

Week of the Month): The "First Thursday" events will include musical performances, in addition to beer and wine tastings from local breweries and vintners. On Thursday, September 5, the City will host a staged concert in the park, featuring Evolution, a well-known Journey cover band.

"Dublin Cooks" (Second Week of the Month): This night will feature cooking demonstrations, taste tests, and cook-offs, where residents and local service organizations can show off their talents in the preparation of a variety of foods, such as chili, pulled pork, ribs, and salsa. August 8 will feature a "Cabernet Cook-Off," where participants will try to create the best pairing with a local winery's cabernet. The featured winery for this event will be Auburn-James.

"Community Night" (Third and Fifth Week of the Month): This night will again provide local groups with an opportunity to showcase their talents, and offer up information about their organization. The Market will also feature entertainment from local musical, theatrical, and dance groups.

Private High School Planning to Open in Livermore This Fall

By Ron McNicoll

A private high school academy that will include recruiting of foreign students and granting an International Baccalaureate plans to open in the fall of 2013 in Livermore.

The San Francisco Bay Preparatory Academy

(SFBPA) is led by CEO and board president Douglas Treadway. He formerly was president of Ohlone College, and has held other educational posts.

SFBPA will be opening this fall in the same two-story office building that the
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Zone 7 To Make Arroyo Stretch More Natural

A rocky, barren stretch of the Arroyo Mocho near Isabel Avenue and Stanley boulevard will be planted with trees, thanks to a project being undertaken by Zone 7 Water Agency.

Directors approved the environmental impact report for the project at their meeting March 20 on a 6-1 vote. Director Sandy Figuers was the dissenter. The board will authorize bidding for

construction of the project at the April 17 meeting.

The project will be the first for Zone 7 that will transform a more typically urban flood control channel, with its concrete barriers, into a more natural creek setting.

No total cost estimate was announced. That number will be estimated by staff when directors meet April

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Photo - Doug Jorgensen

The first ever Axis Community Health's fun, foolish, and fabulous 5K Walk & Run got underway last weekend in Pleasanton's Hacienda Business Park. Proceeds from the run help to provide affordable medical care in the Tri-Valley.

Pleasanton Bans Use of Polystyrene

Using polystyrene foam (PS6) containers to package food will not be allowed in Pleasanton starting July 1, 2013.

The city council unanimously approved the ban.

The ordinance will require food vendors, including restaurants, delis, supermarkets, cafeterias,

street vendors and other food outlets to provide their customers with containers that are either recyclable or compostable.

The new rules would not impact the use of the containers for raw foods, such as trays for raw meats in supermarkets and food prepackaged outside of Pleasanton,

such as Cup of Noodles.

Food vendors would have until January 1, 2014 to replace PS6 containers.

Daniel Smith, Director of Operations Services, said there are several reasons to implement the ban. In most cases the PS6 containers end up in landfills. They don't

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