CONTRA COSTA CENTRE

DIRECTORY

John Muir Health

Park Regency Apartments

Renaissance ClubSport

Pacific Plaza

Treat Towers

Urban West

2999 Oak Rd. 3000 Oak Rd.

3003 Oak Rd.

1450 Treat Blvd

CSAA Insurance Group

Fitness Center

R Spa Day Spa (925) 942-6379

Embassy Suites Hotel: Conference & Catering Services

EV Charging Stations

County Connection

Solano Express

Tri-Delta Transit

Cafe Dolce & Catering Services

reat Towers, 1277 Treat Blvd.



Guaranteed Ride Home

511 Contra Costa

Ace Train

Taheri's Restaurant & Catering Services Sabores del Sur

c-Blue Wet Bar & Bistro

Cactus Café

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Contra Costa Centre Association Lynette Busby, Executive Director

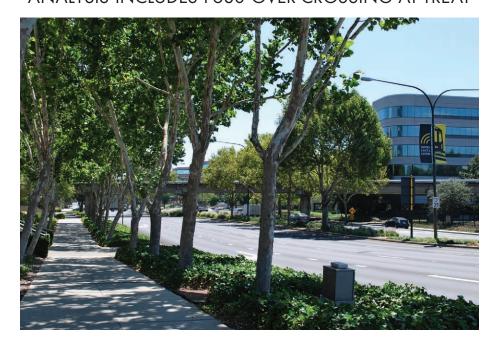
The Perfect Cup

Specialty's Café

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Bike/Pedestrian Upgrade Plan Nearly Finished

ANALYSIS INCLUDES 1-680 OVER-CROSSING AT TREAT



reliminary plans for muchanticipated Contra Costa Centre Transit Village bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Treat Boulevard are almost ready for public review.

Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County and the project design consulting firm, Alta Planning, are finishing up the draft planning document and reviewing the preferred alternative and associated traffic studies this summer, said county planner Jamar Stamps.

Once those reviews are completed, the draft plan will be made available for public review and stakeholders

will be notified. The final plan will go before the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors and Walnut Creek City Council for consideration later this year.

The estimated \$1.1 million project calls for bicycle and pedestrian upgrades along Treat Boulevard between the Iron Horse Trail, the Contra Costa Centre/ Pleasant Hill BART station and extending across the Interstate 680 overpass to Geary Road and North Main Street in Walnut Creek.

For more details and draft design concepts, visit the project web site at www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/4755/I-680Treat-Blvd-Bicycle-Pedestrian-Impro.

WELCOME DEPUTY BROOKS!

The Contra Costa Centre Association would like to welcome our new Resident Sheriff Deputy. Jeffrey Brooks. Deputy Brooks, has been with the Sheriff's department for over three years and was previously with the City of Richmond police department. He is engaged to be married and enjoys running, cycling and watching the Oakland A's baseball team.



CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

he Contra Costa Centre Association helps provide financial assistance to parents who must place their children in a day care or after school setting while at work. The Centre does not have an onsite facility, however, the Centre does provide referrals to nearby child care providers. To qualify, a parent must meet the following criteria:

- Parent must be employed fulltime at one of the participating buildings whose owners have funded the child care program including: CSAA Insurance Group, Station Plaza, Treat Towers, Embassy Suites, Pacific Plaza, Urban West, 2999 Oak Rd., 3000 Oak Rd., 3003 Oak Rd. 1450 Treat Blvd.
- Family income must not exceed \$72,240 per year.

For more information or to fill out a program application, contact Contra Costa Centre Association at (925) 935-6337.

IS YOUR FAMILY ELIGIBLE **FOR ASSISTANCE?**

Number of Children	Monthly Stipend (Annual Family Income Under \$36,120)	Monthly Stipend (Annual Family Income \$36,120 to \$72,240)
1	\$75	\$50
2	\$100	\$75
3+	\$125	\$100



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fter 129 years in The City by the Bay, Del Monte Foods has relocated its San Francisco headquarters to the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village.

Del Monte's move more than doubles its number of employees at 3003 Oak Road, where the company relocated about 85 people beginning in February 2014 with the final move ending early 2015. Del Monte also has an R&D facility in the Shadelands Business Park in Walnut Creek along with tomato, peach and other fruit

processing plants in Modesto and Hanford.

"The Contra Costa Centre Transit Village had the available office space plus it is a major transportation hub with great access to BART, bus service and the freeway," Del Monte Vice President Scott Butler said.

The iconic California company made the move for numerous business reasons, chief among them the collaborative benefits gained when people work in closer geographic proximity to each other, Butler explained.

But for individual Del Monte employees, the address change from San Francisco to Walnut Creek is a mixed bag, he added.

For example, company staffers residing in the East Bay have a far easier commute to the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village. Workers from the South Bay are likely experiencing similar or even longer drives, while San Francisco residents can hop on BART and take advantage of the less-crowded trains in the reverse commute direction.



DEL MONTE RELOCATES HQ

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As for the sheer variety of nearby food and shops that help make the work day more pleasurable, the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village may never fully compare to Del Monte's former home in San Francisco's famed Financial District.

But what the Contra Costa Centre lacks in urban scale, it more than makes up for with programs designed to help make employees' commutes easier and their workdays more enjoyable:

- BART and bus ticket discounts for regular riders
- Subsidies for carpools and vanpools
- · Bike and walk to work subsidies
- Guaranteed ride home in the event of an emergency
- Financial childcare assistance for qualifying families and office buildings
- · Electric vehicle charging stations
- Gourmet food trucks on Thursdays and Fridays
- Free mid-day shuttle service on a 10-passenger compressed natural gas bus to local retail centers
- Transit pass sales, schedules and maps
- Free access to the Green Fleet of Segways, electric and regular bikes

Del Monte is part of an A-list of East Bay employers in the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village including John Muir Health, Central Garden and Pet Company and CSAA Insurance Group, a AAA insurer

"This Peruvian hot spot has it all." – Diablo Magazine, August 2015



A Taste of Peru

PERUVIAN EATERY PARADA OPENS

ast Bay foodies, take heart. Two-time Michelin Star Chef Carlos Altamirano is serving his vibrant Peruvian fare in the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village with the opening of Parada, his newest restaurant. The casual eatery and rotisserie features contemporary interpretations of many of the traditional Latin American foods the world-class chef learned in his grandmother's and mother's kitchens.

Altamirano already owns and operates La Costanera near Half Moon Bay and San Francisco restaurants Mochica in Potrero Hill and Pigueos in Bernal Heights. The award-winning chef is also behind the Sanguchon food trucks seen around the Bay Area. He even grows his own rotoco peppers, a key Peruvian cuisine ingredient.

He chose the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village for his first East Bay restaurant, in part, because it has what his coastal eateries often lack: Sunshine.

"I like the weather in Walnut Creek." Altamirano said. "When the sun is

shining, people want to come out to eat."

The chef also likes being a trend-setter.

Prominently located on the corner of Treat Boulevard and Sunne Lane, Parada is the first full-service restaurant to open on the ground floor commercial space positioned beneath the luxury AvalonBay apartments.

"We are going to help make the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village a happening place," Altamarino said. "We want to get in there first and when the competition comes, it will be good for all of us."

Parada is open daily for lunch from 11:30 am to 2 pm and dinner Thursday through Sunday. (We highly recommend the rotisserie chicken sandwich!)

Patrons may also order food from the bar between the lunch and dinner hours. In addition to its 60-seat combined indoor and outdoor dining area, the eatery will offer an express menu, a take-out option and a happy hour. For more information, visit www.paradakitchen.com.

Stop and Taste the Friday Food Trucks

SIDESTEP THE COMMUTE CROWDS AND ENJOY FOOD, DRINK AND MUSIC

 $m{\prime}$ hen Friday afternoon rolls around and thoughts of a crowded BART car or that parking lot disguised as Interstate 680 cast a shadow over your weekend, it's time to rethink your getaway strategy.

Skip the peak commute aggravations and make a leisurely stop at the Contra Costa Centre Transit Village's food, beer and wine truck extravaganza held Friday nights from 5 pm to 9 pm in AvalonBay Town Square, 1001 Harvey Drive, Walnut Creek. During happy hour — 5 pm to 7 pm – you'll find a smorgasbord of \$5 meals and live music.

"It's an inexpensive way to grab some good food, a glass of wine or a beer and hang out with friends or colleagues before you start your weekend," said MJ Taboloff, senior real estate manager for John Muir Health. "Not only will you miss the worst of the traffic, but you can pick up dinner for the rest of the family."

Managed by Taste of the World Market, the food trucks vary each week but some of the regulars include: Lucky 13 with beer and wine; Hongry Kong with grilled chicken with dreamy creamy sauce and coconut-pecan tarts; Lobsta Truck with lobster and crab rolls, lobster bisque and whoopee pie; Canasta with burritos and tostados; Izzy A's with frozen custard ice cream; Grab & Go Kabob, WhipOut! with smoked beef and chicken; Yummi BBQ with Asian-style tacos and five-spice chicken; ADOruBOwl with Filipino food; Tonli Dumpling with dumplings and rice bowls; and 3BK with fried chicken curry and garlic fries.

Taste of the World Market also offers food trucks on Thursdays from 11 am to 2 pm at AvalonBay Town Square. Check out the food trucks at www.tasteoftheworldmarket.com.

HANGING AROUND

You may have already noticed that

switched up the banners around the

Centre last spring. The new banners

Contra Costa Centre Association

reflect the commute options the

Centre promotes, including taking

walking or riding a Segway.

BART or the bus, carpooling, biking,

The Centre



SABORES DEL SUR:

Drinks & Dinner on the Menu

Now you can pair South American beer or wine with your meal at this authentic South American restaurant located at 3003 Oak Road, And, beginning on August 27. Sabores del Sur will also offer dinner service on Thursdays and Fridays until 9 pm. Call ahead and take dinner home or hang out after work and deliciously avoid the commute! www.saboresdelsursf.com

QUICKBITS



COMING TO THE CENTRE

Opening soon at Treat Towers, Specialty's Café and Bakery will offer a unique blend of homemade goodness mixed with hi-tech innovation. Use the selfserve kiosks to order the usual breakfast and lunch fare which includes a full selection of Peet's Coffee. Don't forget to set up a Warm Cookie Alert™ or order online for pick-up in 15 minutes. Business catering with delivery is also available. www.specialtys.com





BUS

Receive \$30

towards bus fare

20 participants

CARPOOL

\$30 per carpool

MID-DAY

SHUTTLE

Free shuttle to

local shopping

Operates daily

from 10:30 am

centers

to 2:30 pm

per month

25 carpools

COMMUTER PROGRAMS

September 15 - May 31 *

Get a \$40 Clipper Card for \$20

100 participants

GUARANTEED RIDE HOME

Free taxi ride home for commuters who use alternative transportation to get to work but need to get home quickly due to an emergency

Up to 6 times a year or \$599 in taxi fares



GREEN FLEET

Hybrid cars, electric cars, Segways, electric bicycles and bikes available to **Centre employees**



WALK/BIKE \$30 gift card 10 participants

Sign-ups held every Tuesday starting September 15 until sold out

11:30 am - 1:00 pm **Urban West, 1350 Treat Boulevard** Front Courtyard

Go to contracostacentre.com for more details and an application

* No commuter subsidies during December