

Weekly Dish: Mangia Mi Comes to Pleasanton

Danville Italian eatery expands to Pleasanton; knitting and sweets in Berkeley; chocolate cafe in Oakland; olio nuovo hits shelves; openings galore; and more in this week's Dish!

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Danville's popular Italian restaurant **Mangia Mi** has signed a lease to open up a second restaurant just a quick drive down the 680 in downtown Pleasanton. Mangia Mi "*due*" will be located at 234 Main Street next to Fleet Feet, and chef-owner Peter Cedolini couldn't be happier. "We've passed up a lot of deals in the past because it wasn't quite right, but this one felt really comfortable," Cedolini says. "It'll have the same charm of being in a downtown but it's far enough away that we'll be serving a different clientele."

The new restaurant will be a little bigger, allowing for more seating and a more comfortable bar area, and have more of a rustic feel to suit the Pleasanton area. However, Cedolini said to expect a similar layout with an open kitchen and similar regional Italian menu with seasonal specials. Cedolini also said Mangia Mi is looking into leasing garden space from the city, as well as having an on-site garden, in order to grow its own herbs, lettuce, and tomatoes. Expect an April-ish, late spring opening for the Pleasanton restaurant. 406 Hartz Ave., Danville, (925) 831-3276, mangia-mi.com