September was a busy month with many meetings and events happening in our city. Each of these provided me with an opportunity to connect with residents in different parts of San Ramon. Thank you for reaching out to me with questions and concerns, for being so engaged, and for sharing your thoughts and ideas for our city!

Below are the updates on the city meetings held in September as well as some upcoming community events around San Ramon. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to me at aparna@aparnaforsanramon.com. For information about my candidacy, to volunteer, or donate please visit www.aparnaforsanramon.com.

Thank you for your support.

City Meeting Updates

The San Ramon Police Honor Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance in memory of the lives lost in the events of 9/11. Both city council meetings, for this month, focused on discussions related to the recommended service and business term options for the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement to authorize staff to enter into final contract negotiations with Waste Management of Alameda County.

Measure J Traffic Congestion Relief Agency (TRAFFIX) Administrative Coordinator, Heidi Kenniston-Lee, was introduced by Transportation Division Manager Lisa Bobadilla. Heidi was presented with a city pin.

Resident Eva Harris representing Moms Demand Action, asked the City to become a member of their program.

Resident Therese Shaffer expressed concerns with the Church of the Valley project.

Also included in the discussions was repealing and replacing Title C, Division C4 (Land Development), Chapter V (Child Care Fees) of the City of San Ramon Municipal Code relating to Child Care Fees. To read more, click the 2 links below:

- San Ramon City Council Meeting September 11th
- San Ramon City Council Meeting September 25th

San Ramon Candidate Forum

Links to Videos of the San Ramon Candidate Forum on Monday, September 24, at the Bishop Ranch Roundhouse are below:

- Click for City Council Candidates
- Click for Mayoral Candidates

For residents who could not make it to this debate, there is another one coming up on October 11th, at 6:00pm, at the San Ramon Library. Visit my website for more information.

San Ramon Candidate Forum

Resident Focus

The following projects are either currently under review in our city or may be coming up for discussion in the near future. I would like your input on these, or any other areas of concern in our community. It is important to me that we stay informed of projects that will impact our quality of life.

- Church of the Valley
- Project proposal at Harlan House site
- Laborer’s Training Facility
- The Preserve Project (Faria Preserve)
- Mud’s Restaurant and Crow Canyon Gardens
- San Ramon Golf Course
- Bridges Golf Course/event center proposal
- Tassajara Park’s Project

- San Ramon City Council Meeting September 11th
- San Ramon City Council Meeting September 25th
**Architectural Review Board (ARB)**

Fulcrum Real Estate & Development, Inc. is interested in constructing a memory care facility and education building, along with site improvements at 19001 San Ramon Valley Blvd. On August 9th, two ARB members reviewed the revised project plans and made a recommendation to the Planning Commission for the final architectural review with comments. However, due to an administrative error, the ARB meeting on August 9th, 2018, did not have the required quorum for a formal recommendation due to the unexpected absence of the third ARB member. As such, the meeting served as a workshop and opportunity for public comment. The recommendation to the Planning Commission was in error and necessitated an additional meeting for a formal action by the ARB. A Final Architectural Review and ARB’s recommendation to the Planning Commission has been requested. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Arts Advisory Committee**

Presentations at the meeting included the 2019 Art Gallery Exhibition selection process - a review all of the applications to make a ranked recommendation of the artists, which will be used to determine the 2019 schedule for the Lindsay Dirkx Brown Gallery, City Hall Gallery, Alcosta Senior & Community Center Gallery, Dougherty Station Community Center Gallery and the San Ramon Library Gallery. To read more on the process, fees, etc. [click here](#).

**Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)**

Discussions continued on recommendations for the Parks Master Plan. The OSAC heard a presentation about San Ramon trails access and exchanged thoughts and ideas about the best options for trail connectivity, among other things, that the residents would like to see in their recreation priorities. There was, also, a discussion on forming a marketing sub-committee to ensure that the residents are made more aware of OSAC, and its activities. [Click here](#) to read more.

**Parks and Community Services Commission**

Congratulations Jenyth Jo Gearhart-Utchen! She will be serving as the City’s Poet Laureate with a term expiring September 2020. Kathleen Gilcrest will serve as an alternate member on the Library Advisory Committee, and Molly Abreu, as a regular member on the Senior Citizen’s Advisory Committee. Their terms will expire in March 2020. For more about the meeting, [click here](#).

**Planning Commission**

A joint city council and planning commission meeting was held to discuss the Crow Canyon Specific Plan update. To read more, [click here](#). The regular Planning Commission meeting included discussions on a city-initiated request to amend the General Plan 2035 and related policies, to develop a citywide Retail Strategy. To read more, [click here](#).

**Senior Citizens Advisory Committee**

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee met and discussed new programs for residents 55 and older. In addition to new classes, the Adults 55+ Needs Assessment highlighted a need to offer classes outside the traditional 8:30am – 5:00pm timeframe so as to meet the needs of those participants who have not fully retired, or those who work part-time. [Click here](#) for more information about the Senior Center and activities.

**Teen Council**

Hurry! Applications for the Teen Council Ambassador Program, Outstanding Teen Citizenship award, and Teen Council Poetry Contest, are available [here](#).

**Transportation Advisory Committee**

Discussions included Marsh Drive residential calming update, ITS Master Plan, and City Center Bishop Ranch shuttle service plan. Read more [here](#).

**Transportation Demand Management Advisory Committee (TDM)**

The approval for the City Center Bishop Ranch Project included a Condition of Approval to implement and operate a mid-day shuttle service. The City requested Sunset Development to present the Shuttle Service Plan to the TDM Advisory Committee with specific details of the proposed shuttle service plan and routes, shuttle provider, times of operation, fixed-route details, and an on-demand concept. To read more, [click here](#).
**Zoning Administrator**

Due to the concerns raised by nearby residents, the applicant for the Camp Bow Wow business decided to withdraw the ADK9 application for a Minor Use Permit for the building located at 12855 Alcosta Blvd. The applicant may look at other locations in San Ramon and pursue this at a later date. To read more, [click here](#).

**Discovery Counseling Center**

Tickets won't last!! The much awaited Fall Fundraiser tickets are available [here](#).

**Student Transit Ticket Program**

This continuing, free program provides public transit tickets as an alternative to driving your student(s) to school. Call (925) 973-2650 for questions or information. [Apply here](#).

**San Ramon Passport Program**

The Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of San Ramon, will be launching a “shop local” Passport Program between November 17th and December 15th to encourage residents to shop locally and promote small businesses in San Ramon. [Click here](#) for more information about the program.

**Safe Routes to School**

The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) observations and report, this year, was limited to 6 schools. These schools were considered priorities because of ongoing traffic circulation issues. To read more, [click here](#) and go to page 203.

**Cities of San Ramon and Livermore Unite for a Cause**

Join me and Livermore mayor, John Marchand, in celebrating Diwali at the Rios Lovell Winery. It’s an honor for me to be a part of these festivities that also support the Kerala Chief Minister’s Disaster Relief Fund for flood victims! Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a celebration of good over evil, and of dispelling darkness to bring in light and joy. Wishing all of you a very joyous festival season!

For more about the event, visit [Panache presents Diwali Gala](#).

**SRVEF Run for Education**

The 35th Annual Run for Education is on October 13th & 14th. This is a fun-filled family fundraiser for the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. On October 13th, there will be a Mini-Run for the younger kids and, for the first time, there will a Friendship Run for students with a special needs. This will be a Walk, Run or Roll event where a caretaker or a friend can participate for free. October 14th will have the Fun Run, the 5K and the 10K. [Register Now](#)!
On the Campaign Trail
City Meetings

City Council meetings are held on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, every month, at 7:00 pm (check link below for special/cancelled meetings)

Planning Commission meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, every month, at 7:00 pm (check link below for special/cancelled meetings)

Parks and Community Services Commission meetings are held on 2nd Wednesdays, every month, at 7:00 pm (check link below for special/cancelled meetings)

A list of all upcoming meetings can be found here.

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Events Around San Ramon

- October 3rd - National Coffee with Cop Day
- October 7th - Heart Walk-Veterinarian and Emergency Services People and Dog Event
- October 11th - Candidate Forum, San Ramon Library
- October 13th - SRVEF Health and Wellness Expo
- October 13th - Diwali Gala in Livermore
- October 14th - SRVEF Run for Education
- October 20th - Durga Puja, Central Park
- October 20th - Oktoberfest, Forest Home Farms
- October 26th - East Bay Halloween Party
- October 27th - Trick or Treat at the farm, Forest Home Farms
- November 6th - Election Day!

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Interested in attending a City Council meeting?

For information and dates of the city council, planning commission or parks and community services meetings, please click here.

Interested in getting involved in the city?

To apply for open positions on Boards, Committees, or Commissions, please click here.

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Thank You,

Councilmember Harry Sachs,
For Your Endorsement and Support!