



**Youth Development Organization First Tee – Connecticut Selected as new
Golf Operations Manager of Goodwin Park Golf Course**

Golf Course Will Open, Walking Only, on Friday, March 18

Cromwell, CT (March 11, 2022) – Effective immediately, First Tee – Connecticut will be responsible for the Golf Operations of Goodwin Park Golf Course. This is a full circle moment for First Tee – Connecticut, as this is the same facility where First Tee was founded in 1999. Starting out as The First Tee of Hartford with summer programs for young people, First Tee – Connecticut has evolved into one of the state's premiere youth development organizations. "The opportunity to form a more intimate relationship with the City of Hartford, and to have an even greater impact on members of the Hartford community through the game of golf, is something that everyone at our chapter is excited about," said First Tee – Connecticut's Executive Director, Mark Moriarty. "This new relationship will allow for increased interaction with some of our existing partners within the city such as Hartford Public Schools, Camp Courant, the Boys & Girls Club of Hartford and the Legacy Foundation. We look forward to more people playing more golf at Goodwin Park in 2022!"

This opportunity at Goodwin Park comes in part as a result of the recent efforts of the City of Hartford's Golf Course Working Group and First Tee – Connecticut's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Taskforce. Both organizations will continue working together to address issues of access to and awareness of the game of golf within the Hartford community.

"The City of Hartford is excited about our new partnership with First Tee – Connecticut in serving the Hartford golf community at Goodwin Park Golf Course for the 2022 golf season. Mark's team of golf professionals will provide the full complement of services and functions that will enable Goodwin Park Golf Course to continue its strong growth trend, while increasing community engagement, inclusivity, and growing the game locally," says Michael Looney the City of Hartford's Director of Public Works.

Interested parties may learn more about golf in Hartford at Hartford Golf Day to be hosted on Saturday, April 23 from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Goodwin Park Golf Course and Keney Park Golf Course.

About First Tee - Connecticut

First Tee – Connecticut is a youth development organization that enables kids to build the strength of character that empowers them through a lifetime of new challenges. By seamlessly integrating the game of golf with a life skills curriculum, we create active learning experiences that build inner strength, self-confidence and resilience that kids can carry to everything they do.

Through programs at 17 outdoor locations, in 162 schools and in partnership with local youth service agencies, we annually help shape the lives of over 71,000 young people from all walks of life by reinforcing values like integrity, respect and perseverance through the game of golf.

The Connecticut Golf Foundation is a non-profit organization doing business as First Tee – Connecticut. First Tee – Connecticut Management is a single-member LLC established as a subsidiary of The Connecticut Golf Foundation for the specific purpose of managing the Golf Operations of Goodwin Park Golf Course in Hartford, CT.

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