DoubleTree by Hilton celebrates 100th anniversary in hospitality

Where the little things mean everything

The month of May marked Hilton Hotel’s 100th Anniversary. Hiltons all over the world celebrated this huge milestone. In 1919, Conrad Hilton bought his first hotel: The Mobley in Cisco, Texas. He then set out to “fill the earth with the light and warmth of hospitality.” Being the leading global hospitality company with 17 brands comprising more than 5,700 properties in 113 countries and territories, Hilton is dedicated to fulfilling its mission to be the world’s most hospitable company. Hilton earned a spot on the 2018 world’s best places to work and has welcomed more than three billion guests in its 100-year history.

In Pleasanton, the only Hilton property is the DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, which has served our community for more than 30 years. Originally opened in 1985 as Hilton Pleasanton at the Club, it was converted to the DoubleTree by Hilton in 2014. With 297 rooms and approximately 13,000-square feet of meeting space, the DoubleTree by Hilton Pleasanton continues to spread that light and warmth of hospitality.

The Pleasanton property is actively involved in many aspects within the community. The heart of the DoubleTree by Hilton brand culture is C.A.R.E (Creating A Rewarding Experience), spreading C.A.R.E to guests, community and team members. Each guest receives a warm welcome for staying at a DoubleTree by Hilton hotel, the famous chocolate chip walnut cookie, the icon of DoubleTree.

During the week of Hilton’s 100th anniversary, the C.A.R.E team gave thanks to community members, delivering their famous cookies to many different organizations.

De La Torre’s – your neighborhood trattoria

De La Torre’s, a quintessential Italian trattoria located – not in Italy – but in Pleasanton, has been unassumingly flying under the radar since 1992. It is Pleasanton’s best kept dining secret, a neighborhood Trattoria, a local gathering spot – without pretense.

“My first job was in the restaurant business when I was 16 years old in Buffalo, New York,” said Leigh De La Torre. “I came out to California and started working in the hotel business, met my late husband whom at the time was a chef whom always dreamed of having his own restaurant. We ventured out to Pleasanton from the Peninsula and here we are 27 years later,” she said.

Their recipe is not a secret — they prepare and serve delicious food using quality ingredients. The menu is distinctly Italian offering trattoria classics and their hallmark special menu which changes daily to accentuate the freshness of locally grown produce, naturally raised meats and small producers and family wineries in Italy.
Pleasanton Chamber Delivers Benefits

What does the Pleasanton Chamber do for you? More than 60% of the City’s taxpayer revenue comes from businesses located in Pleasanton. It is good to “buy local” and support those businesses that help support our amazing town. The Pleasanton Chamber is an organization with more than 750 business members and volunteers who support Pleasanton by providing local products and services, volunteering at community events, raising fiscal and business development awareness and providing input to city and community leaders.

Valley Veterans Foundation announces 2019 scholarships

The Valley Veterans Foundation awarded a record 25 scholarships to Veterans attending Las Positas College in May. Since 2007 the Valley Veterans Foundation has awarded our returning veterans, active duty and reservists scholarships to continue their educational and career goals. The Annual Scholarship Ceremony Recognition Event at Cornerstone Church included college administrators, Las Positas Board and Foundation members, donors and recipients. The Premiere Scholarship awarded this year was the annual Carl’s Stars for Heroes Women in STEM Scholarship. Carl’s has been supporting our Veterans at Las Positas College for many years. This year the Star for Heroes recipient was Amy Smith.

Summer Party Planning Tips

From Checkers Catering & Special Events

It’s that time of the year again, we’ve made it through the rainy season and you can put the cushions back on your patio furniture. The scent of BBQ is in the air and party plans are formulating. It’s an excuse to plan a celebration and invite family and friends. The trick is to keep it simple so that you can actually enjoy your own event. Here’s some of our no-fail summer time hosting tips: 1. Stock up on pastel tablecloth goodies whenever you find linen and cotton tablecloths, napkins, placemats and runners on sale. 2. Be on the lookout for durable plates, cups, saucers and platters in bright colors as well. And jazz up your table with some colorful local fruits. 3. Don’t worry if your serving pieces don’t match. Your table setting will be more interesting if it isn’t too perfect. 4. Mix old and new pieces for a fun and festive celebration. This is the time to dust off your antique punch bowl or vintage champagne flutes.

5. Every party needs music, so choose classic, upbeat tunes to complement party conversation. Think classics like Frank Sinatra, modern country or EDM for a cool vibe.

6. Keep your menu simple, fresh grilled meats and fish with an abundance of our local veggies. 7. Appetizers are always a hit for guests, especially if you’re serving cocktails, beer or our local wines. 8. It’s always a good idea to provide alternatives for Vegans or Vegetarians or anyone looking for something a lighter healthy option.

7. Something else to consider is having some or even all of your party catered so you can really sit back, relax and enjoy. Although we all love to entertain, it’s much easier when you hire a tried-and-true caterer for a summer brunch, luncheon or BBQ…and don’t forget holiday parties, graduation celebrations and wedding showers.

To get a jump on your next summer party, please contact Checkers Catering & Special Events at www.checkerscatering.com. We’ve been entertaining for over 31 years right here in the Tri Valley and we look forward to serving you.
**A Word from the CEO**

Our newly elected State Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan recently hosted her first Business Round Table meeting which included many of the chambers located in District 16 including some key business representatives from Chevron, Albertsons, Innovation Tri-Valley, Livermore Valley Winegrowers Association and Bay East Association of Realtors, to name a few. We discussed a few of the many issues facing the Tri-Valley business community from bills that could add increased costs to small business owners, environmental issues, transportation funding and housing. Most of the representatives in attendance shared their concerns with the various bills and issues that were discussed and the Assemblymember listened and took notes. I found the meeting productive and was pleased to hear the Assemblymember explain her thought process and reasoning for supporting and opposing the many bills that are being reviewed in Sacramento. Her main concern was “unintended consequences” that new laws may cause if not considered thoughtfully and carefully.

I left the meeting feeling positive and optimistic knowing that our Assemblymember is willing to consider the impacts of potential bills to all facets of our community and push for a compromise when needed.

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**Business Spotlight**

**Want to make a difference and save a life?**

**Tri-Valley Animal Rescue (TVAR)** has adopted out nearly 15,000 dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies over the last 26 years. You can often find TVAR’s bright red tee-shirted volunteers at adoption events at the Farmers Market in Pleasanton, Pet Supplies Plus in Pleasanton, Pet Smart in Dublin, and Pet Food Express in Danville.

“My experience with TVAR was great from start to finish,” said Erika Hernandez about TVAR after adopting her pet, Luna. “They were very responsive through the whole process and did their best to make sure that our new dog and we were a good fit for each other.”

Tri-Valley Animal Rescue is staffed mostly by volunteers who work tirelessly in their mission of preventing the unnecessary euthanasia of animals.

TVAR seeks to find forever homes for all their rescued animals through at-home foster programs and volunteer programs at the East County Animal Shelter, where TVAR facilitates adoptions of shelter animals. There, volunteers in the TVAR Shelter Program are paired with experienced trainers to learn the best way to care for the dogs and cats. Volunteers are rewarded with loads of unconditional love from the animals and it is a special experience for the kids in TVAR’s Teen/Junior Program (ages 10-17), who provide fresh air outings for the dogs and playtime/socialization for the dogs and cats.

In addition, with TVAR’s financial support for medical care and food, volunteers in our Dog, Puppy, and Kitten Foster Programs care for the animals in their homes until they are adopted. TVAR also has a Bottle Baby Kittens Foster Program where volunteers give round the clock care every two hours, so the newborn kittens can thrive.

“The animals are fostered in loving and caring environments and are healthy and well-tended,” said Hernandez. If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer experience by caring for animals, or if you prefer to help with TVAR’s annual gala, please visit www.tvar.org to register to become a volunteer. Visit our Facebook page or website to see and register for our animals up for adoption.

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**GOLF MARATHON**

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**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

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**HAPPY DELIGHTS**

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**SALADS**

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**SMOOTHERS**

**ICE CREAM**

A new concept from the owners of Rancho Grande Taqueria, located a few doors down at 2771 Hopyard Road in Pleasanton.
Pure Barre: Be your best self in and out of the studio

Pure Barre is the largest, most established barre franchise with more than 500 studios across North America. With a dedicated following of 550,000+ clients, Pure Barre features an effective total body workout focused on low-impact, high-intensity movements that lift and tone muscles to improve strength, agility and flexibility for everybody.

Their mission is to provide the best barre-based workouts, which strengthen both body and mind, empowering you to be your best self in and out of the studio. They have four different class types to sculpt, lift, tone, and burn. It is a full body, low-impact but high intensity workout where you target specific muscle groups to create lean and long muscles. Pure Barre is musically driven, and we go to the beat of the music. Their choreography is very challenging, but easy to modify for all ages and all levels.

During your first visit, you receive a consultation with their trained staff sharing what your first 30 days will look like depending on your goals. While you are in class, you will receive one-on-one instruction from an educated and experienced teacher. Their Pure Barre teachers are experts in what they do. After class, you will feel rejuvenated from the mental and physical work. After just 10 classes you will be able to see and feel the difference.

“I graduated from college with a BS in Kinesiology and I have always loved the study of the human body and how it functions,” said Pure Barre owner Adrienne Richmond. “After taking my first class, I knew I loved Pure Barre and had found my calling.”

After a 10-year career in medical sales, Richmond decided she wanted to be on the other side of healthcare and began what is now Pure Barre Pleasanton.

“I feel so fortunate to be able to share Pure Barre with the Pleasanton community and strong team of employees. I love being able to provide a healthy ‘3rd space’ for our clients outside of work and home. I am inspired by our clients on a daily basis and love what I do,” said Richmond.

Pure Barre is here to help you safely and effectively reach your fitness goals and they are experts at doing so. For more information, call the studio at 925-399-1624, or contact the Pure Barre Pleasanton Team by emailing them at pleasanton@purebarre.com.

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Car storage for car people

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f you simply love having that special car or you’re an avid collector, one of your biggest concerns is likely finding a suitable and safe place to store your prized possession. Worry no more. KarPark Automotive Storage in Pleasanton provides car storage for car people.

KarPark Automotive Storage, a 10,000-square foot new facility located at 3 Wyoming Street in Pleasanton, opened in June of this year. This state-of-the-art facility, only a mile from downtown Pleasanton, offers automotive storage designed and managed with the automotive enthusiast in mind. KarPark is a place where members can gather, connect, attend social and other car club events.

Owner Darrell Emery of Pleasanton, a car enthusiast, always had a vision for providing a distinct venue targeted to those individuals whose desire for a safe, secure and inviting space could be met. “Pleasanton and to a larger extent the Tri-Valley has many residents who own and collect cars – why not provide them a location to safely park their prized possessions?”

KarPark Automotive Storage members (car owners) pay a monthly fee to store their car. KarPark staff will take care of the rest. KarPark will make it as convenient as possible to pick up and return the car as well as provide a range of services such as: car washing, detailing, battery tending, maintenance, transportation and more. KarPark prides themselves on making sure that you, as a member, have the best all-around experience, combining their facility with a concierge approach.

Storing your car or collection is not the only thing KarPark can assist you with. The next time you are planning a private event, a special occasion, or need a special place to hold your team offsite event, customer showcase or product launch, they have designed KarPark to support all your needs. With 2,000 square-feet of dedicated space plus flexibility to extend, they support groups of up to 100 people. KarPark is outfitted with the finest in audio/video and multimedia systems to support any type of function, including a 12’ boardroom table, three large monitors, video conferencing and digital signage to help you showcase your message or simply music to provide the right atmosphere. They have a full-time event coordinator/planner on staff to assist in making whatever your goal is a reality.

Where will you go to set up your next fundraiser, party, luncheon, board meeting, training, seminar, conference and more? Contact KarPark and see how they can help you plan your next adventure.

To find out more about how to store your car please send your note to info@karparkauto.com, and if your interest is our event offering, just drop us a note events@karparkauto.com or visit us online at karparkauto.com.

Business Spotlight

Green Leaf gets down into the weeds of the real estate business

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reen Leaf Real Estate Capital is a vertically integrated multifamily housing company. Their services range from Fund/Investment Management to onsite property management. Structured as a series of private traded Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs), Green Leaf manages private investor capital to purchase commercial sized multifamily properties in select Western U.S. markets. Once purchased, Green Leaf’s management team oversees all aspects of ownership provided through their affiliated property management and construction management companies. These properties are then held for rental income and then sold if varying investment metrics are met.

Differing from many traditional Private Equity Real Estate Fund Managers, Green Leaf gets down into the weeds of the real estate business. By building their own brand of property management which is reflected in the training of their site staff to the treatment of their many residents, they can more effectively deliver on a specific business plan. Many private equity managers will hire a third-party operator to oversee a separate third-party property manager, while Green Leaf gives their investors direct access to the real estate.

Green Leaf was formed in 2008 as a partnership between Tom Hall and Michael O’Neil who had known each other in separate business capacities but always discussed forming a partnership to buy real estate together. Once the great recession hit the market, timing was perfect to start purchasing real estate at a discount comparatively.

“We love finding high quality real estate in vibrant neighborhoods in growing metros outside of California,” said Hall. “Learning what creates the heartbeat of a city and its culture and then understanding how people’s housing decisions fall into that is very exciting. In addition, building a special team of people to create a positive environment for our employees and residents is extremely important to us,” Hall continued.

Green Leaf had been headquartered in Danville the last 10 years, but they found an opportunity to purchase their own building at 127 Spring Street in downtown Pleasanton. They are currently only using about ¼ of the space so are looking for other great businesses who would like to be a part of their office building. The location was the former headquarters of the Contra Costa Times and Green Leaf has completely gutted the inside and is providing a Class A office experience along with ample dedicated parking downtown.

For more information, contact Thomas A. Hall at thall@glrecap.com or 510-290-6810.

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**Membership Anniversaries**

During the past two months, nearly 100 businesses renewed their investment in the Chamber, thereby demonstrating their continued commitment to community excellence while realizing the benefits 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.

**55-59 Years**

- Castlewood Country Club
- Pleasanton Garbage Service
- Der Manouel Insurance Group, A Division of HUB International

**45-49 Years**

- Graham-Hitch Mortuary
- Big O Tires of Pleasanton
- Bay Club Pleasanton
- Kaiser Permanente-Diablo Service Area
- Lupeika, Walt, CPA

**30-34 Years**

- Hacienda Child Development Center and School
- Las Positas College
- 1st United Credit Union

**25-29 Years**

- Alameda County Home & Garden Shows Pleasanton, CA
- Schaegerle, Gary-Schaegerle, Realtors
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Hope Hospice and Home Health, Inc.
- Vic’s All Star Kitchen
- Pleasanton Tool & Manufacturing
- Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., LLP

**20-24 Years**

- Proforma/L.C.L. Print Associates
- Colliers International
- Pleasanton Lions Club
- Alameda County Transportation Commission
- Promenade Apartments
- Promenade Apartments HumanGood

**15-19 Years**

- Roche Molecular Systems, Inc.
- The Buy Local Media Group
- Open Heart Kitchen
- Agape Villages Foster Family Agency
- Oak Hills Travel
- Jan-Pro Cleaning Systems
- Karn, Richard
- Hairlights Salon & Barber Shop

**10-14 Years**

- CJM Association Services, Inc.
- Franklin Management & Tax Service
- Campo di Bocce of Livermore
- JL Consulting, A Professional Accounting Corp.
- McKeehan Associates
- Union Bank
- Carr Wealth Management, LLC
- Chase Electric
- The Write Business
- Workday, Inc.
- Sandra J. Wing Healing
- Therapies Foundation
- Collette

**5-9 Years**

- Valley Catering
- Pirates of Emerson
- Embarcadero Capital Partners
- E. R. Ring Management Corporation
- Harrington Art Partnership
- PMZ Real Estate
- Softub Inc.
- Insignia Designs
- Parkwest Casino 580
- Gardencrafters Landscape and Design
- National University, East Bay
- Workbench Main Street
- American Cancer Society Discovery Shop
- John Muir Health
- Pleasanton Community Concert Band
- BlueSky Wealth Advisors, LLC
- Rice, Christina - Keller Williams Realty Valley Business Park
- Poniatowski Leding Parikh
- Law Corporation
- Venture Sotheby’s International Realty

**Business Spotlight**

ChoreoBarre®Fitness is offering kids summer dance camps for ages 4-18.

F ormer ballerina Anna Gemma founded and created ChoreoBarre®Fitness in 2014, and is the proud owner of ChoreoBarre studio in Pleasanton. ChoreoBarre®Fitness is a fun, high-energy, 45 or 60-minute complete body workout. Their barre class focuses on incorporating essential components of cardiovascular, core stability, strength, balance, and flexibility. ChoreoBarre®Fitness classes focus on progressions, form, and the importance of cueing with music for movement quality.

Anna’s inspiration is derived from her studies in school learning about Vaganova's method, which is a technique and training devised by the Russian dancer and pedagogue Agrippinia Vaganova (1879-1951). It fuses elements of traditional French style from the Romantic era with the athleticism and virtuosity of Italian technique. The training system is designed to involve the entire body. Vaganova believed that this approach increased consciousness of the body, thus creating a harmony of movement and a greater expressive range. Vaganova's method students were expected to take daily courses in ballet as well as character dance (folk), modern dance, calisthenics, strengthening, dance history, music, and language. Today, the Vaganova method is the most widely used ballet technique teaching method in Russia, and it is also used in Europe and North America.

They offer ChoreoBarre classes as well as pilates, HIIT, ballet for adults and children, yoga, zumba, hip hop and power dance. They are also offering kids summer dance camps for ages 4-18, and mommy-and-me ballet classes for ages 2-10. Private dance lessons and birthday parties are also available.

For more information, visit www.choreobarrefitness.com. ChoreoBarre Fitness is located at 4292 Stanley Blvd. in Pleasanton.
Business Spotlight

Benny Kong Intellectual Property Limited is headquartered in Hong Kong and has been in the intellectual property business for 20 years. Their offices extend to two offices in China namely Shenzhen and Guangzhou, Taiwan, South Korea, United Kingdom and our latest opening here in the United States in Pleasanton, California. With lawyers from each overseas office, they work together as a team to provide the best trademark service.

Their services extend from trademark filing to trademark searches, trademark monitoring and filing trademark office actions. BKIP produces monthly newsletters with trademark articles from each overseas office, and they are now filing for copyright registration.

“We don’t just file for U.S. trademarks,” said Yasmeen Quraishi of BKIP. “We have the experience and resources to file international trademarks with the help of our international offices. We take care of our clients so that once your application is filed with the United States Patent Trademark Office, we will deal with any correspondence from the USPTO and advise you accordingly.”

“We work with due diligence to get your trademark”

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With a Bachelor of Law (LLB) degree and Legal Practice Course from the United Kingdom, Quraishi moved to the United States 10 years ago and decided to continue the legal path. She attended Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco and graduated with an LLM in Taxation in August 2018. Open to the area of Intellectual Property Law, she was lucky to be presented with an amazing opportunity to work with Benny Kong Intellectual Property as a trademark manager.

“I do what I am passionate about which is helping clients solve problems and achieve a successful outcome,” said Quraishi. “I am proud to be continuing to grow with the company and serve clients with the best service they deserve.”

For more information on BKIP, contact Yasmeen Quraishi at YasmeenQ@bkip-group.com or 925-623-5016.

What our members are saying

“If you are a local business who has moved offices or is new to Pleasanton, I highly recommend promoting yourself through the Pleasanton Chamber. As marketing professionals, we are always on the lookout for new ways to increase business for our clients and ourselves, so when we recently moved offices we hosted an open house, complete with a ribbon cutting provided by the Chamber. The event attracted over 100 attendees and directly generated new business.

Thank you, Pleasanton Chamber!”

Ellen Pensky
Owner and Queen Bee
BumbleBee Marketing
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www.bumblebeemarketing.net

To learn more about Chamber membership, call Dawn at the Chamber 925-846-5858.

Leadership Pleasanton
A Program to Develop Community Leaders

Leadership Pleasanton is a program to develop community leaders, co-sponsored by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pleasanton. Each year, 25-30 individuals from local businesses, professional, government, social and service organizations are selected to participate in the program. The participants meet monthly from September through May, on the second Thursday of each month.

Freelance English Tutor for Hire

Axel S. Gonzalez is offering classes in grammar, essay writing, college-level reading, ESL training, SAT/ACT Prep, creative writing, and more. One-on-one and small groups. Rates begin at $50 an hour.

For more information, call 925-949-3995, or email asgcaliforniafass@outlook.com

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We have dedicated our lives and our work to achieving great things. And we understand this requires a very practical and pragmatic approach to this work.

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Creating new jobs, stronger economy

Workday — Workday, a leading provider of enterprise cloud applications for finance and human resources, opened its doors to its new headquarters – 6110 Stoneridge Mall Road in Pleasanton, Calif. It’s a new six-story, 410,000 square foot headquarters building, adjacent to the current Workday main campus. It’ll house 2,200 employees and includes unique features like a new coffee bar, a café with a 12,000-pound pizza oven, two balconies, and a large 865 kW onsite solar array. Founded in 2005, Workday delivers financial management, human capital management, planning, and analytics applications designed for the world’s largest companies, educational institutions, and government agencies. Organizations ranging from medium-sized businesses to Fortune 50 enterprises have selected Workday. Learn more at www.workday.com.

Six-story headquarter building now open in Pleasanton

Realty ONE Group — Realty ONE Group is a dynamic, full-service lifestyle Real Estate brand dedicated to empowering and advancing tomorrow’s Real Estate, today. Finding a home can be one of the most stressful yet rewarding experiences in your life. Realty ONE Group professional agents understand and work to make the process of buying or selling your house as simple and as exciting as possible. The moment you find your home is as special to us as it is to you. Realty ONE Group agents are set up for success, so they can focus on you. Realty ONE Group Today is located at 601 Main Street in downtown Pleasanton, and learn more at www.rogtoday.com.

Find the ONE

Rising Loafer Café & Bakery — The Rising Loafer Cafe & Bakery was established in 1998 and is happy to celebrate its 16th anniversary this summer. Mary Costello bought the charming downtown Pleasanton cafe in 2003. Since then, she has built a loyal following with the breakfast and lunch market in downtown Pleasanton. “Everything is made fresh, on-site,” said Costello. “We bake all of our breads, roast all of our own turkeys, make homemade soups all on a daily basis,” she said. Costello personally does all of the dessert items and notes that they are famous for their carrot cake. Open seven days a week, Rising Loafer offers everything from four different types of eggs benedicts to nine grain homemade pancakes as well as a popular stuffed croissant featuring a three-egg omelet inside.

Locally owned since 2003

S & T Bagel Café — S & T Bagel Café is a family-owned café in downtown Pleasanton, featuring bagels, gourmet sandwiches, Vietnamese sandwiches, salads, smoothies, cold brew coffee and specialty coffees in a casual environment. The husband and wife team of Sothy Sao and Theary Chem (hence the S & T) opened its doors in April of this year. S & T Bagel Café is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is located at 927 Main Street, Suite B in downtown Pleasanton. Learn more by calling (925) 425-7510.

Gourmet sandwiches and salads in a casual environment

Dragon City — Located in downtown Pleasanton at 824 Main Street, Dragon City is a purveyor of fusion Chinese dining from the esteemed Chef Hong Zhao Lin. Chef Tony, as he is known, owned two other restaurants in the bay area and was looking for a new opportunity in the tri-valley, so he invited owner Gavin Song to join him on the endeavor, and Dragon City opened its doors in April of this year. Learn more at www.goldendragoncity.net or by calling (925) 249-9448. Open Monday, and Wednesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Closed Tuesday.

Chinese restaurant serving Hunan and mandarin cuisine