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More Upgrades to Mission Point

Mission Point Resort, the sprawling property located on Mackinac Island's east end, has embarked on the second phase of a planned multiyear renovation.

This year the resort has opened a new 6,000-square-foot spa and salon and a workout facility. It has remodeled its café, turning it into a sleek grab-and-go with lake-facing outdoor seating framed by boxwoods, and carved out space for a clothing-and-gift boutique. A tasting room featuring wine, cheese, charcuterie and chocolates was slated to open, too.

"We're really focusing on our lakeside location and what we offer," says Liz Ware, a member of the family that bought the resort in 2014. Ware oversees the renovations and serves as Mission Point's spokesperson. "We have 20,000 square feet [of unused space] to play with, so we have the ability to grow and grow."

Indeed, the Wares are considering building a large yoga studio next to the spa and expanding the resort's meeting space. In addition, the Wares continue to renovate the resort's guest accommodations and shared spaces as well, updating the bathrooms and bedding and lightening the resort's color scheme and décor.

The renovation's first phase, completed before the current season, included an updated lobby with new artwork, refreshed rooms, a variety of new programming and signature weekends, and the addition of a superintendent of grounds and gardens.

Mission Point will close for the season on Oct. 30.

"We took a brand that was a midlevel brand, and we're raising it," Ware says. "It's continued improvement and growth. When a resort destination does something of this magnitude, it's a big deal." missionpoint.com



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AHC+HOSPITALITY ADDS WORKLAB TO PORTFOLIO

AHC+Hospitality, which manages the historic Amway Grand Plaza, the JW Marriott Grand Rapids, Peter Island Resort in the British Virgin Islands and the Downtown Courtyard Grand Rapids, has added the Worklab Business Center by Custer to its Grand Rapids portfolio.

The move gives hotel guests access to an executive business and meeting center. Starting at a daily rate of \$29 per person, independent workers can utilize the shared space and charge it to their hotel room. The center is open to the public as well.

Worklab will serve food and beverages from the Amway Grand Plaza's Kitchen Counter by Wolfgang Puck. It also will be available as a meeting space for groups of up to 30. worklabinc.com

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