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## Brewed for success: A message from Quincy Henry, Campfire Coffee co-founder and CEO

There aren't many places in the country that have what Tacoma has. It's a big city crammed into a small city, and still has that hometown feel. It's an environment that believes in people who want to try new things, and there's a civic pride you want to be a part of. For a small business like ours started during a pandemic, we needed that. [Campfire Coffee](#)'s success could only happen here.

We've received a constant flow of support from the City of Tacoma and Pierce County. They offered every service and resource imaginable during the pandemic to keep us afloat. And when word got out that we were having issues with our current roasting facility, people came together to help find a new space. From real estate owners to Economic Development Department folks to the mayor, the message was the same: "We're here, we love what you're doing, and we want to keep you in Tacoma."

Next year, we look forward to making the [Rhodes Center](#) in downtown Tacoma our homebase. Our new roastery will offer tours and events, and our new retail space - our flagship store - will not only feature our coffee and coffee products, but also focus on our love of camping.

We look forward to what's ahead, Tacoma.



## Rock and roll at the EDB Annual Meeting, Nov. 16

We've waited a long time to get together, and now it's time to celebrate live and in person. The EDB is ready and eager to welcome leaders from across the region.

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## Pierce County Business Accelerator blazes new path

In less than a year, PCBA graduated 9 cohorts and provided 200 business owners and entrepreneurs with business training, coaching and more.

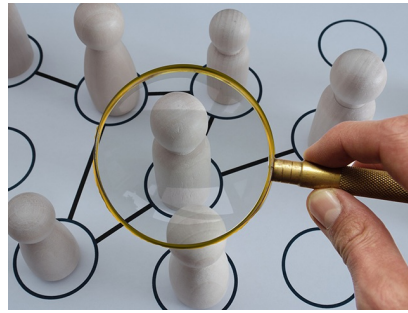
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### Nurturing success: Local resources for South Sound entrepreneurs

There are abundant local resources and support to help start and grow a business in Pierce County.

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### Pierce County's up-and-coming entrepreneurs

Meet 10 up-and-coming entrepreneurs and founders who have chosen the South Sound to launch and grow their big ideas.

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## NEWSBRIEFS

### Pierce County Business Accelerator Showcase, Nov. 8

Register today to mix, mingle and celebrate more than 100 PCBA grads at McGavick Conference Center. The FREE event will spotlight some of the most exciting and diverse businesses on the rise in Pierce County.

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### Hire Pierce County Virtual Job Fair, Nov. 17

The WorkForce Central hiring event is focused on transportation, warehousing and logistics. Complete a job fair interest form if your company would like to participate.

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### Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy + Resiliency program

The C-PACER program allows owners and developers of eligible properties in Pierce County to get low-interest, long-term financing for qualifying energy, efficiency and resiliency projects.

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### Go Global program offers funds for website design or upgrades

A Washington State Department of Commerce program offers successful applicants up to \$4,000 to design a new website, upgrade an existing one, or add online ordering.

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### Minimum wage increase coming in January

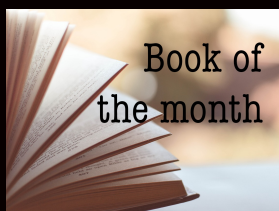
The minimum wage in Washington State is set to increase from \$14.49 to \$15.74 an hour starting January 2023. Employers should be aware of how the increase applies to their business.

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### Time, trust and technology key to small business success

A new Washington State Department of Commerce study documents services available to help small businesses succeed and access the funding they need to thrive.

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### What are you reading?

EDB President Bruce Kendall recommends [Red Notice](#) by Bill Browder.

"High finance, corruption and murder in Putin's Russia. A true story and cautionary tale for our times."

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