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Construction of Kaiser Permanente in Dublin Continues



If you have driven recently along Interstate 580 near Fallon Road, chances are you have seen firsthand the construction of Kaiser Permanente's Dublin Medical Offices and Cancer Center. Ground broke on the state-of-the-art facility last November but already the structural foundation and early stages of the exterior walls are in place.

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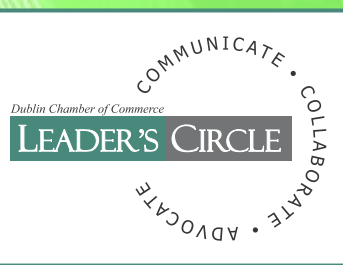
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PG&E, Dublin celebrate grand opening of new Center for Gas Safety & Innovation



Representatives from the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, City of Dublin and regional dignitaries welcomed PG&E on August 11, 2017 to Dublin with a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of PG&E's new Center for Gas Safety & Innovation. The new state-of-the-art 25,000-square-foot facility consists of workspace and lab space that will be home to three groups within PG&E's Gas Operations that utilize some of the industry's most advanced tools, testing capabilities and lab resources to ensure the safe operation of PG&E's gas system.

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Veteran Housing, Valor Crossing opens in Dublin!

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on July 20, 2017 for Valor Crossing, the affordable housing development in Dublin geared toward veterans of the U.S. military and their families. Mayor David Haubert, Vice Mayor Don Biddle, Councilmember Melissa Hernandez and Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty, representatives from Eden Housing were joined with residents to commemorate this Grand Opening. The project will implement one of the City Council's key strategic initiatives, which is to provide affordable housing for veterans of the U.S Armed Forces. The property features 66 residences, as well as amenities, including a community room, technology center, outdoor gathering spaces, a playground, and more, according to city officials.

The project, which sits on just over an acre of land, broke ground during a Veterans Day ceremony in 2015. Dublin, which is home to the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area known as Camp Parks, has a strong tie to the armed forces community in the East Bay.

Valor Crossing is located at 7500 Saint Patrick Way in downtown Dublin near the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART station.

For more information on Eden Housing, visit www.edenhousing.org.



Traffic, housing major issues for Tri-Valley Mayors

Cities face similar challenging concerns, leaders say at annual Mayors' Summit



Traffic, transportation and housing dominated the discussion by the five area mayors at the 2017 Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit, held at the Shannon Community Center in Dublin.

The summit, moderated by local Assemblywoman Catharine Baker (R-San Ramon), featured mayors Jerry Thorne of Pleasanton; Renee Morgan of Danville; David Haubert of Dublin; John Marchand of Livermore; and Bill Clarkson of San Ramon.

Their discussion topic was "Collaborating to improve the Tri-Valley."

Breaking news out of the discussion included plans to extend Dublin Boulevard to North Canyon Parkway in Livermore, adding more license plate readers in police cars to quickly identify stolen cars, empowering police volunteers to help apprehend gangs and drug addicts in Livermore and adding a Labrador Retriever as the

mascot at Livermore's just-opened Lawrence Elementary School, giving school sports teams the nickname of the "Lawrence Labs."

Thorne led off the luncheon panel's discussion. "We're looking for the best way to move forward in a changing economy," he said. "The internet is now one of our biggest retail competitors. Housing stock is at an all-time low and our housing prices are at an all-time high. Traffic congestion is one of the biggest challenges that we deal with in the entire Bay Area."

"We're trying to deal with all that while at the same time working to retain what we all cherish, which is our small-town environments," he added.

The four other mayors agreed, with Marchand saying that Livermore is widening streets and some frontage roads to better accommodate cut-through traffic and local drivers "because the freeways just aren't working."

Widening work is already underway on Jack London Boulevard to Isabel Road and Stoneridge Drive into Pleasanton, Marchand said. Connecting North Canyon Parkway to an extended Dublin Boulevard will give motorists major arterial bypasses on both the north and south side of a congested Interstate 580.

Baker urged the mayors to keep pushing for extending BART to Livermore, which could take thousands of commuting motorists off the freeway.

In addition, the widening of Highway 84 is due for completion to West Ruby Hill Drive next year, which will provide at least two lanes in each direction to I-580.

"We're now working on plans to finish the widening of I-680," Thorne said. "That's a \$244 million project and, right now, we're about \$82 million short of the funding needs."

A major push is also underway in Pleasanton to add more designated bicycle lanes on major thoroughfares, including on West Las Positas Boulevard and at the Stanley Boulevard and Bernal-Valley avenues intersection. Thorne said his city's traffic engineers

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are also studying ways to widen Foothill Road enough to accommodate a safe bike pathway.

Danville's Morgan said that despite the town's abundance of off-street parking lots, motorists continue to clog Hartz Avenue and other downtown streets.

"They'll drive around until they find a spot directly in front of the business they're going to," she said. Still, Danville has made progress in helping commuters, having expanded its park-and-ride lot from 230 spaces to 346 and broke ground on the new Rose Street municipal parking lot in downtown.

Morgan said Danville recently allocated \$1.2 million toward enabling the addition of 200 more parking spaces at San Ramon Valley High School, where "parking has been bursting at the seams."

Despite Assemblywoman Baker's warning of possible new state requirements for more housing to meet California's shortfall, the mayors said their communities are meeting some of that demand.

San Ramon has built almost 11,000 new homes, primarily in the Dougherty Valley, in recent years, including about 25% priced to meet workforce needs and for moderate income buyers. Another 500 affordable single-story homes are being built for seniors, giving them a chance to stay in their community after they retire, Clarkson said.

Valor Crossing, a 66-unit affordable housing development geared toward veterans and seniors, opened last month in Dublin, near shopping and the western BART station. The development, utilizing \$6.4 million from the city's affordable housing fund, is available to those earning between 30%-60% of the local median income.

Haubert said 25 homeless veterans who moved in didn't even have a bed. City staff and the local Rotary Club members found beds, tables, utensils and more. "Every veteran there now has a full place to live," Haubert said.

Thorne said there were 912 applications for the first 47 units at



Pleasanton's new Kottinger Gardens, a 131-unit apartment complex just being completed for low-income seniors. It replaces a 1960s-era 50-unit complex, that was torn down. Next, work will begin on rebuilding the old Pleasanton Gardens site to provide an additional 54 affordable apartment homes, where today there are 40.

Nearly 2,000 new high-density apartment units also are under construction or have recently been completed in Pleasanton. Most are the result of a state mandate that required the city to provide more workforce and affordable housing.

"Unfortunately, not all of those (apartments) were of our own choosing," Thorne told the luncheon crowd.

Morgan said Danville faced a similar situation, allowing the construction of a 150-unit complex that is "not cosmetically what Danville is all about," because of a state housing mandate.

"The fact is that we are almost built out in Danville," she said. "It's not because of a 'not in my backyard' mentality, which some residents have, but it's because there's no backyard left in Danville."

The Tri-Valley Mayors' Summit, attended by 300 regional business leaders, city staff and policy makers, was sponsored by the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

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