

## AAA NCNU opens new headquarters at Contra Costa Centre Transit Village with Station Landing ribbon cutting ceremony.

**Station Landing Grand Opening November 18, 2009.** AAA Northern California, Nevada and Utah officially opened its corporate headquarters, known as Station Landing. The brand new facility features enhanced workplace technology and the latest in environmentally sustainable design features. "Building our own facilities at Station Landing has given us a once-in-a-generation chance to create exactly the kind of experience we want for our employees; a collaborative, creative environment in a leading-edge facility, which will allow us to serve our members even more effectively," said AAA NCNU President Paula Downey.

AAA Station Landing, located at 3055 Oak Road, is one of the greenest office buildings in Contra Costa County and has applied to receive a gold-level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) designation for the building. The building will use 40% less water and 17% less energy than similar size buildings. Many interior features are made from recycled materials including countertops, furniture and fabrics. In addition, recycling, composting and janitorial practices, including biodegradable cleaning products, will support environmental sustainability.



**Helen Vu, AAA Vice President Real Estate Programs & Services; Jim Pouliot, AAA CEO; Jim Kennedy, Contra Costa County Redevelopment Director; Paula Downey, AAA President; Mark DeSaulnier, California State Senator; Lynette Busby, Contra Costa Centre Association Executive Director; Mary Cranston, AAA Board Vice Chair; Tony Durante, AAA Vice President Administrative Services and Chief Procurement Officer.**

The six-story headquarters is designed to promote the health and wellness of AAA employees. The open-plan design, featuring lower workstation walls along with offices clustered in the center of floors, increases natural light which reduces energy use and facilitates more face-to-face employee interaction. In addition to creating a more collaborative work environment, the new building features wireless access, state-of-the-art audio/video conferencing, a wellness room for health and fitness classes and lots of outdoor seating areas.

"We are so excited to move into our new corporate home" said Downey. "This momentous event in our club's history has been years in the making. We look forward to playing an even more active role in the East Bay business community and building on our already robust community service and volunteerism presence. The facility, and the new technology it offers, allows us to continue improving the services we provide to our more than four million members."

### PMI Group and Contra Costa Centre Association Honored

**Bob Roth, Director of Corporate Real Estate, PMI Group, and Lynette Busby, Executive Director, Contra Costa Centre Association** The Contra Costa Centre Association was awarded the 1st Annual Sustainable Contra Costa Award in the Smart Growth category at the Sustainable Contra Costa Awards Gala in October 2009. Six awards were presented honoring businesses, government programs, community groups, non-profits, and individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding

commitment to sustainable practices. The PMI Group, represented by Bob Roth, Director of Corporate Real Estate, was the award winner in the large Business category for showing real sustainability leadership from top management through all levels of staff. The Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce announced the recipients of its 2009 UXL Awards recognizing five local individuals and enterprises for the business excellence and contributions to the community. The Contra Costa Centre Association was awarded Innovator of the Year for exemplifying excellence within the community. Contra Costa Centre Transit Village was hailed as a vibrant, well-planned, mixed use community and a nationwide example of transit and pedestrian-oriented development.



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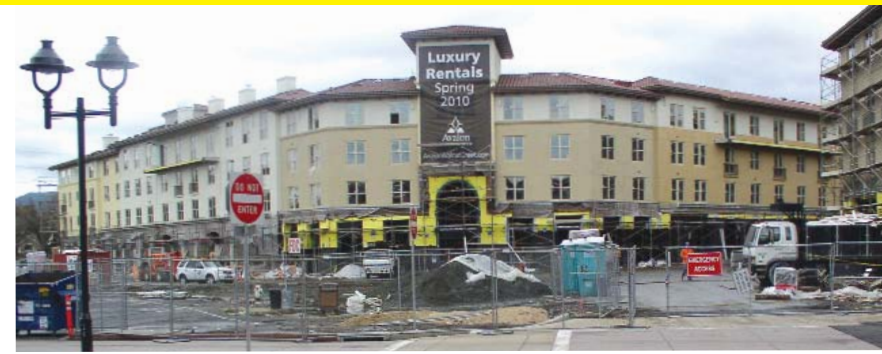
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Amtrak	800-523-6590
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Caltrain	800-660-4287
County Connection	925-676-7500
Napa Valley Transit	800-411-0245
Solano Express	707-422-2877
Tri-Delta Transit	925-455-7555
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RESTAURANTS	
c-blue Wet Bar & Bistro	925-942-6360
Renaissance ClubSport, 2805 Jones Road	
Cactus Cafe Towers	925-934-9200
Treat Towers, 1277 Treat Blvd.	
Cafe Dolce & Catering Services Pacific Plaza, 1340 Treat Blvd.	925-935-1122
Cafe Orina & Catering Services PMI Plaza, 3003 Oak Road	925-947-1560
Embassy Grill Embassy Suites Hotel, 1345 Treat Blvd.	925-934-2500
La Salsa Fresh Mexican Grill & Catering PMI Plaza, 3003 Oak Road	925-287-0922
Taheri's Restaurant & Catering Services 2999 Oak Road	925-933-1000
The Perfect Cup 2999 Oak Road	925-977-9177

SERVICES	
Resident Deputy (Paul Schwind)	925-963-5802
Renaissance ClubSport Hotel	925-938-8700
Fitness Center	925-942-6355
Rspa Day Spa	925-942-6379
Embassy Suites Hotel Conference and Catering Services	925-934-2500 Ext. 2158
Park Regency Apartments	925-937-7275
Step Ahead Learning Center Child Care Facility	925-943-6199

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2999 Oak Road	925-256-9992
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Avalon Walnut Creek at Contra Costa Centre	925-256-4600
Bank of the West	925-942-8697
John Muir Health	925-947-3395
Pacific Plaza	925-930-9888
Park Regency Apartments	925-937-7275
PMI Plaza	925-658-6880
Station Plaza	925-945-6266
Treat Plaza	925-937-9460
Treat Towers	925-906-8301
Urban West	925-934-7480

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## New rental housing at Contra Costa Centre Transit Village to be available in May 2010.

Construction activity is making tremendous progress with the promised spring 2010 availability of residential rental units right on schedule! This May the initial stage of phased occupancy of the Avalon Walnut Creek at Contra Costa Centre project begins with the availability of studio, one, two and three bedroom apartments. Centered around a residential mixed-use site plan, Avalon Walnut Creek is being built in two phases. Phase I, which started construction in August 2008, will consist of 422 residential apartments and 35,590 square feet of local serving retail consisting of dining, convenience retail, business and personal services.

Kickoff of this innovative public/private transit-oriented development was held with groundbreaking ceremonies hosted by AvalonBay Communities, Inc., Millennium Partners, the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, and the County of Contra Costa in July 2008. The four partners are jointly investing \$400 million in this residential/ mixed-use development adjacent to the BART station at the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village. Speaking at the opening ceremonies Contra Costa County Supervisor Susan Bonilla said, "The transit village will show the rest of California that providing adequate public infrastructure and services that keep pace with growth is the best way to increase density within transit rich locations".

Providing luxury lifestyle features to residents with a fitness center, swimming pool, outdoor fireplaces and kitchens, Avalon Walnut Creek will also bring an important set of community amenities in the form of local serving retail and restaurants, as well as a network of parks, plazas and open space that are part of the site plan.

The recipient of many prestigious multi-family industry awards, AvalonBay Communities, Inc. has been recognized for outstanding design and management by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) for bringing convenient living experiences to their communities located near centers of employment, shopping, transportation, arts and entertainment. Avalon Walnut Creek construction activity near term has been focused on the residential and retail uses and backbone infrastructure such as streets, drainage, etc. necessary to support the project. The BART intermodal bus area is also being reconfigured to its ultimate and final location during this phase. Within the next five years, Avalon Walnut Creek Phase II construction will be initiated and is planned to include a 290,000 square foot office building with a 20,000 square foot business conference center. For more information visit [Avalon Walnut Creek's website www.avalonwalnutcreek.com](http://AvalonWalnutCreek.com) or call (925) 256-4600.

### Iron Horse Trail Overcrossing at Centre right on schedule too!



Ramp work and air arc weld application on arch base plate. As we enter the new decade the Iron Horse Overcrossing of Treat Blvd. is beginning to take on a recognizable shape. Fabrication of overcrossing arch pipes, steel plates, and stiffening plates has begun at a specialty steel manufacturer in Utah. The lower ramps, along with the buttress columns and pedestals have been completed. The project continues to be on time and on budget with a forecasted completion date in July 2010.

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**Help is here!**

The Contra Costa Centre Association is kicking off 2010 with the announcement of several incredible money-saving commute incentives. If you promised yourself that this was going to be the year you would figure out how to begin saving some cash, we're going to help you keep that New Year's resolution. In fact we've filled the inside of this newsletter with **five** new commute incentive programs, an **update** on the Centre's child care financial assistance program and how you could **win \$50** for just having a little fun *Seg-Awaying* when you need to run a few errands during the day. With out-of-control gas prices, wear and tear on your car, and climbing commute-related costs, the Centre's commute alternative, Mid-Day Shuttle and Green Fleet programs are designed to help you cut commute-related expenses as well as saving you time on your commute. For over 20 years, Centre programs for 6,500-plus Transit Village employees have resulted in a 32% reduction in single-occupancy vehicles commuting to the area and cleaner air for our community.

