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Blu Homes Receives \$65 Million from Investors

Blu Homes, leader in green, innovative, preassembled homes, recently announced an investment of \$65 million from current and new investors. To date, the company has raised \$134 million from investors since the founding of Blu Homes in 2007.

Blu Homes has a 10-year lease with **Lennar Mare Island** for use of Building 680, a 250,000 square-foot facility being utilized as a manufacturing plant.

The new funding will be used to construct 15 to 20 display homes

throughout the United States according to their **press release**. Currently, a fold-out, efficient and design oriented

"Breezehouse" is under construction at their Mare Island plant. The home will be fully constructed on a plot of land owned by Blue Homes and tours will be available later this year. Blu Homes will retain ownership of the house and property for a few years before placing it on the market.



Blu Homes chose Mare Island as a location for this display home because of the close proximity to the manufacturing plant. Prospective home buyers often tour the factory and will soon have the opportunity to tour a



finished home as well. Similarly, Blu
Homes recently completed the Sunset
Breezehouse, Sunset
Magazine's 2012 "Idea House" in
Healdsburg and downtown Sonoma. Both
are currently on the market and available
for tours.

"We're extremely proud of the sales momentum we have built to date with only limited access to model homes," said Brett Chisholm, Blu Homes senior vice president of sales and customer

experience, in the same press release in June. "The easiest way for customers to understand the extraordinary quality and beauty of a Blu home is to experience one in person."

Like all Blu Homes, the display homes are constructed in the manufacturing facility on Mare Island, then transported by truck and "unfolded" on site. Blu Homes' innovative science technology allows its homes to be folded for swift and cost-effective transportation, and simple on site assembly, resulting in a home completed in a more timely manner.

Color Vibe Run

Vallejo will be the host location for the Bay Area Color Vibe 5K Run. Participants will gear up for the most colorful fun-filled day the Bay Area has to offer and are welcome to walk, run, skip or dance their way across the course.

The event will be held at the Solano County Fairgrounds where Color Vibe volunteers will be waiting to tag participants with non-toxic, biodegradable colored powder, custom manufactured and produced in the United States. Racers are encouraged to wear white so the colors will show-up.

All ages are welcome to race, and children under seven years of age are free (though no shirt will be provided). Strollers and wheelchairs are welcome as well. Registration for the event includes entry into the 5K Color Vibe Run, official Color Vibe t-shirt, Color Vibe prize and a Color Vibe color pack to tag other race goers.

The event begins at 9:00 a.m. on September 28 at the Solano County



a.m. on September 28 at the Solano County
Fairgrounds, located at 900 Fairgrounds Drive.
Race volunteers will release waves of runners
every five minutes and the event typically
concludes around noon. Spots are filling quickly
and only a limited number of shirts are available.

Registration is open to individuals or teams. Pricing is \$40.00 by July 31 and \$43.00 by August 30. Late registration is available until September 27 for \$46.00. Participants may also register on the day of the event, provided there is space, for \$50.00. Additional information can be found on the Color Vibe 5K Vallejo website or Facebook page. Registration for the event is available here.

Shakespeare in the Park

The **Greater Vallejo Recreation District** is proud to present its 4th Annual Shakespeare in the Park presentation. This year, the production will be King Lear, directed by Clinton Vidal.

The scene is set as King Lear makes the decision to step down as the ruling monarch. He elects to divide his kingdom among his three daughters, with the largest portion going to the daughter who best proclaims her love for him. Two of three do so in flowery poetic terms, while the third does nothing and in his anger, Lear disowns her.

The abrupt action sets in motion a chain of events that eventually leads to

madness and demise. Against this tragic backdrop, the illegitimate son of a local Earl devises an insidious plot to turn his father against his legitimate brother. With father so pitted against him, the illegitimate son will then stand to gain the inheritance.



Lear's exploration of the parent-child relationship, family dynamics, sibling power struggles, madness and

one of the onsite food vendors.

Among its many facets and themes, King

reconciliation have made the play a timeless work that resonates with generation after generation.

The production of King Lear will be Saturday, July 27 and Sunday, July 28 at 1:00 p.m. at **Hanns Park Amphitheater**, located at 198 Skyline Drive at Redwood Parkway. The viewing will be picnic style seating, and theater

goers are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on and purchase lunch from

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After two months at sea, the Training Ship Golden Bear returned from its summer cruise to the California Maritime Academy (CMA) July 12.

The ship logged approximately 9,045 nautical miles on its journey with several stops along the way in Honolulu, Lahaina, Cabo San Lucas, Seattle and Portland.

During the cruise, the 320 cadets were responsible for running the ship; completing practical training courses, watch rotation, navigation, performing various drills and carrying out required daily maintenance.

Additional crew members included; Captain and Chief Engineer Harry Bolton, a team of experienced mariners, and 55 faculty and staff associates.

Golden Bear's annual training voyage is part of the specialized curriculum offered at CMA. For the duration of each summer training cruise, cadets continue to attend classes for intellectual learning, applied technology and leadership development.

The cadets are able to apply what they have learned in the classroom, in the lab, in the Corps, and on the waterfront into a real maritime experience.

For a full review on the cadets' journey, visit the virtual tour website.

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