

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Summer 2013

City Election Information

San Ramon will hold its Municipal Election on November 5, 2013. The Municipal Election will be for three seats on the City Council: the Mayor and two City Councilmembers. The Candidate's Nomination Period opens on July 15, 2013 and closes on August 9, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. If one of the incumbents does not file by August 9, the Nomination Period closing date will be extended for 5 days to August 14, 2013. Please contact the City Clerk's office at 973-2539 for additional information.

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 Clerk's office and the public libraries or you can register online at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/register-to-vote. The Contra Costa County Elections Department website, www.cocovote.us, has complete information on voter registration, absentee ballots, poll locations, and election results.



Facility Rentals



The City of San Ramon is currently running several promotions for those looking for a location for their next event! Rent a city facility and enjoy the following special discounts:

- Non-peak hour promotions
- Room rental discounts at the Dougherty Station Ridgeview Room
- First time rental customer discounts for San Ramon Residents
- Current quarterly promotion: full access to the kitchen to rental customers who reserve the Fountain Room, Ridgeview Room or Vista Grande Room at no additional cost, during your rental hours.

You can now also reserve a group picnic area at any of our available picnic sites online. Please visit www.sanramonrecguide.com to reserve your group picnic area today. Please inquire with Facility Staff by calling 973-3217 or emailing pcsTechniciansFacilities@sanramon.ca.gov to learn more!



Shopping in San Ramon? Own a business in San Ramon? The *Shop San Ramon First* website should be your first stop. Find out about new businesses, special events, and seasonal shopping ideas. Over 600 businesses are listed and a subscription service is available for updates on shopping options in San Ramon.



Some of our newest businesses include contractors, accounting services, physicians, and insurance agents. Try one of San Ramon's newest restaurants! Buffalo Wild Wings, Rubs BBQ Bistro, and Crème Si Bon at the Marketplace; The Habit (burgers), Panda Express, Dickey's BBQ Pit, and the expansion of Pasta Primavera at Crow Canyon Commons and Maui Burger at the Plaza at Gale Ranch. Check our webpage for a complete listing at www.ssrfirst.com.

Shop San Ramon First and keep your sales tax dollars working in your City.



The City of San Ramon

Staycation in San Ramon

San Ramon is full of great options for families looking for activities that are low or no cost. Enjoy the best of the season this summer with these great local activities. Follow [@cityofsanramon](#) on Twitter as we will highlight these and other free and low cost activities all summer long!

Hit the Trail

San Ramon has over 120 miles of paved and unpaved trail options. Great adventures await on the Iron Horse, Hidden Valley Ridge, and Tassajara Ridge Trails. Whether you prefer to hike or bike there are miles and miles of exploration awaiting you!

Play Ball...Inside

When it is too hot outside, come inside to enjoy your favorite sports activities. Adult Basketball, Volleyball, Family Table Tennis, and Badminton Open Gyms are offered every week at different locations in San Ramon. Entrance fee is just \$5!

Library Events

Stay cool this summer by enjoying free programs for kids and adults at one of San Ramon's two libraries. More than just books and periodicals, the library offers music, movies, speakers, and other great activities for free! Visit www.CCCLib.org for more information.

Visit our website to plan your San Ramon Staycation www.SanRamon.ca.gov.

Outdoor Movies

The City of San Ramon invites you to help us celebrate our 30th Anniversary of Incorporation while we say thank you for making San Ramon a wonderful place to live, work and play. Put on your favorite fashions for film favorites from the 1980's.

■ Ghostbusters



**Friday, August 9,
8:30pm**

On the lawn behind
Dougherty Station
Community Center
Free popcorn!

■ Goonies



**Friday, August 16,
8:30pm**

On the lawn behind
Dougherty Station
Community Center
Free popcorn!

■ ET: The Extra Terrestrial



**Friday, August 23,
8:00pm**

Dive-in at the San
Ramon Olympic Pool.
*Bring your floats or deck
chairs, the pool will open at 7:00pm
for free swimming.*

Learn San Ramon History

Forest Home Farms Historic Park is open the 2nd Saturday of every month with tours and activities. Tours are \$5. Forest Home Farms Historic Park is located at 19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd.

Appreciate Art

San Ramon has three public gallery spaces and lots of public art to experience.

Lindsay Dirx Brown

(San Ramon Community Center)
12501 Alcosta Blvd

San Ramon Library

100 Montgomery St

Dougherty Station Community Center

17011 Bollinger Canyon Rd

For more information visit www.sanramon.ca.gov/Parks/programs/arts.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 2013/2014. Qualifying students will receive two 12-ride County Connection transit tickets. Students must be registered in a public or private school (grades 1-12, under 6 years old is free, when accompanied by an adult) 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.

Summer in the City – 30th Anniversary Celebrations Highlight the Season

Rolling Back the Prices

■ July 1, 2013

San Ramon Olympic Pool,
9900 Broadmoor Dr

Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center,
10550 Albion Rd

Celebrate the City's 30th Anniversary with a dip in one of the City's pools! For one day only the price for Recreation Swim is \$1 per person just like it was in 1983. Bring the entire family. This is a great opportunity to try out one of the City's sparkling Aquatic Centers.



Run San Ramon 10K Run, 5K Fun Run & Walk, 3K Fun Walk

■ Thursday, July 4 at 8:15am

San Ramon Central Park

Get a healthy start to your 4th of July with this Independence Day Classic. Enjoy the measured, paved and looped course. The 10K course is a double loop of the 5K course. Help San Ramon celebrate its 30th Anniversary and step back into the 80's. Runners are encouraged to add an 80's flair to their running outfits and a special prize will be given for the best 80's outfits. Registration Fee: \$40 on Race Day for everyone. Registration details will be available online at www.active.com or on the City website www.sanramon.ca.gov.

The San Ramon Summer Concert Series Sizzles with Great Entertainment

Pack your picnic, grab some lawn chairs and head to San Ramon's Central Park to enjoy some of the best bay area bands playing all your favorite music.



Following the Cheeseballs on Independence Day, continue the San Ramon tradition by attending the Concerts in the Park on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm. July 14th will feature *Aja Vu* the best Steely Dan Tribute band in Northern California.

Don't miss *East Bay Mudd* on July 21st singing all your favorite R&B classics mixed with a touch of soul and funk. If you missed the Rolling Stones Concert then you will not want to miss the *Unauthorized Rolling Stones* tribute band on July 28th. The series will end with a bang as *Take 2 Party Band* takes the stage on August 4th playing all the best dance music from the 60's through today.



The Summer Concerts are presented in the amphitheater in Central Park, 12501 Alcosta Blvd. Admission is FREE. Beverages and ice cream will be available for purchase. For more information call the Parks and Community Services Department at (925) 973-3200 or visit www.sanramon.ca.gov.

Celebrate America, Celebrate San Ramon

■ July 4, 2013 - 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

San Ramon Central Park Amphitheater

Celebrate the birth of our nation and the incorporation of San Ramon! Honor San Ramon's 30th Anniversary with recognition of former Mayors and City Council members. Start the summer concert season by enjoying patriotic music performed by the San Ramon Symphonic Band under the direction of Larry Colon. Then dance to your favorite hits of the 80's presented by the high energy dance band, The Cheeseballs! Bring a picnic dinner and lawn chairs and enjoy a fabulous evening in San Ramon!



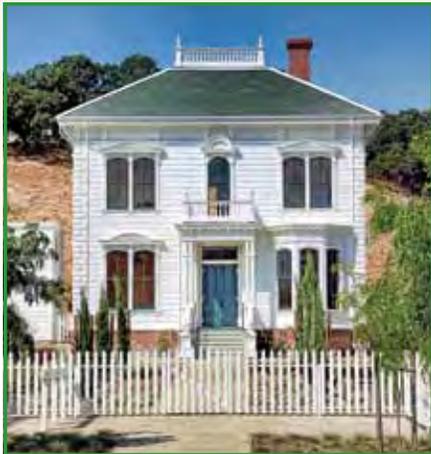


The City of San Ramon

Exhibit on The Incorporation of The City of San Ramon

■ Glass House Museum

Forest Home Farms Historic Park
19953 San Ramon Valley Blvd



Visit the Glass House Museum July through November to see a special exhibit featuring artifacts pertaining to the City's incorporation in 1983. Discover who was involved in the incorporation process and how San Ramon came to be a City. See campaign memorabilia from the City's first election for City Council Members, and read the minutes from the first City Council Meeting. The exhibit can be seen on the 2nd Saturday of each month, or by appointment. To schedule a group tour, call (925) 973-3284.

July is "Parks Make Life Better" Month

Saturday, June 29, 9:00 am -12:00 pm, Inverness Parkway

Saturday, July 27, 9:00 am -12:00 pm, Bellingham Square Park

The City of San Ramon is home to 54 beautiful parks that San Ramon residents are proud of, and that thousands of people enjoy each week. We value our local parks for the serenity of natural spaces and as places to play and exercise. Every month volunteers are asked to join our professional park maintenance staff for a day sprucing up neighborhood parks, trails and open space for the health and enjoyment of all our residents. Tasks

may include: planting, pruning, applying mulch, replacing sand box materials, painting and general clean-up. These events are open to all ages however children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves and will need to register in advance. Please contact Bonnie Mertz at bmertz@sanramon.ca.gov or (925) 973-2608. Register online at citylights.volunteerhub.com.

Summer Youth Passes

County Connection Summer Youth Passes will be for sale for \$15 beginning June 9, 2013 through September 30, 2013. 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 www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/transitnews.htm.

Emergency Preparedness Exercise

On Wednesday, May 15th local and regional emergency managers and disaster service workers joined together in San Ramon to exercise the valley's emergency operations plan. This drill is part of the state wide federally funded Golden Guardian program. First implemented by former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in 2004, it has since become the most comprehensive state-level exercise series program in the country. The goal is to exercise and assess emergency operations plans, policies, and procedures for all-hazards/catastrophic incidents at the local, regional, and state levels.

All ten bay area counties and up to 46 local governments participated in the exercise. The exercise scenario began on day 3 following a 7.9 Richter Magnitude Earthquake on the San Andreas Fault outside the entry to the SF Bay. The exercise allowed City employees to practice recovery tactics, shelter operations, evacuations due to secondary emergencies, volunteer management and the coordination of local government resources to a simulated event. In an actual event, the City of San Ramon may not be severely affected yet will respond to the needs of others most affected around the bay area. The City would be a host to those in need of shelter and medical aid. The City would support the expanded role of the Regional Medical

Center and assist in coordinating support to meet the needs of the injured.

Thirty-five staff members operated in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District offices and practiced several scenarios including dealing with secondary emergencies such as fires, debris



management, care and shelter needs, and natural gas events. Transportation issues, rescue efforts, and command and control activities were also tested.

The drill extended beyond the EOC with a practical evacuation of a residential care facility and with Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members visiting care homes throughout the community. Those with access and functional needs, such as the elderly, are one of our most vulnerable populations in an

emergency. It is important that we work with our home based care givers to teach them how to evacuate their residents safely and quickly should they be in imminent danger.

The exercise took over 6 months of planning, preparation, and creativity by a dedicated Exercise Planning Team that included representatives from all City of San Ramon departments, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, San Ramon Regional Medical Center, American Red Cross, and the CERT volunteers. The 352nd Combat Support Hospital from Camp Parks also participated in the planning phases. They were prepared to erect a mobile field hospital in Central Park, as identified in the Bay Area Catastrophic Response Plan. Federal sequester cuts prevented their participation in the exercise.





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**City of San Ramon
 SMOKING REGULATIONS**

Smoking is considered a serious public health issue. For many years nearly every city in the state has regulated smoking at various locations. The State Legislature has adopted strict restrictions on smoking in the workplace. On February 26, 2013 the City Council updated the City of San Ramon Ordinance. The critical provisions of the new ordinance are:

SECTION B6-73. PROHIBITIONS

A. Smoking indoors or outdoors, in enclosed or unenclosed spaces and on all property – public or private – within the City of San Ramon is prohibited except as provided in B6-74 below. Additionally, smoking is prohibited at outdoor community events open to the public such as Farmers Markets, even if the event is held on property or at a location where smoking would otherwise be allowed under this ordinance.

SECTION B6-74. EXEMPTIONS

The prohibition in Section B6-73A against smoking shall not apply to the following:

- A. Smoking inside a single family dwelling unit which is not licensed as a family day care facility and in the yard of such unit so long as any outside smoking is not within 25' from any entrance, exit, operable window or air intake of a neighboring single family dwelling unit.
- B. Smoking inside a multi-family housing unit and in an unenclosed area designated for smoking by the owner or person/entity in control of the property but not on patios or balconies accessed from an individual unit or in common areas open to public access or to unrestricted common areas such as hallways. The unenclosed designated smoking area must be at least 25' from any individual unit and at least 25' from unenclosed areas used by children or for physical activity such as swimming or tennis. It must have a clearly marked perimeter and be identified by conspicuous signs.
- C. Smoking inside a personal vehicle not used for hire such as a taxi but only when there are no minors in the vehicle.

- D. Smoking on public sidewalks at locations not adjacent to a public or private park or school and not within 25' from any entrance, exit, operable window or air intake opening of any building used for residential or commercial purposes.
- E. Smoking in privately owned unenclosed parking lots open to the public but not within 25' of any commercial building served by the parking lot or within 25' of buildings on adjacent properties.
- F. Smoking in workplace designated smoking areas but only to the extent preempted by and allowed under State law (California Labor Code section 6404.5).
- G. Smoking in privately owned enclosed facilities at private social events not open to the public such as wedding receptions but only to the extent allowed by the owner or person/entity in control of the property or facility and only in designated smoking areas conforming to the standards set forth in section 6404.5 of the California Labor Code.
- H. Smoking in designated rooms rented to guests in hotels and motels so long as the number of such rooms does not exceed 25% of the total rooms in the hotel or motel.
- I. Smoking on any outdoor area of golf courses. An Owner or person/entity in control of a property or facility for which an exemption is available under this section nonetheless may prohibit smoking on the property or in the facility for any reason.

We appreciate your continuing cooperation.

Contact Information

City Council

- Bill Clarkson, *Mayor*
- Dave Hudson, *Vice Mayor*
- Jim Livingstone, *Councilmember*
- Phil O'Loane, *Councilmember*
- Scott Perkins, *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
- Parks & Community Services 973-3200
- 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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