



SALEM MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

ESTABLISHED 1919



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Salem Municipal Golf Course was built in 1919 on a 46 acre tract of land just a few blocks from the center of the city. The picturesque par 34, nine-hole, 2400 yard course is the perfect place for new golfers of any age to learn the game in a relaxing atmosphere.

The historic course is being renovated this winter as crews return the putting surfaces to their roots. Since 2001, the greens at the course have consisted of artificial turf and over time they have become increasingly slick and treacherous for even the most talented players.

Workers from the city under the direction of Streets and Maintenance Director, Mike Tyler, are ripping out the "worn out carpet" and replacing it with the sand greens that were the course's trademark during its heyday.

The sand greens are made up of a combination of 60 percent sand and 40 percent baseball infield dirt. The third and key ingredient is the bonding agent that holds the two together. Durasoil is a synthetic, organic, environmentally friendly product that helps the greens remain packed and also maintain a consistent roll.

City officials plan to unveil some other improvements for their patrons by the time spring arrives, and the best news is that the price to play will stay the same as it is today.

Kids 18 and under can play all day, any day for just \$5, while seniors can play as many rounds as they like for just \$8 on weekdays. All other adults are just \$9. On the weekends the rate jumps to \$10 for adults, but kids can still hit it as many times as they like for just \$5.

SALEM MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE FAST FACTS

Built in 1919
Located at 601 Academy St.
(540) 387-9802
Johnston Family has operated the course since 1976
232,000 Golfers have played the course since 1979

