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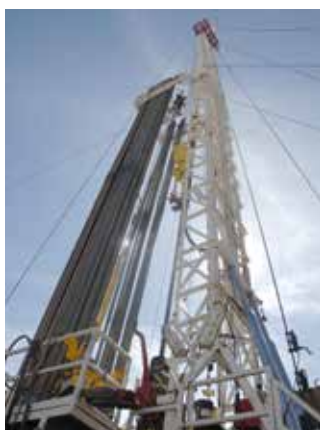
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FALL & WINTER

While every season is beautiful in Reno-Tahoe, the last half of the year boasts some of our favorite events and activities. If you're planning a trip this fall or winter, be sure to get ready for incredible live music, large-scale food events, and holiday fun for the whole family.

HOLI FESTIVAL OF COLORS

Sept. 21

On September 21, Rancho San Rafael Regional Park and its guests will be splashed with spring-colored powders in celebration of the diversity of human and animal kind. Bollywood dance, mantra bands, yoga, and free hugs are just a handful of the activities you'll find at this exuberant festival! To see the full event lineup, visit festivalofcolorsusa.com.

STREET VIBRATIONS

Sept. 25-29

We're picking up good vibrations at the last great motorcycle rally of the season September 25-29! Start your engines and make your way to Reno for live entertainment on six outdoor stages, more than 250 vendors, scavenger hunts, poker runs, a custom bike auction, bike builders' show, and more. Outdoor concerts and vendors are free to the public and family friendly. Register your ride at roadshowsreno.com.

GENOA CANDY DANCE

Sept. 28-29

The Genoa Candy Dance began in 1919 when the community's women fundraised for purchasing and maintaining Genoa's streetlights by selling homemade candy and serving supper during a dance at the Town Hall. One hundred years later on September 28-29, this festival boasts more than 300 vendors offering unique crafts and delicious homemade candies and food. Learn more about the event's history and vendors by visiting genoanevada.org.

OFF BEAT MUSIC FESTIVAL

Oct. 3-5

Off Beat Music Festival electrifies Midtown Reno October 3-5 with more than 100 performances from the best local musicians, regional bands, and nationally recognized artists. During this jam-packed weekend, embark on an exciting opportunity to discover artists on the brink of becoming headliners. See the full event schedule at offbeatreno.com.

SOUTHERN FARE ON THE SQUARE

Oct. 5-6

Savory meets sweet at the Southern Fare on the Square Festival on October 5-6. You'll feel like you've been transported to the South after tasting the jambalaya or sweet potato pie, and it would be a sin not to wash it all down with sweet tea! All these fixin's and more will be up for grabs at Victorian Square. For more information, visit nuggetcasinoresort.com.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OUTHOUSE RACES

Oct. 5-6

It all started when outdoor plumbing became outlawed in Virginia City. Infuriated residents took their outhouses to the streets in opposition of the law and a tradition was born. Today, teams decorate outhouses and race down C Street. You won't want to miss this outrageous event October 5-6! Think your potty has what it takes? Register your outhouse at visitvirginiacitynv.com.

**LAKE TAHOE
MARATHON***Oct. 11-13*

Experience the breathtaking beauty of Lake Tahoe during this three-day marathon that takes place October 11-13! Event-goers of all ages are invited to run, swim, kayak, or paddle their way around the lake. For a complete list of events and locations, visit laketahoemarathon.com.

**ELDORADO
GREAT ITALIAN
FESTIVAL***Oct. 12-13*

Back for its 38th year, the Eldorado Great Italian Festival in downtown Reno celebrates Italian culture and traditions on October 12-13. A crowd favorite is the Great Italian Festival Sauce Cook-Off event where Italian families from across the West Coast bring their recipes to life for guests to enjoy. Other exciting events are the grape stomp, wine walk, and Italian Farmers Market. Feast your eyes on the lineup at eldoradoreno.com.

**GRAND SIERRA
CHILI AND BEER
FESTIVAL***Oct. 19-20*

A bowl of spicy chili and a crisp, cold beer are a match made in fall heaven at the Grand Sierra Resort. Enjoy beer tastings from more than two dozen craft beer vendors and mouthwatering chili samples from local restaurants October 19-20. After you've had your fill, make your way to more than 75 craft vendors or the concert stage for live music. Purchase tickets at gsrbeerandchili.com.

PUMPKINPALOOZA*Oct. 20*

The PumpkinPalooza is back for its 8th year on October 20, bringing wholesome fall fun to Victorian Square and benefiting the Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living. Pumpkin enthusiasts can't get enough of the Pumpkin Derby, pie-eating contest, spooky stories in the haunted schoolhouse, and pumpkin decorating. Learn more at pumpkinpalooza.org.

**RENO
ZOMBIE CRAWL***Oct. 26*

This October 26 crawl is so spooktacular even the dead rise to party. With 20,000 participants, more than 50 participating bars, and 100 drink specials, it's easy to see why this crawl made the *USAToday* Top 10 Costumed Halloween Parties in the U.S. You won't want to miss out! For more information, visit crawlreno.com.

**NEVADA DAY
PARADE***Oct. 26*

Celebrate Nevada Day on October 26 at the largest statehood celebration in the nation! Nevadans gather in the state capital, Carson City, to celebrate Nevada's heritage. Events include the Nevada Day Parade, music and art shows, Pancake Breakfast at the Governor's Mansion, and Annual Chili Feed. Learn more about this year's theme at nevadaday.com.

**DIRTY WOOKIE
10K***Oct. 27*

Beer lovers and runners unite for this 10K on October 27. The race begins at the Brewer's Cabinet Taproom and finishes at the Brewer's Cabinet Production Facility. Run or walk your way to a delicious pint of the Dirty Wookie Brown Ale at the finish line. Register today at desertskyadventures.com.

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RENO POP CULTURE CON

Nov. 8-10

Celebrate all things pop culture at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center on November 8-10. Mingle with the famous at the Celebrity Summit, meet your favorite artists at the Artist Valley, and read between the lines with esteemed authors at the Author Alley. Purchase passes at renopopculturecon.com.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Nov. 11

Honor our military this November 11 with the downtown Reno Veterans Day Parade. A traditional opening ceremony, beginning at 11:11 a.m., will precede the parade and includes a fly-by and participation from local officials and organizations. Visit reno.gov for more details.

WOBBLE BEFORE YOU GOBBLE 10K/5K

Nov. 28

Kick off your Thanksgiving morning with the Wobble Before You Gobble 10K and 5K run on November 28! The race begins at 9 a.m. in City Plaza in downtown Reno. Knowing that this run benefits the Children's Cabinet will be sure to put you in the holiday spirit. Register to run at desertskyadventures.com.

CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Nov. 29-Dec. 1

This marketplace makes magic at the Nugget Casino Resort from November 29 to December 1. If you're looking for the perfect tree topper or silver bell, this free-to-the-public marketplace is your destination. Browse more than 100 craft and gift booths featuring local and regional vendors, enjoy live demonstrations and musical performances, and visit with Santa. To learn more, visit nuggetcasinoresort.com.

A CHRISTMAS STORY THE MUSICAL

Nov. 29-Dec. 1

The classic 1983 movie that warms our hearts each season is brought to life November 29 to December 1 by the Pioneer Center for Performing Arts. The only thing we want more than a Red Ryder Carbine-Action 200-Shot Range Model Air Rifle are tickets to see this fun and festive show. Purchase tickets at pioneercenter.com.

TAHOE FILM FESTIVAL

Dec. 5-8

Film enthusiasts gather in Incline Village to get an exclusive look at new and award-winning films and documentaries on diverse topics. This cinematic experience on December 5-8 gives attendees the opportunity to discuss and engage with fellow film lovers. See the full list of selections at tahofilmfest.org.

SPARKS ANNUAL HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Dec. 6-7

Celebrate the season in a traditional, hometown way in downtown Sparks. The tree lighting ceremony takes place at 6:30 p.m. December 6, and while you're gazing at the glow, enjoy free live music, sing-along songs, and cocoa. The Christmas parade starts at 1 p.m. December 7 and features marching bands, spectacular Christmas costumes, baby animals, and festival floats. For full event details, visit cityofsparks.us.

RENO SANTA PUB CRAWL

Dec. 14

Have a jolly good time at the largest Santa Pub Crawl in the country! Thousands of crawlers dressed in holiday gear make their way to downtown Reno for drink specials, costume contests, giveaways, and more on December 14. See the full crawl map at renosantacrawl.com.

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EAT LIKE A LOCAL

by Katie Peters



CLOSE YOUR EYES AND IMAGINE BITING INTO A DECADENTLY LAYERED, BUTTERY CROISSANT OR A CHOCOLATEY DESSERT FILLED WITH THE PERFECT BALANCE OF SWEET CREAM. NOW, OPEN YOUR EYES AND MAKE YOUR WAY TO RENO BECAUSE WE HAVE NO SHORTAGE OF BAKERY EXCELLENCE. ROUNDS, PERENN, JOSEF'S, AND HOMAGE ALL BRING THE SWEET TO THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY!

Bakeries



Photo courtesy of Perenn Bakery

WARNING: THIS ARTICLE MAY CAUSE EXCESSIVE MOUTHWATERING,
THE SUDDEN CRAVING FOR SWEETS, AND A DESIRE TO DITCH YOUR
CURRENT BREAKFAST.



ROUNDS BAKERY

*Rounds Bakery is located at 294 E. Moana Lane in Reno, and is open
Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.*



Photos courtesy of Rounds Bakery

Rounds Bakery

Rounds Bakery has been rolling the dough in Reno since 2015. The bakery brings an authentic east coast approach to the community with New York-style bagels (expert advice: top with lox), creative donuts, breads, and pastries. A must when visiting this beloved local spot is the #NotACronut. This fluffy croissant-doughnut confection has won over the hearts of Reno locals and visitors alike.

Looking for something a little heartier? There are plenty of sandwiches and salads to choose from! You can't go wrong with the Italiano Sammie featuring salami, ham, turkey, pesto Parmesan cream cheese, red onions, and pepperoncini, all loaded on a savory garlic Parmesan bagel or baguette. A spicier fan favorite, The Mother Clucker, includes buffalo chicken salad, egg, pepper jack cheese, avocado, buffalo sauce, and a jalapeño-cheddar bagel on the side.

Order a bagel box for the office or savor a sammie all to yourself. Rounds Bakery creates excellence in every bite!

PERENN BAKERY





Photos courtesy of Perenn Bakery

Perenn Bakery

Perenn Bakery pairs a beautifully designed atmosphere with delectable treats. As one Yelp reviewer lovingly wrote, “Reno is not lucky, we are BLESSED with Perenn.” This shop is settled in the heart of Midtown and provides the ideal space to start your morning.

Opened in 2018, Perenn Bakery’s menu boasts a little bit of everything. Bread seekers can have their pick of pastries, fresh loaves, and tartines, in addition to cookies and coffee. Our perfect pairing is a warm Banana Bread Slice and a cup of Perenn Blend Coffee.

Or try the Caesar Tartine—toasted sourdough, soft-boiled egg, Caesar aioli, shaved lemon, Parmesan tuile, and pea shoots—while sipping a refreshing cold brew. It’s no surprise that these tasty creations are brought to you by the owners of Butter + Salt, a local catering and private chef company.

If you’re looking for even more of a reason to visit Perenn Bakery, check out the shop’s Instagram (@perennbakery). Photos of velvety, layered croissants fill the page and are bound to inspire you to enjoy a well-deserved treat day.



Perenn Bakery is located at 20 Saint Lawrence Avenue in Reno, and is open Thursday through Sunday 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until sold out.

JOSEF'S Vienna Bakery & Cafe



Josef's Vienna Bakery & Cafe opened its doors in 1980 and has some of the most delectable (and, dare we say, cute) pastries we've ever tasted. What was once a small operation has now expanded to an impressive bakery with its own full-service restaurant.

As you walk into Josef's, it's hard to ignore the gleaming case of mouthwatering pastries. On the menu: éclairs, napoleons, tarts, pies, hand-decorated cookies, coffee cakes, nine different mini cakes, and more. Along with options that are bound to sweeten your day, Josef's also sells heavenly loaves of farmer's rye, 6 grain wheat, light sourdough, French baguettes, French sandwich rolls, and French dinner rolls.

One item that keeps people running back is the chocolate éclair, an airy pâte à choux dough filled with vanilla French cream and dressed with dark chocolate ganache and a sprinkling of toasted almonds. Other favorites are the cheesecakes and classic layered cakes served with delightful creams, fresh fruits, fruit preserves, and chocolate—better known as mini cakes. Add a cappuccino and you're set! No one ever said you couldn't eat a mini cake for breakfast.

Josef's Vienna Bakery & Cafe is located at 933 W. Moana Lane in Reno, and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



HOMAGE



Great recipes run in the family! They're especially remarkable when inherited by a chef who has been trained in classic French techniques. Nicholle Alumbaugh, the chef and owner of Homage, has been serving scrumptious pastries with a twist since 2011.

Homage has an extensive menu serving everything from flaky croissants and quiche to soups and salads. The chef isn't the only person who can show a creative side! You can build a custom, savory croissant with your choice of meat, vegetables, and cheese. When not creating your own masterpieces, a couple favorites are the Ratatouille Quiche with its crispy outer layer and warm center and the Croissant Bread Pudding, which is as sinful as it sounds.

Our one rule: Never skip dessert. So, be sure to grab a cookie, brownie, pie, or cookie bar before leaving. You can't say "no" to Homage's gooey Chocolate Chip Cookie or S'mores Bar. ■

*Homage is located at 519 Ralston Street in Reno,
and is open Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
and Sunday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.*



A full-page photograph of a snowy mountain landscape. In the foreground, a snow-covered road with tire tracks curves through the scene. To the right, a railway line with overhead power lines runs across the middle ground. A train with yellow and red cargo cars is visible on the tracks. In the background, a large, rugged mountain peak is covered in snow under a clear blue sky. The word 'MACMILLAN' is written vertically in large, bold, red letters on the left side of the image.

MACMILLAN

THE SHOPS AT PEPPERMILL





Reasons ^{TO} Return

by Jordan Fisher



WITH DAILY TEMPERATURES AVERAGING IN THE MID-60S, SPRING IS A BEAUTIFUL TIME TO VISIT THE GREATER RENO AREA. SPRING MARKS THE SEASON KICKOFF OF BOTH RENO ACES BASEBALL AND RENO 1868 FC SOCCER, AS WELL AS THE TRANSITION TO INCREASED OUTDOOR ACTIVITY POTENTIAL. WHETHER YOU'RE A SPORTS FAN, MOUNTAIN BIKER, SKIER, OR YOU'RE SIMPLY EXCITED TO SEE NATURE'S BEAUTIFUL ARRAY OF FRESH GROWTH, RENO-TAHOE PROMISES TO GIVE YOU PLENTY OF REASONS TO RETURN IN THE SPRING.



Natural Beauty

It's no secret that the Reno-Tahoe area fully experiences each of the four seasons, from clear powder-filled winters to perfect barbecue-weather summers. Year-round, you'll find a host of remarkable seasonal activities, and springtime is no exception!

Spring in Northern Nevada means crisp, cool mornings and sunny afternoons. As the days grow longer, trees and flowers begin to bud and bloom in a display of pastel colors. Melting snow in the mountains and foothills causes the Truckee River to rush with fresh water, creating bubbling, crystal-clear rapids. All this natural beauty is complemented by our high-desert mountain sunrises and sunsets and is guaranteed to inspire awe.

While our outdoor activities are world-renowned, you don't have to go far into the wilderness to experience the bloom of spring. Pull a comfy seat nearer to the window at a local coffee shop, grab a seat on a bench by the river, or take a walk through the manicured grounds of the University of Nevada, Reno to get your share of what spring in Reno has to offer. Catch a stunning sunrise with good company and take the time to stop and smell the roses.



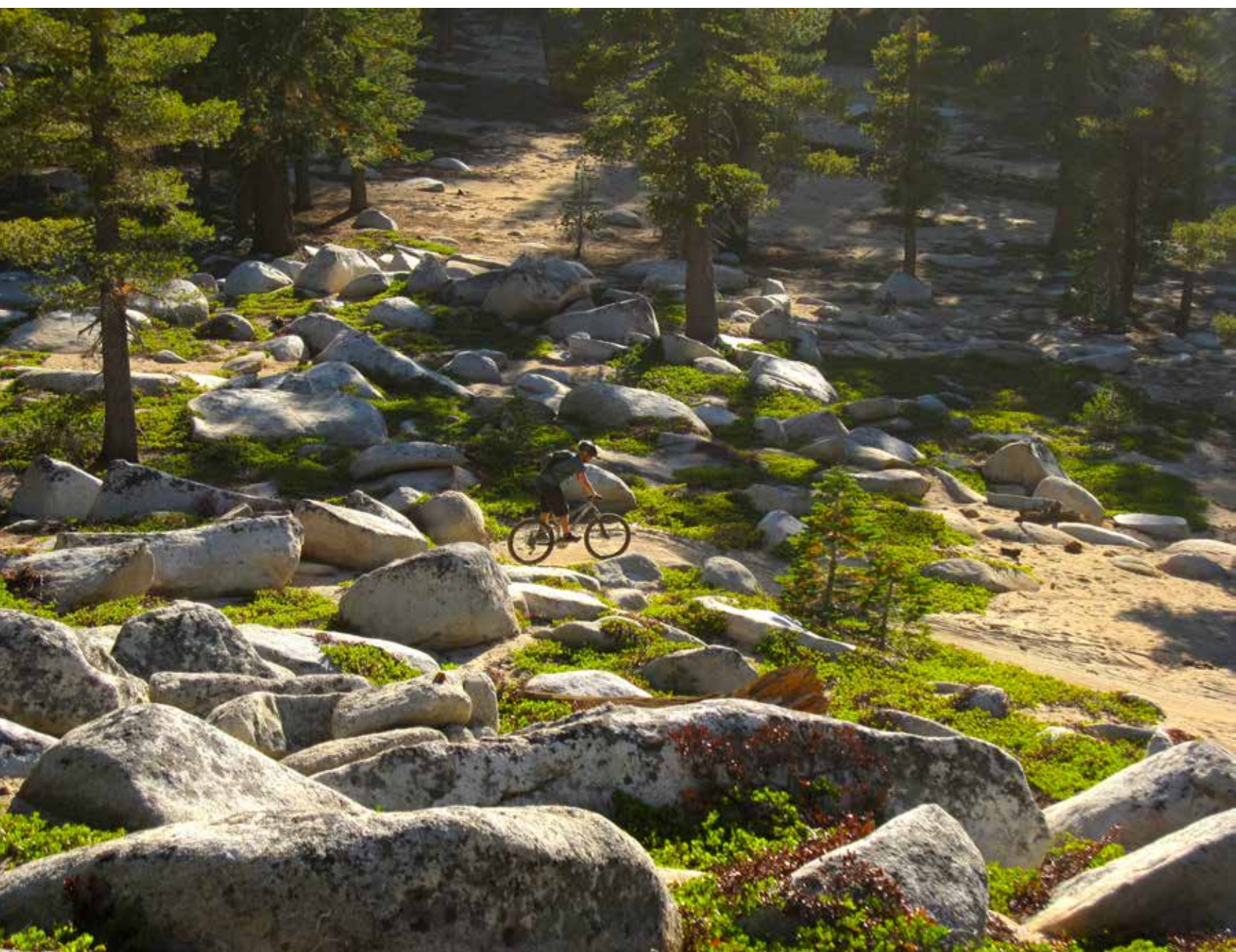


Outdoor Activities of All Kinds

If you're the type who wants to be as close to Mother Nature as possible, Reno-Tahoe has no shortage of incredible outdoor activities and sports. Truly offering the best of both worlds, spring in the Sierra Nevada means skiers and snowboarders can get their fix on the high mountain snow, and hikers and mountain bikers can take advantage of trails at lower elevations.

Nestled in the rolling hills east of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, Reno-Sparks is an exceptional area for hiking and mountain biking. Trails range from paved strolls to rugged treks, with something for all athletic levels. Head to the "N" at Peavine Peak for a view of the city framed with snow-capped mountains, or journey south to Galena Forest to meander through flowing streams and evergreen pines.





If you're a winter sport loyalist, many of our famous Tahoe-area ski resorts remain open well into May, depending on snowpack. So, strap on your skis or snowboard and take advantage of the T-shirt weather as the season winds down. Hiking or snowshoeing at higher elevations means you're likely to glimpse some valley wildflowers or rushing waterfalls. Additionally, both Lake Tahoe and Donner Lake are often calm and glassy in spring, making it a beautiful time to paddle board or kayak. The sheer number of outdoor activities available makes Reno-Tahoe a truly one-of-a-kind spring destination.

For information on area ski resorts and hiking locations, head to visitrenotahoe.com.

Baseball and Soccer Seasons

As the weather warms up, so do the players of Reno's two professional sports teams! The 2020 seasons for Aces baseball and the 1868 FC promise to be a blast, and a reason to return. Both teams play at Greater Nevada Field, Reno's 9,100-seat modern stadium. Located just east of downtown, catching a baseball game or soccer match is a great way to start a night out, or to spend a casual weeknight with the family.

Reno is the home of the Arizona Diamondbacks Triple-A affiliate, the Reno Aces. Aces baseball begins April 9th, and every game is sure to be a treat for everyone in your group. With frequent promotions like Thirsty Thursday (\$2 pints of Coors Light) and Fireworks Friday, every night of "Aceball" offers something special. Grab a delicious hot dog or pretzel and an ice-cold beer, and head to your seat for a game that's sure to be a home run.

The United Soccer League's Reno 1868 FC will start its 2020 season this March. Named for the year Reno was founded, the soccer team always puts on a show. Since its first match in 2017, the 1868 FC has quickly earned a place in the hearts of locals, avid fans, and newcomers alike. Whether you snag a sideline seat or bring a blanket and spread out in the general admission grass, the 1868 FC matches are fun for the whole family.

Enjoy America's Game or the world's most popular game this spring in Reno. ■

*For more information on the Reno Aces, visit renoaces.com.
For the 1868 FC, visit reno1868fc.com.*





F I R E S I D E

by Justin Heeren





THE TEST OF TIME

One of the best things about traveling is finding places that locals love but tourists might not give a second look: the little bars and restaurants that they almost hesitate to share. These spots earn a special place in our hearts for their perfect combination of charming atmosphere, stellar service, and delicious food and drink. The Fireside Lounge, located at both the Peppermill Resort in Reno and Peppermill Restaurant on the Las Vegas Strip, are go-to places to relax and have a drink while enjoying some of the best vibes in town.

Part of the original Peppermill Coffee Shop & Lounge, Reno's Fireside Lounge has been around for nearly 50 years. Opened in 1971 by friends Nat Carasali and Bill Paganetti, the pair had specific goals of what they wanted the lounge to become. "We really wanted a romantic, casual lounge with couches or settee seating. We were looking to make it intimate," says Paganetti. Carasali elaborates, "The vision was to create a room for our customers that was appealing, great for conversation, and relaxing."



*“create a room for our customers that was appealing,
great for conversation, and relaxing”*

– Nat Carasali

Reno's very first ultra-lounge



The space has been renovated over time to include new technology, but the timeless, classic atmosphere has stayed the same all these years. Plush booths are centered round the sleek firepit, and the whole lounge is reflected underneath a mirrored ceiling, scattering the light from the fire and classic neon fixtures. “Instead of creating a fireplace in the wall, we had the idea of making a venue with a sunken fireplace,” recalls Paganetti. The designer of the fireplace, Stan Mannis, had the idea of creating a hearth using both fire and water, which resulted in a beautiful, unique signature. “The firepit as the centerpiece was the frosting on the cake,” says Carasali.

The comfortable, laid-back energy and the well-crafted drinks have always drawn people to Reno's very first ultra-lounge. Guests from around the world find their way through the Fireside doors, and the lounge has played host to its share of celebrities as well. Recently, the Arctic Monkeys used it as part of the backdrop to their "Tranquility Base Hotel & Casino" music video, and multiple films have had scenes shot in the iconic space. No shortage of musicians, actors, chefs, and comedians have visited, some calling the lounge one of their favorite spots in the country. Once you've spent some time there yourself, it's hard to deny the appeal.



While the environment alone is enough to get the party started, the drinks at the Fireside Lounge will keep the festivities going for hours on end. With a drink menu brimming with essentials like martinis, mudslides, and margaritas—and a killer wine and beer list, too—the experienced bartenders at the lounge can mix up almost any creation you'd like. Not to mention the 60-ounce specialty drinks including the Inferno (a sweet mixture of Malibu Rum, Blue Curacao, Stolli Strasberi, Grenadine, Sierra Mist, and Sweet & Sour) or the Scorpion (a tropical drink featuring Myers's Rum, Vodka, Cherry Brandy, Sweet & Sour, Ice Cream, and Grenadine) that are sure to satisfy.



brimming with essentials like martinis, mudslides, and margaritas

Nightlife is ever-changing, and the Fireside Lounge has undoubtedly stood the test of time. Having a lounge that has not only survived but flourished for nearly 50 years is a testament to what the ownership has created. “There is no question that what we have done over the years has worked, as the experience our customers get today is as good or better than 40 years ago,” Carasali explains. “There are two main reasons why the lounge continues to be popular: the environment we continue to create and our great team members who bring the lounge to life every day.” According to Paganetti, “We weren’t looking 50 years out when we created it, but we’re still here and have no plans to go anywhere.”

So, whether you’re looking for a casual or retro-chic place to hang with friends, the Fireside Lounge is the beloved locals hideout that you’ll find yourself returning to every time you’re in town. Sink into a booth, gaze into the fire, and enjoy your favorite drink while reliving the magic of the ’70s in this hidden gem.

FIRESIDE LOUNGE

In 1972, Las Vegas got its own Fireside Lounge on the north end of the Strip. Boasting the same intimate atmosphere and quality drinks of its Reno counterpart, the Vegas Fireside quickly became one of the more popular locals-friendly spots in the city. Neon lights and red cozy couches appeared to be a match made in heaven.

“We were right across the street from Folies Bergère, so right away we became a hangout for Strip entertainers,” says assistant manager Martha Montague, who has been on the premises since day one. “Everyone has come here, from Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis to Penn Jillette [of Penn and Teller]. He [Penn] put a booth in his home designed after our pink, purple, and blue ones.”

Holly Madison, *New York Times* best-selling author and former Playmate, loves the Peppermill. “It’s a campy, comfortable Vegas original with a lot of quirk factor,” she says. “It’s my late-night staple.”

A perfect place for people-watching, there’s no telling who will walk into the lounge on any given night. Other celeb regulars include Carrot Top, Floyd Mayweather Jr., and Mike Tyson. And you might just find a camera crew chowing down in one of the booths. Hollywood couldn’t resist the throwback allure as a backdrop for the movies *Showgirls* and *The Cotton Club*, and Martin Scorsese must have felt like he won big when he walked in and saw a ready-made set for Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci in *Casino*.

If you need to grab a bite to eat before or after your Fireside Lounge session, make sure to check out the attached restaurant. The diner-style menu has something for everyone; just be sure to bring your appetite as giant portions are a Las Vegas Peppermill trademark. Not to mention, each table has an Instagram-worthy shaker of the Peppermill’s signature rainbow-colored sugar.

So, if you find yourself in Vegas wanting to trade the bright lights for a flickering fire, comfortable seats, and great conversation, the Fireside Lounge is the perfect place to settle in. Open 24/7, the lounge is ideal for any part of your trip, from the Friday night after-party to Sunday morning brunch. One night in the lounge and you’ll understand why it’s on every Vegas must-see list.

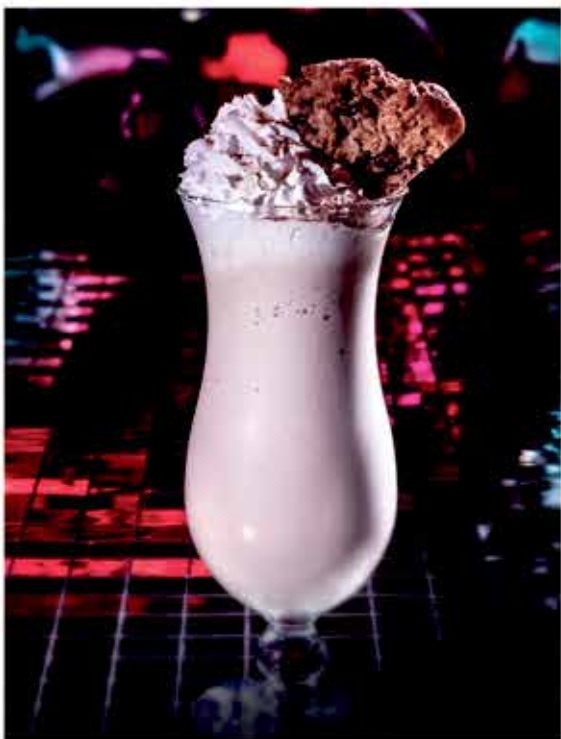
While you can't always be at the Fireside, there's no reason that you can't always enjoy some of its popular mixed drinks. Here are the recipes to two of the lounge's best classic cocktails.



WHITE LINEN

1½ oz Gin (we recommend Brooklyn Gin)
½ oz St-Germain
1 oz simple syrup
1 oz fresh lemon juice
1 lemon wedge
2 to 3 cucumber slices

Muddle lemon wedge and cucumber in a cocktail shaker tin. Add all ingredients and ice. Shake! Strain into martini glass or over rocks. Garnish with a cucumber wheel.



OATMEAL COOKIE

¾ oz Kahlua
¾ oz Baileys Irish Cream
¾ oz Goldschläger
¾ oz Butterscotch Schnapps
2 scoops of vanilla ice cream (ours is housemade; we recommend picking up a pint of our vanilla gelato!)

Combine all ingredients in a blender with a half cup of ice and blend. Pour into a hurricane or tall glass, garnish with fresh whipped cream and a dash of cinnamon.



Fall

PUMPKIN PATCHES

by Katie Peters

CRISP LEAVES ARE BEGINNING TO FALL AND A COOL BREEZE CAN BE FELT IN THE AIR. THESE SIGNS CAN ONLY POINT TO ONE THING: PUMPKIN PATCH SEASON! THERE ARE PLENTY OF PUMPKINS TO PICK IN THE RENO-SPARKS AREA. MAKE YOUR WAY TO ANDELIN FAMILY FARM, FERRARI FARMS, CORLEY RANCH, AND SILVER VALLEY PUMPKINS TO FIND YOUR GORGEOUS GOURDS.





ANDELIN FAMILY FARM

Andelin Family Farm boasts a rich history dating back to the early 1900s. It all started with the Gaspari family who traveled from Northern Italy and were known for their diligent work ethic. The Andelin family purchased the farm in the early 1980s from the Gaspari family. Although many things have changed over the years, the farm is still home to buildings, barns, and houses that stand as reminders of the days of the Gaspari family.

History is not the only thing you'll find on this farm. During the fall season, Andelin Family Farm turns into a fall fun extravaganza! Andelin's Fall Festival Pumpkin Patch includes a wide assortment of pumpkins to choose from that are priced according to variety and weight. Included in the Fall Festival admission ticket are fun activities such as a hay ride, cow train, duck races, sling shooting, hay jumping, hamster wheel, and so much more.

The season wouldn't be complete without a little scare. Venture through the Corn Creepers path if you dare! This thrilling activity includes walking a trail in the dark paired with appearances from spooky actors that are guaranteed to give you a fright! Andelin Family Farm also has the Zombie Paintball Apocalypse and a Scarecrow Paintball Safari for adventure seekers.

Andelin Family Farm is located at 8100 Pyramid Way in Sparks, and is open Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Photos courtesy of Andelin Family Farm





CORLEY RANCH

Fall in love with Corley Ranch's 300 acres of lush land nestled in the Carson Valley of Northern Nevada. In addition to its Harvest Festival, Corley Ranch specializes in raising cattle and farming hay, giving each visitor a real-time ranch feeling.

Thousands of pumpkins await to be picked at Corley Ranch. During October, pumpkin sales and the Country Store are open seven days a week from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pumpkins aside, this ranch knows how to celebrate the season! Visitors can feed and pet farm animals, take an exciting ride on one of the trains, hay wagons, or tractors, and carve their pumpkin to perfection. While the kids play, be sure to sample local honeys and jams at the food and craft vendors.

A weekend general admission ticket gives access to the hay slide, kiddie land straw maze, farm animal area, miniature golf, pig races, hay wagon ride, and corn maze. Some activities may be limited during the weekdays.

With a multitude of pumpkins to pick and fun-for-all activities, you'll spend an entire day living your best life on the farm.

Corley Ranch is located at 859 US Hwy 395 in Gardnerville, and is open every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.





FERRARI FARMS

Every fall since 1997, Ferrari Farms in urban Reno has opened its pumpkin patch to the public, and it continues to grow in popularity. In addition to pumpkins, Ferrari boasts a corn maze, hay rides, farm animals, bounce house, mechanical bull, food booths, and a zombie paintball hunt.

Purchased in 1913 by Dominico and Caterina Ferrari, Ferrari Farms is still a family-run farm and hosts fun activities all year round. With more than 40 varieties of pumpkins, squash, and gourds, every member of the family will be able to pick out their perfect carvable companion this autumn.

You'll definitely want to say hello to some of the animals when you visit. Chickens, goats, and more occupy this quaint Reno farm and they're always a treat for the little ones to greet. Ferrari Farms is free to visit and enjoy, so be sure to stop by this local pumpkin playground. The venue also hosts weddings, corporate events, and parties, so ask the staff about holding your fall event in a beautiful farm setting.

*Ferrari Farms is located at 4701 Mill Street in Reno,
and is open Sunday through Thursday 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
and Friday and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.*



Photos courtesy of Ferrari Farms





SILVER VALLEY FARM

Located right here in the Biggest Little City, Silver Valley Farm is best known for providing high-quality products and old-fashioned customer service.

With 20 acres dedicated to pumpkins, it won't be hard to find your ideal match. Silver Valley Farm offers a wide variety of locally grown pumpkins and decorative corn, making it a one-stop shop for your seasonal decor.

Once you've picked your pumpkin, head over to one of the many exciting activities Silver Valley Farm offers. Bounce around on inflatable attractions for all ages, including themed bounce houses featuring some of our favorite characters like Cinderella, Snow White, Batman, and Superman. A giant slide, obstacle course, corn maze, giant tire jungle, and gold mine are also on the lineup.

Silver Valley Farm does not charge an entrance fee, allowing visitors to enjoy the farm in their own special way. ■

Silver Valley Farm is located at 3995 Bacon Rind Road in Reno, and is open Thursday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.





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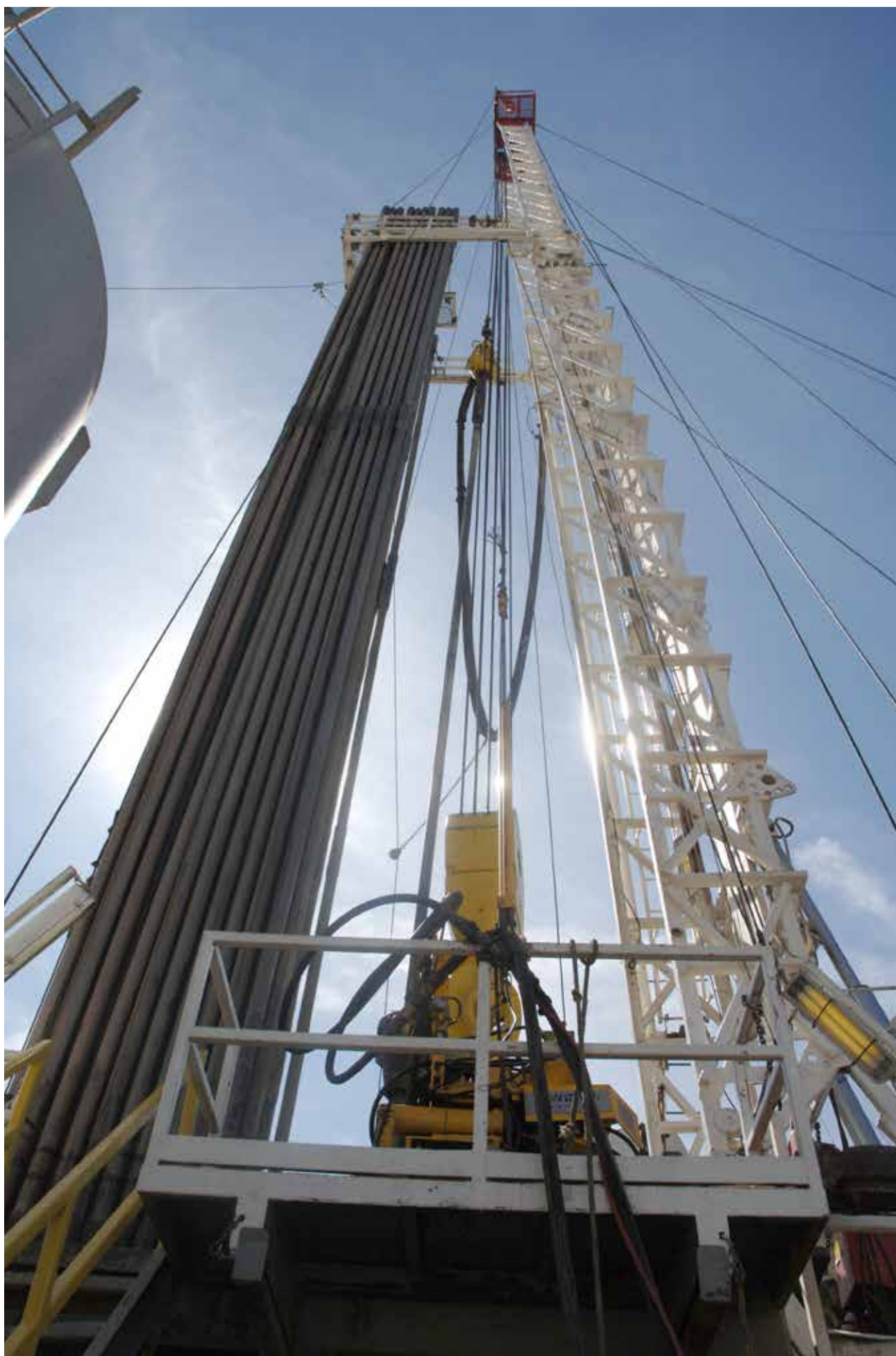
Heart of the Casino

Peppermill's Commitment to Geothermal

by Sarah Litz

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ENVIRONMENTAL VENTURES THROUGHOUT THE PEPPERMILL RESORT SPA CASINO'S HISTORY—FROM RECYCLING PROJECTS AND WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAMS, TO ARTIFICIAL GRASS TURF AND LED LIGHTING. HOWEVER, NOTHING BOASTS THE RESORT'S COMMITMENT TO BEING ECO-CONSCIOUS MORE THAN ITS INVESTMENT INTO GEOTHERMAL.

PEPPERMILL CENTRAL PLANT MANAGER JOHN KASSAI SAID THE CASINO IS THE ONLY MAJOR FACILITY IN THE CITY OF RENO AND THE ONLY U.S. CASINO TO HARVEST RENEWABLE GEOTHERMAL ENERGY FOR 100 PERCENT OF THE RESORT'S WATER AND MECHANICAL HEATING.



“We’re one of the top energy users in Reno, it just made sense to be the first energy user to have the largest single-use geothermal facility.”

—John Kassai

Why go with geothermal?

Underneath the Peppermill—4,421 feet underneath, to be exact—lies an aquifer with the potential for high geothermal energy. The aquifer was first tapped in the 1980s, but it wasn’t until a major expansion project that its true potential would be realized.

From 2005 to 2008, the Peppermill’s property doubled in size with the addition of the Tuscany Tower. What was already a large casino resort grew to a whopping 2.1 million square feet of facility. With the increase in size also came a drastic increase in utilities: The resort’s water, gas, and electricity use doubled. At the time, the facility was spending an estimated \$2.2 million annually in utility bills.

Feasibilities were conducted on wind, solar, and geothermal as a way to help conserve resources. Peppermill owner Bill Paganetti worked with geothermal expert Dr. Jim Combs of Geo Hills Associates LLC of Reno to consult on the existing historical data and information from earlier projects. Because of the existing reinjection well, Dr. Combs recommended a new geothermal well be drilled on the property.

The feasibility for geothermal came back with a projected return on investment of five years and natural gas savings of approximately \$2 million per year. The estimated cost to build would be approximately \$6.5 million and take about 12 months to complete; however, the overall benefits for both the property and environment outweighed the initial cost. With the active reservoir located thousands of feet under the casino and the pre-existing reinjection well on the property, the decision was made to take the gamble on geothermal.





Injection to reinjection

In 2008, \$1 million was invested to overhaul the existing system with stainless steel piping, heat exchangers, new well pumps, and a variable frequency drive system. The shallow well went online in May 2009 and was designed to heat 600 rooms, two outside swimming pools, and two Jacuzzi pools. After five months, the natural gas boiler production decreased by 30 percent and saved the property up to \$468,000 per year.

Time to drill

“It took 28 days to drill and it was a hefty 24/7 operation all on a risk that we might find the right conditions,” Kassai said.

At a vertical depth of 4,421 feet, the right conditions were found—water that pumped 1,200 gallons per minute at 150 psi and temperatures of at least 170 degrees Fahrenheit. After drilling and construction, the geothermal system was ready to go online. As Kassai said, “We found the heart of the Peppermill.”

From the conception of the idea to fruition, it took five years, hard work, and a lot of luck to have the Peppermill fully switched over to using geothermal for domestic and mechanical heat by 2013.

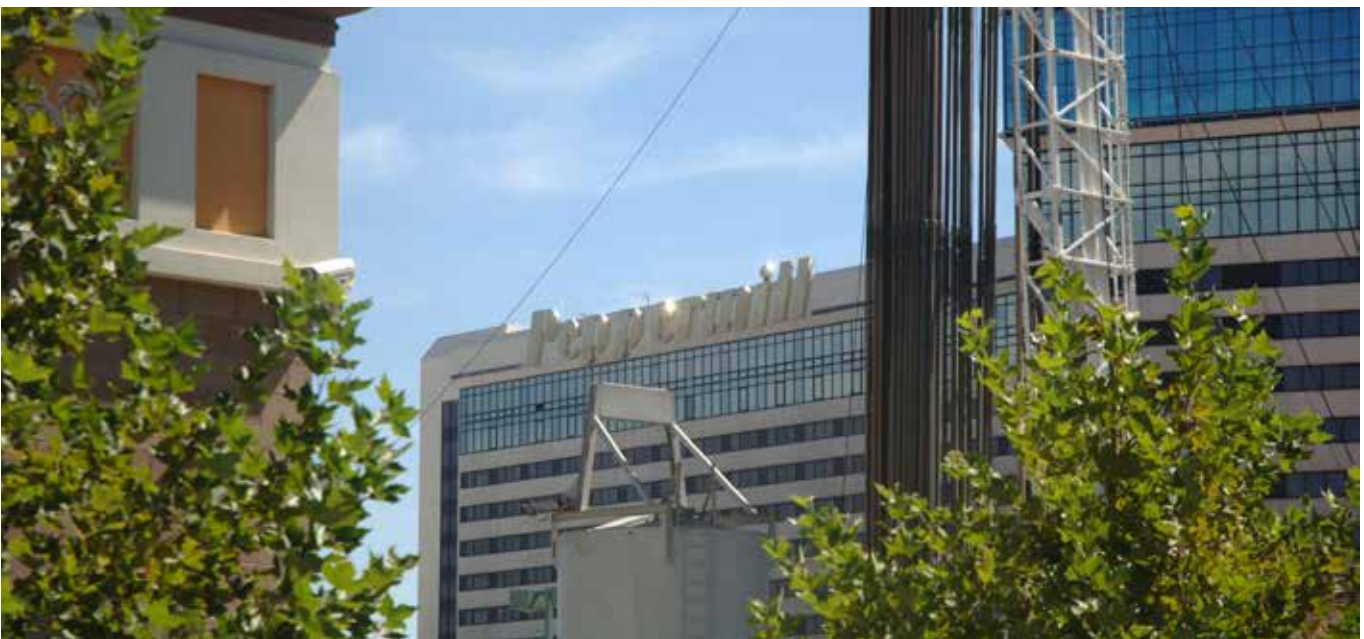
Future of geothermal

The cost of the whole project—drilling both wells, materials, man power, flow testing, and everything in-between—was an approximately \$9.7 million investment. Financially, the geothermal project paid off, but the creation of an environmentally friendly alternative was an even greater investment.

The Peppermill—in only a few years—decreased its yearly carbon footprint by 12,000 metric tons, saw a major reduction in its utility bills, improved bottom line return on investment, and became a more attractive location for eco-conscious consumers.

While the Peppermill has achieved great strides in becoming environmentally friendly, its commitment isn’t stopping here.

Looking ahead, there are potential plans to drill again, this time deep enough to produce electricity for part or all of the property. For that much power, the Peppermill would need to find the perfect spot, with water at about 215 degrees Fahrenheit. But if the house was lucky once, it just might be able to do it again.



REDUCE

A closed-loop system to heat and cool the property: cold water is cooled utilizing outdoor temperatures instead of chillers, and the hot water is heated geothermally.

A building management system to control and regulate temperatures as opposed to constantly heating throughout the day.

An ongoing property-wide water conservation program, including changing guest bed linens and towels per stay on a request-only basis.

More than 30,000 square feet of artificial grass turf, saving the Peppermill approximately 5,184,000 gallons of water per season and more than \$18,000 in annual cost, including reducing chemical and pesticide use.

LED and fluorescent retrofit lighting throughout the resort.



REUSE

Working with Clean the World, a nonprofit that collects discarded soaps and shampoos from hospitality partners and redistributes worldwide to children and families in need. The Peppermill diverts more than 1,000 pounds of soap and shampoo from local landfills per month.

Reusable serving utensils, eating utensils, napkins, and tablecloths in all restaurants.





RECYCLE

Installation of 30 plasma air purifier units throughout the casino resulting in a cleaner, healthier casino environment.

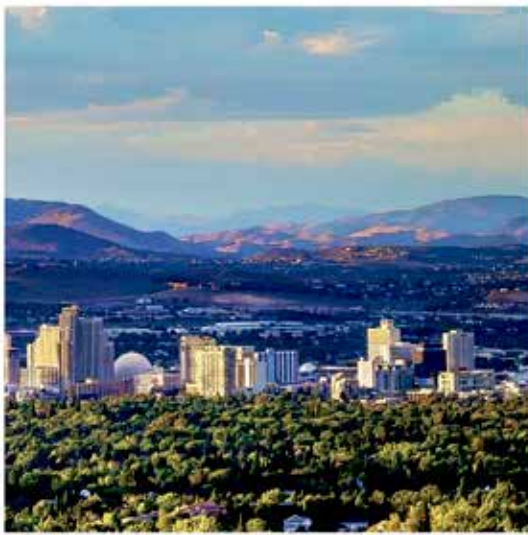
Installation of a water recycling system for all laundry services, conserving millions of gallons of water each year.

Shredding and recycling paper receptacles in all administrative offices, including onsite print shop and advertising departments.

Food scraps produced in the casino's kitchens are collected by Waste Management and are then transported to a local composting facility. The Peppermill diverts 60 yards of organic waste from the local landfill monthly. ■

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—John Kassai



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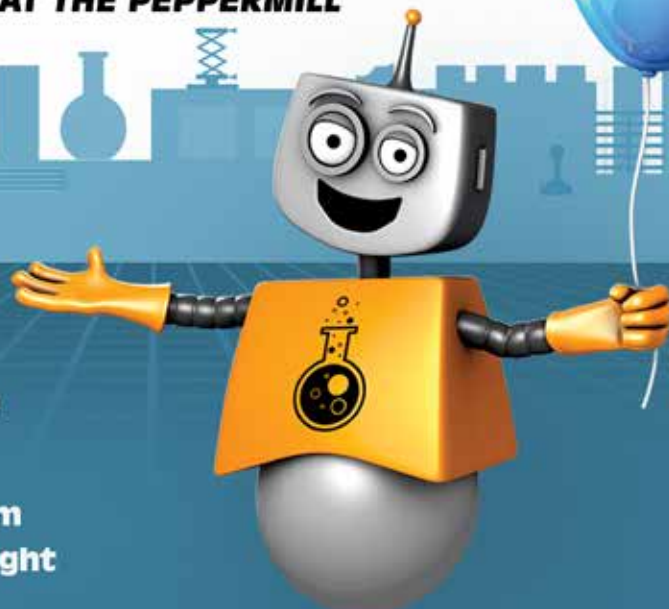
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