



Leisure Town Plaza provides welcome retail to east edge

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The Leisure Town Plaza retail center, recently completed by Hearn Construction, awaits its first tenants, due to arrive within the next 90 days. Built on the former site of the Hickory Pit restaurant, the three-building center will provide the eastern edge of Vacaville with a much-needed retail opportunity.

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The retail vacuum that once existed on the eastern edge of Vacaville is about to be filled.

Hearn Construction recently completed construction on the Leisure Town Plaza retail project, located on the I-80 corridor at Leisure Town Road.

The project is located at the gateway to a rapidly expanding area of Vacaville, considering its proximity to Genentech, Inc. and Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, both of which have undergone recent expansion.

The planned construction of nearly 2,500 homes in the immediate area, and the newly realigned and widened Leisure Town Road off ramp are further indicators of this area's new vibrancy.

"The eastern edge of town is currently underserved as far as retail services are concerned," explained Tom Kuehl, a retail leasing specialist with Cornish & Carey Commercial who is helping to place tenants in the new center.

"We're hoping to capture that market share."

Property owner and developer Jayne Ham redeveloped the site of the former Hickory Pit restaurant into a new 14,600-square-foot upscale food and retail center featuring a new 35-foot freeway sign.

While Kuehl said it's too early to release the names of prospective tenants, plans call for the center to feature two drive-thrus as part of an attractive three-building design featuring fresh colors, abundant stone veneers, lush landscaping, and trellises.

The tenant mix will also include a coffee shop, pizzeria, an upscale produce and canned goods market, and a nail spa.

Kuehl said the public can look for some of those businesses to start opening over the next 90 days.

According to Ham, "Hearn Construction has done an excellent job in completing the project on time, in addition to top-notch workmanship and management."

Kuehl agreed: "It's a great looking building."

Leading the team for Hearn Construction was senior project manager Rod Glover, project engineer Steven Brown, and superintendent Barry Kilpatric.

The project's architect was Tom Wilson of ARC Inc.

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