

# ORCAS NEWS

Orcas Business Park Newsletter



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## **Seattle Wholesale Growers Market Mural**

Seattle artist Josephine Rice has painted the finishing touches on a multi-hued floral mural on the South Orcas Street home of the Seattle Wholesale Growers Market Cooperative. Rice started painting the building's 65 foot by 25 foot facade on April 15, and finished just in time for the market's Mother's Day Market on Saturday, May 11. Rice is a floral designer herself and a former market employee. "I'm fascinated by flowers — obsessed, really," she says. Years ago, she visited the market for inspiration, which was the spark that led her to become a florist. "It perfectly merges my love of plants, romance and making art." The project was financed by a Kickstarter campaign that drew 76 backers who pledged \$9,299. The mural also got the thumbs up and financial support from the Harvey family, owners of Orcas Business Park.



## **Did you know? – Memorial Day**

Memorial Day isn't just an excuse to take a long weekend and loaf around eating grilled meats—although those are certainly among the reasons to love the holiday. So, before you head out to your barbecues and pool parties, here are some facts about everybody's favorite summer kick-off holiday.

**It was originally called Decoration Day**

To honor the deceased, soldiers would decorate graves of their fallen comrades with flowers, flags and wreaths. Hence Decoration Day. Although Memorial Day became its official title in the 1880s, the holiday wouldn't legally become Memorial Day until 1967. **It wasn't always celebrated the last Monday of May** After the Civil War, General John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, called for a holiday commemorating fallen soldiers to be observed every May 30. But due to the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which took effect in 1971, Memorial Day was moved to the last Monday of May to ensure long weekends. Some groups, like the veterans' organization American Legion, have been working to restore the original date to set Memorial Day apart and pay proper tribute to the servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives defending the nation.

### **Chair mats & Carpet Cleaning**

**As a reminder to all, chair mats are required for all offices. This helps prevent damage to the carpets and avoids extra move out costs of replacing carpet. Make sure your mats are large enough that your chairs do not roll off and are in good condition. Orcas has mats available for \$50. Please let us know if you need any new ones. Further, we highly recommend having your office carpets cleaned annually. Particularly units with high foot traffic. Again, this can prevent us from having to replace the carpets at move out, and save you money. Please reach out to the office to get your carpet cleaning scheduled! Or contact Rick at Action Janitorial: [rickuno@comcast.net](mailto:rickuno@comcast.net)**

### **New Tenant: Security of America**

We are happy to welcome Security of America who joined Orcas Business Park in building O at 655 S. Orcas St. last month. Some of you may have noticed their security vehicles parked behind the warehouse that is home to Seattle Wholesale Growers Market and Go Time Sports.

They provide either armed or unarmed officers for patrol and on-site duties. Their clients include schools, shopping centers, construction sites, hotels, retirement communities and more.

Orcas Maintenance staff member James is back! He was missed, and after a 5 month absence we are happy to welcome him back to Orcas Business Park. Be sure to say hello and ask him about his adventures if you see him around!