

2025 Westwood Golf Maintenance Annual Report

The maintenance staff has been busy with tree and debris work, weed control, #2 back tee construction to lengthen the par 3 and #7 pond renovation for material use at the tee project during the 2024 golf season. The following is a report of work completed.

We started with trimming low hanging tree limbs around the course. This was a problem for golfers and pace of play. Then, we moved onto large tree logs that remained from 2023 golf season. Next was the water sprouts and lower limbs inhibiting us from mowing and trimming. This process requires a borrowed tractor and attachment from Park Maintenance. We started removing dead trees and stumps that are on the golf course. We removed stumps on holes 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 18. Going forward, we will remove dead trees and stumps and continue to clean up the debris left behind from this process. Storm water maintenance division is also helping us with trimming the large brush areas and difficult to trim areas around waterways. To date they are almost finished. This leaves Westwood Maintenance staff with cleanup of brush and debris left behind from this process.

We enlarged number 7 greenside pond and used the excavated soil to extend the teeing area on number 2 hole. This tee serves as a back teeing effectively lengthening the hole, which is part of an overall plan to create a long overall course yardage. As part of this project cart path repairs are also presently underway adjacent to number 7 pond area. These projects should be completed before the spring golfing season. Also, the driving range tee has a matted area to help turf areas recover during the off season.

We have made major strides this past growing season in eradicating broadleaf and grassy weeds on Westwood golf course and tennis grounds. Some of the major problem weeds were Dallasgrass, Nutsedge, Kyllinga, Goosegrass and Knotweed. We will continue with applications this year in hope of reaching our goal of a very low threshold of weed competition. Number 2 greenside bunker is our next bunker renovation as part of the overall course bunker renovation. To date 7 of the 14 bunkers are complete.

Thank You to all that contribute to our goal of improving playability and quality of Westwood Golf Course. Especially, Parks And Recreation Director Jason Olsen, Head Golf Professional Rick Parish and the rest of the greens staff.