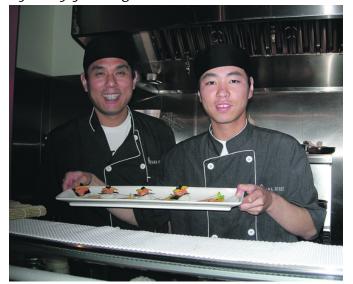


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Oyama Sushi chefs Tommy Zhang and Peter Wang display the special of the day made with spicy salmon and mango. Photo R. Aragones Stenzel

Just in time for the new year, Oyama Sushi is open for business on the corner of Mt. Diablo Boulevard and Mountain View in the former Quizno's space in Lafayette.

The definition of Oyama is mountain which means good luck in Japanese. The good luck seems to be working as Oyama Sushi has had a steady flow of business since opening on December 11.

Sushi chefs and co-owners Tommy Zhang and Peter Wang together bring over 15 years of sushi-making experience in the Bay Area to their new restaurant. Both from China, they are good friends who have a passion for making sushi. "Making sushi is an expression of ourselves as artists," says Zhang.

They describe their expansive menu as Japanese fusion; offering daily specials, appetizers and over 40 different types of Maki Sushi Rolls and Nigiri, as well as serving traditional dishes including Udon, Tempura, and Teriyaki.

Zhang and Wang want their customers to enjoy the dining experience by offering food with the best quality and freshness in a beautiful atmosphere where customers feel comfortable, relaxed and at home. Speaking of high quality and freshness, Zhang orders the fish each night, and it is

delivered every day from local Japanese fish companies.

They say the welcoming response from the community has been phenomenal. During construction, many stopped by to check on the opening; so much so that they decided to open earlier than expected.

Oyama Sushi is located at 3651 Mt. Diablo Boulevard in Lafayette. They're open seven days a week; Monday - Saturday, 11:30 - 2:30 p.m. for lunch and 4:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. for dinner, and Sunday 4:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. For more information call (925) 283-6888 or visit www.oyama-sushi.com.

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