

TERRY'S tidbits



WINTER 2016

Taking Stock

If I've said it once, I've said it a million times...I love San Leandro! I have the privilege of being a member of this year's Leadership San Leandro Class. This month our topic was "Education & Economic Development." Boy, was I educated! Our little 15 square mile city is at the precipice of explosion. Perfectly situated near jobs, transportation, the Port of Oakland, great weather and more, as residents we are about to see some really exciting new changes take place! Here are just a few of the things I learned from our distinguished speakers:

- 2015 unemployment number in SL was only 5% (down from 12.4% in 2012), thanks in large part to Kaiser and OSI
- Some of our previously empty warehouses are filling up with new businesses, such as Preferred Freezer on SL Blvd, and 21st Amendment Brewery on Williams (21st is the 3rd largest brewery in CA!)
- Other new businesses slated to open this year: Pieology Pizzeria & Wok Box will be part of the the revamp of Marina Square; Living Spaces (Ikea-style furniture store) will be at the old Kmart site; Anytime Fitness at the Downtown Plaza; the former Sergio's will be Son's of Liberty Alehouse; The Cooler will arrive on E 14th...and more!
- This year, ALL SL public schools will be connected to the high speed fiberoptic loop
- New street banners will be installed on E 14th highlighting the new "Maker City" theme (from her agricultural past to her innovative future, San Leandro has "made" stuff!)
- Tech Campus to open this summer
- The Exploratorium will install an interactive musical exhibit in the Joaquin Plaza
- Marea Alta (Bridge Housing) phase 1, with 115 units of family housing adjacent to BART
- Marina Shoreline development should break ground in about a year...plans include a new hotel and conference center, 3 new restaurants, new library, offices and homes as well as public space and trail!

If that isn't enough to get excited about in our community, I don't know what is! It is long over-due for sure, but SL with it's proximity to transportation & jobs, weather and (relative) affordability, is a city on the upswing! To quote Chris Zapata,

"If San Leandro was a stock, I'd be buying!"

If you want a chance to buy "stock" (aka real estate), or if your plans include selling your home, who better than an excited, informed, local agent to help you get the most money for your investment! Give me a call...I'd love to talk!

~As Always, See you in the 'Hood!



1 bunch flat leaf parsley 1 bunch cilantro 4 cloves garlic, minced 3/4 c extra virgin olive oil 1/4 c red wine vinegar 1 lemon wedge (juice of) 1 Tbs diced red onion or shallot 1 tsp dried oregano (optional) 1 tsp dried crushed red pepper (optional) 1 tsp black pepper 1/2 tsp salt (to taste)

Pulse all ingredients in the blender til smooth. Enjoy!

Traditionally this sauce is used over meat, but we also love it over eggs and potatoes!

You can freeze it in smaller portion sizes for a quick addition to brighten a weeknight dinner!

Median Sale Price

Year over year, for the neighborhoods this newsletter serves

Broadmoor, Estudillo Estates, Bayo Vista, Le Brun, Farrelly Pond, Best Manor, Assumption Parish and Upper Bal Low Sale Price

\$700,000 \$0 \$350,000 \$1,050,000 \$1,400,000 **High Sale Price** \$1,100,000 Low Sale Price 2014 \$283,000 Median Sale Price \$543,000 High Sale Price \$1,400,000 2015 Low Sale Price \$300,000 Median Sale Price \$590,000

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