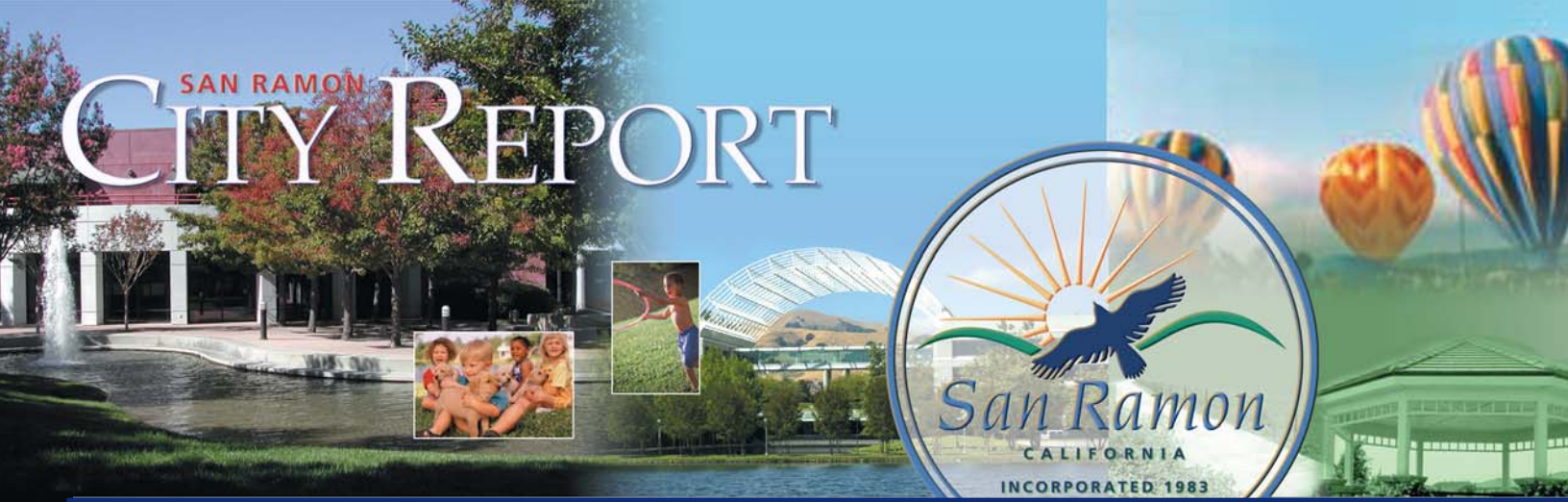


# SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



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## Street Smarts Program Gets Green Light

Whether you drive, bike or walk, traffic safety is everyone's business. The City of San Ramon has joined forces with the Town of Danville, Contra Costa County, San Ramon Valley Unified School District and the Del Valle Council of PTA's to improve safety on our local streets. The STREET SMARTS program focuses on changing underlying attitudes and behavior through Education, Engineering and Enforcement components.

This comprehensive campaign strategically administers public information materials to reinforce the importance of being "street smart" pedestrians, drivers and cyclists. Look for simple and powerful messages throughout the community such as "When You See Kids, Slow Down" and "Want to Meet Cops? Drive Fast."

Contributions in excess of \$19,000 have been raised from private sponsors including: Sunset Development Company, Chevron/Texaco, Windemere (Lennar Homes), Shapell Industries, Bank of Walnut Creek, Club Sport of San Ramon, and Erik's Deli Café.

For more information contact Lisa Bobadilla, Transportation Manager at (925) 973-2651

## Regulations affecting Motorized Scooters and Pocket Bikes

*If you are considering purchasing a motorized scooter or a pocket bike read this!!*

A new mode of transportation has hit the streets of San Ramon.



A motorized scooter (Go-Ped) is defined by the vehicle code as "any two wheeled device that has handlebars, is designed to be stood or sat upon by the operator, and is powered by an electric motor or other power sources (i.e. gasoline engines)". A driver's license is not required to operate a motorized scooter however; the operator must be at least 16 years of age.

The speed limit for a motorized scooter on any roadway is 15 mph, regardless of the posted limit. Other applicable laws require that the operator not have passengers, wear headphones and an approved bicycle helmet. Additionally, a motorized scooter can not be ridden on any sidewalk or public trail (i.e. Iron Horse Trail) and must be equipped with lights for use during darkness.

Pocket bikes are small motorcycles powered by gasoline engines or electric motors. According to the California State Vehicle Code, a motorcycle is any motor vehicle

having a seat or saddle, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground, and weighing less than 1500 lbs. It appears that pocket bikes are being marketed and sold improperly as "motor scooters".

A pocket bike, should not be driven on public roads or in off-street parking facilities. The Department of Motor Vehicles is not currently registering pocket bikes because they lack required vehicle identification and engine numbers. As a result, the use of pocket bikes is restricted to private property only and to areas not open to public vehicle traffic.

The City of San Ramon urges motorized scooter and pocket bike riders to obtain training in the safe operation of these vehicles and to wear appropriate safety equipment. Violations of applicable vehicle code sections are subject to enforcement action, including the issuance of a traffic citation. Check [www.dmv.ca.gov](http://www.dmv.ca.gov), or the Police Department's website at [www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/police/scooter.htm](http://www.ci.san-ramon.ca.us/police/scooter.htm), or contact a Traffic Safety Officer at (925) 973-2700 for additional assistance.

## Holiday Waste Reduction and Recycling Tips

The holiday season, with all of its associated buying, wrapping and celebrating, substantially increases the amount of waste that we generate.



However, there are opportunities for San Ramon residents to reduce, reuse and recycle the remnants of holiday cheer.

Please consider the following tips to reduce your household waste during this holiday season:

- Give Your Holiday Tree a Second Chance. Buy a tree in a pot or with a rootball wrapped in burlap to transplant it after the New Year.
- Recycle Holiday Trees. Residents are encouraged to recycle their trees. There are several options:
  - a) *The Boy Scouts of America Annual Fund-Raiser.* The Boy Scouts will pickup your holiday tree on January 8, 2005 for a \$5.00 donation. Please call (925) 201-3401 to schedule a pick-up.
  - b) *Special One-time Tree Pick-up* during the week of January 17, 2005. On your garbage service day during this week, a special truck will pass down your

### Shop San Ramon First!

With the approaching holiday shopping season, before you fight traffic on Interstate 680, consider shopping in the City of San Ramon first. Not only will you spend less time in traffic driving, by shopping in San Ramon, you contribute to one of the City's most important revenue sources - sales tax. So whether

you are interested in purchasing sporting goods, music CDs, books, home electronics, power tools, or a gift certificate to one of our great restaurants or other terrific small businesses, *Shop San Ramon First!* for all your retail needs.



street and pick-up holiday trees at the curb. Please cut your holiday tree into six feet pieces or less.

- c) *Use Your Yard Trim Cart.* You may place cut up holiday trees in your yard trim cart anytime after the holidays. Please cut your trees in lengths that will allow the lid of the cart to completely close.
- Donate Replaced Items to Charity. Please check out the City's website at [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov) for information on possible charities that would welcome donations of appliances and clothes that still have a useful life.
  - ◆ Recycle Cardboard Gift Boxes (or save to reuse next year). Take your corrugated cardboard in bundles to the San Ramon Recycling Center located at 2231 Omega Road.
  - ◆ Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Gift-Wrap. As an alternative to wrapping paper,

add bows to gift boxes or shopping bags, or use fabric that can be washed and reused. Consider gifts in baskets, tins or jars.

- ◆ Consider creative gifts. Instead of a wrapped present, give gift certificates or tickets for services or special events.

Participate in the Junk Mail Reduction Campaign to prevent new junk mail from finding its way to your mailbox. Request a Junk Mail Reduction kit that provides addresses and phone numbers of organizations focused on protecting consumer privacy. Visit [www.stopjunkmail.org](http://www.stopjunkmail.org) or telephone (925) 973-2800 for more information.

## Residents encouraged to Flood Proof Property

The City of San Ramon's ten creeks are very effective at moving water under normal storm conditions. However, during torrential rains it is possible that they will reach their capacity and flooding may occur, particularly if any of these waterways become obstructed. Areas most susceptible to flooding in San Ramon are along San Ramon Creek, San Catanio Creek and South San Ramon Creek.

The City has implemented several programs to increase public awareness concerning creek maintenance. Signage has been placed at

creeks and storm drains requesting that the areas be kept clean. Public Works Department staff routinely inspect facilities and waterways throughout the year, and sends annual notices to flood zone property owners located within areas designated as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs).

The City strongly urges all property owners in flood zone areas to obtain flood insurance to protect your private property. As a property owner you may also qualify for a discount on your private property flood insurance premiums. Without

flood insurance, you may be financially responsible for any losses you incur due to a flood.

Visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) for additional information on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and how it can help you as a homeowner prevent or minimize loss due to flood damage. For a copy of the Flood Rate Insurance Map, and Flood Insurance Study, and for suggestions on where to obtain storm supplies such as sandbags, contact Public Works at 973-2670.

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#### Helpful San Ramon #'s

*Building* ..... 973-2580  
*Business License* ..... 973-2513  
*City Clerk* ..... 973-2539  
*City Council* ..... 973-2532  
*Human Resources* ..... 973-2503  
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*Senior Center* ..... 973-3250  
*Olympic Pool* ..... 973-3240