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Bike to Work Day underway today in Pleasanton, Tri-Valley

Sponsors urge commuters to ride to work - or BART/ACE stations

by Jeb Bing / Pleasanton Weekly

Hacienda has teamed up with other sponsors of Bike to Work Day in Pleasanton and the rest of the Bay Area today by hosting special events to encourage commuters to bike to work locally or at least bike to BART and ACE train stations and bus stops.

Energizer Stations are open up all over the Bay Area to celebrate Bike-to-Work Day, including two in Pleasanton.

Hacienda is again hosting an Energizer Station at the East Dublin/Pleasanton BART station in conjunction with the cities of Dublin and Pleasanton. Other hosts include the Alameda County Public Works Department, Alameda County Transportation Commission, American Diabetes Association, Dublin Cyclery and BART.

Cyclists who stop by the East Dublin/Pleasanton Energizer Station are receiving free t-shirts, while sizes and quantities last; a free Cycling Commute Companion; a canvas tote bag filled with great cycling gear and more. Participating cyclists can also receive a free bike safety check courtesy of Dublin Cyclery.

The names of cyclists filling out a Bike to Work Day registration card are being entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of the many raffle prizes donated by local merchants.

At BART, the Energizer Station are open from 6:30-9 a.m. in the plaza area just outside the turnstiles.

An Energizer Station also is in operation from 7-9 a.m. at the West Dublin/Pleasanton BART stop.

Similar stations are open from 7-9 a.m. on Stanley Boulevard at the entrance to Shadow Cliffs Regional Park, and at the Pleasanton entrance to the Alamo Canal Trail on Johnson Drive at ClubSport Pleasanton.

The Foothill High School Earth Club and Leadership Class also are staffing an Energizer Station in front of the school on Foothill Road, offering free T-shirts to riders. That booth also is being hosted by the Alameda County Safe Routes to School organization.

Those committed to riding their bike to work today can enter their name in a raffle to win a bike and other prizes by registering for the event at www.youcanbikethere.com/user/register/

A number of bike-related events are occurring throughout the community over the next few months. A list can be found at ebbc.org/btwd and www.ebbc.org/calendar/



Cyclist stops for refreshments at Energizer station. Photo courtesy of San Francisco Bicycle Coalition.

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Posted by **Frequently bike to work**, a resident of Pleasanton Heights on May 8, 2014 at 10:42 am

I bike to work frequently, and did so today for Bike to Work Day. I got to the East Dub/Pls BART station around 8 AM and they were already out of t-shirts. Are you kidding?? This event was billed as the largest event in California encouraging bike commuting! I commend the organizers for encouraging commuters to get out of their cars, but wow, how could they have so poorly estimated the number of cyclists who would pass through? They had more than enough tote bags, though, which while nice, were not so easy to ride with. Not sure I will do this event next year, but I will keep riding to work.

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