

Talking UP

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ANOTHER RIBBON CUTTING TO CELEBRATE IN U.P.



Make plans to
celebrate
another ribbon
cutting as we
welcome
another new
business to

U.P.:

Pizza Pizazz
5510 Orchard St. W.
July 24
11 a.m.-noon

After the celebration, grab a pizza to go
and bring lunch to your employees!

SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH WORKFORCE CENTRAL

WorkForce Central, which supports
workforce development and economic
vitality in Pierce County, is offering
small business grants of up to \$15,000
to eligible businesses (up to 50
employees) licensed in Washington State
and located in Pierce County.

The grants are meant to support
projects that encourage workforce
development initiatives and
procurement of assets to
facilitate business growth and
expansion. The funds are prioritized

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR STUDENTS



The Linton Insurance Agency at 7409
27th St. W. will hold its 4th Annual
Back-to-School Supply Drive from July 8
to Aug. 9. Stop by to contribute
donations such as backpacks, pencils,
pens, notebooks, glue sticks and rulers.
Monetary contributions are also
welcome.

Please join the Linton Agency in
supporting this campaign that helps
children in our community.

FOUR CORNERS SURVEY CLOSES JULY 31

for self-attested Black, Latine and Native American business owners and their employees. The grants should address disparities, strengthen the local economy, grow local talent, and create jobs in Pierce County.

Get all the details and the application form [here](#). Applications will be reviewed at least bi-monthly.



VILLAGE AT CHAMBERS BAY PARKING METERS GO LIVE THIS MONTH



Watch this [brief video](#) about the new parking meters along Market Place West in the Village at Chambers Bay. They are scheduled to be activated on Monday, July 22.

The 90-minute meters cost \$0.50 for the first half hour. Additional 15-minute increments are \$0.25, with the fee being \$1.50 for the full 90-minutes allowed. The meters will be active from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays and Saturdays and accept coins, credit cards and the PaybyPhone app. Parking is free on Sundays and holidays. ADA stalls are not metered.

There are eight stalls around Market Court and two additional parallel stalls on Market Street by the Civic Building that offer free 15-minute parking for quick stops. In addition, there are more than 500 free parking spaces in the Village at Chambers Bay garage and free parking along Bridgeport Way West.



There are just a few days left to share your thoughts about

the future of the Four Corners area where South 19th and South Mildred streets intersect.

Within the next 20 years, Sound Transit plans to extend the Tacoma Link light rail to this intersection. The new station will connect Tacoma Community College to Sea-Tac International Airport, Seattle and points further north in King County.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to complete a brief [10-question survey](#) to share their hopes, visions—and concerns—about how this will affect the Four Corners area. The survey will close July 31. Don't miss this chance to lend your voice to the conversation.

MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

Be sure to make the most of our great Pacific Northwest summer weather to encourage people to learn more about what your business has to offer.

Whether offering simple or sweet giveaways such as cold water or popsicles or using a little extra outdoor space to display your wares, put our long, sunny days to work for you and expand your reach to new customers.



The new metered parking spaces will support the equitable turnover of parking spots for patrons of Village businesses.

