

**Lake of the Pines
Association**

Memo

To: Sean Bothelio, General Manager

From: Rick Fowler, Operations Manager

cc: Golf Committee, Jeff Hill, Pat Shaw, Paul Brown

Date: January 22, 2024

Re: **January Golf Course Maintenance Update**

During the month of January several projects were started or completed by BrightView, Contractors, or Public Works Staff. Below is a summary of the work that has been performed since the December 2023 Golf Course Maintenance Update:

COMPLETIONS

- The Hole 12 Project is now on hold due to the weather and competing Association Projects. The project will restart in the Spring when the fairway dries out.
- Staff expanded the ditch on Hole 14 the entire width of the fairway to aid in proper course drainage. So far, it looks like the standing water issue at the bottom of the fairway has dried up. Also, the sediment trap at the cart path was enlarged and rocked.
- A large Oak Tree split in half on the right-side hill on Hole 9 about 200 yards from the pin. We ended up having to remove the entire tree.
- Staff began repairing and adding split rail fencing around the course. This will continue over the winter as time and weather allows.
- Staff cleaned out the center fairway ditch on Hole 8 for proper winter runoff water collection. Also, to help keep the runoff water to stay in the ditch and exit the course without flooding the fairway.
- Brightview began removing some of the trees on the left of the side hill on Hole 6 from the white tee box, down to the green tee box to open the view of the lower fairway and increase firebreak safety.

- See my attached Project list “Update” for further details on a hole-by-hole summary. Public Works Staff is planning to complete all these items and I now have staff to perform the work.

To-Do List

- At the June Board meeting, the Board approved the purchase of a new greens and a new fairway mower (2 total). They are on-order, and the fairway mower is now scheduled to arrive sometime in February. Unfortunately, the greens mower is not scheduled to arrive until sometime in September.
- We will still be adding an improvement to the old green tee box on Hole 3 to make it easier to access the new green tee box.
- Staff will be extending the Hole 4 green tee box as soon as the weather cooperates and using the Donation from the Lady 18ers for SOD.
- Hole 12 will need to be closed for at least one (1) month in the Spring to install the two (2) ponds in front of the green and complete the SOLAR pump installation.