



Tongass Federal Credit Union

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since 1963

Supporting Small Business in a BIG WAY!

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Monday-Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm
Saturday 8:30am - 2:30pm

THE COMMONS AT TFCU

Did you know we offer small business loans, credit cards, and accounts? The word is getting out and we are rapidly growing Business Services. We are delighted to support small businesses with low-rate loans and terrific low-cost business products. We also recently opened **The Commons at TFCU** with small businesses and entrepreneurs in mind.



The Commons is Tongass Federal Credit Union's Business Development and Resource Center. The mission of The Commons at TFCU is to provide a place where entrepreneurs, small businesses, and individuals can learn, grow, and collaborate. Our vision is to see small businesses of Alaska find success through collaboration and education. The Commons offers several resources including short term rental offices and semi-private workspaces, pop-up shop opportunities, a farmers market, and Thirsty Thursdays, our business workshop/webinar series brought to you by local experts. Our first Thirsty Thursday held on June 3, featured Jeremy Yoder, owner of Pilothouse Coffee and Ketchikan Crepe, Co. He gave a terrific presentation on marketing which was presented in-person and broadcast over Zoom and Facebook Live.

The Commons has been a place to meet, collaborate, and seek new opportunities. Since we opened in early December 2020, our anchor tenant, Pilothouse Coffee, has served specialty drinks and food and created an atmosphere that is truly a "Refuge from the Rain." Meetings like a bride meeting with her wedding planner, a contractor meeting with his clients, and an employer meeting with applicants have taken place at The Commons. The semi-private spaces were used by TFCU to offer Virtual VITA Tax assistance. And a local job seeker, out of work for months, used a space, and the free internet included, to write his resume and participate in online job interviews. The three days he spent at The Commons resulted in a new job! Office spaces have been used for online meetings, training and private client meetings. We can't wait to see what else happens at The Commons!

TFCU is committed to supporting the future of local entrepreneurs and small business owners.



Senator Sullivan even stopped by, when he visited Ketchikan in May, to see what The Commons was all about!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE COMMONS

Join us on Thursdays at 2PM for Thirsty Thursday FREE business workshops with different speakers and presentations.

Free drop-in Business Plan Sessions with Shelly Hill from the Alaska Small Business Development Center - Ketchikan and Spruce Root Tuesdays from 4PM to 6PM through July 13th.

Farmers Market Saturdays from 10AM to 2PM once monthly through September!

Follow us on Facebook @ [thecommonsattfcu](https://www.facebook.com/thecommonsattfcu) for more info!

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THE COMMONS AT TFCU PARTNERS

When we made plans for The Commons at TFCU, we knew we wanted to reach out to partners that would make our collaborative space work well for growing businesses.

- Jeremy and Barbie Yoder, owners of Pilothouse Coffee, and their crew have created an atmosphere that welcomes and encourages a place to meet, relax, or work.
- Grow Ketchikan, and Executive Director Deborah Hayden, was our first office tenant. We were delighted to welcome a local non-profit organization into the building, especially one focused on assisting Ketchikan's local small businesses and entrepreneurs.
- With a 4,000 sf lot next to the building and a desire to support food security and education, we contacted Ketchikan Community Gardens. We provided the free space and they built the garden spaces and fencing. We can't wait to see the harvest!
- Soon we will host an ongoing art gallery with Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council and are looking forward to seeing local artists showcase their work in the space!

These local collaborative partnerships build up Ketchikan's small business community. Credit unions are financial cooperatives and working well with others is simply part of our DNA. If you would like to partner with us, please email thecommons@tongassfcu.com and share your ideas!



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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

We are proud to announce the 2021 JUMP START YOUR LIFE Scholarship winners!

Terra Hoyt from Wrangell (left) - Terra will be heading to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut this upcoming Fall.

Kathleen Dahlstrom from Craig (center) - Kathleen will attend Yavapai College in Prescott, Arizona to become a licensed ultrasound technician.

Autumn Yoder from Ketchikan (right) - Autumn will be attending the University of Alaska Fairbanks in the Fall to study Nursing.



DID YOU KNOW?

TFCU has conducted 40 separate in-school (via zoom or in person) financial education sessions reaching 646 students this year! Our Financial Literacy for Youth program is going strong!



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CLOSURES THIS QUARTER

Monday, July 5th
Independence Day (observed)

Monday, September 6th
Labor Day

