

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Hacienda Adds Businesses

Showing the strength of the local economy, Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton reports absorption of over 100,000 square feet of space in the first two quarters of 2011. The park is the largest mixed-use development in Northern California.

"We've seen strong activity during the first six months of the year and commercial brokers are reporting additional activity as well," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "From our perspective, these are all positive signs that Hacienda continues to be an important business address."

Major leases in 2011 have been initiated by companies in a variety of business segments, including Omron Network Products (fiber optics), IntegenX (DNA-related laboratory equipment), Pure Red Creative (advertising), and MetLife Home Loan (finance).

Over 10 million square feet of existing, mixed-use space is occupied by some 475 companies that locally employ approximately 17,500 people.

The current overall vacancy rate is 21%. The highest vacancy rate hit offices at 27%; research and development 10% and retail 8 percent. The types of businesses moving in represent a change from 2006, when research and development facilities had a 20 percent vacancy rate; offices, 9 percent; and retail, 2 percent. There was an overall vacancy rate of 10 percent. In 2010, the overall vacancy was 22%, with offices at 29 percent, research and development, 11 percent and retail, 4 percent.

Money for Airport

Congressmen John Garamendi (D-Fairfield,

mediate construction work and long-term business activity."

According to a 2001 study, the Livermore Airport contributed over \$57 million to the local economy through direct and indirect spending and supported approximately 577 jobs.

No More Analysis Required

The U.S. Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration /Livermore Site Office has determined that no Supplement Analysis of the 2005 Final Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for Continued Operation of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory is required.

In a statement issued by the office, Livermore Site Office Manager Alice Williams, declared, "Based on the results of the Supplement Analysis, including an extensive review of comments submitted by the public, we have determined that the ongoing operations and new and modified projects and modifications in site operations at the Laboratory do not constitute a substantial change in the actions previously analyzed. There are no significant new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns. Therefore, no further National Environmental Policy Act documentation is required and the 2005 document remains adequate for the next five years."

The Supplement Analysis examined changes in programs, projects, or operations since the 2005 Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement, new and modified plans, projects, and operations for the period now to 2015, as well as new information that was not available for consideration when the 2005 document was prepared. The Supplement Analysis evaluated

Valley Humane Society Reorganizing

Valley Humane Society's "Save Our Shelter" campaign has proven extremely successful to date. With overwhelming support from local media, the message that the shelter was in dire need of \$125,000 in the next 30 days was well received and the community responded. Over \$280,000 has been raised. This allows the shelter to operate through November and start to pave the way for future success.

"As soon as the message was sent out that our shelter needed help, the community responded. We have received donations as small as a dollar and as high as \$125,000. In our wildest dreams we never thought we would get the overwhelming support we have received," said Melanie Sadek, Executive Director

Though Valley Humane Society has received support from the community, the organization is a non-profit and still needs donations to maintain the organization and promote future growth.

Lori Rice, President of the Board of Directors, stated, "The donations we received over the last week allow us to recover from the gap in our finances that we have suffered over the last two years. As an organization that receives no local, state or federal

model of the organization to help offset expenses by providing more fee-for-service programs. These programs will include dog training, educational camps and seminars. A corporate team building program is being developed to allow the numerous corporations in the area an opportunity for team building opportunities at Valley Humane Society.

An events committee has been formed to start to develop numerous community oriented events that help bring in donations and allow Valley Humane Society to strengthen its community presence. For example, Valley Humane Society has scheduled a tennis double tournament for September 3, 4, and 5. The event is hosted and sponsored by Ruby Hill Golf Club. VHS is coordinating a dog walk-a-thon in a downtown Pleasanton park in early October. A Halloween canine costume contest and family event is being planned on October 28 from 6pm to 9pm at A Touch of Health in downtown Pleasanton.

"The future of Valley Humane Society looks a little brighter today. We have been touched by the community support we have received and we hope our new supporters will be a part of the

Pleasanton, CA 94566. Donations can also be made over the phone by calling 925-426-8656.

Valley Humane Society is an animal welfare organization advocating responsible pet ownership. They seek to provide the community with educational outreach and collaborative programs that enrich the bond between people and companion animals and eliminate unnecessary euthanasia.

Events:

- Lynnewood Methodist Church: Sun., Aug. 28, 3 p.m., free Blessing of the Animals. 4444 Black Ave., Pleasanton.

- Olde Towne Antiques Mall: antique fair in the parking lot benefiting Valley Humane Society, Sat., Aug. 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 3440 Stanley Blvd., K, Pleasanton.

- Macy's Shop for a Cause: all day Sat., Aug. 27 at Stoneridge Mall, Pleasanton. Purchase a \$5 ticket at Valley Humane Society and enjoy a day of discounts, entertainments, special events, and a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree.

- 2nd Annual Tri-Valley Tennis Doubles Championship: Sept. 3, 4 and 5, starting at 9 a.m. all days. Ruby Hill Golf Club, 3400 West Ruby Hill Drive.