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### **Indoor Golf Business to Take Over Lease at The Arboretum Club**

The current tenant will leave in November and WJ Golf plans to feature golf simulators for training and entertainment and manage a full-service restaurant/bar.

**Buffalo Grove, Illinois** – The Village is pleased to announce it will be entering into a lease agreement with WJ Golf, an indoor golf business located at 1380 Busch Parkway in Buffalo Grove who starting in 2022 will be the next tenant at The Arboretum Club, 401 Half Day Road in Buffalo Grove. At this new location, WJ Golf will offer indoor golf activities including private lessons, golf simulators, full-service dining and entertainment, which will complement the Arboretum Club’s 18-hole outdoor golf course to create a unique and exciting regional destination. The lease agreement will be considered by the Village Board at a special meeting on August 31, 2021.

This is the first project of its kind in the Chicagoland area where a golf course will be expanded to provide both virtual and traditional golf experiences all at the same venue. Plans for the Village-owned property and golf course include converting existing banquet space into the virtual golf center as well as making improvements to the outdoor golf course’s cart paths, greens and bunkers. The facility’s restaurant, bar and patio area will be renovated into a full-service operation managed by WJ Golf for golfers and the public to enjoy. In total, WJ Golf and the Village plan to invest more than \$1.4 million into the Arboretum Club property over the next five years.

“We have made the strategic decision to reposition the course and its amenities to provide an experiential opportunity centered around golf and entertainment options year-round,” said Village Manager Dane Bragg. “This exciting new use at The Arboretum Club will make Buffalo Grove a distinctive recreation destination for its residents as well as golf enthusiasts from the area.”

WJ Golf plans to remodel the current banquet space and install golf simulators in its place. Their proposed lease agreement with the Village has a term of ten years, with two five-year optional extensions and provides significant new revenue to the Arboretum Club for course improvements. WJ Golf plans to keep its current location on Busch Parkway, which opened in 2020, and has an indoor driving range, online golf and a golf simulator.

The existing tenant at The Arboretum, Progressive, had a lease that was set to expire at the end of 2022, but an agreement was reached with the Village to end the lease early. Progressive plans to leave the space in mid-November.

Village President Beverly Sussman thanks Progressive for its decades of serving the community, stating, “We very much appreciate their dedicated service for weddings, mitzvahs, Chamber of Commerce events, the Senior Expo and so much more. We now look forward to this exciting new concept for our community.”

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