

Talking UP

News from the City of University Place
Economic Development Office

June 2023



ANOTHER NEW BUSINESS COMES TO TOWN



Please join us for a ribbon cutting at one of U.P.'s newest businesses.

Northwest Medical Arts
Tuesday, June 27
1:30 to 2:30 p.m.
5350 Orchard St. W.
Ste 202

NEW HOME-BASED BUSINESSES GATHER AT INFORMAL RECEPTION

In May, the City of University Place Economic Development Department hosted a small reception for home-based businesses (HBB) in U.P. Seven new HBBs participated in the event at Happy Duo Café. It was an opportunity to network with other entrepreneurs and share information about their products and services, which range from fresh baked goods to home care. Several members of the City Council, including Mayor Steve Worthington, were at the event and thanked the HBBs for their contributions to the local economy.

THE IMPORTANT ROLE YOUR BUSINESS PLAYS IN PREVENTING STORMWATER POLLUTION



As of this year, the Washington State Department of Ecology requires the City of University Place to conduct routine inspections of commercial, industrial and multi-family facilities throughout the City of University Place to prevent pollutants from coming into contact with stormwater.

Make sure your business is doing its part in preventing stormwater pollution by:

- Maintaining proper storage and containment of chemicals.
- Having a spill plan and clean-up kit.

The Economic Development Department will hold a similar event this fall. New home-based business owners are encouraged to attend and introduce themselves to the community. Watch future issues of Talking UP for more information about the date and location.



TIME IT RIGHT: STRENGTHEN YOUR BUSINESS SKILLS ON YOUR OWN TIME



Pierce County, in partnership with Pacific Lutheran University, has developed a free Business Skills program. This is an on-demand training program that enables participants to take the courses based on their own schedules and availability. The topics covered include:

- Business Plan Basics
- Booking Basics
- Tax Reporting
- Business Law
- Marketing Strategies
- Sales Skills
- Intercultural Communications
- Web Design
- Graphic Design

- Regularly maintaining your property's stormwater system, including catch basins and onsite drainage.
- Closing and keeping clean your commercial dumpster areas. Uncovered and leaking dumpsters can cause pollutants such as chemicals, bacteria and organic matter to mix with rainwater that drains into the stormwater system

U.P. businesses should be aware that City staff may stop by to inspect your site, learn about your business activities and determine if any actions are needed to prevent stormwater pollution. If problems are identified, staff will provide information on how to correct the situation and can provide technical assistance if needed. Follow-up visits may occur to check on remediation efforts.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact **Todd Smith** in the City's Engineering Department at 253.460.5432.



PARTNER UP AT CHAMBERS BAY ON THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Connect and network with other U.P. business owners at this FREE and casual happy hour.

For complete details, including how to register, visit the **Pierce County Business Skills Program website**. The program is part of the Pierce County Community Navigator program and is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

- Hospitality tent at Chambers Bay Golf Course
- 5:30 to 7 p.m.
- Light refreshments and the amazing views Chambers Bay offers

Please RSVP to **Becky Metcalf** by June 19.

