



Axis Community Health's new health center, opening in mid-2015, will provide medical and mental health services for thousands of Tri-Valley residents.

Work to Begin on New Community Health Center

Axis Community Health will hold a groundbreaking celebration to mark the start of construction for its new health center on Thursday, October 16 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton. The new facility, slated to open in mid-2015, will meet the growing need for health care services for low-income and uninsured families.

Axis, a non-profit organization, provides affordable health services to more than 14,000 Tri-Valley residents. In the last year, Tri-Valley residents made more than 100,000 visits to one of Axis's five locations.

Featured speakers at the event include Congressman Eric Swalwell and Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley, who will join Axis Board Chair James Paxson and CEO Sue Compton for the ceremony.

"This is a true milestone for Axis, for the people we serve, and for the many community members, government representatives, and supporters who have helped us reach this moment," said Sue Compton, Axis CEO. "Access to care is taking a huge, wonderful step forward."

The new 24,000 sq. ft. health center will double Axis's service capacity for primary health care and mental health. Construction involves a complete interior renovation of the existing structure and will feature 27 exam rooms and 7 counseling rooms at build out. The project has an overall cost of \$12 million, and Axis is raising \$1.7 million through a capital campaign to help pay for construction costs. Additional funding will come from Alameda County and the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton; the remainder will be financed.

Axis presently operates two medical clinic sites, one in downtown Pleasanton and one at Livermore's multi-services center, as well as two behavioral health sites and a Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program site. All current sites will remain open.

To attend the groundbreaking event, RSVP to 925-201-6017.

Property Tax Notices Sent Out

More than 428,000 secured roll property tax bills for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 amounting to \$3.06 billion were mailed in October 2014 by Alameda County Treasurer and Tax Collector, Donald R. White, to all real property owners of record in the Alameda County Assessor's Office.

The secured roll taxes due are payable by two installments. The first installment is

There were also moments of humor, such as noting that New Jersey was the only state they rode through to lack a "welcome" sign as they entered its territory.

For Tom, a retired Army officer and West Point graduate, the sites of major Civil War battles like Gettysburg and Antietam punctuated the ride with solemn thoughts as they cycled through Pennsylvania and Maryland.

He noted that 23,000 Americans were killed or wounded at Antietam in the late summer of 1862, the most casualties of any single-day battle in U.S. history. After all the killing, there was little military advance for either side, foretelling in some respects the stalemate and mass slaughter of World War I.

At Gettysburg, a former classmate who now owns an historical tour service gave them an all-day tour. Nearly a year after Antietam, Union forces turned back a Confederate attempt to invade the north at Gettysburg. The three-day battle is often considered the turning point of the war.

Interactions with West Point graduates continued to be one of the trip's high-

"certainly would advise others" to repeat the journey that he and Rose made.

It's not that there weren't hard days. There were plenty of hard climbs; in fact, they calculate that they climbed 220,000 feet, coast to coast, when all the up-hills are totaled. Although the weather was generally good, some days saw rain

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