

The new Pete Snyder Plaza is part of the open space element around the Avalon Bay development. It includes a pedestrian connection to the nearby Campbell Green and northern properties.

Kaiser Earns Award

Kaiser Permanente's Livermore Medical Offices was named a StopWaste Business Efficiency Award Winner by StopWaste for their efforts in waste reduction and environmental responsibility. The medical offices received the "Waste Reduction Excellence in Healthcare" designation.

StopWaste offers businesses and institutions in Alameda County free help to lower operating costs, increase efficiency and protect the environment through recycling and waste prevention improvements. Their awards honor Alameda County businesses and institutions whose leadership and continuous efforts to improve environmental performance and business efficiency have achieved outstanding results. Since the inception of the awards program in 2000, well over 100 Alameda County businesses and institutions have been recognized.

At an awards ceremony on March 13, 2014 in San Leandro, Sue Reynolds, site director for Kaiser Permanente's Livermore Medical Offices accepted the award.

"We are so honored to receive this award," said Reynolds. "Kaiser Permanente is dedicated to many green initiatives especially in the area of reusing, reducing and recycling. Our Green Team has done tremendous work."

Kaiser Permanente's Livermore Medical Offices was selected for the award because of its comprehensive green initiatives:

- Landscape plant debris has been separated for composting since 2010.
- The compostables collection program was expanded last March to in-

presented Reynolds with a certificate of recognition at the event, "commending Kaiser Permanente Livermore for its strong sense of integrity, responsibility and outstanding display of leadership in the business community."

Hacienda Honored by Chamber

The Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce recognized Hacienda and other individuals, groups and businesses at the 51st Annual Community Service awards on Wednesday, March 19 at the Firehouse Arts Center.

Hacienda was the recipient of the Chamber's Green Business Award, which is given to businesses that promote sustainable environmental business practices throughout their organization for the benefit of employees, customers or the community. In making the award, the Chamber recognized Hacienda for good environmental stewardship in a number of areas including: air quality, water conservation, waste management, efficient energy use, and incorporation of sustainability principles in building design and land planning.

James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager, accepted the award on behalf of the development and noted, "Hacienda would not be able to make the accomplishments it is being recognized for here today without a broad-based community effort undertaken at Hacienda's inception to design a project that could realize these benefits. The environment we enjoy that sees the widespread employment of sustainability principles, both within the park generally and at the individual businesses that make Hacienda their home, is a direct result of the collaboration that took place between Hacienda's original developers, city leaders and the community at large. Furthermore, as good as our current efforts are, there is much more that will be accomplished in the future."



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