



CHEEKWOOD

—Golf Club—

February 9, 2017
City of Franklin, Tennessee
Office of Planning and Sustainability
Attn: Kelly Dannenfelser
kellyd@franklintn.gov

Dear Ms. Dannenfelser:

Please accept the attached Letter of Interest for the request to lease the 54+/- acre property owned by the City of Franklin located along the Harpeth River south of Mack Hatcher Parkway and west of Franklin Road.

The Cheekwood Golf Club, a recreational sports business, has been operating adjacent to the 54+/- acres for over 23 years. Cheekwood Golf Club (formerly Fairways on Spencer Creek) came under the new ownership of award winning golf course architect and Franklin resident, J. Todd Jester, and Nashville entrepreneurs Tom Pierce and Jo Dee Pritchard in July of 2015.

My partners and I wish to address the growing recreational needs of the community and enhance the underserved youth golf programs in our area schools and increasing retirement population. The expansion of the current facility to the 54+/- acres will help ensure the long-term sustainability and financial viability of CGC. The natural extension of the golf course across Mack Hatcher Parkway is critical to our future success and vision of becoming part of the fabric of the Franklin community.

The ability to lease the city land will help to:

- Expand and secure Cheekwood as a long term sustainable and viable business
- Grow opportunities to meet community recreational demands
- Address high school golf teams and youth sports needs, practice facilities and tournament venue
- Offer new opportunities for a public event space
- Give the City of Franklin new opportunities to be City's primary fertilizer plant customer - meeting both golf course and city needs
- Render an opportunity to reduce and/or eliminate water withdrawal from the Harpeth River for golf irrigation
- Provide an additional effluent water user for the City of Franklin
- Improve quality of life and property integrity around residential homes
- Revitalized city neighborhood character for residents around the golf course and along Spence Creek Rd. and Mack Hatcher.
- Keep the integrity of the existing open-space and enhance the beauty along one of the city's busiest roadway.
- Provide for the highest and finest use of floodplain property

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this Letter of Interest. We look forward to meeting with the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to present our request and answer their questions.

Sincerely,

J. Todd Jester
Cheekwood Gold Club Owner and Golf Course Architect