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Outdoor Seating Design Guidelines Approved



Citywide Outdoor Seating Design Guidelines

City of Dublin
September 19, 2023

Resolution No. 104-23

The City Council approved the Citywide Outdoor Seating Design Guidelines at the September 19, 2023, City Council meeting.

The Design Guidelines help to facilitate the design of permanent outdoor seating within parking lots for eating and drinking establishments.

In addition, Design Guidelines ensure that outdoor seating within parking lots is aesthetically pleasing, provides a high-quality environment for patrons and is appropriately designed for the location. The Design Guidelines provides a framework intended to provide design direction for restaurant operators and design professionals while encouraging innovation and creativity.

Additionally, the City of Dublin has the Outdoor Operations Grant Program that is available for eligible businesses with approved Planning permits for outdoor seating that includes:

- Grants for outdoor operations improvements: This funding can be utilized to enhance your outdoor seating area and make necessary improvements.
- Permit fee assistance: This covers the staff costs associated with processing permits related to outdoor seating. It can be beneficial for businesses that may not wish to pursue grant funding but still need assistance with the permit fees.

Grant funds are provided on a first-come, first-served basis once the outdoor seating permit is approved.

For more information, visit [Citywide Outdoor Seating Design Guidelines](#) and [Outdoor Operations Grant Program](#).

Business Webinar: Holiday Safety Tips for Businesses

Hosted by Dublin Police Services



The holiday season is a time of joy and celebration, but it is also a time when businesses can be vulnerable to various safety risks. Join the City of Dublin and the Dublin Chamber of Commerce for an informative webinar where we will provide holiday safety tips tailored to businesses. The Dublin Police Services Crime Prevention Unit will cover a range of topics to help you protect your employees, customers, and assets during this festive season.

Whether you own a retail store, manage an office, or operate any type of business, this webinar will equip you with the knowledge and strategies to ensure a safe and secure holiday season for everyone. Please plan to join live as this presentation will not be recorded.

Details

Date: Thursday, October 12, 2023

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

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Register

Small Business Spotlight: Pho 99



This month's **Small Business Spotlight Series** features **Pho 99**.

Pho 99 is a restaurant specializing in authentic Vietnamese cuisine. They are located at 7459 Amador Valley Blvd.

For more information or if you are interested in participating in the series, please visit dublin.ca.gov/spotlight or send us an [email](#). There is no charge to participate.



Welcome New Dublin Businesses!

Dublin welcomes and appreciates the establishment of new businesses in Dublin; they enrich our cityscape and bring new opportunities to residents. Here are new businesses that now call Dublin home:



Learn and Plan Montessori School at Tivoli Plaza (3960 Summit Rd.)
A top-rated school that offers childcare, daycare, preschool, and kindergarten.



FreshMeatz at Dublin Corners (4556 Dublin Blvd.)
A one-stop meat shop with a variety of meats and occasions.



Egg Happiness at Ulferts Center (4288 Dublin Blvd., Ste 113)
Serving mouth-watering Korean fusion style breakfast items.



Yummy Hainan Chicken at Dublin Plaza Center (7265 Regional St.)
Serving a variety of chicken noodle soups and rice plates.



Myungrang Hot Dog at Tivoli Plaza (3994 Summit Rd.)
A specialty brand of rice batter hotdogs, making them chew and crispy.



Teavoli Boba at Tivoli Plaza (3998 Summit Rd.)
A tea shop serving a variety of bubble and specialty teas and drinks.



TeaZenTea at 7197-A Village Pkwy.
A premium bubble tea shop specializing in boba and specialty drinks.



Gong cha at 6851 Amador Plaza Rd., Ste 104A
Known for their signature creamy, sweet, and savory milk foam teas.



Patelco Credit Union Dublin Branch at 3 Park Pl.
A member owned, not-for-profit credit union serving Northern California.

City of Dublin Business Anniversary Recognition Event



The City of Dublin values and appreciates the businesses located within the City of Dublin!

Each year the **City celebrates milestone anniversaries of businesses that have been in Dublin for 20 years or more** by recognizing the businesses at a morning reception with the City Council.

This year's event was held on Tuesday, August 29, and photos from the event can be viewed [here](#).

Congratulations to the 2023 recipients listed below!

20-Year Anniversary

- A1 Liquor
- AAA
- Active Spine & Rehab Center
- Amici's East Coast Pizzeria
- Arlen Ness Enterprises, Inc.
- Be Well
- Cornelius Bros LLC
- Dublin Exxon
- Dublin Plaza Dental
- Tejas S. Desai, DDS
- FE Technology, Inc.
- Jeni's Nails
- Little Hearts Montessori Preschool
- Optometric Images
- Postal Annex
- Saloncentric Inc.
- The Floor Store
- Waterford Dental Group

25-Year Anniversary

- B Y O G
- Big 5 Sporting Goods
- Carpeteria
- Dublin Security Storage
- Gateway Landscape Construction
- Holiday Inn Dublin-Pleasanton
- IHOP
- Mattress Firm Inc.
- O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Outback Steakhouse
- Rigatoni's
- Taco Bell
- Video Only

30-Year Anniversary

- All Video Media Solutions
- Appliance Parts Distributors
- Chuck E. Cheese
- Country Waffles
- Gettler-Ryan Inc.
- Good Nails
- Hair Quarters
- Taqueria Azteca
- Tri-Valley Muffler and Brake

35-Year Anniversary

- Cottonwood Apartments
- Dublin Toyota
- The Golf Mart

40-Year Anniversary

- Ross Dress for Less
- The Copper Skillet Restaurant

45-Year Anniversary

- Dr. William Diamond
- Dublin Trophy House
- Wendy's

50-Year Anniversary

- Big O Tires

55-Year Anniversary

- Corwood Car Wash
- Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- Lange Enterprises Inc.
- Parkway Fellowship

60-Year Anniversary

- Brave Church
- John Knox Presbyterian Church

Franchise Fund Assists with Minority Business Enterprise Certification



The **Franchise Fund is a four-month grant program created by the Golden State Warriors, United Airlines, and the Western Region Minority Supplier Development Council** aimed to prepare minority small business owners to work with multinational corporations. Graduating businesses will receive the certification they need to get exposure, help their communities, and take advantage of future business opportunities. The goal of Franchise Fund is to support Bay Area minority-owned small businesses by providing resources to become certified as Minority Business Enterprises.

For more information, visit [Franchise Fund](#).

Business Tips to Prevent Ransomware Attacks

Small businesses are most at risk of a ransomware attack according to recent reports. A ransomware intrusion can cost an affected business millions of dollars.

A ransomware attack is when cyberattackers gain access to a business or organization's internal systems or data and then demand a ransom to return control of the systems or data back to the organization — often through the payment of cryptocurrency.



Here are a few tips that can help:

- **Train yourself**
- **Train and educate your team**
- **Secure your networks**
- **Install and update antivirus software**
- **Make sure your passwords are strong** (and consider signing up for multi-factor authentication)
- **Back up your data**

For more information, visit [Cyber Safety Tips](#).

US SBA Lending Program Improves Access to Capital

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) began implementing additional policies aimed at **expanding small business access to capital** by modernizing SBA's signature 7(a) and 504 Loan Programs. The updates also address long-standing persistent capital access gaps for rural, veteran, women, and minority-owned businesses.

The loan program improvements will increase small businesses' ability to access funding to start up and grow through a broader network of lenders with streamlined lender procedures. The new, simplified guidelines for lenders are part of three updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), including updated origination policies and procedures, lender participation requirements, and 7(a) loan servicing and liquidation requirements. For example, SBA is providing additional flexibility in credit criteria for loans under \$500,000 to support SBA loans in reaching more credit-worthy small businesses.



For more information, visit [SBA Loan Program Improvements](#).

October is Manufacturing Month!

Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group (ITV) will be hosting **The Partnership Imperative: Innovative Solutions for Chronic Skill Gaps in Manufacturing** on Friday, October 13, 2023, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at Las Positas College, Mertes Center for the Arts. The event is geared towards employers looking for new ways to build a diverse and local workforce, leverage county and state funding for apprenticeships and internships, and want to save time finding the right programs to fill existing and future workforce needs. Panelists will discuss best practices and local colleges with a variety of programs that can meet today's skills needs.



**THE PARTNERSHIP IMPERATIVE:
Innovative Solutions for
Chronic Skill Gaps in Manufacturing**

Friday, October 13th, 2023 | 8:30AM-11:30AM
Las Positas College, Mertes Center for the Arts
3000 Campus Hill Dr, Livermore
Registration Fee: \$25

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Employers looking for new ways to build a diverse, local workforce, leverage county and state funding for apprenticeships and internships and want to save time finding the right programs to fill existing and future workforce needs.

For more information and to register, visit [The Partnership Imperative](#).



IRS Temporarily Pausing Employee Retention Tax Credit

The Employee Retention Tax Credit is a refundable tax credit for businesses and tax-exempt organizations that had employees and were affected during the COVID-19 pandemic.



To protect taxpayers from scams, the Internal Revenue Service has placed a moratorium on new claims through 2023 to allow the IRS to add more safeguards to prevent future abuse and protect businesses from predatory tactics.

For more information, visit [Employee Retention Tax Credit](#).

City of Dublin Business Calendar



The City's website includes additional upcoming business events and classes, including many webinars to help businesses recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information, please visit the City's online [Business Calendar](#).

We Are Here for You

The City of Dublin appreciates our business community and remains committed to being your source for reliable and accessible information and resources.

For business recovery information and resources for the business community, visit our Business Recovery [webpage](#).

The Office of Economic Development is also available via [text messaging](#) at 925-496-8256, [email](#) or by calling 925-833-6650. Language assistance is available over the phone by request.

The Dublin Business Brief is a bi-monthly publication highlighting the latest news and events affecting the business community. For more information or assistance, please contact the Office of Economic Development via [email](#) or by phone at (925) 833-6650.

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(925) 556-4500

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