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***New manager/head golf pro hired for LEPFA-managed Groesbeck Golf Course***

**Lansing, Michigan – January 9, 2018** – As of January 1st, 2018, Lansing Entertainment and Public Facilities Authority (LEPFA) has become the professional management organization overseeing Groesbeck Golf Course. In May of 2017, then-mayor Virg Bernero announced the final decision to transfer the management of the course from the city to LEPFA, as a way to improve the use of Groesbeck and reduce the city subsidy on the golf course.

One of the first steps for LEPFA to take as a result of the decision was to hire a new golf course manager/head golf professional. Through the interview process, LEPFA selected Greg Webber, a PGA of America Class A professional with over 19 years of experience in the golf business. He spent nine years at Forest Akers Golf Course as a teaching professional and manager, and was also the owner of Greg Webber Golf Academy at Hawk Hollow Golf Course for 10 years.

"LEPFA is pleased to welcome Greg to our team of knowledgeable and experienced professionals," said LEPFA vice president of sales and services, Scott Horgan. "Greg is a Class A PGA Professional that comes to us with over 20 years of teaching and golf management experience here in the Lansing area. He is passionate about creating the ultimate golf experience for our customers and teaching the fundamentals of the game."

Originally from Kalamazoo, Webber has lived in Lansing and is now settled in Okemos with his wife Meghan. They have a son, Peyton, and two huskies, Akita and Koda. In his spare time, Webber enjoys playing hockey, fishing, soccer, and watching sports with his family.

"My focus this year will be enhancing the golf experience for the customer. And one of my main goals will be to bring in more juniors to the course by implementing junior clinics, Youth on Course, tournaments, and other fun events," said Webber. "Now that the sixth and seventh holes are reopened, we can get back to having more leagues and outings. LEPFA is a perfect management team to help me get the course back up to be a 'must play' course in Lansing and the surrounding areas."

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Groesbeck Golf Course is an 18 hole regulation length course designed by Jerry Matthews, ASGCA. The course opened in 1926 and was named after Governor Alexander Groesbeck, who was instrumental in its opening. In the spring of 2016, reconstruction on the front nine holes began, with most of the redesign work happening on holes six and seven. The course announced completion in late August 2017 and reopened all 18 holes. The 2018 season will be the first full season for the revamped course, which management believes will attract more outings and leagues.

“Greg’s most recent involvement at MSU’s Forest Acres Golf Course, along with our new partnership with the PGA of Michigan, will allow Groesbeck Golf Course the opportunity to explore innovative golf trends to bring people from all ages, skills, and abilities to explore the golfing options at the city of Lansing’s premier golf course,” said LEPFA president and CEO, Scott Keith.

Groesbeck Golf Course is centrally located east of Old Town Lansing, bordering Wood Street and Saginaw Street. The city recently moved the entrance from Ormond Street within the Groesbeck neighborhood to Cesar Chavez Avenue (formerly East Grand River Avenue). The new entrance will allow better access to and from the course, which will alleviate traffic through the neighborhood and increase visibility.

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**About Groesbeck Golf Course:** *Rated among the "Top 10 Municipal courses in Michigan" by Michigan Golfer Magazine, this popular course will challenge all skill levels. Groesbeck Golf Course is currently located at 1600 Ormond St., Lansing, MI 48906. The course is a daily fee course and tee times are recommended. For further information, visit Groesbeck’s Facebook page or call (517) 483-4333.*

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