



Talking UP

News from the City of University Place
Economic Development Office

February 2024



MARCH RIBBON CUTTINGS

Please make plans to join us as we welcome two new businesses to University Place. Stop by to welcome them to the neighborhood and to learn more about what they have to offer.



Old Times Bakery	Brock's Academy
5502 Orchard St. W, Ste. 1A	6721 Regents Blvd.
Thursday, March 14	Tuesday, March 19
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	4-7 p.m.

NW MEDICAL ARTS RECOGNIZED FOR KINDNESS INITIATIVE



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION RETAINS MEMBERS FOR 2024



On Feb. 12, U.P. Mayor Javier Figueroa presented to Northwest Medical Arts a Certificate of Recognition for their contributions to the community by “promoting and organizing Random Acts of Kindness Week” activities in U.P.

Pictured (left to right): Mayor Javier Figueroa, Heather Grods and Shanti Benoit Boyce (owners of Northwest Medical Arts), Council Member Melanie Grassi, Amy Flippo (owner of Harbornest in Gig Harbor), Holly Shaw and Brandi Nix (owner of Artful Beauty Studio in University Place). Artful Beauty and Harbornest have worked closely with Northwest Medical Arts to reach out to the community.

SPRING AHEAD ON MARCH 10

Don't forget! Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. on March 10. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour.



At its February meeting, the Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDAC) Chair Michael Gruener and Vice Chair Joshua Koontz agreed to remain in those roles for another year. Other members of the EDAC serving in 2024 are local business community members:

- Dawn Morris
- John Siridakis
- Rick Larson
- Ron Kent
- Jason Light (Chamber of Commerce rep)

The EDAC serves as a sounding board for various business community interests, and as the "eyes and ears" for the City in the business community. It also assists with community outreach efforts to communicate economic development initiatives that impact the University Place community.

The EDAC meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 8 a.m. at First Financial NW Bank, 3555 Market Place W, Suite 1.

The meetings are open to the public.

SPRING 2024 HOME-BASED BUSINESS RECEPTION IS MARCH 12



Home-based business owners as well as those who own brick-and-mortar businesses are encouraged to attend the Spring 2024 Home-based Business Reception on Tuesday, March 12 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at NW Medical Arts (5350 Orchard St. W, Ste. 202).

This is a great opportunity to network with all kinds of business owners in U.P. and learn more about how to support each other.

Please RSVP to [Becky Metcalf](#) by March 8.

