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Building a safe and inclusive community, one collaboration at a time

With what is going on nationally with policing and some cities even “defunding” their police departments, I think it is appropriate to speak about it since it affects our quality of life here in Pleasanton.

Our business environment is directly affected by the benefit or lack of public safety.

It is nearly impossible for most of us to understand what it is like to be a person of color in our society or in our city. It is my sincere hope that Pleasanton can become an inclusive community of allies as we move forward.

I believe that Pleasanton, like our nation, has hard work to do

to ensure that everyone's voice is heard within our community. We, at the Chamber, look forward to being a part of conversations, to listening and learning, and to being at the forefront of being inclusive and welcoming to all.

Pleasanton is among the most desirable communities in the country in which to live, work and raise a family. It did not become this way by accident. It was by design and from the commitment of generations of community leaders before us.

Year in and year out, crime data reveals that Pleasanton is among the safest cities of our size in the state. Can we do better? Sure, we

can, and we look forward to working with the Pleasanton Police Department to review its policies to tighten them up, without taking away their ability to do their job. The police department is facing an increasing number of mental health calls. We believe we need to explore options regarding those calls by adding trained medical professionals to aid in those cases.

We also do not want anyone to forget some important facts. Among the many reasons Pleasanton is a safe community is a long-standing commitment to funding uniform officer response times of approximately four minutes for emergencies, and 30 minutes for non-emergencies.

Pleasanton was at the forefront of community policing decades ago, with the creation of the D.A.R.E. program. The incredibly successful

program places officers in schools and helps kids make healthy choices and avoid drugs. Neighborhood watch signs you see all over town are due to great efforts of citizens and our police department. The creation of, and the commitment to, an award-winning citizen volunteer program, and the direct engagement of command staff in community activities are ongoing.

The Pleasanton Chamber is here to support our business community and to work in partnership with all facets of our city to ensure Pleasanton remains a wonderful home for our businesses and residents. We have long been a community of collaboration and your Chamber leaders are eager to be an active part of problem-solving, strategy building and positive progress as we move forward together.



Randy Brown
2020 Chair
of the Board

Working together for the good of the Tri-Valley

Annual Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit provided thoughtful discussion

‘These mayors that you see before you have spent many, many years in service to their community and working collaboratively together,’ said Catharine Baker, who moderated the virtual event. “We’re in a time of great change now because they are transitioning off their leadership roles, and I want to say thank you for the privilege of getting to work with you and for all you’ve done working together for the good of the Tri-Valley,” Baker continued.

A panel discussion of the current challenges and opportunities facing the Tri-Valley was the theme for the annual Tri-Valley Mayor's Summit. Included in the panel were Vice Mayor Kathy Narum (Pleasanton), Mayor Karen Stepper (Danville), Mayor David Haubert

(Dublin), Mayor John Marchand (Livermore), and Mayor Bill Clarkson (San Ramon). Hosted by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce, the Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit took place virtually August 26, 2020 and was live streamed by Amos Productions. Video of the entire event is available to view at www.pleasanton.org as well as the Chamber's Facebook page.

The event was sponsored by Chabot Las Positas Community College District, Chevron and Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare with participating sponsorships from Alameda County Fairgrounds, Amos Productions, Black Tie Transportation, John Muir Health and Hoge Fenton.

With the Honorable Catharine Baker, California State Assembly-



member, District 16 (ret.) moderating the discussion, and more than 100 years of dedication and experience being represented by these

Mayors, the summit provided new insights and renewed confidence in the Tri-Valley region continuing to prosper for years to come.

Changing the lives of women and children

Shepherd's Gate's annual Backyard Bluegrass and BBQ Benefit is set for Saturday, October 17, 2020 and this year, it will be an exciting virtual event in the safety of your own backyard. Proceeds from the benefit will help women and children transform their lives from homelessness, addiction and domestic violence.

Musical entertainment by The Petersens, as seen on American Idol is planned for the virtual benefit, and the first 100 households to register will receive a special gift box filled with items for your BBQ. Those unable to attend virtually can still be a part of supporting this vital program by donating online or becoming a corporate or family sponsor. For more information on the event and/or sponsorships, please contact Marcie Senter at msenter@shepherdsgate.org or call 510-366-6310.

Shepherd's Gate was established in 1984 by Alice Ann Cantelow. Since then it has served over 13,000 women and children that have benefited from the care Shepherd's Gate provides. Today there are two campuses, in Livermore and Brentwood, providing rehabilitative care to women fleeing abuse and homelessness. Together with community partners, Shepherd's Gate is committed to empower and equip women to personally transform their lives with a lifetime commitment to recovery.

For more information, visit www.shepherdsgate.org/bbq.

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Saturday, October 17, 2020
6:00 PM-6:45 PM