

## **BARKING FROG KITCHEN RENOVATION SET TO SUPPORT 17 YEARS OF EXPANSIVE GROWTH**

*Barking Frog house kitchen to get an extensive remodel to keep pace with guest demand*

**Woodinville, Wash (December 6, 2017)** –After more than seventeen years, the Barking Frog restaurant at Willows Lodge is set to undergo an extensive kitchen remodel in January 2018 to better serve the growing needs of culinary and hotel guests. The restaurant will close on January 2, 2018, and plans to reopen on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. During the Barking Frog closure, Willow Lodge will be serving a limited menu in Fireside Lounge for breakfast/brunch, lunch, and dinner and the Barking Frog Mobile Kitchen food truck will be parked onsite, serving hotel guests and visitors a fun, mixed menu on weekends.

“We’ve seen tremendous growth in our food and beverage demands over the last 17 years at Barking Frog and Willows Lodge,” said Denny Fitzpatrick, General Manager, Willows Lodge. “It is our goal to continue to offer an excellent guest experience and we’re excited to reveal a more modern and efficient kitchen to meet the rapidly growing culinary needs of our valued guests in 2018.”

Willows Lodge will continue to offer Happier Hour daily from 4-6pm in Fireside Lounge. In addition, hotel guests will still have access to a limited room service menu for in-room dining. On Saturday and Sunday, the Barking Frog Mobile Kitchen (BFMK) food truck will be parked out front of the hotel serving brunch items such as warm Beignets, Chorizo Burritos, and Grand Mariner Prawns from 9am-2pm.

Executive Chef Bobby Moore will be overseeing the Barking Frog renovation. Both Chef Bobby and Chef de Cuisine, Chris Smith, will continue to manage operations at Fireside and BFMK during the renovation, as well share behind the scenes of the remodel in January on social media.

“We are taking the Barking Frog back of the house to a whole new level and I could not be more excited for the big reveal in February 2018,” said Barking Frog Executive Chef Bobby Moore. “This new work space will allow us to continue to innovate and bring guests the best culinary experience.”

During the kitchen remodel, the banquette along the windows will get a new, updated look to go along with the remainder of the interior which was redecorated in the past year. An expanded pass shelf and kitchen entry will provide a more open experience for guests to get closer to the action in the kitchen.

Be sure to follow [@BarkingFrogWoodinville](#) and [@WillowsLodgeWA](#) on Instagram for behind the scenes photos of the renovation, as well as Chef Bobby and Chef Chris around town.

### **January 2018 Willows Lodge Fireside Lounge Modified Service Schedule**

During the Barking Frog closure, Willows Lodge guests will have access to daily food and beverage service in Fireside Lounge:

- **Breakfast:** Continental buffet breakfast in Fireside Monday-Friday 7am-11am and Saturday/Sunday 7am-12pm (\$20 per person).
- **Lunch and Dinner** will be served daily on a first-come-first-served (no reservations) in Fireside Lounge. Lunch service from 11:00am-3pm, with a condensed menu including items such as Dungeness Crab Cobb Salad, and Tillamook White Cheddar Cheese Mac and Cheese. Dinner service is from Monday-Sunday 3pm-10pm and will include Braised Lamb Shank Tacos, Beef Tenderloin and Seared Scallops.
- **Fireside Entertainment:** Acoustic music and guest musicians on Friday and Saturday only
- **Happier Hour:** Daily in Fireside Lounge from 4-6pm
- Guests may also make reservations at The Herbfarm on property and open Thursdays-Sundays.

Be one of the first guests to dine in the newly renovated Barking Frog in 2018. Make your February 2018 reservation on Open Table or by calling 425-424-2999.

There is still time to countdown and celebrate the New Year with Chef Bobby and team. Check out all of the great holiday and New Year's Eve plans at [WillowsLodge.com](http://WillowsLodge.com).

### **About Willows Lodge**

Willows Lodge, a Northwest style lodge located in Woodinville Wine Country just outside of Seattle, features 84 luxury guestrooms, a full-service spa and high-tech equipped meeting space. Executive Chef Bobby Moore's American regional cuisine at Barking Frog reflects the seasonal and organic produce found in Puget Sound, and is artfully paired with an extensive list of Washington wines. Willows Lodge also boasts Fireside Lounge, offering a casual and sophisticated atmosphere tucked away in the lobby with an outdoor patio overlooking the expansive surrounding landscape. [www.willowslodge.com](http://www.willowslodge.com)

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