

Unitus Community Credit Union opens in Multnomah Village

THE COUNTRY STORE

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

The first business has opened on the ground floor of the new four-story apartment building in Multnomah Village. Unitus Community Credit Union clicked on its lights in early February.

"We're happy to be here in Multnomah Village," said Matthew Bauman, branch manager. "We feel lucky to serve our members."

"Help us celebrate the opening of our tenth Unitus branch on March 14. There will be hors d'oeuvres and drinks."

Unitus will be giving away 40 gift cards, each worth up to \$100. There will be a play section for children.

"In addition, someone will win our grand prize pot o' gold worth \$1,000," said Bauman referring to

shamrock entry raffles which are in village shops and can be submitted to the credit union.

Unitus has gone through a few changes since it incorporated as the Oregon Telephone Employees Credit Union in 1937. Their core principle of "People Helping People" has never changed.

Unitus serves 90,000 members in the Pacific Northwest and employs more than 250 individuals. Bauman said that two of their five employees live in the village and walk to work.

Throughout the year, Unitus employees collectively volunteer over 1,300 hours each year participating in various community events including building homes, mentoring at-risk youth, making meals for shelters, and assisting at holiday toy drives.

What about the other businesses scheduled to open in the Multnomah Village Apartments? According to Matt Griffith, Spielmans Ba-

gels will be opening in March. Little Big Burger and Blue Star Donuts will be opening sometime in the future.

Unitus Community Credit Union is located at 7717 SW Capitol Highway and is open from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., excluding holidays. Unitus has scheduled an open house for March 14 from 4-7 p.m.



Unitus Community Credit Union staff include Charles Torres, Matthew Bauman, Austin Anderson, Jeff Scott, and Nicole Yancy. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

Portland Police consider moving Central Precinct to former Sears Armory site

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The Portland Police Bureau's budget request for fiscal year 2018-2019 seeks \$1.7 million in one-time funding to renovate the former Jerome F. Sears U.S. Army Reserve Center for use as a police precinct.

Located at Southwest 25th Avenue and Multnomah Boulevard, the city acquired the Sears property in September 2012 from the Department of Defense with the provision that the building primarily be used for emergency management services.

From November 2015 through May 2016, the city set up a temporary women's homeless shelter in the building.

Police officials would move Central Precinct from downtown, leaving the city core without a major police presence.

According to city spokesperson, Michael Cox, the precinct, which is currently located on the ground floor of the downtown Justice Center, is extremely overcrowded and lacks community meeting space.

"The building is not up to seismic code and affords scarce parking for police vehicles or officers' personal

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