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## **Bella Rosa Golf Course Back 9 Restaurant goes Grab-and-Go**

**FREDERICK, Colorado (April 18, 2023)**

The Town of Frederick will be transitioning The Back 9 at Bella Rosa Golf Course from a full-service restaurant to a grab-and-go food option. This new approach will offer snacks, beverages, and convenient food options when the Clubhouse is open for golf. The Town anticipates full-service restaurant operations to cease in late May 2023.

The Town managed the restaurant through a concession agreement with a third-party vendor from 2006 to 2019. However, due to several public health and safety issues and significant investments required for the long-term operation of the restaurant, the Town terminated the agreement in late 2019. To ensure continuity of operations and critical renovations, the Town budgeted an annual subsidy from the General Fund with the goal of moving toward financial self-sufficiency for the golf course amenities.

In line with the Town's 2020 and current Strategic Plan, there have been tremendous efforts by staff to improve many aspects of the restaurant while continuously assessing the short-term and long-term financial position of the golf course and restaurant. Consistent with the Town's commitment to "Fiscally Responsible Government" as part of the Strategic Plan the Town has determined that the community's best interests will be served by reducing the General Fund subsidy of the food and beverage operations to \$0. This approach will allow the Town to focus future investment efforts on the golf course as a recreational amenity for residents and visitors to the Carbon Valley.

The physical infrastructure investments made at the clubhouse, such as the outdoor patio area and indoor dining area, will continue to be available for golfers, residents, and park visitors as a social gathering area and may be rented for special events in the near future. Some indoor dining area may be re-purposed for Town Staff office space. Golf staff will utilize the kitchen to offer limited food options for special events, such as golf tournaments, leagues, and other programs.

Future investments in the golf course will be prioritized through the Community Parks Master Plan process, which includes all of Frederick Recreation Area, Bella Rosa Golf Course, Milavec Lake, and Centennial Park. The planning process will involve significant public engagement and is scheduled to begin later this spring.

The Town appreciates the Community's support and welcomes public feedback for future planning and improvements to the golf course and Frederick Recreation Area.

Tim Schwartz, Head Golf Professional & General Manager, will contact individuals who have booked events that may be impacted [TSchwartz@FrederickCO.gov](mailto:TSchwartz@FrederickCO.gov). For all other questions, please contact Bryan Ostler, Town Manager at [BOstler@FrederickCO.gov](mailto:BOstler@FrederickCO.gov)

**ABOUT THE TOWN OF FREDERICK** –With its close proximity to the Denver metro area and the Northern Front Range, the Town of Frederick is a dynamic community at the center of commerce, industry and education. Multiple recreational and residential facilities make the Town of Frederick a retreat full of diverse opportunity that continues to respect its heritage as a mining town incorporated in 1907.

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