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Employee-owned Zachary's opens on Main Street

Zachary's Chicago Pizza, the 200 plus 'Best Pizza' award-winning Chicago-style pizza connoisseurs, have opened in Downtown Pleasanton. While specializing in Chicago-style stuffed pizza, Zachary's also offers traditional thin-crust pizza as well as a selection of fresh salads and appetizers in a fun, family-friendly environment.

Zachary's in Pleasanton, which opened July 29, 2021, boasts a

full bar with signature cocktails, 10 beers on draft, and two HD TVs. An intimate dining room, adorned with colorful customer masterpieces from the bi-annual Zachary's Art Contest, leads onto an ample patio fronting Main Street. On warm days slushies for adults and kids are available to cool patrons down as they people-watch and wait for their pizzas.

Originally opening in 1983,

Zachary's Chicago Pizza was the vision of Zach Zachowski and Barbara Gabel. After 20 successful years of making Chicago-style pizza with a California twist, Zach and Barbara decided to retire in 2003. Rather than selling their company to a buyer, they decided to give the company to their dedicated and experienced managers and crew. Not only did this decision reward long-term Zachary's employees, but it also helped preserve the founders' vision and maintain the Zachary's culture going forward. Now 100% employee-owned,

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Excessive indulgence at Da Boccery

Now open is one of the Tri-Valley's new hot spots, Da Boccery, featuring bocce ball courts, a full bar, great food, axe throwing, shuffleboard, foot-pool and more.

Da Boccery is the ninth and newest property in the Fat Chance Entertainment portfolio, run by Brenden Scanlan and Barrett Gomes. The cousins had a dream of owning a restaurant since their early college years. "Quite frankly, Brenden loved to cook, and I loved to eat. Some things never change," said Gomes. "We were both born

in 1979, and although we grew up on opposite sides of the country, we always stayed close. I grew up in Pleasanton, CA while Brenden was raised in Atlanta, GA." In their early 30's (still 2,500 miles apart), it was time to stop dreaming and turn their passion into reality. They did just that in 2012, opening Sauced BBQ & Spirits in downtown Livermore.

A few years later, Gomes and Scanlan decided they needed a little more fried chicken in

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Da Boccery is now open at 175 E. Vineyard Avenue in Livermore and lends itself to all ages, with a casual, fun atmosphere of eating, drinking and activities.

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