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# The upside

In the June 17 New York Times opinion section, columnist David Brooks wrote, "Covid-19 has disrupted daily American life in a way few emergencies have before. But it has also shaken things up and cleared the way for an economic boom and social revival."

Could this be true?

For many, the past 15 months has been upsetting and worrisome and, for some, the toll on mental and physical health has been indescribable.

But at the same time, many communities have seen tremendous economic growth. Although we have seen local business close or relocate out of state, Pleasanton has also seen its share of growth. We welcomed organizations like 10x Genomics, the re-opening of Lucky California and new Chamber members



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Grocery Outlet, Gilman Brewing and Locanda Amalfi.

In parallel to the expansion among our business community, the local housing market is experiencing tremendous growth.

With a 42% growth in home prices compared to 2020 and a 75% drop in the number of days on the market (source: Redfin.com), it is no surprise that we are also seeing the average sale price top 10% above asking.

While nobody can reliably predict the future, I am optimistic about the direction we are headed in and our ability to sustain the beauty, prestige, and reputation that Pleasanton has earned. With the passing of the long-awaited June 15 milestone date, we turn our sights to our future. Our community is ready, again, to live up to its motto of "Pleasanton Strong."

## What have you learned about yourself and business during this pandemic?

As our state and community reopen, I am thinking back to March of 2020 and all that I have learned since that time about myself and our awesome community.

I have learned to appreciate more than ever before the tenacity and perseverance of our small business members. Many have pivoted their business operations and strategies to keep their doors open. The changes they have made to adapt to the ever-changing landscape continues to awe and inspire me.

Working together to solve the big issues of our region were essential during the pandemic. Immediately following the shelter-in-place order, the Tri-Valley chambers, city economic development departments and Visit Tri-Valley began meeting on a regular basis to share ideas and strategies on how we could support the business community during this critical time. Due to these meetings, I have formed stronger relationships with my chamber counterparts, Visit Tri-Valley and city economic development directors. This will be very useful as we continue to work together in promoting the Tri-Valley as a premier region in which to visit, live, work and do business.

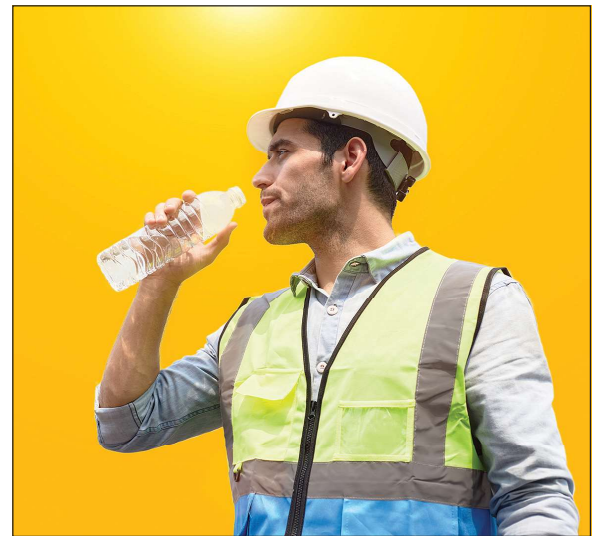
I was also reminded of how awesome my chamber team is based on the creativity, flexibility, and positive attitude they exhibited as we reached out and supported our members. There were some challenging days when many of our members were struggling to find funding and receive clarification on the county health orders. Through it all, they remained professional and positive, doing all they could to support our members.



**Steve Van Dorn**  
Pleasanton Chamber President/CEO

On a personal note, my wife and I began walking instead of working out at our local gym. On our walks we noticed there was a lot of trash on the street and in the bushes. We decided to purchase a trash grabber which is now part of our daily walks. I not only feel good about cleaning up our community, but I have enjoyed the time and discussions I have with my wife, even though we still don't always agree!

Lastly and most importantly, we would not have been able to produce this month's newsletter and all our virtual programs without our member's continued support. We can't thank you enough for your continued investment in our organization. I am so looking forward to seeing you again, in-person, at our July 14 mixer.



## Water. Rest. Shade. Keep Workers Safe in the Heat

By Cari Eloffson-Callahan

Every year dozens of workers die and thousands more become ill while working in extreme heat or humid conditions. There are a range of heat illnesses that can affect anyone, regardless of age or physical condition.

OSHA requires employers to provide workplaces free of known safety hazards, including protecting workers from extreme heat. Employers with workers exposed to high temperatures should establish a complete heat illness prevention program.

- Provide workers with water, rest and shade.
- Allow new or returning workers to gradually increase workloads and take more frequent breaks as they acclimatize or build a tolerance for working in the heat.
- Plan for emergencies and train workers on prevention.
- Monitor workers for signs of illness.

OSHA's Occupational Exposure to Heat page explains what employers can do to keep workers safe and what workers need to know, including factors for heat illness, adapting to working in indoor and outdoor heat, recognizing symptoms, first aid training, resources for specific industries and OSHA workplace standards. Also look for heat illness educational and training materials on the OSHA Publications page.

### OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool

Take precautions against outdoor heat while at work with the OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool, with real-time heat index and hourly forecasts, specific to your location, and occupational safety and health recommendations from OSHA and NIOSH. The Heat Safety Tool is available for iPhone and Android.

The National Integrated Heat Health Information System (NIHHIS) is an integrated system that builds understanding of the problem of extreme heat and improves capacity, communication and societal understanding of the problem in order to reduce morbidity and mortality due to extreme heat. NIHHIS provides many heat related resources, including a Current Temperature Probability Outlook and a Current Heat Index Outlook. NIHHIS is a jointly developed system by the CDC and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.



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