



Talking UP

News from the City of University Place
Economic Development Office

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BE A PART OF THE FUN: ATTEND U.P.'S RIBBON CUTTINGS



In nearly every issue of Talking UP, we share news about upcoming ribbon cuttings and grand openings (or re-openings). In the last few weeks, U.P. leaders, City staff and other local business owners joined the owners of Brock's Academy and Old Times Bakery and Deli in celebrating the openings of these newest additions to the U.P. business community.

These events are a great way to make new businesses feel welcome and to build new connections. Take a few minutes out of your day the next time you see one on the calendar and join in the festivities.

UPPD CHIEF PAT BURKE TO SPEAK AT APRIL WESTSIDE WAKEUP



University Place Police Chief Pat Burke will be the guest speaker at the April 26 quarterly Wakeup meeting of the Westside Branch of the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Boathouse 19 (9001 S. 19th St., Tacoma).

Enjoy a light breakfast and network with colleagues from U.P. and Fircrest. The event is \$5 for Chamber members and \$10 for non-Chamber members. Register in advance [here](#).



PARTNER UP AT CHAMBERS BAY ON JUNE 13

The City of U.P. Economic Development Department and the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce will hold a special joint Partner UP After-Hours Happy Hour and Social at Chambers Bay on Thursday, June 13.

Watch future issues of Talking UP for more details and make plans to enjoy the views and camaraderie at Chambers Bay at 5:30 p.m. on June 13.



GET SMART: BUSINESS TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Pierce County Business Skills Program

Busy small business owners and entrepreneurs can hone their business acumen on their own time and at their own pace with these free, on-demand business classes that focus on the basics of how to succeed in business. Sign up today.

BECU Inclusive Entrepreneur Program

A free entrepreneurship program for Black, Indigenous or Persons of Color who want to start or grow a business. Get access to free mentorship, business tools and seed funding. Application deadline is April 3.

SBA THRIVE: Train. Hope. Rise. Innovate. Venture. Elevate.

This intensive executive-level training series offers opportunities for small business owners to work with professional coaches and mentors, gain skills needed to grow, and develop connections with peers, local leaders and the financial community. Application deadline is April 28.



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