



CONTRA COSTA CONSORTIUM CDBG/HOME Newsletter

MARK THE DATE!

- April 15th – CDBG FY 2007/08 3rd Quarter Performance Report Due
- April is Sexual Assault Awareness month
- May 8th – 18th is Affordable Housing Week.
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DID YOU KNOW...?

.... that April is **Fair Housing Month** and is the 40th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act (1968 – 2008)



....that **May 8th thru May 18th is Affordable Housing Week**. The theme for the 2008 Affordable Housing Week is "Building Healthy Sustainable Communities."

To commemorate the occasion, Housing Rights, Inc. and the Michael Chavez Monument Economic Opportunity Center in Concord are planning a Housing Resource Fair for **May 17 from 10 A.M to 3 PM**. It will be held in the Salvio Pacheco Plaza courtyard where County Supervisor Bonilla's office is located - across from Todos Santos Plaza. Three main areas of information are planned: **Green Housing, First-time Homebuyers, and Financial and Other Tools Needed for Homeowners and Renters to be Successful**.

The event is being brought to you by Contra Costa County Supervisor Susan Bonilla, Assemblymember Mark Desaulnier, State Senator Tom Torlakson, Congresswoman Ellen Taushcer, and Congressman George Miller. For more information about this event and the other events planned throughout the County, please go to: http://www.ebho.org/artman2/publish/education/Affordable_Housing_Week_2008.shtml

PROJECTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Ground Breaking for Affordable Senior Montego II

Housing Development – Casa

In about a year, low-income people 62 and older may be eligible to move into a 33-unit affordable senior apartment project under construction.

On March 13th, community leaders gathered at the site for a groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the federal, county, city and bank partnerships that helped make the project a reality.



Pictured left to right: Brant Watson, Satellite Housing; Ryan Chao, Satellite Housing; Jim Kennedy, Contra Costa County; Gwen Regalia, City of Walnut Creek; Richard Rainey, HUD; Eric Ridley, Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher's Office; Mark Dunlop, Segue Construction; Dori Kojima, Satellite Housing; William Rogina, HUD; Amy Hodgett, City of Walnut Creek

“The Bay Area is one of the most expensive and desirable places to be,” said Ryan Chao, executive director of Satellite Housing, a nonprofit project developer. “And in the Bay Area, Walnut Creek is one of the most desirable places to be. So, affordable housing is at a premium.”

The building, called Casa Montego II, will provide housing for seniors who earn less than half the area median income, or less than about \$29,350. Federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development will allow residents to pay one-third of their income to rent, with the government subsidizing the remainder.

The apartment building is going up next to the nonprofit organization's 80-unit Casa Montego near John Muir Medical Center at La Casa Via and Montego. Chao said that an interest list for people who want to rent the one-bedroom units is being formed, but an official waiting list will not be compiled for about four months.

Interested seniors can call Satellite at 510-647-0700. More information about housing projects in Walnut Creek is available by going to <http://www.walnut-creek.org>, then clicking on “housing” under Quick Links.