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Subject: Countryside Golf Course operations, management to cease

Roanoke, VA - The City of Roanoke and Meadowbrook Golf, Incorporated, announce the discontinuance of the operation and management of Countryside Golf Course, effective March 1, 2010.

Meadowbrook Golf, Incorporated, has been managing the facility on behalf of the city since 2005.

Current economic and fiscal conditions did not permit the city and Meadowbrook Golf, Incorporated, to come to mutually beneficial terms for the operation and maintenance of the course. Given anticipated shortfalls in revenue in the current and subsequent fiscal years, and anticipated investments in the course to ensure successful operation, City Council weighed this potential financial commitment along side the growing challenge of meeting needs for city services and schools.

For the near term, city administration will review the options for repurposing the golf course facility in a manner that is consistent with city goals and objectives to enhance the quality of life for all residents.

Staff will work closely with community stakeholders in this effort, and develop a plan for both short-term and longer-term options for the use of the property, including recreation, open space, natural areas, and limited areas of development potential.

For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Brian Townsend at 540/853-2333.

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