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Healthcare with a **Heart**

Kaiser Permanente Washington President Susan Mullaney helped lead the company's \$1.8B acquisition of Group Health. Building a STEM-educated workforce is next. **pg. 24**

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Quitting Time

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The Place
Hearth

Location
220 Kirkland Ave., Kirkland

The Dish
Croissant Breakfast Sandwich

Hours Of Happiness
Weekday Brunch available
daily from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.



If breakfast is the most important meal of the day, shouldn't brunch be the second-most important meal? While brunch is typically reserved for weekends, the new locavore-focused Hearth offers a weekday brunch menu that goes until 2 p.m. Located below the Heathman Hotel in Kirkland's waterfront neighborhood, Hearth's showpiece is an impressive stone-lined hearth oven, ablaze with an open fire that gives its dishes a hit of delicious smoky char. The thick-cut Nueske's bacon in its breakfast sandwich gets the fire-roasted benefit as you savor it, along with the eggs, cheese, and crispy croissant holding that breakfast goodness together. It's the Cadillac of breakfast sandwiches, and you'll want to make weekday brunch the new workday lunch habit. hearthkirkland.com ■