

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Spring 2013

30th Anniversary of Incorporation as a City

In 1983, San Ramon voters decided overwhelmingly to incorporate as a city and took control over development, police, parks and other services. A new library, community center, and parks were quickly in the planning stages. San Ramon's 30 years as a city will be celebrated by 'Roll Back the Prices'

swim day this summer, a display of the City's incorporation efforts at the David Glass House, and recognition of all former councilmembers and mayors at the Celebrate America, Celebrate San Ramon event on July 4th. *Look for more information on the City Website for all of the 30th Anniversary events.*



The City of San Ramon is Charged Up and Ready To Go!

The City of San Ramon recently installed two electric vehicle charging stations, one in the parking lot of City Hall in front of the City Council Chambers and the other in the parking lot of the Permit Center/Police Department.

There are different types of charging equipment. The differences are related to the speed of charging.

- Level 1 is the slowest and involves plugging into a standard wall outlet.
- Level 2 will be the most common type of charging equipment that uses specialized equipment with a 240-volt connection, which is similar to the type of plug used for dryer connections.

The Charging Stations are for public use and can be accessed via any of the following means:

- www.chargepoint.com
- ChargePass RFID based Smart Cards (or Key Fobs)



- Contactless Credit Cards, such as MasterCard PayPass™, Visa payWave®, etc.
- Phone call to the customer service number on every ChargePoint charging station



For more information regarding the charging stations, please contact Darlene Amaral, Transportation Analyst at 925-973-2655.

San Ramon Farmers Market at Bishop Ranch Local, Organic Growers and Artisan Food Producers

The San Ramon Farmers Market, now in its 6th season, features over 40 of the best local food producers and organic, seasonal growers like crowd favorite Mellow's Nursery & Farms from Mountain View. Mellow's family has been farming in the Santa Clara valley since the 1800s. Cathy Mellow's grandparents started the first of the family farms in Mountain View where they grew apricots, prunes, and pears for the local canneries. The market also features local honey from Steve's Bees, fresh baked goods, pasture raised eggs, fresh pasta, olive oils, cheese, and popular street food items like Ofa's Island BBQ, tri-tip sandwiches from Green Lantern, South American sandwiches from El Sabores del Sur



and sushi rolls and ramen noodles from Hiroshi's Catering. The Market features live music and special events throughout the year.

THURSDAY, year-round 10am-2pm at BR3 next to the South parking garage

SATURDAY, year-round 9am 1pm at BR2 across from Peet's Coffee on Sunset Drive.

MARKET OFFICE

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San Ramon, CA 94583
925-914-0035

www.sanramonfarmersmarket.org

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SanRamonFarmersMarket>

How Do I Dispose of ...

Here are some local solutions for items that are hard to dispose of or recycle:

COMPUTERS, TELEVISIONS, AND OTHER ELECTRONICS:

See www.sanramon.ca.gov/recycle/ewaste.html for information on local electronics recyclers.

BATTERIES, FLUORESCENT BULBS, PAINT, MOTOR OIL, CHEMICALS:

Call WM Curbside at 1-800-449-7587 to schedule a free pick up or visit www.sanramon.ca.gov/recycle/hazard.htm for drop off options.

MEDICINE, PHARMACEUTICALS:

Drop off for free into the bin in the lobby of the Police Station at 2401 Crow Canyon Rd., Monday

– Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. No needles, sharps or illicitly manufactured controlled substances accepted.

NEEDLES, SYRINGES, AND OTHER MEDICAL SHARPS:

Drop off for free anytime into the bin in front of the Fire Station at 1500 Bollinger Canyon Rd. No loose sharps accepted. Please put your sharps in an authorized sharps container, then place the closed sharps container into the bin.

EXTRA GARBAGE, YARD TRIMMINGS, LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

For extra garbage, you can purchase "BAG IT" bags at our new location, City

of San Ramon Offices 2226 Camino Ramon 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (\$5.00 per bag, price includes the extra pick-up fee.). For the 2013 Special Clean Up Day schedule and guidelines, please see www.sanramon.ca.gov/recycle/special.htm. You may also call Waste Management at (925) 837-3356 to pick up furniture and other large items for a fee. San Ramon residents and businesses may also drop off extra garbage, yard trimmings, and large items at the Pleasanton Transfer Station, at 3110 Busch Rd. in Pleasanton, for a fee, seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Citizen's View

The San Ramon Police Department is unveiling another program in their arsenal of Crime Prevention strategies called "The Citizen's View." This new tool is a registry of privately owned cameras across the city. The SRPD is encouraging residents and businesses to register their existing security cameras with the program. The registry is kept confidential.

Police will not have access to the footage but will be aware that a camera exists in the area when investigating a crime. If a crime occurs, the police may contact the registrant and request a copy of their footage for evidence or investigative leads. The resident or business may have unknowingly recorded the crime, possible suspects, or an escape route the criminals used.

The San Ramon Police routinely asks businesses and residents for



footage from their camera following criminal activity. In recent years, video footage has become imperative as an investigative tool and key to solving crimes. The Citizen's View program is a more efficient way to investigate crimes and partner with the community. Access to the registry will expedite the investigative process. Criminals will think twice if they know San Ramon residents and businesses share their video footage with the police. We want to make it easier for more people to get involved in keeping their community safe.

For more information or to register, log on to the San Ramon Police Department website at www.sanramon.ca.gov/police. Enter the Citizen's View webpage to print the registry form and WARNING sign for your residence or business. When the police receive your form, a police employee will contact you to verify the information.

Social Media Tools to Enhance Communication

Last year, the City implemented several new ways to provide information to residents and provide opportunities to participate with ideas and comments. Open San Ramon, an online forum, was launched last September and to date there are over 1,400 viewers on the site providing the equivalent of 18 hours of public comment on various topics. Residents are encouraged to subscribe and receive notice when a new topic is posted.

e-SanRamon provides email updates to



residents on subscribed topics and continues to be the most popular social media tool. There are over 40,000 subscribers, 105 subscription topics, and over 4.9 million bulletins have been sent since it was launched in 2009. To receive brief daily updates and information from the City, follow us on [Twitter@CityofSanRamon](https://twitter.com/CityofSanRamon). Also, use the new QR code above to link back to the City's webpage for other exciting news and information that the City has to share with residents.

Less Toxic Living

Each year, California residents purchase more than one million pounds of toxic pesticides for home use. Chemicals such as bifenthrin, carbaryl, and malathion are finding their way into our local creeks and waterways. These chemicals are extremely toxic. You can reduce the need for toxic pesticides in your household through less toxic methods such as attracting beneficial insects, choosing the right plant types, and removing the food and shelter required by pests in order to survive.



A great resource for finding natural or less toxic pest control methods is the Our Water, Our World website at www.ourwaterourworld.com. The website provides lists of alternate pest control methods, locations of nurseries that supply beneficial bug-friendly plants, and a list of stores that sell less toxic chemicals. Protect your family and the creeks by switching to less toxic pest control methods today!



New Playground Grand Opening at Athan Downs

The City recently installed a new all abilities-universal playground at Athan Downs. A celebration is planned for Saturday, April 13, 2013, at 3:00pm. This new playground includes equipment that is accessible to all children and is very well suited for children with physical or cognitive disabilities. There is even some 'talkin turf' that will provide a great surprise for kids. Please plan to join us at this very special occasion.



Thank You San Ramon Senior Center Foundation!

The Alcosta Senior and Community Center's kitchen recently received a much needed facelift due to a very successful partnership between the City of San Ramon and the San Ramon Senior Center Foundation. The kitchen was in need of new equipment to meet County Health Department requirements. The City was able to fund a significant portion of the project. However, additional upgrades were required due to new health code regulations. The funding fell short of the total amount required to complete the project. The San Ramon Senior Center Foundation was approached and agreed to provide the remaining \$8,800.

Earlier in the year the Foundation also provided funding in the amount of \$5,300 to replace an outdated



counter top on the kitchen island with a stainless steel counter. This enhancement benefits City programming, but also the numerous renters who host events at the facility.

The City of San Ramon would like to recognize and thank the Senior Foundation for their support of these projects.

Summer Spare the Air



**SPARE *the* AIR
EVERY DAY**

During the summer months, ozone pollution can become a health problem in the Bay Area. The summertime Spare the Air program notifies residents when air quality is forecast to be unhealthy. On these days residents are urged to cut back on any activities that cause pollution such as driving, using oil-based paints, gasoline-powered lawn mowers, or household aerosol products like hair sprays. People who are sensitive to unhealthy air are advised to limit their time outdoors, particularly in the afternoon hours.

In the Bay Area, the summer Spare the Air season generally runs from May through mid-October when clear skies, hot temperatures, lighter than usual winds and strong temperature inversions combine to create smoggy conditions. Spare the Air alerts are declared for days forecast to have ozone concentrations high enough to exceed federal health-based standards.

Learn more about this program and other Spare the Air programs at www.sparetheair.org.

Save The Date! San Ramon Residents – Gear Up for Bike to Work Day – May 9, 2013

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 and Bollinger Canyon Road.

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 questions, please contact Darlene Amaral, Transportation Analyst, (925) 973-2655 or damaral@sanramon.ca.gov.

Library Survey – Initial Results



The Library Advisory Committee initiated a survey to measure citizen’s opinions on the facilities and current services provided by the San Ramon Libraries. The survey generated 626 responses.

The survey indicated that 75% of the respondents believe that the City contributes less than 25% of library funding. In reality, the City of San Ramon contributes \$687,294 to operate the libraries, or 25% of the library costs.

The San Ramon Library Foundation provides all the funding for San Ramon Library Programs and also funds the purchase of new books for the San Ramon Library. The survey results stated that 340 of the 626 respondents were not aware of this organization’s fine work for the libraries!

The Library at Market Place and most of its furniture is over 20 years old. Most respondents observed that the interior could use updating. Suggestions were provided which should shape the direction of services for the San Ramon Libraries in the future.

The full survey draft will be presented to the Parks and Community Services Commission and City Council this spring. A copy of the final results will be posted on the City’s Website in the Parks and Community Services Department section.

Parks Make Life Better Clean-up Days



Join our professional park maintenance staff for several clean-up events to assist the City in maintaining neighborhood

parks. 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 age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves and wear work clothes and shoes. Volunteers need to register in advance.

If you are currently a City Lights volunteer you may register at www.citylights.volunteerhub.com or please contact Bonnie Mertz at bmertz@sanramon.ca.gov or 973-2608 for dates and locations.



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SPRING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2013

CITY ART GALLERIES:

Lindsay Dirx Brown Art Gallery

Featuring the work of: Darrell Hunger - Acrylics and Digital Prints
Reception: Sat., April 6, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

Dougherty Station Community Center Art Gallery

Featuring the work of: Artist Guild of the East Bay
Dougherty Station Community Center

San Ramon Library Art Gallery

Featuring the work of: June Li - Oil Painting
San Ramon Library

First Friday Foreign Film Series: Biutiful*

Friday, April 5, 7:00pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

Monkey See Monkey Do...Family Friendly Improv!*

Saturday, April 6, 2:00pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

Jazz and Poetry Concert*

Friday, April 12, 7:30pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Second Saturday: Spring Garden Exploration

Saturday, April 13, 10:00am to 2:00pm
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Las Vegas Contemporary Dance Theatre*

Saturday, April 13, 8:00pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

"Younger Than Springtime" Fashion Show and Tea*

Saturday, April 13, 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Alcosta Senior and Community Center

Athan Downs New Playground Grand Opening

Saturday, April 13, 3:00pm
Athan Downs

SRCT Presents: Cinderella*

April 19, 20, 26, 27, May 3, and 4, 7:30pm
April 21, 28, May 4 and 5, 3:00pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

Sheep Shearing Day

Saturday, April 20, 10:00am to 3:00pm
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Story time with the Farmer

Tuesday, April 23, 10:00am
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Parks Make Life Better Clean Up Days*

Saturday, April 27, 9am to 12pm
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

May 2013

CITY ART GALLERIES:

Lindsay Dirx Brown Art Gallery

Featuring the work of: Wind Themed Student Show - Acrylic and Mixed Media

Reception: Saturday, May 4, 1:00pm-3:00pm
San Ramon Community Center at Central Park

Dougherty Station Community Center Art Gallery

Featuring the work of: Elaine Fry - Acrylic
Dougherty Station Community Center

San Ramon Library Art Gallery

Featuring the work of: Lou Malmberg - Photography
San Ramon Library

High School Acoustic Night*

Friday, May 10, 7:30pm
Dougherty Station Community Center

Second Saturday: Thinking of Mom

Saturday, May 11, 10:00am to 2:00pm
Forest Home Farms Historic Park

Smokey Robinson*

Saturday, May 11, 8:00pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Bay Area Children's Theatre Presents:

Knuffle Bunny, A Cautionary Musical*

May 11, 12, 18, 19 at 11:00am, 2:00pm & 4:30pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center
(No 11:00am show on May 11th)

Senior and Community Live Well Resource Fair

Saturday, May 18, 8:30am to 1:00pm
Alcosta Senior and Community Center

San Ramon Youth Symphony Concert*

Monday, May 20 7:00pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Night at the Improv*

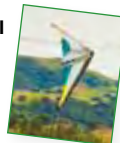
Friday, May 24, 8:00pm
Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center

San Ramon Symphonic Band Concerts*

Swinging The Night Away
Friday, May 24, 7:30pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

Art and Wind Festival

Saturday and Sunday, May 26- 27, 10:00am to 5:00pm
Central Park



Bay Area Children's Theater Presents:

Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.*

Friday and Saturday, May 31 and June 1, 7:00pm
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts 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

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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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