

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Hacienda Vacancies Down

Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton saw another year of continued overall vacancy reduction in 2013. Over 400,000sf of tenant activity occurred in Hacienda during 2013, along with several new project approvals and construction. Net tenant absorption totaled approximately 66,500 square feet.

"This marks the third consecutive year of positive growth in Hacienda. Once again, good tenants in some of our strongest clusters came to Hacienda over the course of the year," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "2014 will also see some exciting developments as the roots of new activity in 2013 takes hold."

Major transactions in 2013 were seen by companies in a variety of business segments, including Bio-Rad (biomedical), Iron Planet's relocation (online retailer), Pleasanton Bilingual Montessori Preschool (Chinese bilingual preschool), Safari Kid (academic heritage school), Schneider Electric (energy management), Spigit, Inc. (social innovation software), YP's relocation (search and advertising company), Zenith's relocation (insurance services), and Zoho (online business services).

Over 10 million square feet of existing, mixed-use space is occupied by some 550 companies that employ approximately 17,500 people.

Mixed Use Bill

total floor area to 25% of the total building square footage.

SB 674 will potentially allow a greater number of community-oriented projects—with ground-floor neighborhood-serving uses on the bottom floor with residential housing on the floors above—in communities throughout California. This type of smart growth design encourages the ability of local residents to access day-to-day services by walking or biking, instead of traveling by car or other polluting modes of transportation.

Senator Corbett said, "This community-oriented bill makes it easier for local authorities to implement smart growth projects in communities throughout California. There are tremendous personal, community and environmental benefits to having residents walk a block to the corner store or ATM instead of needing to drive several miles to the nearest large grocery store or bank branch."

SB 674 is supported by the American Planning Association / California Chapter, California Building Industry Association, California Business Properties Association, California Chamber of Commerce, California State Association of Counties and the Urban Counties Caucus.

County Residents Waste Items

StopWaste spent the past year taking a look at garbage carts to find out what was being thrown out. A report being mailed this week shows that residents and businesses in Alameda County dumped as

Director. "More recycling would capture valuable resources already in our communities, stimulating the local economy and creating jobs. Our goal for Alameda County is that by 2020, less than 10% of what's in garbage containers will be recyclable or compostable."

The Benchmark Service tracks progress towards that goal, and has three components:

- Random, anonymous measurements of how much garbage, recyclable and compostable material is in garbage containers in Alameda County
- Analysis of those measurements
- Reports sent directly to garbage service account holders describing what was found.

The first reports are now being sent to Alameda County residents and businesses. The data in the reports show how much garbage, recyclable and compostable material (as a percentage by weight) was in residential garbage containers, and some categories of business garbage containers, in 2013.

On average, residential garbage carts in Alameda County contain 32% "good stuff" (recyclable and compostable material) by weight, an improvement from 60% in 2008. School garbage containers contain about 55% "good stuff."

The biggest potential for improvement is with organics recycling. "If we could make just one change, it would be to recycle all our food scraps in the green bin, all the time," said Alameda County Waste Management Authority (aka StopWaste)

Neighbor Arrested

On December 13, 2013 the Pleasanton Police Department investigated a residential burglary that occurred in the 7750 block of Canyon Meadows Circle. The stolen property included electronic items, tools, home furnishings, and clothing. After the burglary, the residents installed video surveillance equipment on the exterior of their home, which proved to be an excellent tool. On December 31, 2013, the residents were viewing surveillance footage when they noticed their neighbor, 39 year old Sormeh Angela Zupan, walking in front of their residence wearing the stolen pajama pants and slippers from the burglary.

Detectives from the Pleasanton Police executed a search warrant at Zupan's residence on January 22, 2014. Nearly all of the victim's property was recovered, including the victim's home furnishings, which Zupan had used to decorate her own residence. Zupan was placed under arrest for burglary and possession of stolen property. Zupan will be booked at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin.

Dublin Mobile App

Dublin has released a new City Mobile App as part of the City's efforts to further enhance communication with the community. The free Dublin app, "My Dublin CA," features links to news, calendar items, the Parks and Community Services Guide, special events, parks and facilities information, a resource directory, employ-