



Sprout CoWorking Offers a Place to do Business

People had to adjust how and where they worked over the past 24 months. During the pandemic and its residual after effects, employees and owners scurried to figure out how to stay viable, open and stay top-of-mind. If going to the office was not an option, then working from home could be one alternative. However, most employees do not have a quiet place at home and/or could potentially become distracted by other family members for any number of reasons.

That's why there is one place in Providence that offers enough space and comfort to accommodate all of your business needs. **Sprout CoWorking**, located at 166 Valley St., Building 6M, Ste. 103, has the room for home-based workers, remote corporate employees, consultants, businesses and others to work or hold meetings in a professional setting without the potential issues that could arise from being at a coffee shop or home with the family.

Sprout CoWorking Partner John Kevorkian said the idea formed six years ago as a result of a growing need for a fully-serviced place for work, meetings and events that was available by the hour, by the day or

on a month-to-month basis without a lease. Customers select business resources as needed, creating a place right for them that includes free off-street parking and conference rooms that can hold a few people to roughly two-dozen folks. There are also common areas for people to connect and offices for those who need a work or meeting location.

"People need a place to work, meet and hold events in a lively, comfortable setting," Kevorkian said, explaining how the concept crystallized adding, "Along with shared and private workspace, private meeting space and event space, our customers enjoy use of indoor casual areas offering seating, a pool table area and a gym as well as outdoor courtyard and riverside seating areas. Our monthly art shows feature local artists and are open to the public."

Sprout CoWorking is a privately-held business fully supported by service fees from its customers. They do not seek grant funding from state or local government sources or philanthropic support and have been in business since January 2016. Customers enjoy a comfortable professional setting

for work, meetings and events and a gallery featuring local artists.

About two-thirds of their customers use Sprout as needed on an hourly basis and the balance hold Sprout memberships that are renewed each month. Regular customers are home-based workers, remote corporate employees, businesses, consultants and community groups who all occasionally need a place of their own that offers 24/7 access to turnkey business services in a professional work setting and typically feel that a coffee shop, restaurant or hotel does not best meet their work, meeting or event needs

Each Monday, Sprout CoWorking produces and distributes an e-mail newsletter highlighting Rhode Island community news and local arts or entertainment events.

Kevorkian said, "One of our key advantages is being located on the vibrant West Side of Providence in a neighborhood with many cool choices for arts, entertainment, food and drink. We occupy about half of the commercial space in a lively residential building (with 135 apartments) with free off-street parking all around the building."

Sprout CoWorking employs an on-site Business Manager, a Digital Marketing Manager and an Art Gallery Manager and offers 12,000 Sq. Ft. of space with a wide range of office types, including virtual offices, shared workspaces, personal open offices and small or large traditional private offices. Additionally, they offer free parking, turnkey business services, high-end amenities and meeting room time. Members get a Providence business address that creates a local business presence and includes visibility for their business on Google Maps.

A popular new trend at Sprout is “Company CoWorking Days”. Companies with a virtual or remote workforce gather in their own area at Sprout on a periodic basis to work with each other in person. They cultivate company cultural and teamwork attributes and have easy opportunities for causal in-person conversation. Coworkers like the opportunity to get together in person.

Sprout is also available for events and fundraisers having hosted community meetings, business trade shows, political meetings, social events, business networking events, movie night fundraisers and more.

“Everyone knows someone that’s been to some kind of meeting or event at Sprout,” said Kevorkian.

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