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Percolator opening second Norfolk co-working location

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Norfolk entrepreneurs and freelancers will now have a little more space to craft their ideas and get their businesses going.

The Percolator co-working space is expanding into a second, 20,000-square-foot location at 253 Monticello Ave. The second space is coming after the original location a few hundred feet away at 259 Granby St. filled up with members after just six months of operation, according to a news release.

The new place will have office spaces on the second and third floors of the property. The 70,000-square-foot building also includes space on the first floor for training and special events.

Owner and operator Bobby Wright said in an email statement that Percolator provides a caring community manager and a foundation of mentors and curators who focus on helping people build relationships within the community. He said membership also includes support from universities, the city of Norfolk and the private sector.

“We facilitate relationships,” Wright said.

In addition to Percolator, Wright and his real estate company have also helped develop the downtown Urban Outfitters retail store and Sweet Teas Southern Cuisine, among other businesses.

The original 10,000-square-foot location was designed for the card and board game company Decipher, according to the release. The space includes skylights, audio-visual rooms, Ping-Pong and foosball tables, desk and office space and mailboxes.

Membership to Percolator also includes high speed internet, snacks and drinks, a copier and access to the Gym Downtown fitness center. Membership prices range from \$75 a month to \$575 a month for a furnished private office for up to eight people, according to the website.

Downtown Norfolk Council President and CEO Mary Miller praised Percolator in the release, and likened the concept to her organization’s business incubator in Seldon Market — a project that offers low, short-term rent to local startups.

“A whole new business community is emerging in these spaces with an emphasis on sharing information, contacts and success,” Miller said.

For more information about Percolator, go to percolatorspace.com.