

# Walgreens to replace Castle Superstore at Barbur Crossroads

## THE COUNTRY STORE

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After completely tearing down the former Castle Superstore, a Walgreens drug store that could open as soon as the fall at Southwest Capitol Highway and Barbur Boulevard will offer more than the average store.

Like any Walgreens, the local site will provide retail goods such as contact lenses, beauty products and toys as well as pharmacy and mail services.

Yet, this future store also will be in the new format, which can include additional features, such as an area to host health-related seminars and classes, said Robert Elfinger, a Walgreens spokesman.

Elfinger said these features might include a private room for consultations or immunizations and a pharmacist waiting for customers at a front desk rather than in a back pharmacy.

At 17,610 square feet, the Walgreens at 9855 SW Capitol Hwy will be larger than the average 14,500-square-foot store, Elfinger said.

Walgreens is seeking applications for the Southwest Capitol Highway store and, according to Elfinger, usually hires 25 to 30 people per store.

There currently are 68 Walgreens stores open in Oregon, and the drugstore founded in 1901 now has 7,847



A new Walgreens drugstore is under construction along SW Capitol Highway near Barbur Blvd. (Post photo by Jillian Daley)

locations in the nation and Puerto Rico.

Walgreens officials weigh demographics as well as the level of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in an area when choosing a location, Elfinger said.

"We look for the best corners in America to build our pharmacies," he said.

### New JP Morgan Chase branch opens on Barbur

Not far from the new Walgreens, a JP Morgan Chase bank branch opened on

December 15 at 10065 SW Barbur Blvd.

The branch has nine employees," said Darcy Donahoe-Wilmot, a Chase spokeswoman. It employs a mortgage loan officer, business specialist and financial advisor.

Chase chose the location for reasons including a proximity to major intersections.

There are 115 Chase branches in Oregon and more than 5,400 in the nation. Chase's earliest predecessor, The Manhattan Company, was founded in 1799.

### ZoomCare opening soon in Multnomah Village

More change is on its way to Southwest Portland, including a new urgent care clinic.

ZoomCare, a Hillsboro-headquartered company, is adding five medical clinics over the next few months. The first of its new clinics opens May 10 in Multnomah Village at 7855 SW Capitol Hwy.

The company is hiring more than 20 people for its headquarters and the new clinics, bringing the company's total staff to 110 people, said David Ray, director of marketing at ZoomCare. The Village clinic staff already has been hired.

ZoomCare clinics provide checkups and treatment for illness and injury. The clinics are similar to other primary providers but offer same-day and Skype appointments, which is where the "zoom" comes in. Patients do not have to waste time in the waiting room, Ray said.

"We're taking a wrecking ball to the current health care system, which has been designed around insurance companies and doctors," he said. The other new sites will be in: Portland, one on SW Fourth Avenue and one on East Burnside Street; Vancouver, Wash.; and Salem. There currently are nine ZoomCare clinics in Portland and one in Seattle.

ZoomCare, founded in 2006, chooses  
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