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## **Evergreen Development to Break Ground on New Charter School Site in Oro Valley**

Highly-Rated BASIS Scheduled to Open in August at Steam Pump Village

**Oro Valley, Ariz. [April 6, 2010]** – Evergreen Development Company ([www.evergreendev.com](http://www.evergreendev.com)) will break ground today on a site for a 30,000 square foot campus in Oro Valley's Steam Pump Village for the state's third BASIS charter school. BASIS ranked in the top ten on *U.S. News and World Report's* 2009 list of America's Best High Schools, making it Arizona's top ranked school in 2009.

Evergreen and BASIS officials received approval to build the school in March after the Oro Valley Town Council agreed to waive permit and development impact fees, and to expedite building plan reviews so the school can open this August for the next school year.

"A true partnership between Evergreen, the Town of Oro Valley and BASIS was created to ensure that the school opens in time," said Gregg Alpert, chief operating officer for Evergreen Development. "From starting construction drawings to opening the school 5 months later is a very aggressive, if not unprecedented, schedule; but all parties are committed and we believe this unique partnership will allow Evergreen and BASIS to succeed."

Steam Pump Village is a 42 acre mixed-used center on Oracle Rd. just south of Tangerine Rd. Phases one and two of the center are complete and include California Design Center, a Wingate Inn, Carpet One, Chili's, and Baggins. MidFirst Bank has also committed to be a part of phase three of the development.

The Oro Valley BASIS public charter school will be open to all students, and will start as a grade 5-9 facility with roughly 400 students. The school will expand to 12th grade and include as many as 600 pupils. The school's other campuses are located in Tucson and Scottsdale.

Canyon Building & Design was hired by both Evergreen and BASIS to construct the site improvements and the school.

### **About Evergreen**

Founded in 1974, Evergreen has earned a reputation as an industry leader by delivering high-quality real estate development services reliably, efficiently and cost

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