



## Job Growth Continues on Mare Island

Lennar Mare Island (LMI) announced last week that more than 130 new full-time jobs have been added to Mare Island over the past six months, according to LMI's June 2014 jobs survey. There are now more than 2,200 full-time jobs on Mare Island, ranging from maritime to manufacturing, industrial to professional.

"These jobs numbers reflect the increasing business activity that has taken place on Mare Island over the past year," said Jason Keadjian, spokesperson for LMI. "We are excited to see Mare Island fostering a thriving business community and stimulating economic development for Vallejo and Solano County."

The June 2014 jobs survey showed consistent jobs growth for the seventh straight reporting period, and the highest rate of growth on the Island since 2008. More than 20 new and existing businesses have absorbed more than 200,000 square feet of space over the past year. There are now more than 100 businesses on Mare Island.

"With the City having approved funding for building demolition on North Mare Island, and LMI fostering consistent year-over-year job growth, Mare Island continues to be a hub of economic development activity in Vallejo," said Vallejo Mayor Osby Davis. "This is the result of LMI's sustained investment and the City's ongoing commitment to economic development on Mare Island."

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### Congressman Mike Thompson Honored for Support of Mare Island

On July 3, 2014, local Congressman Mike Thompson was awarded the 2014 Congressional Leadership Award by the Association of Defense Communities (ADC), in recognition of his



continued support of the Mare Island reuse, and other defense communities in California and across the country. At a ceremony held at the Blu Homes Mare Island factory (shown here), Thompson said his efforts would continue: "I'll keep doing everything I can to make sure that we can see Mare Island revitalized and the community of Vallejo revitalized."

### Avery Greene Honda Leases Space on Mare Island

Avery Greene Honda and Lennar Mare Island (LMI) have announced that the car dealership has leased space on Mare Island that will be used to support their busy Vallejo showroom by providing space to grow its already large inventory. Avery Greene will occupy 95,000 square feet in Building 527, an historic building on Mare Island.

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## *“Job Growth”, continued*

The largest component of jobs growth originated from marine-related uses and Blu Homes. Blu Homes, which manufactures environmentally friendly homes, announced in January 2014 that they were relocating their headquarters to Mare Island. Other new businesses coming to Mare Island this year include LifeGear, a company that creates and produces active lifestyle products for the outdoor and travel industries, and Americ Machinery, which supplies and services construction equipment.

“Mare Island’s accessibility, strategic location and variety of business resources have made it one of the premiere business parks in the North Bay,” Keadjian said.

LMI supports job growth on Mare Island by investing in vacant space to expedite occupancy, conducting aggressive business retention and expansion practices, and the creation of new space through ongoing environmental cleanup work. For more information, visit [www.discovermareisland.com](http://www.discovermareisland.com).

## *“Avery Greene”, continued*

“We are pushing to be the number one volume Honda dealer in the entire state of California,” said company president Avery Greene. “Mare Island offered us the perfect opportunity to expand our business locally in Vallejo.”

Earlier this year, LMI commenced improvements on Building 527 to allow reuse. The improvements included installation of utility meters, new electrical distribution, major roof repairs, new interior and exterior lighting, new exits, repair and replacing roll up doors and man –doors, and minor site work.

“LMI knows the positive impact that car dealerships have on the local economy, generating significant sales tax revenue, supporting jobs and driving economic activity,” said Jason Keadjian, spokesperson for LMI. “We are very excited to have them as part of the Mare Island business community.”

Avery Greene and his Honda dealership have been long-time members of the Vallejo community, having been in business in Vallejo since 1973. On June 5, 2014, Avery Greene conducted a Grand Opening for their new state-of-the-art showroom, service department and collision center located at 800 Admiral Callaghan Lane. The new construction results in an increased inventory from Honda.

“We are excited about our new Mare Island facility because it provides great access, a secure location and the flexibility to respond to the cyclical nature of the car business,” said AK Qadir, General Manager for Avery Greene.

As new businesses continue to locate on Mare Island and existing businesses continue to expand, LMI stays ahead of the market by rehabilitating buildings and infrastructure on Mare Island. LMI began renovations on Building 527, a former Navy shipping and receiving building, in early 2014.

There are currently more than 100 businesses on Mare Island with more than 2,200 full-time jobs and approximately 3.5 million square-feet of commercial space occupied. More than 70 historic buildings have been returned to productive use. LMI continues to focus on business development and job creation, along with the cleanup and infrastructure work necessary to make these opportunities possible.



*Avery Greene Honda’s new Vallejo showroom and Mare Island facility will support further growth of the local dealership.*