

Our open businesses need your support.

Last weekend, Lottie's introduced a mid-day outdoor hot dog stand. The non-stop line of customers (appropriately distanced) shows how desperate folks are to get out of the house.

For information on open restaurant, grocery, service and retail businesses, please look at the CCBA homepage (<https://www.columbiacityseattle.com/>) for Columbia City businesses and <https://essentialseseattle.com/> for businesses throughout Southeast Seattle.

Please send to info@columbiacityseattle.com any changes in your hours, offerings, or online access, so we can post accurate information. Also, let us know if you need an Open Sign (see below: left - Food Take-Out, right - Retail or Service).

Re-Opening Guidance

Here's the link to the full list of reopening guidance for all current businesses, including Phase 2 restaurant guidance: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers>



Just available...advice and tools for tenants needing lease concessions.

From the Office of Economic Development and Communities Rise come these resources:

COVID-19 Lease Amendment Toolkit: <https://communities-rise.org/covid-19-resources/lease-amendment/>

COVID-19 Legal Clinic intake form for businesses who are interested in meeting with a lawyer for a free 60-minute consultation: <https://communities-rise.org/covid-19-resources/legal-inquiry/> General criteria to receive the legal consultation services: (a) must be a business with 50 employees or less; must be a business adversely impacted by COVID-19; and must be a Washington State business

**Communities Rise offers phone interpretation support in many different languages. If interpretation support is needed, please be sure to select the language you need in the intake form.*

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) still open for applications.

The federal government's Paycheck Protection Program has drawn a lot of headlines as the most visible form of immediate relief for businesses. What you might not know is that the PPP still has funding available. At the end of April, Congress authorized another \$310 billion for the program. As of May 7, there was approximately \$125 billion or so left, and it is being disbursed at a rate of about \$2 billion per day.

Have you noticed the “road closed” signs?

The City (SDOT) has launched [Stay Healthy Streets](#) to allow for safe social distancing while walking, rolling, running, skating, and biking. Stay Healthy Streets are closed to thru-traffic - but not to residents or deliveries - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Starting last Friday, May 8, SDOT added 3 miles in Rainier Valley. The route generally follows the existing Neighborhood Greenway, from Dearborn to Rainier Beach and Othello. The Greenway crosses Rainier Avenue at South Ferdinand, in the center of Columbia City; SDOT says that South Ferdinand **will not be closed to thru-traffic** at this time.

We're keeping track of business district security issues.

Bike Works has had a rash of break-in's and alarm triggers over the past few months. They have had repeated break-ins at the South Hudson lower-level location through both doors and through a few windows. And, last week around 2 am, they broke down the porch front door at the South Ferdinand Bike Shop and police arrived to find the door open. Mostly they are stealing used bikes; the culprits just smash in and grab whatever they can as the alarm starts blaring. The police know of the situation and Bike Works has asked for extra patrols.

At **Crysanthemum**, a woman got off Bus 7 around 2:00 am one night last week and proceeded to smash the shop's front door glass by repeatedly hurling large rocks at it. Eventually she was able to damage the safety glass enough to gain entry. She then took armfuls of kids clothing, new dolls, new toys, shoes, etc. At one point a man joined her and helped her move the boxes and bins across the street to the Bank of America side of Rainier. The SPD detective assigned has an ID on the suspect from the security video. They are hoping to get additional video footage from bank and bus cameras and be able to identify the male suspect who met her at the bus stop and apparently took a lot of the merchandise with him.

South Precinct Commander, Todd Kibbee, has told us that his 3rd Watch officers (late-night shift) are "aware of the issues in Columbia City and will keep an eye out as best as possible". Just reported...there has been an arrest.

43 Members attended CCBA's virtual meeting on May 5th.

A key part of the meeting was small group discussion around the question, "how can the CCBA best support successful re-openings for our businesses and our business district?" The common theme was letting our neighbors know, at each phase of the re-opening, that Columbia City businesses are following "best practices" for keeping their employees and customers safe. Our Member Services, Marketing, and Business Development committees will all be working on this challenge.

**Our Next
CCBA
Meeting
via ZOOM
Tuesday,
June 9th,
9:00 AM**

Thoughts about the post-Covid future.

Dave Egan of Viro Verite sent us this think-piece about potential future (5-year) political-economic-societal scenarios. You may find it interesting and helpful for your business planning: <https://www2.deloitte.com/global/en/pages/about-deloitte/articles/covid-19/covid-19-scenarios-and-impacts-for-business-and-society-world-remade.html#>



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