

### **CURRENT FEATURED PROPERTIES**



**MAY 2008** 

# First **Properties Commercial Real Estate Services**

### **A SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW**

**Colorado Economy Drifts Downward** - Five years of steady growth and falling unemployment has come to an end in 2008. Sub-prime lending, growing foreclosures, job lay offs and new home construction "melt down" has caused the State's economy to follow the rest of the nation into recession.

### **THE 2007 GOOD**

- Job growth was up 2% with unemployment down to 4.1%.
- Colorado home values over the five year period ending in 2007 grew 20% compared to the national average of 51%, which could mean just a modest drop in values because of recession.
- Colorado exports were almost 8 billion dollars in 2006 led by technology and data processing.
- Colorado per capata income of \$39,186 held in the nation's top 10 following Connecticut (1) and Wyoming (6).



Carl's Jr. and Chase Bank Open at Markets at Mesa Ridge

### **COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE MARKETS**

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# THE GOOD, THE BAD, ... A RECESSION

## **THE 2007 BAD**

- Colorado gas prices are pennies in March away from a record \$3.34 a gallon with federal government pre dictions of \$4.00 plus by Memorial Day weekend.



- Consumer prices rose to 4.1% to a 17 year high in 2007 with more problems forecasted for this year.
- Home prices state wide (2007) fell including a drop of 3.1%. in Denver. This year doesn't look any better for home sale valvues.

• Colorado Springs saw a record investment of 1.1 billion in commercial properties last year from out of state

• Home Sales were down 9.9% in metro Denver in March and dropped 6.6% for the first quarter in 2008. • Foreclosures were up substantially statewide with Weld County leading the nation for two months and Colo

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# **FIRST "HIGHLIGHTS" 2007**



Chase Bank – Markets at Mesa Ridge

### **CHASE, WELLS FARGO AND PEOPLES BANKING ON MARKETS AT MESA RIDGE**

The financial institutions national players, Chase Bank and Wells Fargo Bank along with the Regional Peoples Bank have purchased locations in Nearon Developments' Fountain super community center. Chase and People's opened their new units during third quarter 2007. Tammy J. Gilbert and Richard L. Walker represented the developer in the sale of the three bank pads.

### **CALIFORNIA INVESTORS BUY** GARDEN OF THE GODS RETAIL

Centennial Partners, LLC purchased a 12,000 s.f. shopping center in the strong Garden of the Gods retail market for \$2,150,000. Tenants include Little Caesars Pizza, Bamboo Court Chinese Restaurant and Canyon Crest Liquors. Tammy J. Gilbert and Richard L. Walker represented the buyers.

### NATIONAL TILE AND STONE CHAIN **CONSTRUCTS NEW UNIT**

DalTile, a retailer with over 200 locations, is relocating off Nevada Avenue to 2.5 acres adjacent to Furniture Row in Corporate Center. First Properties sold the REO asset to the company for First's client Key Bank. Richard Walker represented the bank.



**REO Land Sale - daltile** 

### **ADDITIONAL TRANSACTIONS OF NOTE**

- Talecris Biomedical lease 13,558 sq. ft. – Springs Medical Center
- ML Properties Purchase 37 acres – Airport & Powers
- Great Moves Lease 2,816 sq. ft. – Skyway Shops
- Fuente de Vida Lease 2,400 sq. ft. – Printers Place
- A Better Rest Bedrooms Lease 3,000 sq. ft. – Austin Bluffs S.C.



### PALMER PARK CONDOMINIUMS SELECTS FIRST MANAGEMENT



Hartsock Village Condominiums

Hartsock Village Home Owners Association has selected First Properties, Inc., to manage their 52 unit community. The property is adjacent to city owned Palmer Park just off Academy Blvd and was developed by CD Development.

### FIRST HANDLES REO **APARTMENT COMMUNITY**

A major national bank has selected First Properties, Inc. to manage St. Elmo Court Apartments, a 12 unit building, located just off South Nevada and Cheyenne Road. Tammy J. Gilbert, President of First Properties, Inc. was also the Court Appointed Receiver for the asset.



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### **HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS ADDS TO THEIR PORTFOLIO**



**Chestnut Glen Townhomes** 

In the 4th quarter of 2007, The Housing Authority of the City of Colorado Springs purchased Chestnut Glen Townhomes and Shadow Wood Chalet Apartments. Both communities are located in northeast Colorado Springs. First Properties, Inc. has been chosen to manage both communities totaling 44 units.



Shadow Wood Chalet Apartments

Sale/Lease information on the web at: www.firstproperties1.com