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# San Jacinto Gateway

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Idyllwild residents in search of shopping and services often must travel to such distant locations as Coachella Valley in the northeast or Temecula Valley in the southwest. An increasingly popular destination, however, is the Ramona Expressway in San Jacinto which is becoming more populated with retail shopping, dining and service options.

“This is an exciting time for the City of San Jacinto and our neighbors in Idyllwild,” said Mayor Jim Ayres who recently celebrated the grand opening of a Wal-Mart Supercenter located just west of the Ramona Expressway at 1861 S. San Jacinto Avenue. A full-service Stater Bros. supermarket and pharmacy opened on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the intersection of Ramona Expressway and

State Street as part of the new 100,000-square-foot The Village at San Jacinto Shopping Center. Carl’s Jr. and Del Taco are now operating, and by August 2007 will be joined by Walgreens, PFF Bank & Trust, Starbucks, Juice It Up!, Subway, Charo Chicken, Little Beijing, PostalAnnex+, Los Portales Mexican Restaurant, Professional Nail Salon, DB Sunwear, a drycleaners and a doughnut shop.

Across the street from The Village, a 75,000-square-foot neighborhood center called Mountain View Plaza is under construction and will include Rite Aid, 7-Eleven, Panda Express and Quiznos. Construction is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter 2007. Later this summer, construction will begin on nearly 40,000

more square feet of retail shop with tenants expected include Walgreens, Pacific Dental, Cingular Wireless, Professional Nail Salon, GameStop, Great Clips, El Pollo Loco, Wendy’s, Quiznos and Golden Chopsticks. Opening is slated for first quarter 2008.

Still more retail is on its way with a Lowe’s anchored shopping center expected to open next door to Wal-Mart, and Target leading the way in the new San Jacinto Gateway development area. “The Gateway is one of the most exciting new commercial developments in the Inland Empire and is strategically located at the intersection of Ramona Expressway and Highway 79,” Mayor Ayers said. “More than 700 acres of commercial development are planned,

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which will offer Idyllwild residents a plethora of shopping, dining, entertainment, service and healthcare options. San Jacinto residents, just like Idyllwild residents, want upscale shopping, dining and entertainment options.”

The city has several projects already on the drawing boards in The Gateway. The Festival at San Jacinto is a proposed 812,000-square-foot community shopping center development spanning 85 acres situated at the northeast corner of the Ramona Expressway and Highway 79. Scheduled to open in fall 2009, it is expected to include Target, a variety of junior anchors, theatre, specialty stores and restaurants. The new development is also at the epicenter of two new major transportation corridors -- the 32-mile Mid County Parkway, one of the largest transportation projects planned in Southern California, and the realigned State Highway 79.



A map of the San Jacinto Gateway project.

Other projects at this intersection include Gateway Plaza, a proposed 707,000-square-foot community shopping center development, and San Jacinto Ranch, a 512-acre master-planned community which will provide upscale single-family and multifamily lifestyles, open spaces, parks, recreational areas and pedestrian paths. San Jacinto Ranch

also integrate office, retail, restaurants and entertainment uses. “Many of our business owners live in beautiful Idyllwild, which offers its residents a unique lifestyle,” Ayres said. “It’s great that San Jacinto can provide them unprecedented access to a variety of retail amenities.” ■

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