

A new look for Rancho Del Mar center

Safeway plans to expand its store in the Rancho Del Mar shopping center in Aptos by more than 55 percent.

Although all the details haven't been worked out, the expansion is planned for late this year or early next year, a company spokesman said.

The store is now 20,130 square feet; the expansion will add 11,000 square feet immediately north of the present store. Three of the shops that must move to make room for Safeway's expansion have already done so.

Aptos Shoe Repair has moved to 8021 Soquel Drive; the Aptos Clipper Barber Shop has moved across the street from the center, behind Aptos Hardware; The Clubhouse has moved to the Village Square shopping center (next door to Rancho Del Mar) and Amy's Alterations moved in January to the Kendall and Potter building across from the Village Square.

Only the Rancho Del Mar Coffee Shop is left in the space Safeway will take over. The

coffee shop will move to part of the space now occupied by the Windjammer, which will continue to operate.

Other changes in the center:

✓ David Carter of Soquel is buying Armand's Tobacco Parlor from Armand Brugioni and Ginny Chaisson. He plans no major changes.

✓ Aptos Jewelers has moved into the old Webber's Camera location and Bookworks has enlarged its store by taking over the space (600 square feet) left by Aptos Jewelers.

✓ Audrey Pancake, owner of Merle Norman Cosmetics, has purchased Ginni's Intimate Apparel.

✓ Rainbow's End gift and card shop has moved from Deer Park Center into the space formerly used by Aptos Arts and Crafts, whose owner retired.

Greg Schmitt, manager of the shopping center, said some exterior remodeling is also planned at the center.