

Columbia City - Time to Gather

Virtual CCBA Meeting, next Tues.

April 7th 9am - 10:30am

We can't wait any longer for our next CCBA meeting. We will be using the "ZOOM" application to convene everyone virtually. We will send you an e-mail Zoom Meeting invite. It will have the link to the meeting and a link to test your access, audio and video. We can only accommodate 100 participants in the meeting. So please accept or decline the invitation when it comes. **Please mark your calendar now**, and expect a calendar invite. Can't wait to see everyone in one place... like the old days!

Some Good News.

At least one of our small, locally owned Columbia City businesses has received \$10,000 from the City's Small Business Stabilization Fund grant program. Anyone else???

Important Forgivable Loan Program

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is a federal loan program aimed at helping businesses who have been impacted by COVID-19 retain their workforce. The loan can be forgiven if the money is used as intended. Talk to your bank right away.

For info,click here: https://www.uschamber.com/sites/default/files/023595_comm_corona_virus_smallbiz_loan_final.pdf

Webinar about the program noon today (Friday), click here <https://downtownseattle.org/events/dsa-virtual-access/>

To get on a bank's list for this program, consider our CCBA member WaFd Bank: <https://www.wafdbank.com/business-banking/small-business/cares-sba-loan-paycheck-protection>

Repeat: Our suggestions for physical security

Please **fight the urge to board up windows**. Instead, our police advise:

- If you see something – say something!! Call 911 immediately to report all suspicious and criminal behavior.
- Post emergency contact info on the front and rear of your space.
- Remove all expensive items from window displays.
- Light the inside and outside of your business, all night long.
- Keep your cash register open and obviously empty.
- Install cameras and turn on alarms.
- Check your business regularly and work with neighboring business owners to keep an eye on each other's property.
- Hide tip jars and consider having mail stopped.

