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2016 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION BULLETIN

As you know, the 2016 PGA Championship will be hosted in Springfield at the Baltusrol Golf Club from Monday, July 25 through Sunday, July 31. The PGA Championship is one of professional golf's four annual Majors. Our community has been selected as the host city for this event that will be televised in over 200 countries around the world. As long-time residents know, this is not new to Springfield as we last hosted a Championship in 2005.

With golf fans traveling to Baltusrol, the event is bound to cause some disruption to our community. This event presents opportunities and challenges with many logistical, operational, safety and security considerations and planning. This event brings thousands of visitors from around the world. The PGA, Baltusrol, the Township, State Police, Office of Homeland Security, and County have met countless times to plan and mitigate inconveniences and disruptions as much as possible while balancing safety and security precautions. This letter is intended to clarify some confusion, address some questions residents have been asking, dispel rumors circulating on unofficial forums, and provide factual information regarding local road traffic management.

Baltusrol Golf Club and the PGA are private entities who have made a decision to host the Championship in Springfield, New Jersey. While some residents may not be pleased with the impact to their daily routines for a week, we recognize the significance of such an event and the attention that it brings to our township. Baltusrol is also the largest taxpayer that has historically been a neighbor willing to cooperate and contribute to the township in many benevolent ways. Therefore, in many meetings and negotiations leading up to the event, we have balanced what we believe to be a fair response in accommodating their needs while attempting to mitigate the impact to the residential community as much as possible. Baltusrol and the PGA have paid and will pay the Township for all expenses that arise, including the costs for Building Department permits, inspectors, Police and Fire Department staffing, and usage of Township property. This is not a profit-making opportunity for Springfield nor do we suffer a budgetary impact for supporting this event.

Additionally, while they are not obligated to do so, Baltusrol and the PGA are providing complimentary tickets at their discretion to residents that they determine are most affected. Despite any rumors, we have NOT received any tickets to distribute as that is being handled directly by the PGA and Baltusrol. Beginning June 9th, Baltusrol and the PGA are mailing notification letters to those residents they have identified to inform them of the ticket distribution plan. Those residents who are receiving tickets will know who they are because they will receive instructions directly from Baltusrol and the PGA about how to redeem them. They have not provided the Township with a list of those residents.

Finally, the 2016 PGA Championship Transportation Sub-committee, with input from State, County, and Local law enforcement professionals, along with NJ DOT traffic specialists, has produced a comprehensive traffic plan that includes road closures, detours, and parking restrictions to be utilized during the upcoming PGA event.

This plan was established to ensure the safe and efficient ingress and egress of attendees, volunteers, officials, and players, while minimizing the impact as much as possible for area residents.

At this time, the public should be aware of the following **full road closures** planned for the event:

- Shunpike Road (for the duration of the event)
- Hillside Avenue, from Mountain Avenue to Irwin Street (during operational hours)
- Adams Terrace (during operational hours)

The following **roads will be heavily utilized** by shuttle buses, authorized vehicles and directed traffic: Shunpike Road, Baltusrol Way, Stonehill Road, Hillside Avenue, Irwin Street, Adams Terrace, Temple Drive

The following **areas will be closed except for local traffic** and will have **on-street parking restrictions**: Briar Hills Circle, Wentz Avenue, Gregory Road, Ronald Terrace, Jefferson Terrace, Madison Terrace, Edgewood Avenue, Remer Avenue, Mapes Avenue, Kipling Avenue, Irwin Street, Adams Terrace, Sherwood Road, Ashwood Road

Irwin Park will serve as the *only* general public gate. The entrances on Shunpike Road are restricted for other uses. Spectators who travel to the Championship by train to Summit and by car to the designated parking lot at Oak Ridge Park in Clark will be dropped off by shuttles at Irwin Park. From there, they will enter the Baltusrol grounds on a path that cuts through the woods, and they will exit the same way. The shuttle bus routes will encompass several streets in the Irwin Park vicinity off of Mountain Avenue (specifically Kipling Avenue, Irwin Street, Adams Terrace, Wentz Avenue and Edgewood Avenue). ADA Parking has been designated at Temple Beth Ahm. CBS Media will be accessing the golf course from Ashwood Road. A separate agreement between the PGA and Springfield Public Schools includes the use of parking lots at Jonathan Dayton High School, and Walton and Sandmeier Schools for media. Traffic posts around the town will be manned by multiple law enforcement agencies, including the Springfield Police Department. Please note that the first of the week consists of practice rounds and the latter portion is the actual championship, therefore, traffic is expected to increase as the week progresses. Additional travel and parking restrictions in areas around the event may be announced in the near future in response to issues that may arise. Announcements will be provided on the Township website at www.springfield-nj.us by clicking on the link that reads "2016 PGA Championship Information). Residents are reminded that many rumors are circulating on unofficial forums and social media. For accurate information, contact Town Hall to get the facts. More information (access, tickets, operational hours, transportation, etc.) is available on the official PGA website at <http://www.pga.com/pgachampionship>

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I live on Anytown Street and it says my road will be closed. Can I travel in and out to leave and come home?

A: Yes, residents will have access to their homes and streets.

Q: I live on Anytown Street and it says parking is prohibited. Can I park on my street?

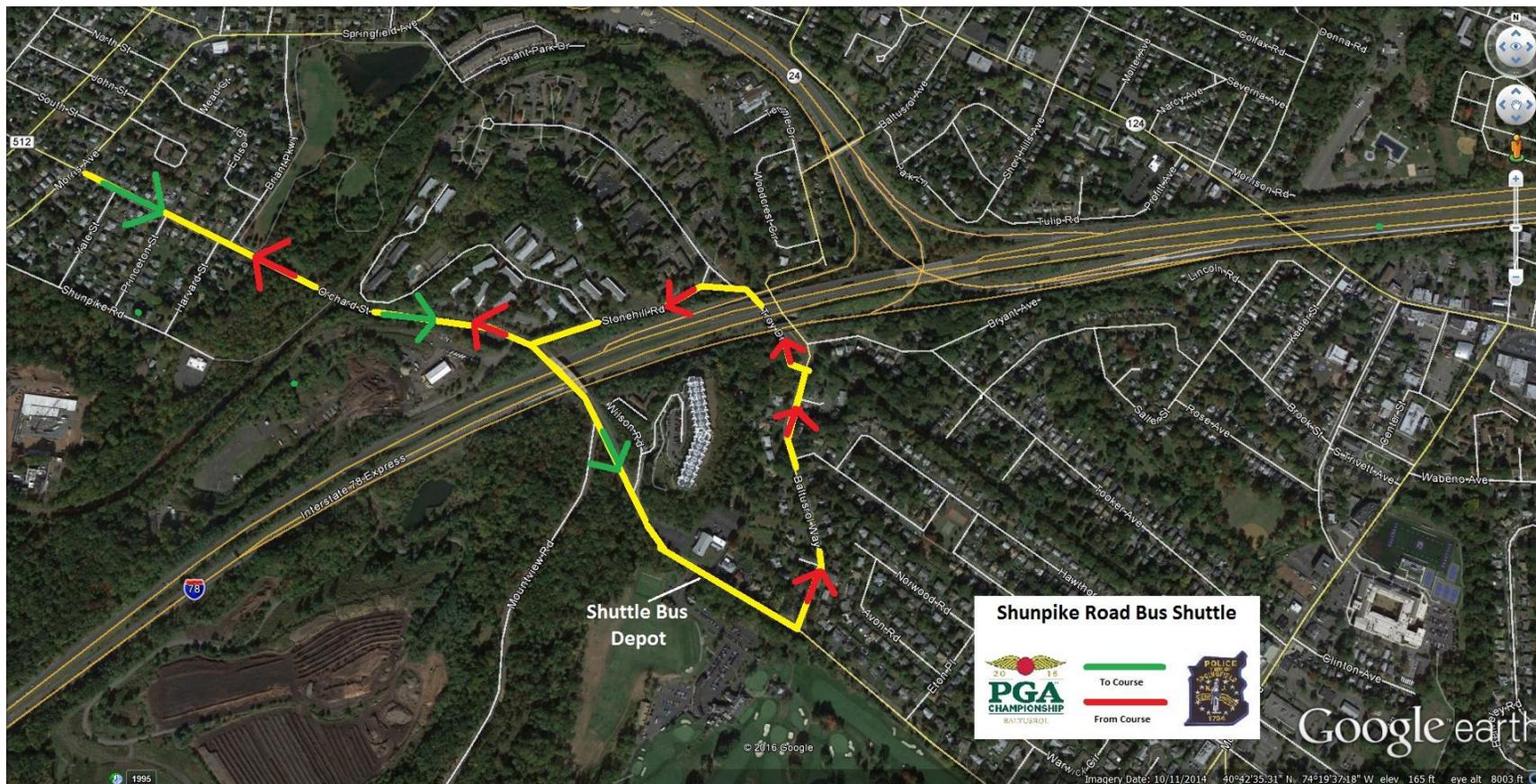
A: Parking restrictions will apply to everyone for safety and security reasons.

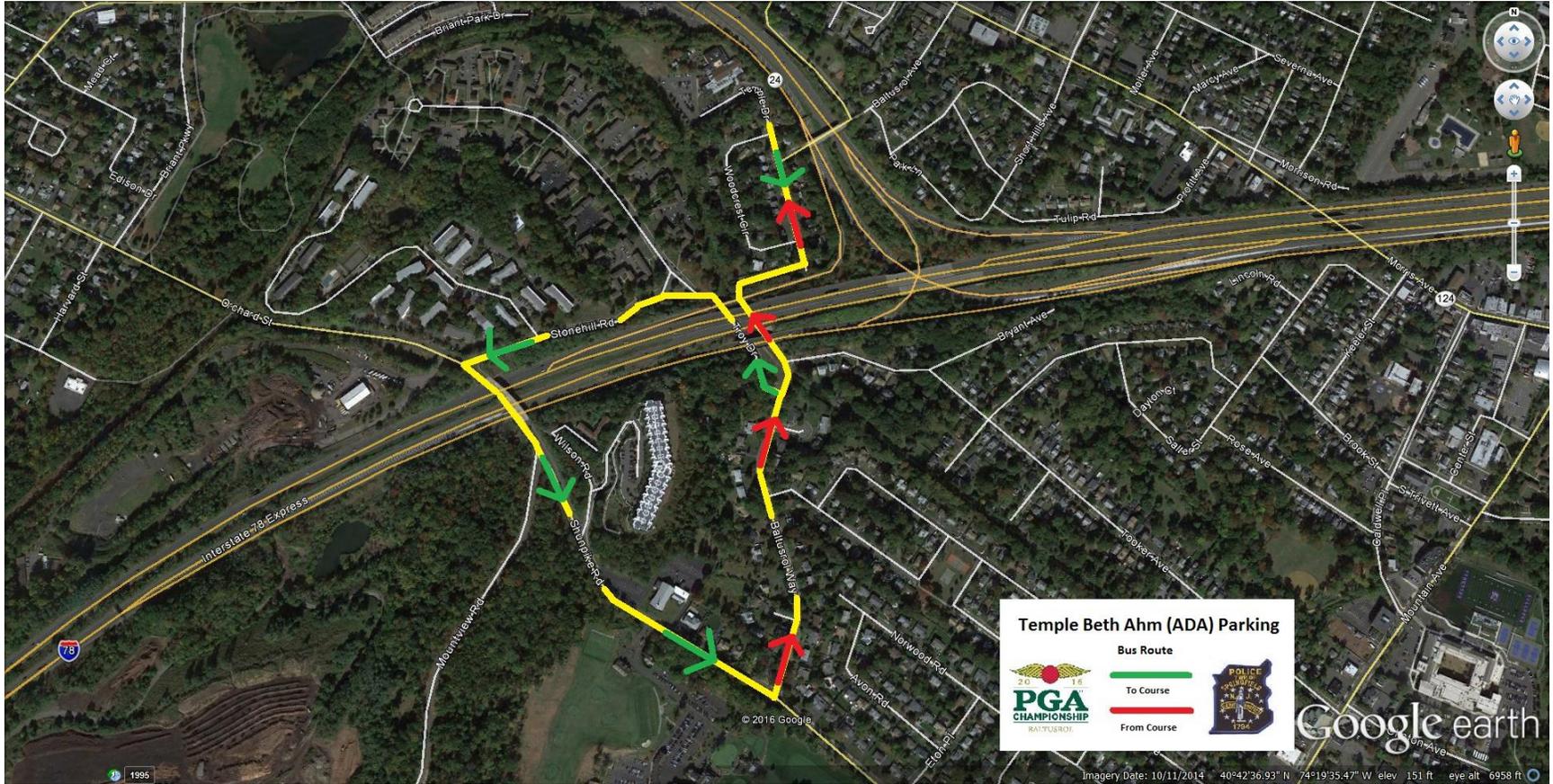
Q: I live on Anytown Street and I'm very close to the golf course. How do I get my free tickets?

A: Baltusrol and PGA are determining, at their discretion and with no obligation, who will receive free tickets. If they determine your property is most impacted, they will send a letter to you with instructions. If your neighbors received a letter and you did not but think there was a mistake, the contact information is included on your neighbor's letter. Baltusrol and the PGA will only mail tickets to those individuals who have reserved tickets by following the included instructions. The Township is not involved with the distribution of tickets and has not received any to provide to residents.

Q: Can I sell parking on my property?

A: There are no restrictions on renting parking in your private driveway. However, doing so is at your own risk and presents a liability. The Township does not encourage, recommend or condone this activity. Additionally, there may be implications with your private homeowners insurance. Parking is prohibited on lawns and will be enforced. This presents a safety concern for pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Please keep in mind this is also unsightly and we will have many eyes on Springfield. Additionally, providing parking in your driveway encourages more traffic in the neighborhood. Baltusrol and the PGA have designated parking lots for spectators and are encouraging the use of shuttles to minimize traffic congestion. Opening up more parking opportunities will further add to the congestion on local streets.





Temple Beth Ahm (ADA) Parking

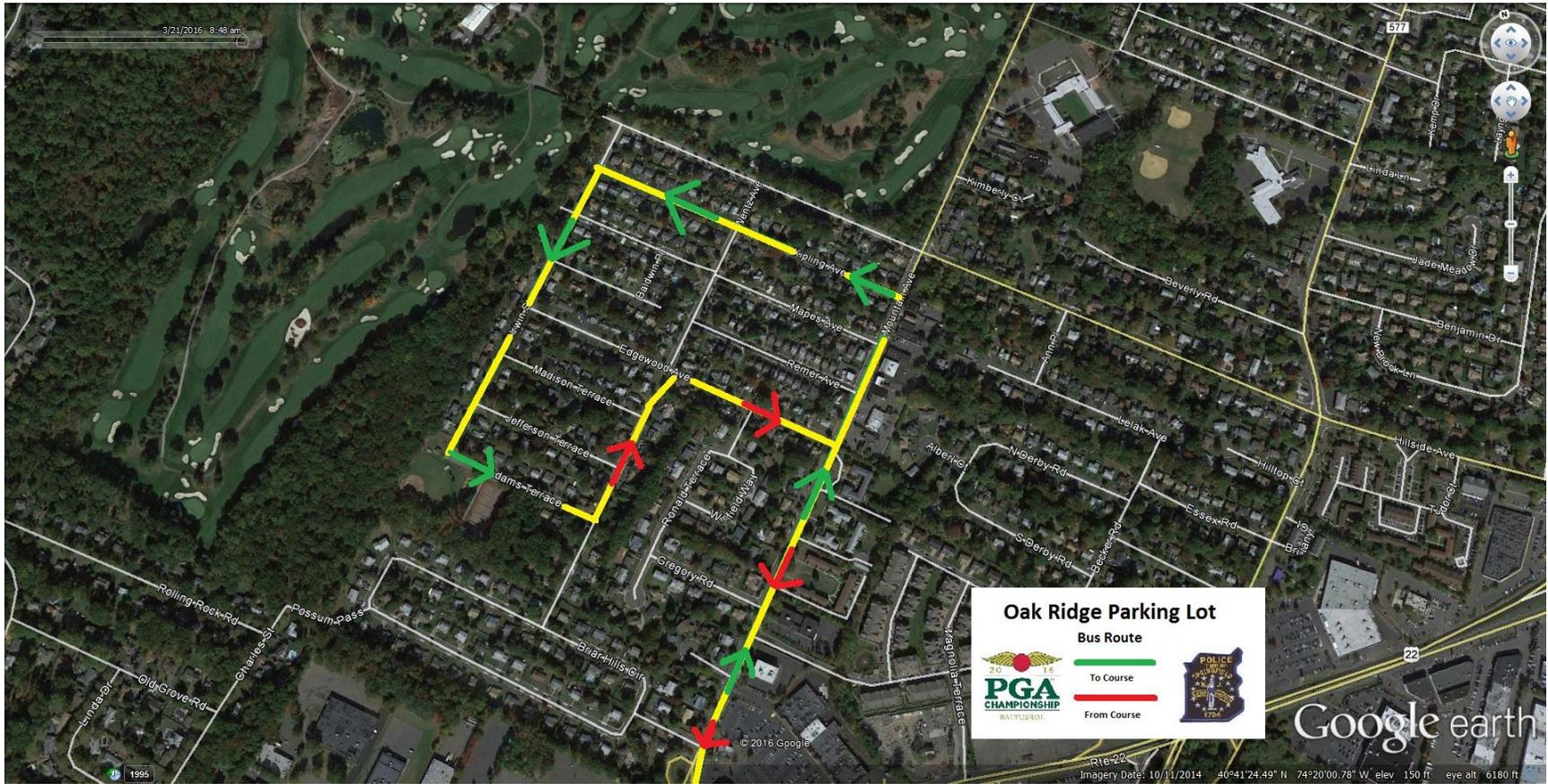
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