

# SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



Spring 2019

## Camp Central Turns 10!

### What is Camp Central?

Camp Central is an award winning, flexible summer program held at San Ramon's Central Park and the Dougherty Station Community Center that has been catering to the needs of busy families for ten years. Camp Central has impacted the lives of over 12,000 kids who, collectively, have accounted for more than 27,000 program registrations.



### What Makes Camp Central So Special?

Flexibility is the key to Camp Central's success. You can sign up for multiple half day camps, which is a great way to try out different activities to see what your child likes without being committed to full days. The unique format provides the opportunity to mix educational and active camps into one fun week. If you have children with different interests, it's not a problem, at Camp Central, there are many camps to choose from each week.

**Why Pick Camp Central:** Camp Central is known for innovative new camps that follow the trends kids are interested in. Add energetic camp staff who take the time to get to know every participant and a rigorous check-in and checkout procedure to ensure the safety of your child, and you have all the elements of a great program. Camp Central's two locations make dropping off and picking up your child a breeze.

For more information on Camp Central, visit [www.sanramon.ca.gov/camps](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/camps).

## District Elections in San Ramon

The City of San Ramon in February of 2019 passed a resolution of intent to move to District Based Elections. The change originated from a November 5, 2018 letter sent on behalf of the Bay Area Voting Rights Initiative (BAVRI). The demand letter to San Ramon and other governmental agencies urged the City of San Ramon to implement district elections or risk being sued. The letter asserted that "... at-large voting dilutes minority electoral influence in the election of each of the legislative bodies in the San Ramon Valley, thus violating Elections Code Section 14047."

Under the District Based Election format, San Ramon will hold an at-large election for Mayor, but the other four City Council seats will

be voted on by the residents of their respective district only. Elections will continue to be staggered with two City Council seats and the Mayor elected in November of even number years.

The City is now working to create the district maps for the 2020 election. The City Council has held two public hearings to establish communities of interest that will guide the district creation in San Ramon. In April/May the City Council will hold two more hearings where they will receive draft copies of the district maps and will ultimately be asked to approve one of these maps. During these public hearings there will be an opportunity for the public to provide their feedback on the proposed

maps prior to a adoption by the City Council. Please check the City Website for specific dates of these public hearings.



For more information on the process of moving to a district election, the California Voting Rights Act, the Federal Voting Rights Act and to view the BAVRI demand letter, visit the City of San Ramon's district election webpage at: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/residents/district\\_elections](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/residents/district_elections).

If you have specific questions on the transition, the City created a specific email account, [districtelections@sanramon.ca.gov](mailto:districtelections@sanramon.ca.gov), for the community to use.

# ***Bollinger Canyon Road Widening Project – Complete***

**T**he Bollinger Canyon Road Widening Project is now complete. Staff worked closely with the contractor and stakeholders to keep the Project on schedule and finish prior to the City Center Bishop Ranch opening on November 8th. There are now four lanes in each direction from the I-680 Freeway to Alcosta Boulevard. Major accomplishments of the Bollinger Canyon Road Widening Project include:

- Improved traffic circulation to accommodate City Center impacts and the General Plan buildout
- Addition of one travel lane in the eastbound direction from the I-680 Freeway to Market Place
- Extension of dual left turn lanes on eastbound Bollinger Canyon Road to northbound Sunset Drive and to northbound Camino Ramon
- Addition of a second left turn lane on westbound Bollinger Canyon Road to Bishop Ranch 1 and the Chevron campus
- Addition of an exclusive right turn lane on westbound Bollinger Canyon Road to northbound Camino Ramon



- Addition of a second left turn lane on southbound Sunset Drive to eastbound Bollinger Canyon Road
- Various ADA and aesthetic improvements along the entire corridor
- Installation of new street lighting with frames for hanging banners, etc. for seasonal events

- Installation of new fiber optic connection to improve remote access to corridor traffic signals for monitoring and adjustments
- Installation of new accessible pedestrian signal pushbuttons at four intersections
- Installation of new traffic signal poles and mast arms to align traffic signal heads with corresponding lanes
- Installation of drought-tolerant landscaping along the corridor and converted landscape irrigation to recycled water

## ***How To Recycle Electronics and Household Hazardous Waste***



**E**ver wonder where you should dispose your fluorescent lights, batteries, paint, motor oil, old computers, and household chemicals? These items are examples of electronic waste and hazardous materials, which should **not** go into your regular garbage or recycling containers. There are other options readily available, such as the household hazardous waste drop-off facility in Martinez, curbside used motor oil recycling, electronics collection on neighborhood clean-up days, and private in-store drop-off programs.

*For more information on how to properly dispose of these materials, please visit: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/HHW](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/HHW).*

## ***San Ramon Citizen's Planning Academy Returns!!***

**T**he San Ramon Community Development Department will host the 3rd session of San Ramon Citizen's Planning Academy in the fall of 2019. The goal of the Academy is to educate and engage residents in the City's planning process. The Academy will provide an overview of why cities plan, how planning shapes our community, and the land use planning process. The course concludes with a Mock

Planning Commission Meeting for a theoretical project, where the participants serve as the Planning Commission, developers, and residents. The classes will be held on six consecutive Mondays, beginning September 9, 2019. Each class begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m., and will be held at City Hall. One session will be a Saturday tour of the City. There will be a formal recognition of class participants

at a City Council meeting. The class is free, but space is limited to 20 participants, 18 years and older. Applications for the class, and the final class schedule will be available at [www.sanramon.ca.gov/planacademy](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/planacademy) in July 2019. You will be notified of your acceptance to participate by mid-August. Contact the Community Development Department at (925) 973-2560 for additional information.



## Save The Date! San Ramon Residents – Gear Up For Bike to Work Day – May 9, 2019

**B**ike 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 at Bollinger Canyon Road from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

May is also National Bike Commute Month, and there will be a Team Bike Challenge. 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 through the end of May will win a grand prize!

Visit [www.511contracosta.org](http://www.511contracosta.org) for more information. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department – Transportation Division at (925) 973-2650.

## Coming in October 2019—New Garbage and Recycling Company - ACI

**Beginning October 1, 2019**, Alameda County Industries (ACI) will be San Ramon’s new solid waste and recycling company. ACI was awarded a 15-year contract through a competitive proposal process. The City requested proposals for solid waste and recycling services because our contract with Waste Management was due to expire. ACI is a locally-owned company. They currently serve the cities of San Leandro and Alameda and will begin service in Castro Valley in May 2019. ACI proposes to recycle 90% of San Ramon’s solid waste by 2029.

All current services, including the three neighborhood clean-up days per year, will continue in the new contract with ACI. Garbage collection days will remain the same.



The current collection drivers will have the option to continue working in San Ramon for the new company.

Significant changes include:

- New color-coded and labeled solid waste and recycling containers for all customers
  - **Blue** = Recycle
  - Green** = Compost
  - Gray** = Landfill
- All customers will receive all three types of containers

- Food scrap recycling services for all customers (houses, condos, townhomes, apartments, businesses)
- Larger items (furniture, appliances, mattresses) accepted on neighborhood clean-up days
- Recovery of reusable items (clothing, sports equipment, toys) on neighborhood clean-up days
- An annual drop-off event for recyclables, organics, electronics, fluorescent lights, batteries, and reusable items
- Two compost give-away events per year

Before the new contract starts in October, ACI and the City will be providing customers with more detailed information on service changes, removal of existing containers, and delivery of new containers.

For additional information visit: [www.sanramon.ca.gov/Sanramonrecycles](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/Sanramonrecycles).

## 2019 Pavement Management Project

The construction phase of the 2019 Pavement Management Project (PMP), Capital Improvement Project (CIP) 5568, is expected to take place between April and August 2019. The 2019 PMP is mainly focused on preventative maintenance with the objective of prolonging the life of the streets at a relatively low cost. The Project will include several phases of work, including: excavation and removal of small areas of pavement that are in poor condition; crack sealing; upgrading and repairing curb ramps to meet current ADA requirements; concrete repairs; pavement surface treatments; and pavement striping

and markings. The approximate project area is shown on the Vicinity Map below; some streets may be added or deleted based on the available budget and the results of bidding process.

The curb ramps and concrete repair work includes repair and upgrades to curb ramps, and sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs, removal, and replacement, as needed within the pavement project area.

For more information regarding the City's Pavement Management Program, visit the City's website at: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/pavement>.



## Spare The Air Every Day!



Help reduce pollution and prevent Spare the Air Alerts! Here are some great ways to Spare the Air and find a better way to work. Make the change from driving alone to carpooling, vanpooling, bicycling or walking for your work commute, and 511 Contra Costa will reward you with the Drive Less Commuter Incentive Program – Receive \$25 just to try an alternate way to get to work.

How about vanpooling to work for those longer commutes? Vanpooling can help you save time and money. Ridesharing is a growing trend in the Bay Area.

- ◆ Save time using Express Lanes and High Occupancy Vehicle lanes
- ◆ Save money on gas and parking
- ◆ Reduce wear and tear on your personal vehicle
- ◆ Work, read, or nap on the way to work

Whether you make the switch one day out of the week or five days a week, driving less can make a difference! For more information visit: [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org).

Contact the Public Works Department – Transportation Division for more information on commuter incentives at (925) 973-2650 or by visiting: <http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/our-city/departments-and-divisions/public-works/transportation>.



# County Connection Service Restructure and Fare Modification Plan Effective March 10, 2019

**D**uring summer 2017, County Connection began the process to restructure service throughout its service district in an effort to increase productivity. As public transit continues to be redefined with various new mobility options, County Connection strives to align efficient service with demand. County Connection completed a Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), which provided route-by-route data down to the trip and stop level; completed a passenger survey; held public hearings, including one in San Ramon; and held a workshop at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center.

The County Connection Board of Directors completed a comprehensive evaluation of existing transit services and approved the system-wide Service Restructure Plan on December 20, 2018. Subsequently, on January 17, 2019, the Board approved a Fare Modification Plan. Both the Service Restructure and Fare Modification Plans take effect on March 10th, 2019.

The approved Service Restructure Plan will serve as the foundation of a new effort towards applying the “right fit” for transit demand throughout the County Connection service area. There are communities throughout the service area that may not generate enough ridership to support mass transit as their transit needs may be better served by one of the other emerging mobility options. Given the proliferation of these options, County Connection and the City will continue to develop transit alternatives in areas where mass transit may not be the ideal solution. The County Connection Service Restructure Plan will eliminate transit service in parts of San Ramon; however, the Plan will reallocate resources to provide service to San Ramon where ridership has steadily increased.

For San Ramon, the County Connection Restructure Plan includes the following service reductions and enhancements:

<b>Route 35</b>	Dublin/Pleasanton BART to San Ramon - via Bollinger Canyon Road, Dougherty Road, and the San Ramon Transit Center. Adding Crow Canyon Road to route, expand service to Windemere Parkway, and increase frequency to every 20 minutes during peak hours and every 40-60 minutes during off-peak hours.
<b>Route 36</b>	Eliminate due to low ridership. Route via the San Ramon Transit Center, San Ramon Valley Blvd to Dublin/Pleasanton BART.

The Fare Modification Plan will increase the one-way cash fare to \$2.50 (for local and express routes) and will eliminate all paper passes; however, a one-way fare on Clipper will remain at \$2.00. Passengers will continue to benefit from the \$3.75 Day Pass and Monthly Local/Express Passes, all available on Clipper. The elimination of paper transit passes will affect customer service in San Ramon. Specifically, with the elimination of paper passes on March 8th, the City will no longer offer the ability to sell transit passes at City facilities.

When available, the San Ramon website will have updated County Connection schedules at [www.sanramon.ca.gov](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov), or visit the County Connection website at: [www.cccta.org](http://www.cccta.org).

For more information, visit the County Connection website at [www.cccta.org](http://www.cccta.org).

## San Ramon Valley Street Smarts

**S**treet Smarts provides Traffic Education Classes for students in Grades K – 12. In the next few months, Street Smarts will supplement their education program with Adult Bike Safety Education Classes. Keep an eye out for details and more information by visiting:

[http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/our\\_city/departments\\_and\\_divisions/public\\_works/streets/street\\_smarts](http://www.sanramon.ca.gov/our_city/departments_and_divisions/public_works/streets/street_smarts).





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### MARCH – MAY 2019 EVENTS

#### MARCH

March 29-30

**Jumpin' at the Sun's Dance Company:  
Season**

*Dougherty Valley Performing  
Arts Center*

March 30-31

**San Ramon Library Foundation:  
Mega Book Sale!**

*San Ramon Library*

#### APRIL

April 6

**San Ramon Trail Walks –  
Bishop Ranch Lake\***

*San Ramon Community Center*

April 6

**Billy Ocean\***

*Dougherty Valley  
Performing Arts  
Center*



April 6

**San Ramon Senior Center Foundation's  
Spring Fashion Show and Tea\***

*San Ramon Community Center*

April 12

**Friday Foreign Film Series:  
After the Wedding\***

*Front Row Theater*

April 20

**Lady K & the Kings of Swing:  
Spring Hop Dance\***

*San Ramon Community Center*

April 27

**San Ramon Historic Foundation's  
Sheep Shearing Day\***

*Forest Home Farms Historic Park*



#### MAY

May 3

**Friday Foreign Film Series:  
Force Majeure\***

*Front Row Theater*

May 4

**San Ramon Trail Walks – Alamo Creek  
to Hidden Valley Ridge Trail\***

*Dougherty Valley High School*

May 4

**Suburban Thunder Improv Company  
Presents: Night at the Improv**

*Front Row Theater*

May 11

**Senior & Community Live Well  
Resource Fair**

*Alcosta Senior & Community Center*

May 24

**San Ramon Symphonic Band:  
Great Women Composers\***

*Dougherty Valley Performing  
Arts Center*

May 26-27

**Art and Wind Festival**  
*Central Park*

*\*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

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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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