

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Winter 2017

Happy Holidays!



Three Ways to Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Choose one of the 3 convenient options below to recycle your Christmas tree:



1. Boy Scouts of America Annual Fundraiser

Tree Pickup Day is Saturday, January 6, 2018. For a \$10 donation, local Boy Scouts will pick up your tree. Visit www.sanramonscouts.org or e-mail Trees@sanramonscouts.org.

2. Waste Management Yard Trimmings / Green Waste Cart

Cut tree into lengths that will easily fit into cart and allow lid to completely close. Place tree pieces into cart any time after holidays.

3. Special One-Time Tree Pickup Week of January 8, 2018

Set tree out at the curb for pickup by a special Waste Management truck. Cut larger trees into lengths of 6 feet or less.

Trees with flocking, tinsel, or tree stands: Call Waste Management at (925) 837-3356 to arrange for collection for an additional pickup fee.

For more information on garbage and recycling, please visit: www.SanRamon.wm.com

Crime Prevention with Cameras

The holiday season is here and with packages being delivered on a daily basis, situational cameras are a great way to deter and catch those thieving criminals. Crimes of opportunity continue in our city and trying to identify the suspect is often difficult. The San Ramon Police Department is looking for assistance in identifying subjects. If your property has a security camera, we urge you to register with our Citizens View camera registry. If a crime occurs in your area; we simply ask to view the recording in an effort to identify any suspects that may have been in

the area at that time. This is our best chance of identifying and catching the criminal after the fact.

In an effort to build our crime fighting capabilities, the San Ramon Police Department is suggesting that HOA's and apartment/condo community's purchase and place situational cameras throughout your development/neighborhoods (preferably entries and exits points). The San Ramon Police Department would only request access to those cameras images after a crime has occurred in an effort to identify suspects and solve the crime.

In order to reduce and solve crimes of opportunity in this city, we need to work together as a community. The San Ramon Police Department relies on our citizens' eyes and ears to report suspicious activity. We cannot be everywhere all the time. Together, we can lower our crime rate and keep San Ramon one of the safest cities. We can't do it alone, we NEED YOU! If you have any questions or need assistance with recommendations, please feel free to contact us.

To sign up for our citizen view camera registry, you can register at: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/police/citizensview.htm>

Winter Storm Preparation

The City of San Ramon has placed sand and sandbags for residents to use at the following park sites:

- 1) Central Park – located along the Alcosta Blvd. main entrance
- 2) Athan Downs Park – located on Montevideo Drive (nearest cross street is Davona Drive)
- 3) San Ramon Sports Park in Dougherty Valley – located on Sherwood Way (nearest cross street is East Branch Pkwy.)



Please look for the blue “Sandbag Station” signs inside these parking lots. Sandbag stations are self-monitored so please bring your own shovel to fill the bags.

New Street Name Sign Upgrades In Compliance With Revised Standards



Current Street Name Sign



New Street Name Sign

You may notice updated street signs being installed in locations throughout San Ramon. Currently, the new signs are being installed where street signs have been hit, damaged, vandalized or have lost their night-time reflectivity. The standards of the new street name signs provide better visibility and are as follows:

- Signs are larger in size
- Signs contain white letters on blue background
- Minimum letter height for uppercase is 6 inches; lowercase is 4 ½ inches

Don't Get Left Out in the Rain!

Are the sports fields open for play? You can find out about the current status of sports fields by using a free email and digital subscription service. Information will be updated as often as necessary to keep field users informed as to the status of fields, particularly during inclement weather. When there are changes to the status of a sports field condition, a notice is sent out by text or email at 2:00 PM, Mondays through Fridays and at 8:00 AM on Saturdays 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 but do not want to subscribe to E-SanRamon Updates, visit the City's website and click on the “Sports Field Conditions” link on the homepage.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/publicsvc/parks-mnt.htm>

Commute Options for San Ramon Residents

Are you interested in making a change from driving alone to carpooling, vanpooling, taking transit, bicycling, or walking to work? If so, there's an incentive for that! Whether you make the switch one day out of the week or five days a week, driving less can make a difference!

Remember, the City of San Ramon has two Park and Ride lots located at the San Ramon Transit Center (7051



Executive Parkway) and the Bark and Ride (1120 South Wedgewood Road). These Park and Ride lots provide parking, so you can meet your carpool, vanpool or take public transit. Contact

the Transportation Division for more information on commuter incentives at (925) 973-2650 or visit: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/transp/default.htm>.

In addition, 511 Contra Costa is working with private ride-matching companies to provide you with carpool options. Check out the list of carpool apps. Visit the link below to figure out which best fits your particular travel needs: <http://511.org/carpool-vanpool/findmatch>.

Public Employee Pensions – The San Ramon Story

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) is the largest pension system in the country. It was established in 1932 as a defined benefit pension system. That means that employees who vest in the system – typically after five years of service – have a right to collect a monthly payment at retirement for the rest of their lives. CalPERS gets its funding from three sources: Employer contributions, Employee contributions and investment returns.



For the City of San Ramon, CalPERS payments come from the General Fund

13¢ CalPERS members

Since the CalPERS system is a guaranteed payment plan the system is not flexible in the benefit level provided to its members. And over the last ten years there have been some significant shocks to the total funding available to CalPERS. First, CalPERS suffered significant losses due to poor investment returns during the most recent recession. Second, retirees are living longer which means there are more payments made since the defined benefit is paid out until death. Third, benefits were enhanced in 2000 with a promise that the benefit increase would not impose new costs on taxpayers. The proponents of that plan were wrong.

While San Ramon pension costs will increase the City has taken

several financially sound steps to address the issue. In 2012 San Ramon adopted a “second tier” retirement plan for new employees that decreased the amount of the retirement benefit and moved the retirement age to 60 for non-safety employees and 55 for police officers. During the last contract negotiation, the City negotiated a phased plan to have each individual employee pay employees contribution share of retirement by 2018. And in 2017 the City Council joined the PARS Pension Rate Stabilization Program (PRSP) which is an irrevocable trust designed for agencies to prefund rising pension costs and mitigate long-term pension investment volatility, while at the same time providing employers with greater local control of assets and investment flexibility.

Funding the CalPERS pension system in the future is a major concern for all jurisdictions statewide. Many cities, who are struggling financially already, will have difficulty continuing to deliver services to their communities at the same levels. The City of San Ramon’s proactive approach to reducing current and future pension liabilities has mitigated the negative impact to the city; however, more has to be done to ensure pension costs do not impact city services in a negative way. City staff and the City Council are actively exploring ways to continue to reduce the City’s exposure to these rising costs.

Infographics by Chuck Todd



Extra Trash Service Tags



If you have more garbage than will fit in your garbage cart, you can purchase Extra Trash Service Tags from Waste Management or from the City. Put your extra garbage in your own garbage bag (up to 32 gallons), place an Extra Trash Service Tag on the bag, and set it out on top of the curb next to your garbage cart on your regular collection day with the tag facing the street. Any extra garbage that is set out beside your garbage cart in garbage bags without an Extra Trash Service Tag will not be picked up.

You can purchase Extra Trash Service Tags by calling Waste Management at (925) 837-3356 and the tags will be mailed to your home. You can also purchase Extra Trash Service tags in person at San Ramon City Hall (7000 Bollinger Canyon Rd.) M-F 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, or at the San Ramon Permit Center (2401 Crow Canyon Rd.) M-F 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. The cost is \$7.00 per Tag. This service is available year round. Note that you cannot pay your garbage bill or conduct any other solid waste transactions at City Hall or the Permit Center.

What is my Flood Risk?

Residents should be aware of their flood risk, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publishes Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) that delineate flood zones in the City. Areas designated as zone "A" or "AE" are estimated to have a 1% chance or greater of being flooded every year. This includes areas of South San Ramon Creek, where some properties suffered flood damage in the Sunny Glen area during the winter of 2002. Your mortgage lender may require you to purchase flood insurance if your property is located in one of these zones. Regardless of your property's proximity to the flood zone, it is encouraged that you obtain flood insurance. If you have flood insurance, check to ensure you have contents coverage as well.



Protect yourself and your property

- Protect yourself from flood hazards by staying away. Do not walk or drive through flood waters.
- Protect your property from flood damage by ensuring adequate drainage paths around your home; elevating electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters and appliances; and moving essential items and valuables to upper floors.
- Build responsibly. Check with the City Building Division before you build, alter, or grade your property. You may need a permit to ensure the project is compliant with all regulations.
- Do your part to keep our creeks and drainage system functioning by keeping leaves, trash, and debris away from storm drain inlets. If you see an area that is at risk from flooding from a clogged storm drain inlet, down tree, or flooded roadway, contact our Public Services Division at (925) 973-2800, or Police dispatch at (925) 973-2779 after hours.



What is the City doing to reduce my flood risk?

The City's on-going participation in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) program helps San Ramon property owners reduce their risk from flooding and provides them a discount on their flood insurance premiums. Under this CRS program, the City performs activities such as:

- Maintenance of drainage infrastructure (storm drain inlets, pipes, and creeks)
- Enforcement of the City's floodplain management ordinance
- Outreach to residents, lenders, and insurance agents
- Assistance in determining flood zones and reading FIRMs

By performing these annual activities, FEMA has awarded the City a CRS Class rating of 6, which provides residents up to a 20% discount in their flood insurance premiums, which should be incorporated into your insurance quote.

If you would like more information about the CRS program, flood risk, flood insurance, or flood zone determination, visit FEMA's websites at www.floodsmart.gov, www.fema.gov, msc.fema.gov, or contact the Engineering Services Division at (925) 973-2670.

Winter Spare the Air



The Winter Spare the Air season runs from November 1st through February 28th. The Winter Spare the Air program notifies Bay Area residents when fine particulate or soot levels are anticipated to be unhealthy. When a Winter Spare the Air Alert has been called by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, burning wood, fire logs, pellets, or any other solid fuels in your fireplace, woodstove, or other wood-burning device is illegal. For more information on the Winter Spare the Air Program, please visit: <http://www.sparetheair.org/make-a-difference/spare-the-air-every-day/winter>.

Storm-Related Emergencies

To report clogged storm drains, fallen trees, or flooding, please call Public Works at (925) 973-2800 during business hours M-F 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM, or Police Dispatch at (925) 973-2779 after hours, and they will contact the Public Works Emergency Standby Response Team for an after-hours response.

Innovate 680

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) initiated the Innovate 680 program in 2017. The program is a multi-agency collaboration to address congestion on I-680 by developing integrated solutions for a complex challenge. The I-680 corridor encompasses multiple jurisdictions, access to and from the freeway system from local arterial roadways, parallel streets, the Iron Horse Trail and other bike and pedestrian facilities, and overlapping transit networks. Solutions to congestion require a multi-phased approach with collaboration from multiple agencies to bring relief in the near and long term. This program will strive to provide travelers with an efficient, modern, and sustainable transportation system along the I-680 Corridor.

Over the past two years, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) along with the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and various stakeholders, completed several studies along the I-680 corridor that culminated in Innovate 680:

1. I-680 Transit Investment/Congestion Relief Options Study (2015). The study recommended enhanced bus service in the I-680 corridor by utilizing the shoulder for buses during congestion hours, adding 1,100 parking spaces along the

corridor at locations to be determined, increased shuttle service between Park-and-Ride lots and BART stations, increased school bus service, and the purchase of additional transit vehicles for the expanded service.

2. Express Bus Operations on Shoulders (BOS) Study (2016). The study looked at shoulder width, depth, and obstacles in the shoulder between Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek and Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon in both directions. The study concluded BOS operations are feasible with minor improvements to the shoulder.

For San Ramon, Innovate 680 includes the I-680/Bollinger Canyon Road Operational Analysis Study. The purpose of the Study is to assess operational improvements that can be implemented to improve access to the on/off ramps and study improvements and/or operational changes that will address congestion and/or people throughput in the project corridor. The Study will identify operational improvements that will provide traffic congestion relief and facilitate movement of transit and High Occupancy Vehicle lanes (HOVs) at the Bollinger Canyon Road Interchange at I-680. Funding for the I-680 Bollinger Canyon Road Operational Analysis Study is secured. The Study is expected to begin early 2018.



Windemere Ranch Middle School Cricket Pitch Renovation Update

The newly designed cricket pitch renovation has been completed at Windemere Ranch Middle School. Professionally designed by one of the City's contract landscape architects, with input from the San Ramon Cricket Association (SRCA), the new facility will offer much improved playing surfaces from the pitch itself to the surrounding grass field.



New Windemere Ranch Cricket Pitch

The new layout has been realigned and allows for seasonal scheduled use of the fields by the SRCA, Little League Baseball, and the School District.

The explosive interest and growth of cricket, not only in the City but nationwide, has driven the need for well-designed and managed facilities.



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DECEMBER 2017 – FEBRUARY 2018 EVENTS

DECEMBER

December 17
**San Ramon Arts Foundation:
Sing-A-Long Messiah***
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

December 22
**San Ramon Symphonic Band:
Holiday Concert - Holiday Movie Magic***
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

JANUARY

January 12
Friday Foreign Film Series: A Man Called Ove*
Front Row Theater

January 12-14
Madagascar, A Musical Adventure Jr.*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

January 15-21
Annie Kids*
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

January 27
Night at the Improv: The Resolution Show*
Front Row Theater

January 27
San Ramon Historic Foundation: Crab Feed*
Dougherty Station Community Center

January 27-28
**San Ramon Library Foundation:
Big Book Sale**
San Ramon Library

FEBRUARY

February 2
Friday Foreign Film Series: The Kid with a Bike*
Front Row Theater

February 9
Bedtime Theater: Magical Nathaniel*
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

February 12
Youth Symphony Concert
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



February 17
**One Night of Queen*
Performed by Gary Mullen
& the Works**
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center



February 23
Friday Foreign Film Series: Son of the Bride*
Front Row Theater

February 24
Parents Night Out: Camp Central After Dark*
Dougherty Station Community Center

**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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Holiday Garbage Collection Schedule

Garbage, recycling, and organics will not be collected on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. This year, both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a Monday. Collection on the two holiday weeks will occur one day later than normal, through Saturday. For example, if your regular collection day is Monday, your collection day for Christmas week will be Tuesday, December 26th. If your regular collection day is Friday, your collection day for Christmas week will be Saturday, December 30th.



For more information on garbage and recycling, please visit: www.SanRamon.wm.com