



Member Update

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Industry Pulse: Restaurant Hiring Surges Nationally, While Minnesota Begins Its Recovery



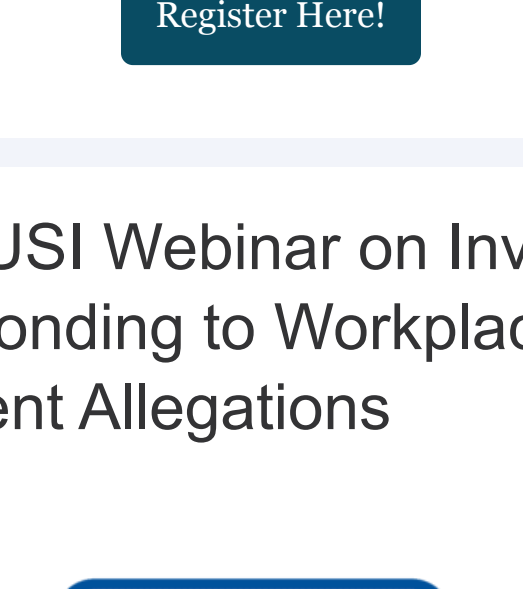
The big picture: The restaurant sector [just experienced its strongest hiring momentum in over three years](#). While national numbers smashed expectations, [Minnesota's hospitality industry is working to find its footing](#) after a challenging start to the year.

By the numbers

- **National surge:** U.S. eating and drinking places added a net 48,000 jobs in May, according to [this National Restaurant Association analysis](#) of recent Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data. This represents the largest monthly employment gain since January 2023, pushing total restaurant workforce levels 1.2% above pre-pandemic baselines.
- **Local Reality:** [Twin Cities Business](#) highlights a steeper hill to climb locally. Following a difficult winter that cost the state's leisure and hospitality sector an estimated [4,600 jobs and \\$71M in wages](#) in Q1, operators are actively fighting to rebuild payrolls and stabilize hours.

Why it matters: While national data shows robust consumer demand and a resilient labor market, local restaurant margins remain tightly squeezed by rising labor costs, wholesale inflation, and lingering staffing deficits.

Next Week: Network with Industry Professionals at Hospitality Unplugged

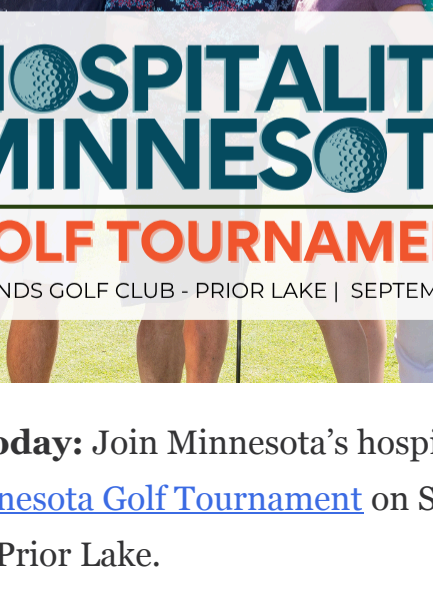


Calling all hospitality operators: Join Hospitality Minnesota and Whitebox Marketing [June 25 from 4 - 6 PM in Saint Cloud](#) for a relaxed and engaging networking event designed to bring together professionals from across the hospitality industry with the resources that help their businesses thrive.

- **What to expect:** This casual gathering offers a unique opportunity to connect with peers, exchange ideas, and discover valuable partners who understand the challenges and opportunities within hospitality.

[Register Here!](#)

July 14 - USI Webinar on Investigating and Responding to Workplace Harassment Allegations



July USI Employer Solution Webinar: [Investigating and Responding to Workplace Harassment Allegations](#)

- **Join the practical discussion:** One of the steps in reducing your organization's legal liability in connection with harassment claims is conducting a prompt and thorough investigation from which you draw reasonable conclusions, take appropriate action, and ensure there is no retaliation. Simple, right? Wrong!

Join us for this webinar in which we will discuss:

- The difference between "illegal" and "legal" harassment
- When and how to conduct a formal investigation
- Interviewing and documentation
- Drawing conclusions and taking appropriate action

[Register Here!](#)

HM Golf Tournament Returns September 14, Now At Legends Golf Club



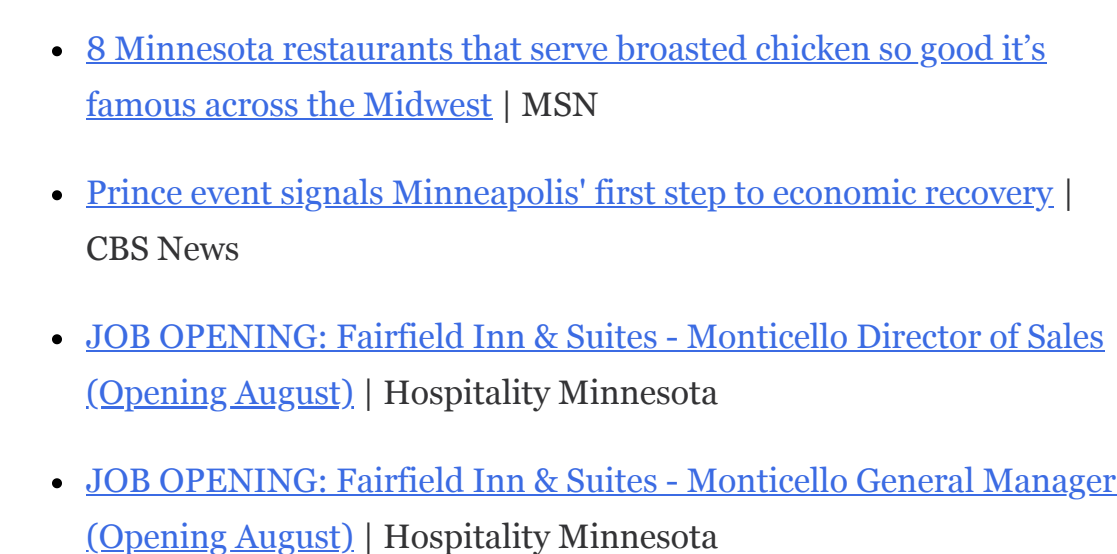
Secure your spot today: Join Minnesota's hospitality leaders at the [2026 Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) on September 14 at the [Legends Golf Club](#) in Prior Lake.

- **Why it matters:** The [Hospitality Minnesota Golf Tournament](#) is all about connection, collaboration, and community. It's a chance to strengthen relationships, meet new peers, and enjoy a day of relaxed networking with fellow hospitality professionals in a beautiful outdoor setting.

How to participate: [Register your foursome](#) or individual slot early—spots fill quickly. Consider sponsoring a hole, beverage cart, or a Bloody Mary bar to showcase your company and engage with members of Minnesota's vibrant hospitality industry.

[Register Today!](#)

2026 Hospitality Conference Registration Coming Soon

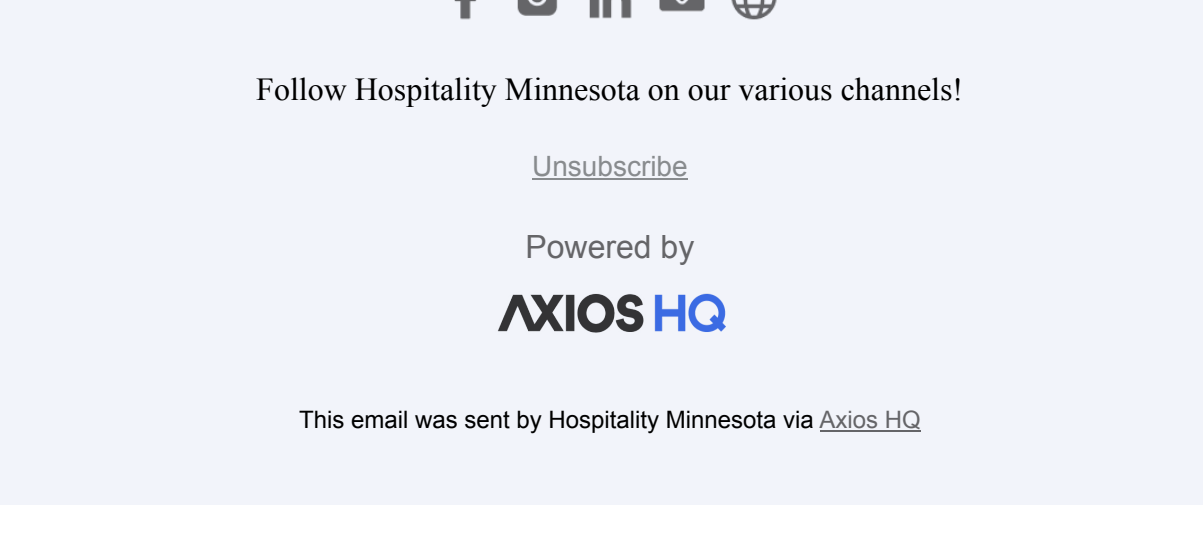


Mark your calendars! The [2026 Hospitality Conference](#) is coming to the Hilton Minneapolis Downtown September 27-29, and you and your team cannot afford to miss this professional development opportunity.

- **The bottom line:** Registration will be opening up soon. Our team is hard at work to provide innovation across hospitality marketing, leadership, and more. Learn more about this year's conference [here](#).

[Learn More!](#)

ServSafe Classes Near You



Did you know: Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment.

[Check this calendar](#) for all upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Minneapolis - June 19](#)
- [Mankato - June 22](#)
- [Woodbury - June 23](#)
- [St. Cloud - June 25](#)
- [Duluth - July 1](#)
- [Roseville - July 2](#)
- [Bloomington - July 7](#)
- [Fridley - July 7](#)
- [Rochester - July 7](#)

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In the News

- [James Beard Awards winners to be announced in Chicago tonight](#) | CBS News
- [6 things that surprised our critic about eating in Minnesota](#) | Star Tribune
- [8 Minnesota restaurants that serve broasted chicken so good it's famous across the Midwest](#) | MSN
- [Prince event signals Minneapolis' first step to economic recovery](#) | CBS News
- **JOB OPENING: Fairfield Inn & Suites - Monticello Director of Sales (Opening August)** | Hospitality Minnesota
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Oh yeah, and don't forget...

- **Enroll/opt out today:** [Minnesota Secure Choice Retirement Program](#) is a state-facilitated, employer-supported retirement program that bridges the retirement savings gap for hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans.

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