

7/7/2022 Hospitality Roundtable Chat Log & Re-Cap

From Gretchen Fritz (WHA): WA Cares on hold until July 2023

<https://wahospitality.org/blog/begin-collecting-wa-cares-premiums-in-january-2022/>

City of Vancouver update from the Mayor:

- Event funding application
<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/ltac/page/lodging-tax-grant-program>
- Business License Fee Surcharge Refund Request Form
<https://www.cityofvancouver.us/fms/webform/business-license-fee-surcharge-refund-request-form>

Russell: WEX Prep Cook Bootcamp and [ServSafe Manager Training](#)

- Each food establishment needs 1 certified ServSafe Manager by March 1, 2023, Russell suggests training 3-4 employees. The certification is good for 5 years and covers your food handlers permit too.

From Christine Whitney (Visit Vancouver WA): Two golf event partnership opportunities. Email with questions: cwhitney@visitvancouverwa.com

LPGA Portland Classic

The Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) is returning to the Columbia Edgewater Country Club in Portland for its 51st year. There is an opportunity to be a part of a Visit Vancouver Village showcasing sips and bites on September 13 from 5-8 p.m. This is a branding opportunity for Vancouver area restaurants, wineries, breweries, and businesses to promote to a targeted audience. The expected attendance for this event is about 300 people, including local area business owners, VIPs, and their guests. Tables and tents will be provided by the tournament. If you are interested in serving samples and/or sips, please contact Julie Lee at Julie@littlebirdms.com or by calling 503-318-0076. [See the flyer here.](#)

From Julie Lee: If anyone on the call would like 2 GA tickets to the tournament as well, please let me know. We'd love to have you out at the tournament!

AJGA Adidas Jr. All Star Tournament

The American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) will be hosting its boys and girls (ages 12-15) junior tournament at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver from August 24 to September 1. They are in need of water and fruit donations or discounts (80-100 cases of water and two cases of bananas for the week), and staff meals for nine days for 10-11 staff members (breakfast, lunch, and dinners). If you are interested in donating or providing one or multiple staff meals, please contact Tournament Director Chandler Hammett at chammett@ajga.org or by calling 770-868-4200 (office) or 678-878-1161 (mobile).

From Jenni Sandstrom: [Business Growth Map Program](#)

Email with questions - Jennifer.sandstrom@wsu.edu

Greater Vancouver Chamber update:

- Info on Grow the 360: <https://www.vancouverusa.com/support-local/grow-the-360/>
- L&I no fault audits to avoid inspection fines – contact John to get connected: jmcdonagh@vancouverusa.com
- Association of WA Business is touring state and stopping at Chamber to hear directly from employers about challenges and opportunities facing the business community. Join the discussion on Friday, July 15 at 8 a.m. Register at <https://bit.ly/3mXjtm2>.

Washington Hospitality Association update:

3 grant opportunities coming up (all slightly delayed)

1. Working Washington Round 5 Grants – WHA is being trained and will be calling all Clark County restaurants
2. A grant for hotels affected by the eviction moratorium
3. A grant for restaurants that qualified for RRF but was not awarded (Aug)

Email: gretchenf@wahospitality.org - please reach out with any GRANT questions :)

Visit Vancouver WA Updates:

- Two larger groups in Vancouver this month:
 - National PKU Alliance, July 6-12 (downtown) – 185 overnight attendees, 415 day visitors
 - ADTSEA Conference, July 20-27 (downtown) – 170 overnight attendees, 300 day visitors
- [Clark County Wine Pass](#): 16 wineries and tasting rooms participating; 494 pass sign-ups from 8 states since June 1 launch; 109 check ins from WA and OR passholders; waterfront locations seeing more traffic but all locations have at least one check-in/redemption.
- Tourism Master Plan work continues

To Note:

- [Waterfront Taphouse](#) opening this weekend (former Barlow's Public House location)
- Niche Wine Bar closer to moving into new location, waiting for permits, no opening date yet.
- Little Conejo opened Little Canteen at Carts by the Park in Ridgefield – Little Canteen, Little Conejo Norte (Ridgefield food truck), and Little Conejo all saw record sales over 4th of July weekend.
- Port of Vancouver is revamped and open!
<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/vancouver/vancouver-landing-terminal-1-completed/283-2c40534e-d4b1-46d3-a8a7-443216892ec6>
- AC Hotel by Marriott opened June 15 on the waterfront; bar is open serving 3pm until late; opening for lunch next week starting at noon 7 days a week.