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## **Nut Tree Train Is Back!**

### **Nut Tree Plaza to Open Mid-August - Grand Opening Celebration August 22**

VACAVILLE, California, (July 31, 2009) - The Nut Tree train made its return to the Nut Tree this week in preparation for the opening of the new Nut Tree Plaza. Sporting a new “green” bio-diesel engine, the Nut Tree train is now more environmentally friendly and ready to start making its rounds in the Nut Tree Plaza this August. The Nut Tree Plaza, the re-designed central entertainment and gathering place for Nut Tree guests, is scheduled to open in mid-August followed by a Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday August 22, 2009. The Nut Tree Plaza, located in the shade of the original Nut Tree’s Hackberry trees and bordering East Monte Vista Avenue and Interstate 80, will consist of the relocated Nut Tree train and carousel, as well as other historic elements of the original Nut Tree. The Grand Opening Celebration will feature Vacaville’s own Hipwaders band, as well as costumed characters, clowns and other fun activities. As a special thank you, all Vacaville residents showing proof of residency (driver’s license or utility bill) will be able to ride the train and carousel for free all day Thursday and Friday, August 20 and 21, the two days leading up to the Grand Opening Celebration.

“The opening of the Nut Tree Plaza marks a turning point in the history of the Nut Tree,” said Michael Piazzola, Senior General Manager of Westrust, owner of the Nut Tree. “The train and carousel, as well as other elements of the original Nut Tree, will now be located at the front of the project and accessible to all visitors who come to shop and dine at the Nut Tree’s many stores and restaurants. Admission to the Plaza will be free and the train and carousel will only cost \$2 each to ride.”

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“In designing the new Nut Tree Plaza, we felt it was important to bring back the feeling of community and gathering that the old Nut Tree had,” added Piazzola. “Guests who come to shop and dine at the Nut Tree, regardless of whether they stay for an hour or a day, will be able to enjoy the train and carousel, have a picnic, sit at the Nut Tree fireplace, ride the hobby horses or just relax in the shade of the historic Hackberry trees. Kids will also be able to enjoy a Rescue Squad themed play area and arcade in the candy and ice cream courtyard located between Fentons and Jelly Belly.”

“Clearly visible from Interstate-80, both by day and by night, the Nut Tree Plaza will attract not only local families, but those traveling on the highway as well,” said Fred Steingraf, Marketing Director of the Nut Tree. “We are currently putting together a year-round calendar of fun, family-friendly events in the Nut Tree Plaza to truly re-establish it as California’s Legendary Road Stop.”

### **About Westrust**

Westrust was founded in 1992 and is in its 18th year of business. The Company is owned by two partners, Ricardo Capretta, and Charles Smith. Westrust specializes in the development, redevelopment, acquisition, leasing and property management of neighborhood, community, lifestyle retail and mixed-use projects and has regional offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Currently, the Company has a \$425 million, 1.5 million square foot portfolio in four major projects in California and Hawaii. Since its inception, Westrust has acquired or developed 49 properties in five different states totaling over \$1.2 billion in value. The Company’s experience includes the development and acquisition of 4.2 million square feet of retail, 1.1 million square feet of office and industrial space, and over 1,200 residential units.

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