

# SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



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## San Ramon's Newest Major Roadway Improvements Completed

The City's newest roadway and landscape improvements on Crow Canyon Road and Camino Ramon are now completed and fully open to the traveling public. The Crow



*Crow Canyon Road/Camino Ramon*

Canyon Corridor Project is the latest improvement to the City's roadway system. It was designed to facilitate traffic along the corridor by widening and improving Crow Canyon Road between I680 and Alcosta Boulevard and Camino Ramon from Fostoria Way to Crow Canyon Road. Improvements include the widening of Crow Canyon Road from three to four lanes of traffic, additional left turn lanes added to Crow Canyon Place and Camino Ramon at Crow Canyon Road and the installation of new landscaping in the roadway medians. The pavement on Camino Ramon was fully reconstructed and pavement areas along Crow Canyon Road were repaired.



*Crow Canyon Road Landscaping Improvements*

The project was completed at a cost of \$9.5M and was funded by traffic mitigation fees and the San Ramon Redevelopment Agency. It was built in two phases with the Phase I utility relocation work being completed in April 2006 and the Phase II roadway widening and improvements

completed in June 2007. The City would like to give a BIG THANKS to the businesses and the public for your patience and consideration while this project was underway.



*Camino Ramon*

For further information, contact Moustefa Kendroud, San Ramon Engineering Department at 973-2681.

## City of San Ramon 2007 Election

San Ramon will hold its Municipal Election on November 6, 2007. You will need to re-register to vote when: you move; change your name, or change your political party affiliation. The last day to register is October 22. Voter Registration forms are available at the City Clerk's office and public libraries. The Contra Costa County Elections Department website, [www.cocovote.us](http://www.cocovote.us), has complete information on voter registration, absentee ballots, poll locations, and election results.



The Election is for three seats: Mayor and two City Council positions. The Candidate's Nomination Period is 7/16-8/10. The Nomination Period closing date will be extended for 5 days to August 15, 2007 if one of the incumbents does not file. Please contact Patricia Edwards, City Clerk, at 973-2537 for additional information.

## Local Agencies Conduct Emergency Response Exercise

The City of San Ramon, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, San Ramon Valley Unified School District, California High School and Central



Contra Costa Sanitary District are public agencies who may be called upon to respond to an emergency. The agencies staff receive ongoing training during the year and an actual field exercise provides an invaluable training opportunity.

During winter months, the joint agencies met to plan and prepare for an emergency field exercise at the Central San Larwin Pump Station, located on Mangos Drive. Staff provided notification to the public prior to the exercise by a mailing to the surrounding area and door hangers in the immediate vicinity. The extensive planning effort culminated in the field exercise on March 28, 2007. Fifty-five staff and numerous field response vehicles and equipment participated in the field exercise, and interested residents stopped to talk to staff and observe.



Immediately following the exercise, staff met to debrief and update the response plan. All agreed that the joint agencies exercise was a huge success. The City will count this exercise towards its ongoing Emergency Response and Homeland Security training efforts.

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## Help Conserve Water and Protect our Creeks

Water supply agencies project an inadequate supply of refill water for the reservoirs this summer. You can help conserve water by reducing the frequency of car washes, or by taking your car to a carwash facility. These facilities either recycle water or discharge the waste water directly into the sewage system where it goes through a treatment process.

Contaminants from washing cars in the driveway pollute creeks and streams. Soaps and detergents, even biodegradable products (before they degrade), are lethal to aquatic life. The wash water runs into the gutters and flows directly into storm drains and creeks. This water carries soap, dirt, oil and grease, and metals, such as copper from brake pads into the storm drain. Unlike the sewage system, this water does not go through a treatment process.

For further information please contact Steven Spedowski, with the City of San Ramon at 973-2653.

## Traffic Safety Campaign Hits High School

Motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death among teens in the U.S. Traffic collisions can be avoided through education and shifts in driving behavior. New to the San Ramon Street Smarts program, a traffic safety campaign aimed towards high school students is being developed in the San Ramon Valley and will debut this Fall. The campaign will focus on driving distractions and speeding. For more information, visit [www.streetsmarts-srv.com](http://www.streetsmarts-srv.com).



## Calling all Scouts

Does your Girl or Boy Scout group know how to perform a U.S. flag ceremony? The City Clerk's office welcomes your expertise!! If you would like to present the flag at a San Ramon City Council meeting, please contact the Clerk's office at 925-973-2539 to schedule a date. City Council meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Council Chambers, 2222 Camino Ramon. You have the opportunity to showcase your skills while performing a valuable service to your community. Don't forget to watch the Channel 29 broadcast of the Council meeting to see yourselves in action on TV.



## San Ramon to Open New City Parks

The City of San Ramon is about to open *five* new parks this summer and in cooperation with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District, (SRVUSD) two new school parks as well!

**Fire Truck Park (1 acre)** - opening August 18th, is located on Arlington Way north of East Branch Parkway in the Windemere portion of the City. Amenities include: a tot driving track, fireman art feature, an original fire hose sculpture, and a tile wall with art provided by local firemen. The Grand Opening will provide opportunities to meet our firefighters and see real fire trucks.

**Arlington Park (4 acres)** - also opening in August, is located south of East Branch Parkway on Arlington Way and includes picnic areas, a playground structure, a unique labyrinth, restrooms, a regulation soccer and baseball field.

**Creekside Park (5.5 acres)** - opening this summer, is located in the Gale Ranch area of the City, off of Bollinger Canyon Road on South Wedgewood Road. This natural creek setting park features two youth size soccer fields, an extensive playground with swings and two age group play structures including "space climber" playground equipment, half court basketball court, restrooms and a shaded picnic structure.

**Monarch Park (6.5 acres)** - also opening this summer, is located on Monarch Road north of Bollinger Canyon Road in the Gale Ranch area of San Ramon. Themed after the majestic Monarch butterfly, the park includes the City's first cricket "pitch", a youth sized soccer field, an extensive playground with swings and two unique age group play structures, a tile wall public art



*Fire Truck Park*

project completed by resident teens, a shaded picnic area and restrooms.

**San Ramon Sports Park (15 acres)** - with the Tiffany Roberts Soccer Field, is located on East Branch Pkwy/ Sherwood Way in the Windemere

portion of the City and will open in August. Tiffany Roberts is the only San Ramon resident who has won an Olympic gold medal. The Tiffany Roberts Soccer Field is the City's first synthetic turf, all weather, year round

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### *Traveling out of the U.S. this summer?*

Passport requirements have changed. If your vacation calls for leaving the borders of the United States by air, a passport is required as of January 23, 2007. The U.S. Passport Service has been inundated with applications and has increased their processing times. Forms are available online at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). Only black and white downloaded forms will be accepted.

The City's passport hotline (925-973-2533) provides information on how to complete your application. Passport applications are accepted at the San Ramon City Clerk's office by appointment only, from Noon to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. To schedule an appointment, please call 925-973-2539. The office is located at City Hall, 2222 Camino Ramon.



U.S. citizens traveling to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda who have applied for, but have not yet received passports, can temporarily enter and depart from the U.S. by air with the following restrictions: Adults should present government-issued photo identification and proof of passport application from the Department of State. Children under the age of 16 traveling with their parents or legal guardian will be permitted to travel with the child's proof of application. Travelers who have not applied for a passport should not expect to be accommodated. U.S. citizens with pending passport applications can obtain proof of application at: <http://travel.state.gov>.



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soccer field, and can accommodate approximately 300 spectators in bleacher seating with night lighting. This park also includes a lighted 90' baseball field, a 60' little league/softball field and two outdoor basketball courts.

**Live Oak Elementary School & Dougherty Valley High School Parks**

opening on August 25th, will be open to the public when not in use by the schools. This elementary school is located on Sherwood Way, north of East Branch Parkway.

**Dougherty Valley High School (54 acres)** is located on Albion Drive at Bollinger Canyon Road. The City invested \$9 million in an expanded theater and swimming pool complex and partnered with the District to increase the size/scope of the swimming area to become a second "aquatic park".



*San Ramon Sports Park*

The **Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center** will host a 50 meter x 25 yard Olympic sized swimming pool, along with an additional teaching and play pool, designed for instructional purposes. The play pool has water play elements in a zero depth "beach type" area for the enjoyment of all ages, especially our little ones. This facility will be able to host swimming and water polo programs as well as recreation swimming, swimming lessons and lap swimming.

The new **Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center** continues the City's partnership with the SRVUSD, by expanding the theater to 600 seats and building a 3,500 square foot duplicate stage facility for rehearsals and performances, keeping the main house available for performance purposes.

The City staff works hard to coordinate park openings as soon as possible. A series of thorough inspections are conducted to ensure that parks are built to the City's high standards, and that all of the amenities and features are safe and ready to be used. Typically, the park is fenced and not available for use until all of these items are inspected and tested for quality assurance and safety.

We look forward to having these new parks and facilities later this summer, all contributing to the continued improvement in the quality of life for the residents of the City of San Ramon.

**Contact Information**

**City Council:**

- H. Abram Wilson, *Mayor*
- Scott Perkins, *Vice Mayor*
- Dave Hudson, *Councilmember*
- Jim Livingstone, *Councilmember*
- Carol J. Rowley, *Councilmember*

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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
- Dougherty Station Library* .....973-3380
- San Ramon Library* .....973-2850
- Passport Services* .....973-2533
- Planning* .....973-2560
- Police* .....973-2700
- Dougherty Station Police Sub Station* .....973-3300
- San Ramon Community Center and Cental Park*.....973-3200
- Dougherty Station Community Center* .....973-3350
- Senior Center* .....973-3250
- Olympic Pool* .....973-3240
- Public Services* .....973-2800