

2024 EXCELLENT 10 WINNERS

CITY OF SUMNER MAINSTREET FIRE DISASTER RESPONSE



A 3-alarm fire caused damage to multiple businesses in downtown Sumner. The City of Sumner took proactive steps to assist affected businesses by utilizing disaster funding from the Department of Commerce. The city supported the businesses' recovery and rebuild in the fire's aftermath. The response is a shining example of community resilience and unity in times of crisis.

IMAGINE VAN GOGH EXHIBIT AT TACOMA ARMORY



Tacoma Arts Live brought the Imagine Van Gogh exhibit to the Tacoma Armory, transforming traditional art viewing into a more interactive experience where the paintings envelop the viewer. At the same time, classical music set the mood and offered a unique way to appreciate and engage with art. The idea of spending 45 minutes immersed in this environment, transported into another world, promised a memorable and enriching experience for visitors.

JOBS 253 - TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Jobs 253, a partnership between the Tacoma Public Schools and the City of Tacoma, offers employment opportunities for sophomores and juniors to gain essential job training and work experience. Through the Jobs 253 Program, students gain practical skills and can also earn high school credit toward graduation. Participating students receive stipends funded by the City of Tacoma to enhance the program's accessibility and effectiveness, providing financial support to incentivize students to fulfill their job requirements. Jobs 253 equips youth with the necessary skills and experience to succeed in their academic and future careers.

PANATTONI DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, INC. - FRED310



The FRED310 industrial park in Frederickson, under development by Panattoni Development Company, Inc., is a \$700 million+ investment. The distribution space, totaling 3.9 million square feet, indicates a significant logistics operation. The mix of speculative buildings and pre-leased spaces show both confidence in the project's success and strategic planning in securing tenants ahead of completion.

PIERCE COLLEGE PUYALLUP STEM BUILDING



The new Pierce College Puyallup STEM building is a collaboration between Absher Construction and Integrus Architecture. The facility is designed to provide a conducive environment for faculty and students, fostering collaboration, innovation, and academic excellence across various disciplines. Investing in the state-of-the-art facility demonstrates a commitment to advancing education and research in the sciences, benefiting the institution and our broader community.

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SEATAC PACKAGING FREDERICKSON EXPANSION



SeaTac Packaging is committed to growing and continues to be one of Pierce County's leading BIPOC-owned firms. It has injected a substantial investment into the local economy, totaling over \$48 million. The acquisition of the former Carlson Paving site in the Frederickson manufacturing and industrial center and the planned \$8 million investment in new equipment represents a significant step forward for SeaTac Packaging. This expansion is expected to retain 86 positions and create 10 new jobs in Pierce County, contributing to job stability and growth in the region.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH OF TACOMA, WA SOLAR PROJECT



Shiloh Baptist Church installed solar power generation through Tacoma Power's Evergreen Options program, which offers residents and businesses in Tacoma the opportunity to support renewable energy and reduce their carbon footprint. By participating in Evergreen Options, Shiloh Baptist Church contributes to the growth of renewable energy infrastructure in the region and supports the transition to a more sustainable energy future.

TAHOMA GLOBAL LOGISTICS - PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS



The launch of Tahoma Global Logistics by the Puyallup Tribe represents a significant step towards leveraging the Tribe's properties along the Blair Waterway in Tacoma. With its convenient port access and registered foreign trade zone status, the property provides a strategic advantage for customers seeking to streamline their supply chain operations. The launch of this international logistics company underscores the Puyallup Tribe's commitment to economic development and diversification and contributes to the growth and competitiveness of the Tacoma area as a critical hub for international trade and commerce.

THE ASTOR AT THE WASHINGTON BUILDING, UNICO PROPERTIES, LLC



The Astor at the Washington Building, Unico Properties, LLC, marks a significant milestone in revitalizing downtown Tacoma, bringing 156 apartments alongside retail space. The project addresses the need for housing and enhances the downtown core's livability and economic vitality. This collaboration between Unico Properties and various departments within Tacoma's government, including the Community and Economic Development Department, Historic Preservation Office, Parking Services, and Planning and Development Services, demonstrates a concerted effort to leverage public and private resources for community revitalization and economic growth.

VIRGINIA MASON FRANCISCAN HEALTH VIRTUAL NURSING PROGRAM



The value of virtual health care was a significant takeaway from the COVID pandemic, especially in addressing challenges like nursing shortages and burnout. Virginia Mason Franciscan Health's launch of the Enhanced Collaborative Care Program, the first acute virtual care nursing program on the West Coast, is a prime example of this adaptation.

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