

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Meeting on Dublin Burglaries

Dublin Police Services will hold a Community Meeting to discuss the recent burglaries that have taken place in eastern Dublin.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, at 7:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers at Dublin City Hall (100 Civic Plaza).

The City of Dublin would also like to remind residents to keep doors and windows locked, even on the second floor of a home, as these have been crimes of opportunity.

If residents have any information regarding the burglaries, they are asked to call Dublin Police at (925) 833-6670, or to dial 911 immediately to report any suspicious activity in their neighborhood.

Business Park Active

The start of 2014 has been active for Hacienda Business Park companies. Over a dozen new companies have arrived the last few months and established companies have been recognized for a number of notable achievements.

"Hacienda has seen a good beginning to the new year," according to James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "2014 is continuing the steady improvement in economic development observed over the last three years. We are expecting to see a good pace of additional tenant activity during the next few months."

Here is a summary of just some of what has gone on in Northern California's largest mixed-use development in the past three months:

- AVI-SPL, the world's leading video communications provider, has been ranked as North America's No. 1 systems integrator by Systems Contractor News magazine. Each year, the magazine ranks the top 50 systems integrators based on information provided by the companies. AVI-SPL is projecting \$601.9 million in 2013 revenue.

"This year, we saw growth in corporate and education (K-20)," AVI-SPL CEO John Zettel told the magazine. "On top of our integration services, clients in these verticals are seeking managed services in order to support them ongoing." The Tampa, Florida-based company has an office in Hacienda.

- Redwood City-based Oracle has purchased Responsys, Inc., in an effort to make Oracle the leader in cloud-based marketing. The deal is worth \$27 a share or roughly \$1.5 billion.

San Bruno-based Responsys is used by the most respected business-to-customer brands across the globe to orchestrate marketing interactions at a massive scale across email, mobile, social, display and the web.

The addition of Responsys extends Oracle's customer experience and marketing clouds to offer the best in business-to-customer (B2C) and business-to-business (B2B) marketing using a single platform. The acquisition places Oracle, with offices in Hacienda, squarely in line to compete with industry leaders Salesforce.com and Adobe.

- An innovative new product developed by the Waters Corporation was recently honored by a leading trade magazine as being one of the top innovations of 2013.

The company's ACQUITY QDa Detector was recognized as groundbreaking innovation by The Analytical Scientist Innovation Awards 2013. The detector,

introduced in October, Detector is a small, easy-to-use and affordable mass detector that brings high-quality mass spectral information to chromatographic separations. Mass spectral information greatly enhances chemical compound identification, something that is very important to laboratories doing method development, sample profiling, chemical synthesis and purification.

The Waters Corporation, founded in Massachusetts in 1958, occupies three 1,000-square-foot custom-built demonstration and teaching labs in Hacienda.

- New tenants include: Blue Spader Inc., providers of commercial building products; Dan Thompson Accounting Services, tax and accounting services for individuals and small businesses; Frasco, Inc., full service investigation corporation; IRokbox, venue and special event space; Zenith Insurance Company, workers Compensation insurance company.

Obama Endorses Swalwell

President Barack Obama has endorsed Congressman Eric Swalwell for reelection to Congress in CA-15, which includes Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore.

"Congressman Eric Swalwell has proved to be a tireless champion for families throughout California's 15th District, bringing new energy and ideas to Congress," said President Obama. "Eric is a strong voice for creating good jobs, expanding economic opportunity, and growing the middle class. I enthusiastically support Eric Swalwell's reelection to Congress so the East Bay can continue to move forward."

Swalwell commented, "I look forward to working with President Obama to address the many challenges faced by my constituents, including ensuring women receive equal pay for equal work, taking care of our veterans, and growing our middle class."

Liquor Store Robbery

Pleasanton Police officers responded to an armed robbery at the Express Liquors on 4363 First Street on March 3. Two adult males, both estimated to be in their early to mid-20s, entered the business and demanded the clerk turn over the money from the cash registers, as well as his personal wallet and cell phone. They then fled west (away from First Street) on foot and vaulted a chain link fence into the north parking lot of the Firehouse Arts Center on Railroad Avenue. At this point, it is presumed the two suspects got into an awaiting vehicle and left the scene.

Both suspects are described as having been of average build and size. Suspect 1 was believed to have been a Caucasian or light-skinned Hispanic, wearing a light gray hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans. He appeared to have had a dark-colored or "blued" handgun. Suspect 2 was a Hispanic male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans, brandishing a silver-colored handgun. No vehicle was seen.

Several officers and detectives responded to assist with this investigation, establishing perimeters, searching the area, reviewing surveillance footage and collecting material evidence. Anyone who might have additional information to provide is encouraged to contact the Pleasanton Police Department at (925) 931-5100, referencing Case Number 14-09444.



Photo - Doug Jorgensen

Recent rains have started to turn the hills in North Livermore green.

Livermore Residents Asked to Comment on Programs and Services at the Library

The Livermore Public Library is developing a plan that will help guide the library in developing its future programs and services. As part of the planning process, the library will be collecting resident feedback through a short survey.

The survey, which is composed of rating scales and a few short answer ques-

tions, will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. All surveys are taken anonymously, and all questions on the survey are optional. The information gathered will help staff decide how best to balance limited resources in a way that fits the public needs.

To participate, visit any Livermore Public Library

location or take the survey on the website at www.livermorelibrary.net. Surveys will be available from March 7-21, 2014.

For more information about the Livermore Public Library's survey, call 925-373-5500, visit the library in person, or visit the website at www.livermorelibrary.net.

Museum on Main Plans 'Here Comes Holi' Celebration for Kids

Museum on Main invites preschoolers (ages 2-5) and their families to "Here Comes Holi" a celebration of the colorful Hindu spring festival, Holi on Wednesday, March 12 from 10am-11am. This event is part of M.o.M.'s Reading Time, a free, monthly book and activity program at Museum on Main. Story time begins

at 10am with activities immediately following.

The morning will be full of colorful fun as children listen to a story about Holi, the vibrant Hindu festival, which has also become popular with non-Hindus in many parts of the world.

Following story time children will make flower necklaces and create color-

ful paper rangoli designs, intricate geometric patterns traditionally placed near a home to keep away bad spirits.

Admission is free. Donations are always appreciated. No Reservations required. Large groups or playgroups should call in advance: 925-462-2766 or email: education@museumonmain.org.

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