



Dear Orchard Valley Resident,

Fall greetings from your friends at the Fox Valley Park District.

I want to share with you some information regarding the upcoming renovation project set for Orchard Valley Golf Course.

As you may know, the District's Board of Commissioners approved an \$8.8 million renovation for OVGC at our September 9 board meeting. As such, we plan to move forward with construction, beginning in November 2024 with the intent of reopening the golf course in Summer 2026.

Since OVGC opened in 1993, time has exposed deficiencies along its 6,800-yard championship layout and although the course has been well-maintained, its infrastructure requires an update. Therefore, Orchard Valley will not be open for play in 2025.

Here's a snapshot of the planned improvements:

- Renovated, realigned, relocated and reconstructed bunkers
- New irrigation system
- New retaining walls on hole Nos. 2 and 7
- Refreshed and expanded greens
- Expanded and resurfaced tee boxes
- Added fairway (partial wetland fill-in) on hole No. 13
- Re-grassing tees/fairways/greens with newer, more disease resistant and resilient seed varieties
- Realignment and reconstruction of select cart paths

A recent newspaper article included plans to rebuild Orchard Valley's six bridges. Bridge replacement, along with renovations to the clubhouse, pro shop and Orchards Restaurant, will be action items presented to the Board before the end of the calendar year. Meantime, Orchards Restaurant, the clubhouse/pro shop, and practice range will be open through Dec. 31, 2024.

With the end goal to improve the operational efficiency and economic viability of Orchard Valley, the renovations are also intended to enhance course aesthetics, invite some new strategies, and generally elevate pace of play and playability.

We'll provide you with periodic updates throughout the renovation, and appreciate your partnership.

Sincerely,

Jen Paprocki

Fox Valley Park District, Executive Director

