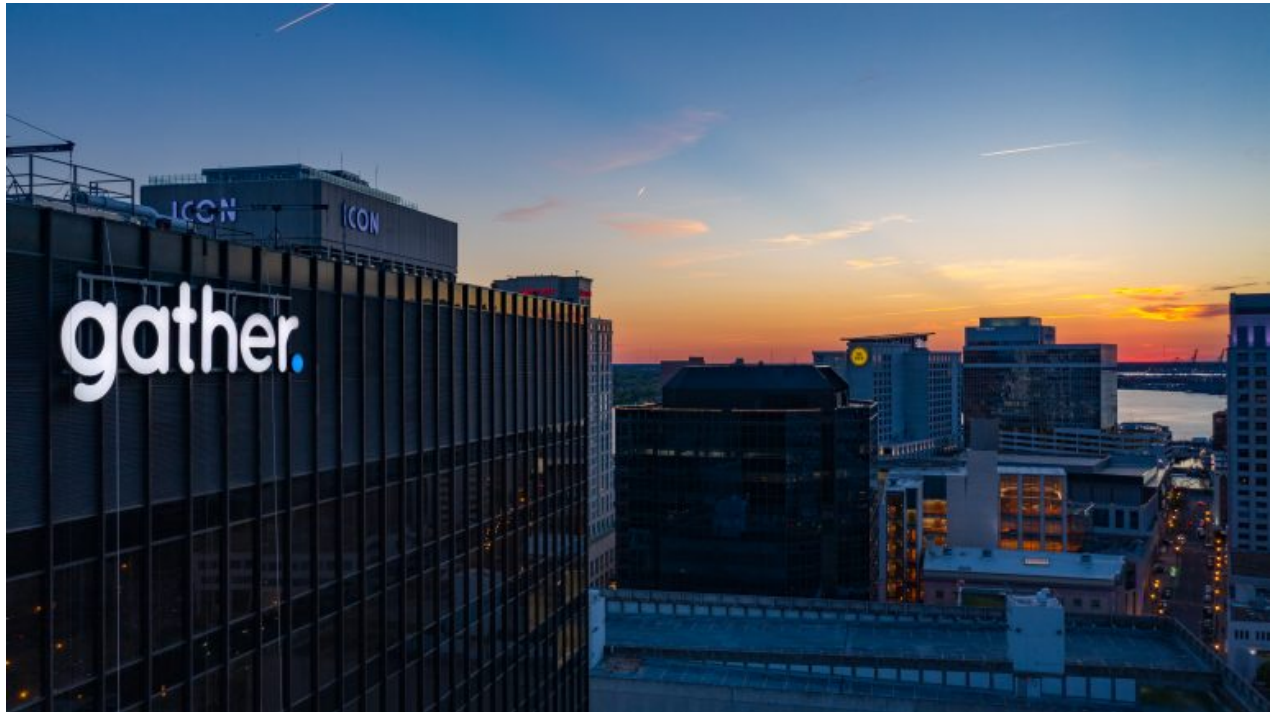


Businesses, freelancers and startups can ‘Gather’ at this new co-working space

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Gather Downtown Norfolk is their first location in Hampton Roads and their fourth location overall. (Southside Daily/courtesy of Gather)

NORFOLK — Gather is expanding to two new locations in Hampton Roads — Norfolk and Newport News — and here’s what they can offer other co-working spaces can’t.

Gather is a co-working space for anyone from small companies, startups, Fortune 500 companies to freelancers, said Savannah Bolin, regional director of Gather.

“This is a space for everyone,” she said. “Our goal is for you to be able to get your work done in a beautiful, vibrant space.



This mock-up of the co-working space shows how people can work in an open space and network with those around them. (Southside Daily/courtesy of Gather)

What is Gather?

Gather is a Richmond-born, co-working space and Norfolk will be its fourth location overall and first one to open in Hampton Roads.

The Norfolk location is expected to open June 6 with a ribbon cutting on the 15th and 16th floors of 500 East Main St.

Gather chose the the city as its first Hampton Roads location because of the area's strong local demand for Class A shared office space, vibrant Norfolk Central Business District and downtown area, and proximity to Richmond, said James Crenshaw, an owner of Gather.

The co-working space works on either month-to-month or yearly memberships, Bolin said.

Members get access to different work spaces based on the type of membership they purchase such as desk space, office space and suite space.

"It all depends on what the company needs," she said.

In addition to the working space, members will also have access to conference spaces, a podcast booth, member events, a lactation room, showers and 24-hour access to the building, she added.

Gather has been working with local vendors to provide local coffee and catering to members.

Town Center Cold Pressed is its coffee partner and Gather will work with local restaurants such as The Stockpot for future catered events.



There will be a reception area for members and guests to check in at. (Southside Daily/courtesy of Gather)

Gather Downtown Norfolk will be the company's largest space yet, covering 30,104 square feet on the top two floors of the 16-story building.

The spot will be home to more than 150 private offices.

"We are a community-based space so we will offer community events where members can meet up and network or learn more about each other," Bolin said.

"Our model appeals to everyone from the freelancer who just needs a space to work all the way to the CEO of a company who needs an office but isn't ready for a 3- to 10-year lease on a building they might not even need for a year," she added."

The office sizes go from 1- to 12-person capacities, she said.

"There isn't anything like this in Hampton Roads for professional spaces," she said.

Pricing starts at \$250 a month for full co-working access, allowing members to sit anyone and use all amenities.

Dedicated desks are \$350 per month and private offices start at \$500 a month.

All pricing includes utilities, WiFi, and Gather amenities.

To learn more about co-working with Gather, [click here](#).

The Newport News location will open in August 2019.

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