

# SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Fall 2021



## General Plan, Housing Element, and Climate Action Plan Update

The City is excited to announce that in June 2021, the City kicked off updates to the General Plan, Housing Element, and Climate Action Plan. These three guiding documents serve as the City's long-term plan for land use, housing, and climate policies and are scheduled to take approximately two years to complete. Throughout this process, there will be opportunities for interested community members to provide input on how San Ramon should evolve over the next two decades. The City of San Ramon adopted its current 2035 General Plan in 2015. While the existing General Plan is serving the community well, the City is updating and refining the Plan policies and programs to address emerging trends and recent changes in State law. A critical difference between this update and previous efforts is the parallel updating of the Housing Element and Climate Action Plan. Combining efforts for all three Plans will ensure that the City is accommodating its mandated Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) in a holistic approach, while weighing the effects of new development in relation to climate change and associated potential impacts.

The City has launched a new General Plan website as part of this update: [www.plansanramon.com](http://www.plansanramon.com). The City will update this website frequently with information on the status of the General Plan, Housing Element, and Climate Action Plan updates, announcements of upcoming workshops and meetings, and publication of reports. The new website will also include links to interactive surveys and exercises to gather feedback on how you envision your community in 2040.

For this effort to truly represent the community vision for the future, we need your help. The success of this planning effort will depend on the input of the community, and we have provided a range of opportunities to express your ideas for the future of San Ramon. You can make a difference by helping the City to explore new, innovative ways to keep San Ramon a diverse, sustainable, and forward-thinking community! Let's make the best city in the Bay Area even better!

For additional information on this update please contact Cindy Yee, General Plan Project Manager, at: [planning@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:planning@sanramon.ca.gov).

## Welcome Back to the Alcosta Senior & Community Center

The Alcosta Senior & Community Center is excited to welcome our seniors back to the center. We are currently offering the following services for you to enjoy:



- Drop-in programs including Aerobics, Dance, Bridge, Mahjong, Karaoke, and Bingo!
- Registration classes including Yoga and Zumba Gold
- Daily on-site lunch at Cafe Costa
- Daily Van transportation

Call 925-973-3250 or visit:

[www.sanramon.ca.gov/encore](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/encore) for more information on upcoming programs and events.

## San Ramon Bicycle Master Plan Update

The San Ramon City Council adopted the City's first Bicycle Master Plan in 2018, and it is the first Citywide Plan devoted to bicycling. The purpose of the Bicycle Master Plan is to develop strategies to improve safety and access, and to encourage bicycling throughout the City. The Plan outlines goals, policies, physical improvements, educational programs, and funding/implementation strategies. The Public Works – Transportation Services Division, has updated the **Bicycle Master Plan Brochure** with information detailing completed bicycle infrastructure projects, explaining key bicycle infrastructure features, and providing examples of bicycle infrastructure schematics.

To view the Bicycle Master Plan and informational Brochure, visit:  
[www.sanramon.ca.gov/bicycle\\_master\\_plan](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/bicycle_master_plan).

For additional information, contact the Transportation Division at (925) 973-2650.



## 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 signing up for E-SanRamon Updates, which is a free text, email, and digital subscription service: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/sports\\_fields\\_updates](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/sports_fields_updates). 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 sports field conditions, 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 this link: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/sports\\_fields\\_conditions](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/sports_fields_conditions).

## San Ramon Performing Arts Season

San Ramon Performing Arts provides the enjoyment and excitement of live theater and performances for the San Ramon community and beyond. The upcoming season will feature shows at the convenient, 600-seat Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center.



Upcoming Season Shows:

**Jake Shimabukuro** – November 6, 2021

**The Purple Xperience** – February 27, 2022

**The Underwater Bubble Show** – March 27, 2022

Season and individual tickets and additional information are available online at: [www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com](http://www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com) or call the Box Office at 925-973-3343. We look forward to seeing you soon to experience performing arts in San Ramon.

The San Ramon Performing Arts Season is sponsored by the City of San Ramon, Chevron, and the San Ramon Arts Foundation.





**P**arts of San Ramon are in a Flood Zone. 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 near 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 or your mortgage requirements, you are encouraged to obtain flood insurance. You may be in an unmapped flood prone area. If you have Flood Zone insurance, check to ensure you have contents coverage as well.

- During a flood, 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 around your home; elevating electrical panels, furnaces, water heaters, and appliances; and moving essential items and valuables to upper floors. Keep storm drains clear and put leaves in your green organics waste bin.
- Build responsibly. Check with the City Building & Safety Services Division before you build, alter, or grade your property.



- 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.
  - Assistance in determining flood zones and reading FIRMs
- By performing these annual activities, and participating in the Community Rating System (CRS) Program, FEMA has awarded the City a CRS Class rating of 6, providing residents up to a 20% discount in their flood insurance premiums, which should be incorporated into your insurance quote.

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

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- 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](http://www.floodsmart.gov), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), [msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov), or contact the Public Works – Engineering Services Division at (925) 973-2670.

# Organics: Get Ready to Compost!

**Senate Bill (SB) 1383** – California's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reductions Law requires the City to begin separating organic waste from the garbage collection beginning January 1, 2022. San Ramon's curbside waste collector, ACI of San Ramon, began servicing the households and businesses in 2019. All residents and businesses were delivered new organics collection containers with the start of the new service.

## **SB 1383 is meant to reduce our climate impact:**

1. Organics are harmful to the environment when landfilled, where they quickly create methane, a greenhouse gas that is 84 times more harmful than carbon dioxide.



2. Organics are beneficial to the environment if composted and applied as a soil amendment to crops; they actually draw down or sequester carbon in the soil, and that soil is nutrient-rich to grow crops.
3. Forty percent of all food that is produced for human consumption is wasted. SB 1383 is additionally designed to have jurisdictions rescue 20% of that wasted food and redirect it to food rescue organizations.

## **So what does this mean for San Ramon?**

1. Residents and businesses must discard all yard waste, uneaten food, and food-soiled paper in the GREEN cart or bin.
2. Larger food producers, like grocery stores and restaurants, must arrange to donate surplus food with a local or regional entity.
3. Enforcement is coming. Penalties and fees will eventually be applied if organics are found in the garbage.

*With minor behavioral changes from all sectors, the effectiveness of reducing our City's climate impact is very high. Remember, if it was once alive, put it in the Green Organics container and Compost it!*

Questions? Go to <http://SanRamonRecycles.com/>

# Commuter Incentive Programs for San Ramon



**T**he City of San Ramon and 511 Contra Costa (511 CC) offers commuters incentives for using a commute alternative to work such as: carpooling, vanpooling, taking transit, biking, and walking.

Whether you make the switch one day a week or five days a week, driving less can make a difference!

Need a place to meet your carpool, vanpool or the bus? The City of San Ramon has two Park & Ride Lots available – the San Ramon Transit Center (7051 Executive Parkway) and the Bark & Ride (1120 South Wedgewood Road). These Park & Ride Lots offer parking on a first-come, first-serve basis to meet your carpool or vanpool, or to take public transit.

By visiting <https://511contracosta.org/>, you can decide which options best fit your particular travel needs.

Contact the Public Works - Transportation Services Division for more information at (925) 973-2650 or visit: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/transportation\\_services](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/transportation_services).

# Crow Canyon Road Widening Project – Construction Delayed to Spring 2022

**T**he Crow Canyon Road Widening Project will construct one additional driving lane in each direction of Crow Canyon Road, between Alcosta Boulevard and St. George Road, and includes improved facilities for pedestrians, wide green bike lanes, new vibrant drought-tolerant landscaping, and updated traffic

signals and streetlights with the latest equipment and technology.

Originally to begin in fall 2021, the construction has been delayed until spring 2022. The decision was based on a plan to reduce weather-related impacts, allow more time for pre-construction utility relocation work, minimize the overlap of

several large City roadway projects, and provide a more stable bidding climate with greater potential for cost savings.

Currently, pre-construction utility relocation work is taking place. This work is expected to continue through winter 2021.

## Weekly Street Sweeping in the Fall

As summer ends and the tree leaves begin to fall, street sweeping service on public residential streets will be increased from two times a month to four times a month from October to January. The City would like to remind residents to keep the streets clear of cars and other obstructions on regularly scheduled street sweeping days. This will assist the street sweeper to remove leaves and debris that tend to gather closer to the curb areas. To find out your regularly scheduled street sweeping day, please visit the street sweeping map on the City's website at: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/stsweeping](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/stsweeping). During the fall, just refer to the day of the week on the map. For example, if your street is normally swept "1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday" on the map,



during the fall it will be swept every Monday except when there are 5 Mondays in a month. Residential streets are swept between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM. To contact our street sweeping vendor, Contract Sweeping Services, with any questions, please call (888) 837-9337, or call the City Public Works Department at (925) 973-2800.

To prevent flooding and protect our creeks, remember "Only Rain Down the Drain". Do not place leaves from your property in the street and never put motor oil or garbage down a storm drain. Leaves can be placed in your organics green bin. Please contact ACI at (925) 380-9480 if you need a second green organics cart, motor oil recycling jugs, or extra garbage tags. Household hazardous waste, including motor oil, e-waste, and paint can be collected through San Ramon's Household Hazardous Waste Door-to-Door Program by phoning 1-800-433-5060. To report illegal dumping or contamination of storm water, please contact the Public Works-Engineering Division at (925) 973-2670.

## San Ramon Valley Street Smarts Program

The new school year has started! As students return to in-person learning, the San Ramon Valley Street Smarts Program wants to ensure the greatest level of safety for everyone. Drivers and students should always:

- Adhere to the 25 MPH zone, slow down, and obey all traffic laws and speed limits
- Comply with local school drop-off and pick-up procedures
- Refrain from unloading children at locations across the street from the school
- Cross the street in the crosswalks only
- Avoid stopping or double parking on crosswalks to let children out of the car



- Prepare to stop for a school bus when overhead yellow lights are flashing
- Watch for children walking or biking to school when backing out of a driveway and in areas near a school
- Forgo the use of cell phones

### Street Smarts Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Annual "Walk and Roll with Street Smarts!" Poster Contest: October 1 - November 3, 2021  
Elementary School students in the San Ramon Valley are invited to draw and color a Traffic Safety

themed illustration depicting bike, scooter, skateboard, or pedestrian safety.

- ❖ Annual "Be Reel!" Video Contest: February 1 - April 1, 2022

Video contest for middle and high school students. Theme will be announced in January 2022. Awards Night will be held in spring 2022.

- ❖ California Highway Patrol "Start Smart" Teen Driver Safety Classes coming soon to your local high school!

Check [www.srvusd.net/startsmart](http://www.srvusd.net/startsmart) for upcoming dates.

Visit <http://street-smarts.com/> for Street Smart Events and Programs, or call the Public Works - Transportation Services Division at (925) 973-2650.





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## FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

Oct 2  
Oktoberfest presented by the San Ramon  
Historic Foundation\*

Oct 16  
Alamo Creek to Hidden Valley Ridge  
Trail Loop Hike\*

Oct 17  
Culture in the Community Celebration

Oct 17  
San Ramon  
Symphonic Band  
Fall Concert\*



Oct 22 – Oct 31  
Scarecrow Scavenger Hunt

Oct 30  
Trick or Treat on the Farm

### NOVEMBER

Nov 6  
Holiday Boutique presented by  
the San Ramon Senior Center Foundation

Nov 6  
San Ramon Performing  
Arts Series:  
Jake Shimabukuro\*



Nov 13  
Alamo Creek to Red Hawk to Village Center  
Trail Loop Hike\*

### DECEMBER

Dec 4  
Bah Humbug! 5K Run/Walk &  
Kid's Dash\*

Dec 11  
Holiday on the Farm

Dec 12  
San Ramon Community Chorus: Holiday  
Magic Show\*

Dec 17  
San Ramon Symphonic Band Concert:  
Holiday Winds\*



\*These events require registration or ticket purchase.

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

## Contact Information

### City Council

David E. Hudson, *Mayor*  
Scott Perkins, *Vice Mayor*  
Mark Armstrong, *Councilmember*  
Sridhar Verose, *Councilmember*  
Sabina Zafar, *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  
Engineering ..... 973-2670  
Human Resources ..... 973-2523  
Parks & Community Services ..... 973-3200  
Passport Services ..... 973-2539  
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

[www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov)

## Bah Humbug! 5K Run/Walk & Kid's Dash

Saturday, December 4, 2021 ♦ Kid's Dash Starts at 8:00am ♦ 5K Race Starts at 9:00am  
Start & Finish: San Ramon Central Park Community Center (12501 Alcosta Blvd.)

### Bah Humbug! 5k Run/Walk

Start the holiday season off with a healthy fun run or walk through San Ramon. All participants will receive a holiday long sleeved t-shirt and the famous Bah Humbug! ornament. This event is great for families and children! The Bah Humbug! is a chip timed race.

### Kids Dash

The kid's dash is for children ages 3 - 12 years old. The 1K course will run through portions of Central Park and conclude at the main finish line in front of the San Ramon Community Center. Along the route we will have designated volunteers located throughout the course keeping participants safe and cheering them on. Children will be grouped by ages 3-6, 7-9, and 10-12 years old. All participants will receive a holiday long sleeved t-shirt and the famous Bah Humbug! ornament.

Get more information or register online at [www.SanRamon.ca.gov/FitnessRaces](http://www.SanRamon.ca.gov/FitnessRaces).

The Bah Humbug! 5K Run/Walk & Kid's Dash is sponsored by the City of San Ramon, Chevron, and Sports Basement.

