Wepa Café to open in Garden City

Bringing Authentic Puerto Rican Cuisine to the Treasure Valley with a Social Conscience.

After 2 years as a pop-up restaurant at breweries and farmers markets all over the Treasure Valley, Wepa Café is ready to serve Authentic Puerto Rican cuisine at its first brick and mortar location in Garden City, beginning October 1st.

Located at 175 E. 35th St, between Chinden and the Greenbelt, guests that enter Wepa will be whisked away to an island paradise, greeted by upbeat Latin music and Puerto Rican décor with an emphasis on beaches, tropical rain forests and the vast diversity and vibrant culture of Puerto Rico's history with influences from a mix of Spanish, Taino Indian and Afro-Caribbean influences. The air will be filled with the aroma of Cocina Criolla with an emphasis on Puerto Rican spices and herbs such as adobo -a blend of salt, garlic, turmeric, oregano and pepper, sofrito - a potpourri of onions, garlic, coriander, and peppers and achiote-annatto seeds which also imparts bright orange/red color to the island's rice, soups, and stews

Wepa will be a unique ethnic restaurant with a social conscience. Puerto Rico's media exposure in the last four years due to Hurricane Maria and the aftermath coupled with Boise's commitment of assisting the international community make it an ideal time to expand the city's cultural offerings. As part of our social conscience mission, we are partnering with PRoTechos, a non-profit corporation based in Puerto Rico, (www.protechos.org), founded with the dual mission of rebuilding damaged roofs in underserved communities throughout the island while providing residents with basic carpentry training, addressing both housing needs and the shortage of skilled construction workers in Puerto Rico. Once start-up costs are recovered, a portion of profits will be donated to PRoTechos and the rebuilding of the Puerto Rican infrastructure which is projected to take years based on the devastation. In addition, guests will be given the opportunity to donate to relief efforts directly through their dining experience.

Wepa will offer seating on a street level patio as well as a rooftop patio and bar. In order to support local small businesses, all wine and draft beer will be from purveyors in Garden City and the Treasure Valley.

This is Robinson's first foray into the restaurant business after 25+ years in the corporate world. "I can't wait to bring some Puerto Rican culture to the Treasure Valley while helping address the needs of this beautiful island in the Caribbean." said Robinson. "Wepa is a shout of joy and celebration in Puerto Rico and we'll be encouraging our guests to shout out "Wepa!" as they enjoy their food."

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About Wepa Cafe
Wepa! is a full service, upscale casual restaurant specializing in authentic Puerto Rican cuisine with an emphasis on cause marketing and bringing awareness to the rich culture and history of Puerto Rico.