You can learn more about MCE's program options and rates online at mceCleanEnergy.org/ContraCosta or by calling 888-632-3674. If you'd like to opt out of MCE and remain with PG&E service you can also call this number or visit mceCleanEnergy.org/optout. Please have your PG&E account number ready to process this request.

Getting Ready for Spring Cleaning

It's Spring! If you are thinking about hosting a Garage Sale or ordering a Portable Outdoor Storage Unit for your spring home improvements, read on. We would like to remind you that registration is required for advertising and hosting garage sales or placing portable outdoor storage units on your property. Registrations are easy and simple and the forms are available online. Free Garage Sale registration can be done by mail, e-mail, phone, fax, or in person at the Planning Services Division. The registration fee for Portable Outdoor Storage Unit is \$25.00 and can be done at the Permit Center. Please visit our website <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/planning> for more details.

Let's Play Ball

Every year, due to high use and wear and tear on the sports fields, the City performs off-season sport field renovations. The success of the renovation work performed at Central Park behind Iron Horse Middle School can be seen in the photos.



Many of the fields were re-sodded, overseeded, top dressed with organic amendments, and fertilized. Baseball/softball infields were graded, leveled, and groomed. Overall, seventeen fields were renovated using:



- 2,750 lbs. of grass seed
- 265 cubic yards of top dressing
- 25 yards of organic compost material
- 3,100 lbs. of fertilizer



The City's Sportsfield crew, along with Park's maintenance staff, worked together to ensure that the fields scheduled for renovation were completed in time to "Play Ball" when the Little League season began in the spring.

Citywide Landscape Renovation Projects

Throughout the City, numerous landscape renovation projects have been completed and more are in the planning phase. Contributing factors for landscape decline include: the age of the plants, pests and diseases, and drought stress. The new landscape re-designs are heavily influenced by future economic costs of water and maintenance. The existing irrigation systems are also undergoing retrofit for low water usage and landscape sustainability through inevitable future drought cycles.



Alcosta Boulevard Frontage (before)



Alcosta Boulevard Frontage (after)

Planned Projects

- Thomas Burnett Memorial Overpass
- Deerwood Road Planters and Medians
- Bollinger Canyon Road Median
- Canyon Lakes Fountain Landscape
- West Branch Street Frontage

Completed Projects

- Police/Permit Center City Offices
- Alcosta Boulevard Frontage
- Circle E - Parklet
- Crown Ridge - Street Frontage
- Central Park Promenade and Parking Lot

Think Green When You Spring Clean



Q: How can I dispose of electronics and household hazardous waste?

A: Call 1-800-449-7587 or visit “At Your Door Special Collection” online at www.wmatyourdoor.com to schedule a free pick up.

Q: What about large amounts of non-hazardous items?

A: Residents receive three neighborhood clean-up days per year. Go to www.sanramon.wm.com and click on “Special Clean-Up” for a list of acceptable items and the 2018 clean-up day schedule by address.

Q: How do I get rid of unwanted medicine?

A: It can be dropped off in the lobby of the San Ramon Police Department at 2401 Crow Canyon Road, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please make sure the medicines are in their original containers, the lids are on tight, and they are sealed in a plastic bag.

Q: How about needles and other medical sharps?

A: Drop them off at any time at the kiosk in front of the San Ramon Valley Fire District office at 1500 Bollinger Canyon Road. Please enclose needles and sharps in safe, sealed containers.

Q: How do I recycle household batteries?

A: Put household batteries in a sealed plastic bag and place the bag of batteries on top of your recycle cart on your regular collection day.

San Ramon Citizen's Planning Academy Returns!!

The San Ramon Community Development Department will host the 2nd session of San Ramon Citizen's Planning Academy in the fall of 2018. The goal of the Academy is to educate and engage residents in the City's planning process. The Academy will provide an overview of why cities plan, how planning shapes our community, and the land use planning process. The course concludes with a Mock Planning Commission Meeting for a theoretical project, where the participants serve as the Planning Commission, developers, and residents.

The classes will be held on six consecutive Mondays starting on September 10, 2018. Each class begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m., and will be held at City Hall. One session will be a Saturday tour of the City. There will be a formal recognition of class participants at a City Council meeting.

The class is free, but space is limited to 20 participants. Applications for the class will be available at www.sanramon.ca.gov/planacademy. The final class schedule will be available in July 2018. You will be notified of your acceptance to participate by mid-August. Contact the Community Development Department at 925-973-2560 for additional information.

Spare the Air Every Day

Help reduce pollution and prevent Spare the Air Alerts! Here are some great ways to Spare the Air and find a better way to work.

Make the change from driving alone to carpooling, vanpooling, taking transit, bicycling or walking for your work commute, and 511 Contra Costa will reward you with the *Drive Less Commuter Incentive Program* - Get \$25 just to try another way to get to work.

Or how about vanpooling to work for those longer commutes? 511 Contra Costa will reward you with a Vanpool Passenger & Driver Incentive -

- Get reimbursed 50% for joining a vanpool for the first three (3) months.
- Start a new vanpool; you could be eligible for a \$1,000 driver bonus.

Whether you make the switch one day out of the week or five days a week, driving less can make a difference! For more information visit: www.sparetheair.org/make-a-difference/spare-the-air-every-day.

Contact the Public Works - Transportation Division for more information on commuter incentives for carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking, or taking transit at 925-973-2650 or by visiting: www.sanramon.ca.gov/transprog/.



Time To Cheer, Spring Is Here!

Start planning now for some fun in the sun. Visit one of San Ramon's children's play fountains, scheduled to run from April – October. The fountains are located at Central Park and Rancho San Ramon Park. To find out the hours of operation and fountain updates, visit the City of San Ramon's website at: www.sanramon.ca.gov.



Boone Acres Playground Upgrade Completed

The playground upgrades at Boone Acres Park, as approved by the Parks and Community Services Commission, have been completed and the playground is open for play! The upgrades bring the play equipment in accordance with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) for children of all abilities, in the age range of toddler

to 12 years old, to enjoy. Among the new equipment are slides, climbing walls, and a new two-way, two-bay zip line with a seat available for smaller and physically challenged children. The rubber access ramp and sand surface have been replaced with new rubber surfacing and wood fiber for easier, compliant access.



Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center 50 Meter Pool Re-plaster Project

It's hard to believe, but the Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center is 10 years old this year. Although the City has been performing minor maintenance at the facility since it first opened, it is time for one of the larger projects associated with a commercial pool – re-plastering. The average lifespan of pool plaster on a commercial pool is about 10 years, which can vary depending upon conditions. During the City's Fiscal Year 2017/18 budget process, staff requested funding to re-plaster both the 50 M and Children's play pool. The 50 M pool will be completed this year and the Children's Play Pool re-plaster project will begin in December 2018.



Because the City's Aquatic Centers are not as busy in the winter, larger projects are scheduled between November and March. The project began on December 11th with the draining of the pool, and was completed mid-February.



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MARCH 2018 – MAY 2018 EVENTS

MARCH

March 23
San Ramon Symphonic Band: Legends of Pop*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

March 23
Friday Foreign Film Series: Two Lives*
Front Row Theater

March 25
Judy Collins*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



March 28
San Ramon Valley Community Fair
Dougherty Valley High School

APRIL

April 6-7
Jumpin' at the Sun's Dance Company: Season
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

April 7
San Ramon Arts Foundation Sing Along Movie: Frozen
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

April 13
Astronomy Night
Rancho San Ramon Community Park

April 14
San Ramon Senior Center Foundation's Spring Fashion Show and Tea*
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

April 20
Bedtime Theater: The Fratello Marionettes Carnival of Animals*
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

April 20
Friday Foreign Film Series: Our Little Sister*
Front Row Theater

April 21
San Ramon Historic Foundation's Sheep Shearing Day*
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

April 21
Sara Evans*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



April 27
Parent's Night Out for Preschool, Elementary and Middle School*
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

MAY

May 5
Lady K & the Kings of Swing: Songs from the Big Screen*
Front Row Theater

May 11
Friday Foreign Film Series: The Salesman*
Front Row Theater

May 12
Senior & Community Live Well Resource Fair
Alcosta Senior & Community Center

May 13
San Ramon Symphonic Band: A Mother's Love*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

May 27-28
Art and Wind Festival
Central Park

*These events require registration or ticket purchase.

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

Contact Information

City Council

- Bill Clarkson, Mayor
- Philip G. O'Loane, Vice Mayor
- David E. Hudson, Councilmember
- Scott Perkins, Councilmember
- Harry Sachs, 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 Library 973-2850
- San Ramon Olympic Pool 973-3240

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National Public Works Week

May 20 – 26, 2018

A display highlighting activities of the San Ramon Public Works Department will be featured at City Hall during this week.

