

Business Connection



We are the community that helps businesses start, grow, & thrive.

January 2025

Heritage Bank of Commerce

Celebrating 30 Years of Excellence

In 1994, we opened the doors of our first location in downtown San Jose. Now with 17 locations, we are the preferred bank for businesses across the Bay Area. As an active member of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce for over 20 years, we are honored to be viewed as a resource to the community, not just as a bank but also as a trusted partner.

Throughout the last 30 years, we have mastered business banking by thoughtfully and strategically serving our clients' unique needs, giving them a single point of contact backed by a team of experts delivering just the right lending, deposit and treasury management services.

Our success has been built on fostering genuine relationships, providing personalized service, and ensuring direct access to key decision-makers.

Heritage Bank of Commerce is committed to investing in individuals, neighborhoods, and local businesses, making a positive impact on the communities we serve. We believe, as our founders did, that giving back to the communities where we live and work is a duty and a privilege.

We would not be the bank we are



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today without the trust and support of our clients, our community and

especially other local businesses. These relationships have been the cornerstone of our success since the beginning, and as we enter 2025, that foundation is stronger than ever. Visit www.heritagebankofcommerce.bank.



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Reserve seats now for State of the City address March 25

Please join us at the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton for the annual State of the City luncheon and hear firsthand from newly elected Mayor Jack Balch.

Jack Balch is serving his first term as Mayor of the City of Pleasanton, preceded by serving one term on the Pleasanton City Council from November 2020-2024. Prior to his election to the

City Council, Mayor Balch served on the Planning Commission for more than six years and was chair in 2017. From 2009 to 2014, he was a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission, which he chaired in 2012. During this time, he served on the Kottinger Place Task Force, the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee and the East Pleasanton Specific Plan Task Force.

Mayor Balch currently serves on

multiple regional and city committees, boards and commissions including the Alameda County Mayors' Conference, Alameda County Liaison Committee, Ava Community Energy, Alameda County Transportation Commission, Zone 7 Liaison Committee, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department Joint Powers Authority, Dublin Liaison Committee, Pleasanton

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Mayor Jack Balch

GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE

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The Chamber's Ambassador committee is instrumental in furthering the Pleasanton Chamber's reputation as one of the most engaging and successful Chambers in the Bay Area.

Chamber Ambassador Committee

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador group is a dedicated committee of approximately 30 Chamber members. Ambassadors play a vital role in enhancing the Chamber's reputation as one of

the most dynamic and successful chambers in the Bay Area. They meet regularly throughout the year and connect with existing members to ensure they are taking full advantage of their membership benefits. Ambassadors also participate in rib-

bon-cutting ceremonies to celebrate new businesses, relocations, and milestones. Additionally, they volunteer at monthly networking mixers, where they warmly welcome and introduce new members and community members to the orga-

nization. This year the committee will be chaired by Nina Pomeroy from Nina Pomeroy Agency Inc. and co-chaired by Paul Kepler, Paul Kepler, Realtor. Nina and Paul are looking forward to working with this dynamic group!

Ambassador Committee

- Reza Attarha** Minuteman Press Pleasanton
- Alexa Bridge** All Natural Stone
- Randall Brown** PMZ Real Estate
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- Michelle Capilla** Designed For Seniors, LLC
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- Jordan Stewart** Joya Yoga Pleasanton
- Ricky Walters** Landmark Lending
- David Wong D.C.** David Wong Chiropractic

Michelle Capilla named Chamber Ambassador of the Year

The Chamber is proud to announce Michelle Capilla of Designed For Seniors, LLC as the 2024 Ambassador of the Year. Since joining the Chamber in late 2023, Michelle has shown remarkable dedication and enthusiasm in her role as a Pleasanton Chamber Ambassador. This year, she completed over 35 member visits, earned an impressive 88 points during the group's Fall Frenzy competition, and consistently attended numerous events and volunteer opportunities, always eager to lend a helping hand. Her unwavering commitment

to supporting fellow members and actively participating in Chamber activities exemplifies the true spirit of our community. Michelle is the owner of Designed For Seniors, LLC, specializing in personalized placement services and resources for senior citizens. She can provide answers to your questions and offer valuable insights on issues you or your family members may not have considered. Michelle will guide you every step of the way in finding the perfect community for you or your loved one. For more information, visit www.designedforseniors.org.



Michelle Capilla, (holding the certificate), pictured alongside Jamie Renton, the 2024 Ambassador Chair.

Business Spotlight



Savor a unique blend of Indian culinary traditions with global flavors from around the world at AK Lounge & Grill.

AK Lounge & Grill: A Fusion of Indian and Global Flavors

Located in the heart of Pleasanton, AK Lounge & Grill offers an elevated dining experience that combines the best of Indian and global cuisines. Since opening its doors in September 2024, the restaurant has quickly become a favorite for food enthusiasts seeking unique and flavorful dishes.

The menu at AK Lounge & Grill is a carefully curated blend of traditional Indian flavors and modern culinary interpretations. Signature dishes include the Honey Chili Water Chestnuts, Salmon Tikka Masala, Dhammunna Karevepaku Chicken, Sham Savera Kofta, and the ever-popular Guntur Chicken Boneless Biryani and Nizami Chicken Dum Biryani. Whether dining in or opting for takeout, customers can enjoy convenient online ordering and delivery services through DoorDash, Uber Eats, and Grubhub.

What truly sets AK Lounge & Grill apart is its innovative approach to cuisine, commitment to high-quality ingredients, and a welcoming ambiance that balances sophistication with comfort. “At AK Lounge & Grill, we don’t just serve food; we create experiences that leave a lasting impression,” says the owners, whose passion for

hospitality and food inspired them to create a space where people can connect over memorable meals.

The restaurant’s focus extends beyond food—it’s about creating moments.

During their soft opening, AK Lounge & Grill’s sizzling platters generated a buzz, with diners sharing their excitement on social media, creating organic enthusiasm even before the grand launch.

This dedication to quality and customer satisfaction has already made AK Lounge & Grill a standout in the community.

For the owners, Anosh and Pallavi Yeluchuri, the most rewarding part of the business is seeing customers enjoy the food and ambiance while creating lasting memories with loved ones. The restaurant aims to be more than a place to eat—it’s a destination where families, friends, and food enthusiasts gather for delicious dishes, refreshing drinks, and warm hospitality.

Visit AK Lounge & Grill located at 6770 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton today and discover a fusion of flavors you won’t forget! Phone: (925) 699-6477, Website: www.akloungeandgrill.com. Follow them on Instagram: @AKLoungeGrill and Facebook: AK Lounge & Grill.



Every dish is freshly prepared to ensure vibrant flavors and the best dining experience. Only the highest quality, natural ingredients make it into our kitchen for a pure dining experience.

State of the City

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Unified School District Liaison Committee, and the City Audit Committee.

Mayor Balch has worked in a business finance role for more than 25 years and is currently the Chief Financial Officer of his family’s commercial real estate company located in the East Bay. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in business from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo where he graduated cum laude in business administration. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA), an accredited Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) and holds a Real Estate Broker’s license.



Mayor Balch is a lifelong resident of the region, attending Sunol Glen Elementary School and participating in Sunol 4-H, showing animals at the Alameda County Fair during his youth. When not working, Mayor Balch enjoys hiking, mountain biking, fishing and camping with his family. He has been a coach for Pleasanton Little League and continues to serve on several boards and volunteers with several organizations in the area.

The annual State of the City luncheon, open to the public, is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25. The event begins with networking at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch and the program at 11:45 a.m. at the Palm Event Center in the Vineyard, 1184 Vineyard Avenue, Pleasanton. To make a luncheon reservation, visit www.pleasanton.org or scan the QR code.

Business Spotlight

Vigilant Inspection LLC

Precision, Passion, and Technology: Elevating Property Inspections

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome Daniel Otts, owner of Vigilant Inspection LLC. Since its opening in April 2024, Vigilant Inspection has been providing clients with the confidence they need to navigate real estate transactions. The company offers detailed residential and commercial property inspections, utilizing cloud-based reports to highlight safety and functionality concerns while capturing key attributes of each property. For commercial properties, their specialized Property Condition Reports (PCRs) deliver thorough assessments. Vigilant Inspection also conducts insurance inspections to assist homeowners in updating information for policy renewals.

What sets Vigilant Inspection apart is the expertise of its founder. With a Ph.D. in Polymer Science and Engineering and over 20 years of experience as a process, materials, and design engineer in the medical device and tech industries, Dan brings an unparalleled level of technical knowledge. His background enables him to understand materials and systems in-depth, ensuring meticulous inspections. Additionally, Dan employs modern technology, including drones for roof inspections, facilitated by his FAA Part 107 certification. This combination of technical precision and a practical, hands-on approach makes Vigilant Inspection stand out in the industry.

Dan’s transition into the home inspection industry was a natural progression from his previous career in FDA-regulated environments, where thorough procedures and clear documentation were essential. He now applies the same level of attention to detail and communication to his property inspections, creating concise yet comprehensive reports to help clients make informed decisions. His long-standing passion for architecture, design, and DIY projects further fuels his commitment to the field.

Each inspection presents new opportunities for Dan, from meeting clients and real estate agents to addressing the unique challenges of each property. Building relationships through



Daniel Otts, owner of Vigilant Inspection, LLC provides residential and commercial inspection services to support real estate transactions.

networking has also been a rewarding part of growing his business, enabling him to connect with a wide range of individuals.

Dan’s guiding philosophy is to “be fair to the home.” He carefully considers the property’s age and history when documenting defects, focusing on the most critical issues for homeowners making significant investments. His thoughtful approach ensures clients receive clear and balanced assessments.

On occasion, inspections even uncover unusual surprises. For example, during one crawlspace inspection, Dan discovered a mysterious pile of hundreds of snail shells near a foundation wall—an oddity that remains unexplained.

Whether working with first-time homebuyers or seasoned investors, Vigilant Inspection LLC is dedicated to providing the clarity and confidence clients need to move forward. You can reach Dan by calling or texting (925) 396-5979 or by emailing him at dan@vigilantinspection.com.



Business Spotlight

LocalRoofs: Protecting Homes and Businesses with Excellence for Over 50 Years

For over half a century, LocalRoofs has been more than just a roofing company—we've been a trusted neighbor, dedicated to protecting homes and businesses with unmatched craftsmanship and care. We take pride in doing things right, treating every home and business as if it were our own and ensuring every detail is perfect.

Our Comprehensive Roofing Services:

Roof Replacement: When it's time for a new roof, our expert team ensures a smooth process from removing old materials to installing a reliable new system. Roof replacement enhances curb appeal, increases value, and ensures decades of protection.

Roof Repair: Our skilled technicians quickly diagnose and fix issues to prevent costly damage. Even small leaks can lead to major problems, so timely repairs can extend your roof's lifespan and save thousands in replacement costs.

Solar Shingle Roofs and Panels: We offer cutting-edge solar solutions, including solar shingles that look like traditional roofing or modern solar panels. These systems reduce energy bills, increase property value, and provide energy independence—with flexible financing* and government tax credits.**

Roof Tune-ups and Maintenance: Regular maintenance prevents unexpected issues. Our thorough tune-ups address minor problems early, helping you avoid expensive repairs and extending your roof's life.

What Sets Us Apart: We put the customer at the center of every project. From wearing shoe covers indoors to adhering to rigorous quality standards, we treat every home and business as our own. We're not happy until you're happy. Our goal is to educate and guide property owners through every decision, ensuring they feel confident and informed.

Our Story: Founded in 1972, LocalRoofs began as three family businesses—Konrad Roof Co, Statewide Roofing, and Skyline Roofing—which merged to form the founda-

tion of our business. CEO Branden Dickey, a SoCal native and home services expert, got his start in his father's HVAC and appliance repair business. By 21, Branden had grown the family company into a fleet of 70 trucks offering multiple services. Looking to add more value to homeowners, he partnered with Robin Richards to form LocalRoofs, focusing on roofing installation, repair, and maintenance.

Why We Love What We Do: Helping homeowners protect their biggest investment—their family and home—is incredibly rewarding. From solving urgent leaks to transforming properties with beautiful new roofs, we take pride in leaving things better than we found them. The satisfaction of seeing our quality work years later is something that never gets old.

"We know a leaky roof can be stressful. That's why we take the time to explain what's happening, what caused it, and what's needed to fix it. Whether it's an urgent repair or a long-term solution, we walk you through your options to help you make the best decision for your home and budget."

Call us at **925-257-0262**. We answer the phone 24/7. Or visit us online at localroofs.com/east-bay.

**On approved credit. Final cost and electric bill offset depend on a number of variables, such as home size, energy usage, solar options selected, borrower credit, payment terms, and more. Restrictions apply.*

***The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act provides homeowners with a solar tax credit of up to 30% for qualifying solar system purchases. Consult with your CPA to determine eligibility and tax impact for your unique circumstances.*



Business Spotlight



Explore the exceptional selection of high-quality cookware and kitchen utensils at Pans on Fire.

Pans on Fire: Making Memories One Dish at a Time

Located in Pleasanton, Pans on Fire is more than just a retail store; it's a haven for food enthusiasts. The store offers a wide variety of high-quality kitchen products, including cookware, bakeware, knives, small appliances, pizza ovens, and exclusive lines like Nora Fleming and Ankarsrum stand mixers. Competitively priced against major online retailers, Pans on Fire combines value with personalized service from a friendly and knowledgeable staff.

But Pans on Fire isn't just about selling products—it's about creating experiences. Their popular cooking and baking classes provide a fun and educational way to learn new skills. Their private cooking events are perfect for birthday parties, family gatherings, or corporate team-building. Adding to their repertoire, the store also offers monthly knife-sharpening services.

What sets Pans on Fire apart is its dedication to community and quality. Owners Bruce and Laura, who took over the business in 2021, ensure that every product sold is tested and recommended with honesty—even if it's not on their shelves. Their cooking classes foster a sense of connection, bringing people together to share meals and create lasting memories. As Bruce and Laura proudly say, "We're making memories one dish at a time."

Bruce and Laura's journey to owning

Pans on Fire is rooted in their deep passion for food. Growing up in food-related family businesses—Bruce's family-owned Vietnamese restaurants in San Francisco, while Laura's family ran American diners and a chocolate shop—they developed a love for the culinary arts. Although both pursued successful corporate careers, their dream of owning a food-related business never faded. When they discovered Pans on Fire was for sale, it was the perfect opportunity to combine their expertise with their passion.

Now nearing its 19th year of operation, Pans on Fire continues to be a beloved part of the Pleasanton community. Whether it's helping a customer find the perfect gift, teaching a new cooking technique, or hosting a private family event, Bruce and Laura are dedicated to ensuring every customer leaves with a smile and a story to tell.

For Bruce and Laura, the magic happens in the kitchen—and they invite you to join them in making memories, one dish at a time.



Business Spotlight

Celebrating 25 Years of ClearPath Business Advisors: A New Era of Leadership and Service

ClearPath Business Advisors is excited to celebrate 25 years of supporting family businesses in the Tri-Valley region and beyond! This milestone marks not just a legacy of dedication but also a fresh start, as Kristianna Adkins, Patrick Bormann, and Patrick Wilkie take the reins as the firm's new owners.

For Founder Chris Crawford, this leadership transition represents ClearPath's unwavering commitment to helping the next generation of business owners overcome challenges and seize opportunities.

ClearPath's mission is deeply rooted

in its support for family businesses—ensuring they have the tools, expertise, and confidence to achieve their goals. Whether planning to scale, sell, or sustain their legacy, ClearPath is here to guide business owners every step of the way. ClearPath provides consulting services including People Strategy, CFO services, Exit Planning and Valuation services, Mergers and Acquisitions advisory, and Strategic Planning for small and mid-size businesses. With over 185 successful M&A transactions and an impressive 420% increase in valuations for clients, ClearPath has built a reputation for deliv-

ering tailored solutions that transform businesses.

As we look ahead, we're more committed than ever to serving the Tri-Valley community and empowering family business owners to succeed for generations to come. Here's to the next 25 years of growth, innovation, and success under inspiring new leadership!



Business Spotlight



Owners Chris Seiden and Brandon Hernadi bring a combination of fresh energy and extensive expertise in life safety services to the community.

Real Protection: Safeguarding Lives and Property Since 1997

For over 25 years, Real Protection has been a trusted provider of fire alarm and life safety services in Pleasanton and beyond. Specializing in the installation, maintenance, and inspection of fire alarm systems, Real Protection ensures compliance with local fire safety codes and provides 24/7 monitoring for peace of mind. From state-of-the-art fire alarm panels to hands-on support, the company's dedication to protecting lives and property is unwavering.

What truly sets Real Protection apart is its commitment to personalized service and its passion for life safety. As a locally owned business, the team prioritizes building lasting relationships with customers by treating them like family. Every contracted building benefits from direct communication with Real Protection team members, ensuring swift responses to emergency fire alarm situations and tailored support for their specific needs.

Founded in 1997 by Allan Freebody and Kay Fogarty, industry veterans with over 30 years of experience, Real Protection transitioned ownership in 2024 to Chris Seiden (President) and Brandon Hernadi (Vice President). Both bring fresh energy and deep knowledge to the company. Chris's journey began over 12 years ago when he joined Real Protection as a technician, drawn by his interest in firefighting.

Through hard work and mentorship, he rose to a leadership role. Brandon joined the team while studying at San Jose State University, where he earned a degree in Business Management Information Systems, bringing a tech-savvy approach to the business.

The Real Protection team thrives on solving challenges in life safety, often working with fire alarm systems ranging from cutting-edge technology to legacy panels from the 1990s. "Problem-solving is one of the most rewarding parts of our job," says Brandon. "When we resolve a tough issue or get a construction project signed off, we know the sacrifice and expertise it took, and that's incredibly fulfilling."

Real Protection's commitment extends beyond its services. The company actively participates in local fundraisers and provides free testing, maintenance, and monitoring for Pleasanton's non-profit organizations. "We're a family-first business, and those principles guide how we treat our team, our customers, and the community," Brandon adds.

Contact Real Protection for professional, reliable fire alarm and life safety solutions backed by decades of experience and a deep commitment to the community. Contact Chris Seiden at (510) 909-3459 or email Chris@RealProFire.com or Brandon Hernadi at (510) 909-1109 or email Brandon@RealProFire.com.



REAL PROTECTION INC.

Annual State of the City Luncheon



Jack Balch
Mayor of

Open to everyone
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Palm Event Center

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Business Spotlight

Celebrating 20 Years of Youth Development Through Golf: First Tee Tri-Valley

For two decades, First Tee Tri-Valley has been shaping the future by developing youth through the game of golf. Their mission goes beyond teaching kids and teens to swing a club; they focus on building character, self-confidence, and resilience, empowering young people to navigate life's challenges on and off the course.

At the heart of their programs is a seamless blend of golf and a life skills curriculum. Through after-school classes, camps, and school outreach, First Tee provides active learning experiences that instill core values and life lessons. They pride themselves on making these opportunities accessible to youth from diverse backgrounds and affordable for families facing financial hardship. Additionally, their community outreach program partners with local organizations to extend the joy of golf to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, exemplifying their inclusive mission.

What sets First Tee Tri-Valley apart is its holistic approach. Unlike other golf programs, life skills and character development take center stage. "We work with parents to raise well-rounded, community-minded individuals who demonstrate life skills on and off the course," says Brian Amador,

who joined the organization in 2023. Brian, a lifelong athlete, was drawn to First Tee's mission of using sports to teach personal and social responsibility.

Brian's favorite part of the job is hearing the laughter and excitement of children at the facility, witnessing their growth and achievements.

As First Tee Tri-Valley celebrates 20 years in 2024, Brian reflects on the organization's impact. "Thank you to all the Pleasanton businesses and residents who have supported us over the last two decades. We are proud of our legacy and excited about our future!"

For those interested in learning more or getting involved, contact Brian Amador at b.amador@thefirstteetrivalley or call (925) 399-8644. First Tee Tri-Valley continues to be a proud part of the Pleasanton community, inspiring the next generation to succeed in golf and in life.



Providing free meals and other resources across the Tri-Valley. Learn more at openheartkitchen.org

925-580-1616



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Membership Anniversaries



During the past two months, over 70 businesses renewed their investment in the chamber, thereby demonstrating their continued commitment to community excellence while realizing the benefits, services, and representation associated with membership in Pleasanton's leading business organization.

We recommend that you look first to chamber members for your business and consumer needs.

40 to 46 Years

Precision Auto Repair, Inc.
Peter MacDonald
Costello Accountancy Corporation

35 to 39 Years

Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation
Yorkshire Roofing of Northern California Inc.
Fox, Tom - Venture Sothebys International Realty
Strizzi's Restaurants
Heritage Valley Mortgage, Inc.

25 to 34 Years

Giles Studio Inc.
California Financial Advisors
Larkspur Landing Valley Plaza II
Sensiba
Harsch Investment Properties, LLC
Hap's Original

20 to 24 Years

Alexandria's Flowers
Marketing Solutions Group
De Pretis Certified Public Accountants
Heritage Bank of Commerce Oilpress!
Palm Event Center in the Vineyard

15 to 19 Years

Bregante + Company LLP
Ng, John & Daisy, Coldwell Banker Real Estate
KCommons, Executive Homes
Chevron Corporation
Allison James Estates and Homes
Martin, Wardin & Eissner Financial Group
Swenson

10 to 14 Years

Networking Plus
LegalShield
Caledonian Club of San Francisco, The
Outer Visions Landscape Design
A.J. Amstrup, State Farm Insurance
Velur Enterprises, Inc.
Pleasanton Gateway Shopping Center
Sunol Creek Memory Care
John Muir Health Pleasanton Outpatient Center
Intero Real Estate Services
Sunflower Hill
Real Protection, Inc.

5 to 9 Years

Ivy Park at Pleasanton
Profit Minds, LLC
Reliable Concepts Corporation
SideTrack Bar + Grill
Porky's Pizza Palace
Comcast
Girls Soccer Worldwide
St. John Manor
Carefield Pleasanton Memory Care
Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc
Ava Community Energy

1 to 4 Years

Elevation LVK
Vagaro Inc.
Valley Veterans Foundation
TownePlace Suites
Morgan Stanley - Grace L. Nash
KARUNA - Yoga with Compassion
Lockheed Martin
SF Bay Fellowship
Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
FFB Bank

Business Spotlight



The fitness center, outdoor pool and cabanas offer additional ways to recharge.

Experience the Best of Business and Leisure at the Marriott Pleasanton

Located in the heart of the East Bay, the Marriott Pleasanton is a premier choice for business and leisure travelers. With its central location, modern amenities, and welcoming ambiance, the hotel offers an ideal experience for corporate meetings, social events, or relaxing getaways.

Prime Location

Conveniently situated off the I-580 freeway, the Marriott Pleasanton provides easy access to Oakland International Airport and major business hubs, including Workday, Kaiser Permanente, 10x Genomics, and Carl Zeiss. Guests are also minutes from the Stoneridge Shopping Center, San Francisco Premium Outlets in Livermore, local wineries, and picturesque hiking trails, offering the perfect balance of business and leisure opportunities.

Exceptional Spaces for Business and Social Events

The Marriott Pleasanton is an exceptional venue for events of all kinds, from corporate meetings to social celebrations. With over 5,000 sq. ft. of versatile space including a 3,200 sq. ft. ballroom, the hotel can accommodate weddings, birthday parties, anniversaries, and other gatherings. Equipped with high-speed internet, state-of-the-art AV support, and customizable setups, the event spaces ensure a seamless experience for guests. Dedicated event planners and catering teams work closely with clients to deliver tailored menus and flawless execution, making every occasion unforgettable.

Culinary Excellence at Lone Oak Kitchen and Bar

The Lone Oak Kitchen and Bar, located on-site, offers a dining

experience rooted in fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Guests can start their day with a hearty breakfast or enjoy handcrafted cocktails and creative dinner options. With its inviting yet sophisticated ambiance, the restaurant is perfect for both casual dining and celebrating special occasions.

Relaxation and Comfort

After a busy day, guests can unwind in the hotel's well-appointed rooms, featuring plush bedding, premium amenities, and a tranquil atmosphere. The fitness center, outdoor pool and cabanas offer additional ways to recharge, whether staying for business or pleasure. Locals in the Tri-Valley area can now access our outdoor pool, state-of-the-art fitness center, and on-site restaurant through ResortPass! Whether you're planning a family day by the pool, a workout session in a top-notch facility, or a delightful dining experience, we've got you covered. Book a day pass and make the most of our resort-style amenities with your friends and

loved ones. It's the perfect way to unwind or celebrate without traveling far!

Commitment to Sustainability

The Marriott Pleasanton prioritizes eco-friendly practices, including energy-efficient lighting, water-saving technologies, and environmentally conscious amenities, ensuring a sustainable and responsible stay.

Blending comfort, convenience, and exceptional service, the Marriott Pleasanton—with its standout Lone Oak Kitchen and Bar and versatile event spaces—offers everything needed for work, play, and unforgettable social gatherings in the East Bay.



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Business Spotlight

Gilman Brewing Company: Crafting Connections in Downtown Pleasanton

At Gilman Brewing Company, we pride ourselves on offering a unique combination of expertly crafted beverages and delicious food. Our menu features Gilman's signature beers, specialty cocktails, a curated wine selection, flatbread pizzas, shareable plates, and a delightful Sunday brunch. Looking ahead, we're excited to bring back our popular Trivia Nights on Wednesdays and live music on Thursday and Friday evenings.

What sets us apart is our meticulous attention to detail in beer-making, ensuring every pint provides the best possible experience for our customers. We are equally committed to continuously improving our offerings and providing exceptional service to our local community.



Gilman Brewing was founded in 2015 at our original Gilman Street location in Berkeley by Sean Wells and his friend and coworker (also a Pleasanton resident!) Tim Sellmeyer. United by a shared passion for the science of craft beer, the two sought out a location in Pleasanton as a way of bringing the beer back home to Tim's neighborhood. Since then, we've grown to include locations in Santa Cruz, Daly City, and

Pleasanton. Our Pleasanton location holds a special place in our hearts, as it symbolizes resilience and growth. After enduring challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, we closed temporarily to remodel and expand our offerings to include food and spirits. This investment reflects our commitment to Pleasanton and our vision to create a welcoming space for the community.

What makes Gilman Brewing truly special is the sense of connection it fosters. Whether it's a family gathering, a casual meetup with friends, or a business meeting, our space is designed to bring people together. We understand the value of quality, having built our business on the principles of hard work and dedication.

Downtown Pleasanton is more than



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just a location for us—it's a community we are proud to serve. From our friendly staff to our ongoing efforts to provide excellent food and drinks, we aim to be a cornerstone of the neighborhood for years to come.

Stop by Gilman Brewing

Company, 706 Main Street, to experience it for yourself. Bring a friend, plan a meeting, or reach out to us for your next party or event. We look forward to welcoming you soon! Look for us at Gilmanbrew.com or contact jeff@gilmanbrew.com.

Business Spotlight

Ron Essex Photography: Capturing Stories Through Impactful Imagery

Ron Essex Photography offers a diverse range of services tailored to support businesses in showcasing their brand. From portraiture, lifestyle, and event photography to product and food imagery, Ron Essex delivers high-quality visuals that captivate audiences and enhance a brand's story. Whether shooting food in a San Jose restaurant, portraits in a Pleasanton studio, or a grape harvest at sunrise in Lodi, Ron's work reflects a commitment to creating compelling images in any environment. With both studio and on-location capabilities, Ron ensures flexibility and quality to meet the unique needs of every client.

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apart is its 34 years of experience and ability to adapt to any situation on set. This expertise allows Ron to solve challenges creatively and deliver stunning results. His proficiency across multiple photography genres means he can address a wide range of business needs, from eye-catching portraits to drone photography, which provides a captivating bird's-eye view of farms, vineyards, and businesses.

Ron's journey into photography began in 1991 when the U.S. Air Force trained him as a Still



Photographic Specialist at Lowry Air Force Base. During his time at Elmendorf Air Force Base, he honed his skills capturing everything from military exercises to

portraits. After his service, Ron worked for prominent studios in Minneapolis, collaborating with brands like Pillsbury and Target. A move to California in 2006 brought him to the Clorox Corporation, where he spent over a decade photographing products, food, and lifestyle scenes for various Clorox brands. In 2017,

Ron launched his business to bring the same level of commercial photography expertise to local businesses and organizations.

Ron finds immense joy in work-

ing with people and helping businesses stand out through quality imagery. "In photography, they say if anything can go wrong, it will—but it's the creative solutions that make the magic happen," he shares. He emphasizes the importance of supporting local creatives, such as photographers and designers, to ensure businesses have the professional edge they need to thrive in today's competitive market.

To learn more or schedule a consultation, visit www.ronessexphotography.com.



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377 Saint Mary Street

The Duchess — We recently celebrated the grand opening of The Duchess by Elia Restaurants! Restauranters Fatih Ulas and Mehmet Dugyu, with the help of head chef Alican Karacuban and consultant Gianna Lyng, have expanded their culinary empire to 377 Saint Mary Street. The Duchess is your go-to all-day café, offering artisanal coffees and hearty brunch options to fuel your morning. As the day unfolds an inviting dinner menu with beer and wine is offered. Come visit The Duchess today and experience a taste of Europe right in your neighborhood!



trivalleyreach.org

Tri-Valley REACH — Tri-Valley REACH proudly unveiled its first Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), the Hansen Hive, in Pleasanton, with a Heartwarming ribbon-cutting and open house event. This 743-square-foot ADU embodies REACH's mission of providing affordable, safe, and secure housing for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), fostering a path towards independence. The Hansen Hive represents a key step in expanding local affordable housing and opportunities for individuals with I/DD. This milestone was achieved through a partnership with the City of Pleasanton and Alameda County.

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www.resurrectiongoc.com

Taste of Greece Festival — The Resurrection Greek Orthodox Church hosted its inaugural Taste of Greece Festival on October 26th and 27th at the Pleasanton Senior Center. Attendees enjoyed authentic Greek cuisine, including flavorful gyros, spanakopita, and sweet treats like baklava, while experiencing live Greek music and captivating traditional folk dances. The church is excited about plans to break ground on a new church in Pleasanton. www.resurrectiongoc.com



www.theolive.market

The Olive Market — The Olive Market Mediterranean is a family owned & operated grocery store and deli. We are best known for our Mediterranean style deli sandwiches which include quality local & imported cuts combined with local & organic produce—satisfying both meat lovers & vegetarians alike. We carry unique & common Mediterranean spices, local and imported olives, specialty olive oils, cheeses from Greece to Lebanon, pastas & condiments from Italy and all in between! Located at 6455 Owens Drive, Suite D, Pleasanton CA 94588. Visit us at www.theolive.market.



Costco.com

Costco Wholesale — The Chamber and Pleasanton City Council members celebrated the much-anticipated opening of the Pleasanton Costco the day before Thanksgiving with a grand opening ribbon cutting ceremony. The new store and gas station is located at 7200 Johnson Drive. Visit Costco.com for hours of operation and services of the Pleasanton warehouse.



www.primrosebakery.com

Primrose Bakery — Primrose Bakery has been serving Pleasanton and its environs since October 2004. 20 years later, the bakery is busier than ever! Primrose offers a wide variety of desserts, morning pastries and coffee drinks - not to mention breads, jams, honey, wine, and more. Jessica Eiland bought the bakery in 2014 and has made several upgrades, including creating a "Cake Builder" page for the website, where customers can design a cake online, the addition of delivery services through DoorDash, etc., the addition of espresso and coffee drinks (many of them inspired by the desserts we make), and the recent expansion of the store, which has doubled the size of the front-of-house. Primrose Bakery is located at 350 Main Street, Suite D, in Downtown Pleasanton.



www.akloungeandgrill.com

AK Lounge & Grill — The Pleasanton Chamber recently celebrated AK Lounge & Grill, welcoming owners Pallavi and Anosh Yeluchuri as new members. AK Lounge & Grill offers a unique dining experience, blending the rich culinary traditions of India with global flavors. Each dish is freshly prepared to highlight bold, aromatic spices and vibrant ingredients, delivering an exceptional dining experience. Their menu features a mix of authentic Indian classics and innovative fusion creations, thoughtfully crafted with the freshest ingredients. Experience the perfect combination of tradition, innovation, and quality in every bite. Explore their menu at www.akloungeandgrill.com or visit them at 6770 Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton.



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