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## **A Sandy Clean-up and Comeback for County Courses**

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY** – Putting weeks of Hurricane Sandy recovery behind them, Middlesex County’s four golf courses are fully operational and ready for winter play.

Evidence of the super storm that ripped through the Northeast on Oct. 29, could be seen at any of the golf courses operated by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority – but some more so than others.

Accounting for much of the storm damage, MCIA Golf Director Rod Brennan reported that more than 100 mature oak trees had fallen at two Tamarack Golf courses in East Brunswick, upwards of 20 pine trees at the Meadows at Middlesex Golf Course in Plainsboro and a handful of small trees at the lightly wooded Raritan Landing Golf Course in Piscataway.

Brennan added that all greens are now accessible with the exception of the Tamarack west course’s 14<sup>th</sup> hole, where a large downed tree caused significant landscaping issues and a lengthy closure. That damage is also the source of intensive regrading and reseeding efforts that are currently underway.

Following Sandy, Tamarack was the earliest of the MCIA courses to allow play, opening on Nov. 6.

By Nov. 21 the rest had followed suit, Brennan said.

“To some of our players, this is a second home,” said MCIA Chairman Leonard Roseman. “So regardless of the month or catastrophe, we would do anything in our power to keep our courses up-and-running. By living up to the highest of standards, we’ve earned a reputation for being some of the most affordable and quality, year-round golf courses in the State.”

Aside from residual clean-up, the staff and crews have officially kicked-off their seasonal duties now that temperatures have begun to dip.

“We mostly maintain the courses during the winter – there’s no grass growing and the leaves have already fallen – so we do maintenance,” Brennan said. “We sharpen all the blades, change all the oils and filters and tune them up...we really go over every piece of machinery and make sure it’s ready and sharp for next year.”

For more information on the MCIA golf courses, schedules and fees, log onto [www.mciauth.com](http://www.mciauth.com) or call 609-655-5141.

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