

## Business Spotlight



"We look forward to getting to know the Pleasanton community and helping to support the local businesses, community outreach centers, churches, social services, public safety, and schools."

## Much Ado About Pizza on a mission to "eat thy crust"

Founded in 2021, this Shakespearean inspired pizzeria started as a passion project. When the pandemic hit and shelter-in-place was ordered, Kira Zabrowski found her pizza calling and opened Much Ado About Pizza, a carry-out only pizzeria. "I'd like to think pizza chose me."

After 25 years as an English and Theatre Arts teacher, COVID-19 made Kira re-evaluate what fulfilled her. That Christmas, Kira's husband, Mark, gave her the Ken Forkish book, "Flour, Water, Salt, Yeast: The Fundamentals of Artisan Bread and Pizza." This book changed both of their lives. Kira was very excited because she loves to bake, and especially wanted to learn to make sourdough. After a few weeks, she found herself at the back of the book marveling at the pizza recipes. "I thought, 'This is it!' I wanted to retire from teaching and become a pizzaiola!"

Kira started writing up a business plan and grabbed every book she could find on running a pizzeria. As a numbers guy, Mark was originally skeptical of her idea. But once the

numbers made sense, he encouraged Kira to keep working on the plan and supported her decision to leave teaching. He decided to leave, too.

Much Ado About Pizza isn't the first time Kira and Mark Zabrowski are working together. "We have nine years of experience working together as teachers at the same school, so, going into business together just made sense."

The menu features "The Bard's Signature Pies," all made with their special 72-hour fermented dough. Clever, themed names of their pizzas include Taming of the Chew, Ham-Let, Henry the "8" and Titania's Bounty. Their pizzas are hand-tossed in an artisanal Shakespearean style, the sourdough crust is an original recipe, and their house-made, bawdy tomato sauce has no sugar.

Much Ado About Pizza is located in the Mission Plaza Shopping Center at 1991 Santa Rita Rd., Suite E in Pleasanton. They are on the right-hand side as you pull into the plaza, between the nail salon and the hair salon.

## Membership Anniversaries



During the past two months, more than 90 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.

### 61 years

Pleasanton Garbage Service

### 49 years

Pleasanton Art League

### 40-48 years

Pleasanton Nursing and Rehab Center

Stanford Health Care - ValleyCare

Big O Tires of Pleasanton

Kaiser Permanente-Diablo Service Area

### 30-39 years

Sallmann, Yang & Alameda

Marriott Pleasanton

Mercedes Benz of Pleasanton

Mavridis Investments

Black Tie Transportation

Vargas, Tom

Keystone Adult Learning Center

### 25-29 years

Hope Hospice, Inc.

Rotary Club of Pleasanton

Colliers International

So Unique Painting & Decorating

Pleasanton Lions Club

Oracle

Alameda County Transportation

Commission

Lee & Associates

Autotron Service Center

### 20-24 years

Robert Half

Pleasanton Police Officers Association

Stoneridge Apartments

Agape Villages Foster Family Agency

### 16-19 years

Goodguys Rod & Custom Association

CMIT Solutions of Pleasanton

Adams Pool Solutions

ACCUSPLIT, Inc.

JL Consulting, A Professional

Accounting Corp.

LPL Financial

Summit Financial Group, LLC

### 11-15 years

Workday, Inc.

360 Web Designs

Chromagraphics

E & S Ring Management Corporation

Networking Plus

Integrated General Counsel, P.C.

### 5-10 years

Legacy Real Estate & Associates

PMZ Real Estate

Insignia Designs

New Image Landscape Company

Gardencrafters Landscape and Design

Spinal Health Chiropractic

CAS InterGlobal LLC

Cellar Door

Window Genie of the East Bay

Pleasanton Community Concert Band

Bay Alarm Company

Valley Business Park

CreekView Health Center

Main Street Pediatric Dentistry

and Orthodontics

1+1 TECHNOLOGY

All Natural Stone

Primrose Bakery

10X Genomics

Eclipse Office Technology

Phoenix Technology Group, Inc.

Valley Plumbing Home Center, Inc.

FirstLight Home Care of Tri-Valley, CA

### 3-4 years

One Resource Consulting

Lloyd Steere -

Keller Williams Tri-Valley

Kathy Bernardez,

State Farm Insurance Agent

Creatif

Bio-Rad Laboratories,

Digital Biology Group

KG Investment Properties

Tim Sbranti

Cool Earth Solar

Poppy Bank

La Roza Construction Inc

Comcast

Surf Thru Express Carwash

### 1-2 years

A Clear Way - Home Organization

Cal Coast Window and Door

Alameda County Assessor's Office:

Phong La

Sunshine Saloon

Omron Robotics & Safety

Technologies, Inc.

AT&T

Thermo Fisher

Grocery Outlet

Corporate eWaste Solutions

The Joint Chiropractic

Pleasanton Physical Therapy Services

Goodness Village

Kelly Gao - Venture Sotheby's

International Realty

LifeSystems101

OSHA Training Institute Education

Center at Chabot-Las Positas

Community College

DoorDash, Inc.

Chaat Bhavan Restaurant

Lions Center for the Visually Impaired

## Now accepting applications for next Leadership Pleasanton class

Leadership Pleasanton is a program to develop community leaders, co-sponsored by the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and the City of Pleasanton.

### The Program

Leadership Pleasanton is comprised of individuals from all sectors of our community. Each year, 25-30 individuals from local businesses, professional, government, social and service organizations participate in the program. The participants meet monthly from September through May and are presented through experiences that inform, educate and challenge.

### The Goal

Identify and motivate individuals who are committed to the betterment of the Pleasanton community; acquaint participants with community assets, needs, and issues; and provide a forum to discuss these challenges with current community leaders; encourage active community involvement, whether in politics, non-profit organizations, boards, and/or commissions.

The Pleasanton Chamber is now accepting applications for the Leadership Pleasanton Class of 2022-23. Learn more at [www.pleasanton.org/leadership-pleasanton/](http://www.pleasanton.org/leadership-pleasanton/) and reserve your spot today. Deadline to register is August 1.

**Leadership**  
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A Program to Develop Community Leaders