

A Welcome Center Not a Restaurant

Does offering museum visitors limited food items and beverages make the proposed welcome center at The Breakers a *restaurant*? Not by any definition of “restaurant” we know.

DEFINING CHARACTERISTICS	RESTAURANT	WELCOME CENTER
Primary purpose is sale of food	YES	NO
Open to general public	YES	NO
Open evenings	YES	NO
Alcoholic beverages served	YES	NO
Table service provided for customers	YES	NO
Seating forbidden without purchase of food or beverages	YES	NO
Kitchen on premises to prepare food offerings	YES	NO
Conventional and microwave ovens to heat food	YES	NO
Washing equipment to clean utensils, pots, pans and dishes	YES	NO
Chef and kitchen staff on premises	YES	NO
Extensive menu choices	YES	NO
Reservations recommended	YES	NO
Live music	YES	NO
Indoor restroom	YES	YES

At the welcome center – which will offer tickets to the Newport Mansions and house exhibit space, restrooms, and visitor rest areas – food service is only one of many important functions.

Unlike a restaurant, the welcome center will not be open to the general public, have a kitchen, provide table service, sell alcohol, or offer food during the evenings. Sandwiches and salads will be prepared and packaged off-site by local caterers.

We’re confident that the proposed welcome center, which will replace an uninviting tent, port-a-potties and vending machines, will dramatically improve the visitor experience at The Breakers without in any way affecting the quality of life that Newport residents enjoy.

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