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PVSC HELPS PREPARE FOR UPCOMING PRESTIGIOUS BARCLAYS TOURNAMENT AT LIBERTY NATIONAL GOLF COURSE



(JERSEY CITY) – Having a world class golf facility is more than just a pristine course, magical views and a stunning clubhouse...it's about attracting the finest players in the world.

Liberty National Golf Course in Jersey City is one such facility and will once again be the site of the prestigious Barclays Tournament this week. The tournament will feature 125 of the top PGA tour players in the world including World Golf Hall of Fame member Phil Mickelson.

For the past few weeks, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) has been hard at work clearing major debris deposited by Superstorm Sandy from the shoreline that adjoins Liberty National and New York Harbor. PVSC's River Restoration crew removed over 60-cubic yards of debris including more than 300 commercial tires, downed trees, floatables and other hazardous matter. The River Restoration crew used "buffalos," specialized 6-wheel amphibious ATVs designed to get into water and difficult territory, and other specialized equipment to tackle this arduous work. Most of the work, however, was painstakingly performed by hand.

"The PGA Tour and The Barclays are important to the sport of golf and to our local economy. I'm very pleased that PVSC – through our River Restoration Program – has been able to remove all of these unsightly tires so that the players and spectators alike can enjoy the outstanding course at Liberty National and the breathtaking views of the New York skyline," said PVSC Executive Director Michael DeFrancisci.

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The PGA Tour returns to Liberty National next week for the first event in the FedExCup Playoffs, ***The Barclays***. The final road to season-long victory begins at Liberty National, which last hosted The Barclays in 2009. Liberty National sits on the western shore of New York Bay: a drive, chip and putt away from the Statue of Liberty and Manhattan Skyline. Its beauty, challenge and location are enjoyed by many of the world's foremost athletes, entertainers, and business leaders.

According to PVSC Commissioner Kenneth J. Lucianin, "PVSC has worked hard to improve the aesthetics of the area – particularly those areas that adjoin Liberty National Golf Course. No one wants their golf course to have unexpected obstacles. Through the efforts of our River Restoration department, the PGA Tour can rest easy that a great deal of this unattractive and hazardous debris has been removed."

The PVSC has embarked on an intensive, strategic post-storm cleanup campaign to free the Passaic River and major tributaries of blockages, help with flood control and maintain the quality of the waterways. Cleanups will continue throughout the summer.

Liberty National Golf Course, an 18-hole Championship Golf Course (7,400 yards, par 71) reflects the detailed expertise of former U.S. Open Champion Tom Kite and renowned course design mastermind, Bob Cupp, who collaborated on the project. The course itself boasts 15 of 18 holes that feature unobstructed views of the Big Apple and Lady Liberty.

The Barclays runs from August 20 through August 25.

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In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission operates one of the country's oldest and largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey, serving over 1.4 million people in five counties.