



Officials including rabbis, a state senator, community leaders and store managers join in the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the grand opening, Nov. 6, of the new Safeway supermarket on Southwest Barbur Boulevard and Capitol Hill Road. (Photo courtesy of Rico Teylan, Safeway)

COMMUNITY LIFE

By Don Snedecor
The Southwest Portland Post

5 Winter arts and crafts sale: Hand-crafted items for sale include ceramics, weaving, jewelry, prints, paintings, wood-working and photography created by more than 40 instructors and talented students of the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, in Multnomah Village. Great for holiday gifts! December 5-6, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. December 7, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For

more information call 503-823-2787 or visit www.MultnomahArtsCenter.org.

Samurai! Book Group: Thursday, December 5, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In conjunction with Samurai! Armor from the Ann and Gabriel Barbier-Mueller Collection at the Portland Art Museum, read *The Book of Five Rings* by Miyamoto Musashi. After you register, pick up a copy of the book at the reference desk. Participants will receive a ticket for free admission to the exhibition during select times. *Registration required; register online, in the Hillsdale Library (1525 SW Sunset Blvd) or by calling 503-988-5234.*
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St. Luke Lutheran Church approves \$7 million expansion plan

By Melinda Hasting
The Southwest Portland Post

St. Luke Lutheran Church on 6835 SW 46th Avenue will move forward on the first phase of a \$7 million plan to expand and upgrade its existing campus. The church, which celebrates its 70th anniversary this year, offers a variety of ministry programs to the community, including services to children, youth and senior citizens. Members voted to approve the master plan last December though the vote was not unanimous, according to the church’s website. According to the church, 296 members voted on measures to approve the master plan and the capital campaign. More than 80 percent of the voters approved the master plan and 75 percent voted in favor of the capital

campaign, which is separate from the church’s annual operating budget. The site plan includes more than \$640,000 of costs related to the vacation of Southwest Florida Street and 46th Avenue. The City of Portland will require the church to make improvements to the roads in exchange for obtaining exclusive access. St. Luke Church owns property on the street and the acquisition of control over the roads will not impact homeowners in the neighborhood. In order to build a parking lot on the northeast section of the property, a home owned by the church on Vermont Street will be demolished. Road improvements will also be made. This line item in the budget is estimated to be just over \$500,000. The church owns another building in the northwest portion of their property that houses active retail. The budget

indicates that the retail businesses and its parking lot will not be impacted by the master plan. A spokeswoman for the church attended the November meeting of the Maplewood Neighborhood Association and reiterated that the church had no plans to interrupt the retail activities in the commercial building. She also stressed that the improvements approved are only the first phase in a longer-term plan. More than \$4.7 million in building components will need to be raised after the initial site preparation is complete. The project, when completed, is budgeted to cost just over \$7 million. In order to prepare the site for new construction, additional demolition, excavation, and grading will occur in addition to more parking space. The site preparation is budgeted at nearly \$1.2 million.

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