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ANOTHER BUSINESS CELEBRATION



On Friday, April 18, U.P. officials held a special ribbon cutting ceremony for The Essential Pantry, one of the City's newest businesses. Located at 3550 Market Place W., Suite 105 in the Village at Chambers Bay, The Essential Pantry offers a diverse selection of craft-made vinegars, extra virgin olive oils, premium salts, aromatic herbs and hand-selected teas from around the world.

FREE COMMUNITY DENTAL EVENT



LifeBridge Church at 4707 Elwood Drive in U.P. will be the location of a free dental clinic on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. The clinic will open at 7:30 a.m. each day, with patients seen on a first come, first served basis.

Dental professionals will provide cleanings, fillings and extractions to

NEW CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY IN VILLAGE AT CHAMBERS BAY

Construction crews are hard at work at the northeast corner of Bridgeport Way West and 37th Street West, adjacent to the building that houses Five Guys, Orange Theory and MOD Pizza.

Plans call for a new 11,000-square-foot building to occupy the lot, which will ultimately house four commercial tenants. When finished, the project will complete the portion of the Village at Chambers Bay that stretches from 37th Street to Whole Foods on the east side of Bridgeport Way.



27TH STREET BUSINESS DISTRICT DRAFT PLAN TO GO BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

During its meeting on Monday, May 5, the City Council will hold a study session on the **draft plan for the 27th Street Business District**.

The draft plan is the result of more than a year of work by City staff, including a community survey that asked residents and business owners for thoughts on what they would like the area to look

patients 18 years or older. No insurance is required. Get all the details [here](#).

Volunteer dentists and hygienists hope to be able to see 200 or more patients over the course of the two days, but the total number will depend upon the number of dental professionals who volunteer to participate.

LEADING THE WAY

Two University Place business owners were honored as members of South Sound Business magazine's **40 Under 40** list.

Congratulations to Burhan Saleh of B's Hot Chicken and Heather Grods of Northwest Medical Arts for being recognized for sharing their time and talents to support philanthropic efforts that make our community a safer, cleaner and better place to live.

like in the future. The goal was to identify policies, actions and projects that will support growth, population and employment forecasts for this historic business center.

Additional study sessions and a public hearing will occur later this year. Look for updates in future issues of Talking UP.



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CELEBRATE SUCCESS

The public is invited to join Northwest Medical Arts for a special Open House on Saturday May 17 to celebrate their two-year anniversary. There will be food, beverages, raffles and the opportunity to connect with other members of the U.P. community.

Since opening in April 2023, Northwest Medical Arts has been voted the best medical spa in the News Tribune's "Best of Pierce County" competition, 253 Lifestyle magazine's "Finest" for Aesthetics & Beauty, and has been a key supporter of community events.

Does your business have an anniversary, expansion or other big news to share? Please email [Becky Metcalf](#) so we can include it in a future issue of Talking UP.



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