

TURF TALK

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Summer is now in full swing, which means every day you can count on heat, humidity, and thunderstorms! This is the busiest time of year for golf maintenance staff trying to keep up with picking up debris after every storm, keeping drains clear, and of course, mowing grass that is growing as fast as you can cut it!

We also have a couple Rest and Rehab closures going at De La Vista and Bacall. These closures have given us the necessary time to complete projects from aggressive weed spraying and aerification to re-pouring concrete, extensive tree trimming, painting, and installing new restroom floors.

Speaking of closures, the capital renovation projects are moving right along as planned! Churchill's greens and fairways are sprigged and growing in, Belmont's greens are being filled with new gravel before the new soil is added, and the Briarwood and Hilltop projects are not far behind!

TURF TIP

Every golf course has a box of green sand near the starter shack to encourage players to take it on the course with them, but do you know why?

When you take a divot out of a tee box or fairway, it leaves a void. By filling it with sand, you not only make it level and improve its appearance, you're also giving the grass something to grow into so it can recover on its own. No matter where you are on the course, please fill your divots!



As everyone knows, one of our biggest challenges going into this time of year is the potential for tropical storms and hurricanes. The extreme winds and high volumes of rain not only cause plenty of damage but the cleanup can take days even weeks depending on the severity. Even normal rainfall events in the summer can cause flooding. Please be patient with the Executive Golf Maintenance staff while we work to get the courses back in the best possible condition as quickly as we can.

