Thank you for contacting me. Unfortunately, the information you have received in the email blast was filled with inaccuracies. I am sorry you have been misinformed. CURRENTLY, all clubs in Cary mow the playing services starting at 6 AM. So that is not a proposed change.

Please understand that council has been reviewing this change for months in public meetings and has heard from several citizens including residents of Preston. Again, the information in the email blast was incorrect. What council will decide tonight is how to reduce the ambiguities in the ordinance. You can read the staff report at http://www.townofcary.org/Town_Council/Agendas___Minutes/Staff_Reports/PD15-008_Noise_Ordinance_Golf.htm or see the chart below for staff's (not council's) recommended changes

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<td>1 – Yes, allow course maintenance to begin at 7:00 a.m. 7 days/week 2 – No off-season exception is necessary Staff recommends Option 1</td>
<td>Should the ordinance be amended to vary the times or days when general landscaping activities are allowed to exceed 60dB(A)? 1 – No, keep it as is currently allowed (Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.)</td>
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<td>2 – Yes, adjust the weekday times and/or weekend times 3 – Yes, establish specific times when mowing is allowed with no restriction on days</td>
<td>Staff recommends Option 1. The ordinance as written seems to have worked well in the past and staff typically receives very few complaints related to this exception. How should the ordinance define “golf course greens” (Sec. 22-105(10))? Define “golf course greens” as:</td>
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Define “golf course greens” as:

1 – Only the putting green

2 – Only the putting green and tee box area

3 – Any playing surface on the golf course

Staff recommends Option 3. Staff originally recommended Option 1, but following research of this issue staff now believes it necessary to allow an early start on course maintenance for all playing surfaces. If Council approves, staff would include language in the ordinance other than “greens” to make clear which playing surfaces are allowed to be maintained during the times defined by the exception.

How should the ordinance define “mowing” of golf course greens (Sec. 22-105(10))? Define “mowing” as:

1 – The use of powered equipment that is designed strictly for grass cutting. Other equipment not designed for grass cutting, such as blowers, would not be allowed.

2 – The use of any powered equipment for typical golf course maintenance purposes, including blowers.

Staff recommends Option 2. Staff originally recommended Option 1, but following research of this issue staff now believes it necessary to allow the courses to utilize equipment in addition to their mowers in order to effectively prepare the course for play. If Council approves, staff would include language in the ordinance other than “mowing” to make clear that multiple types of equipment may be operated during the times defined by the exception.

What method should staff use to determine if a violation exists?

1 – Average taken over a set period of time (current method)

2 – Instantaneous readings with a percentage of the total readings in excess of the limit constituting a violation

3 – Instantaneous readings with a set number of readings in excess of the limit constituting a violation

4 – Average taken over a set period of time with a “cap” such that a reading in excess of the cap within the averaging period would constitute a violation of the ordinance

Staff recommends Option 4, an average reading with an upper limit threshold. Staff recommends that the cap be 3 decibels over the established limit. Thus, when the decibel limit is 60 dB(A), any reading of 63 dB(A) or above during the 60-second measuring period would constitute a violation of the noise ordinance, even if the average reading for the 60 second time period is below 60 dB(A).

I hope this helps. Thanks,

Harold Weinbrecht
Dear Mayor and Town Council,

As President of Preston Community Association, this is to inform you our community of over 1400 homes is very concerned about the Town Noise Ordinance that allows “mowing the greens” as early as 6 am April through September and has been interpreted by the golf courses to mean mowing any playing surface and use of blowers because they are part of mowing.

Please stay this vote tonight and let the community at least have a voice on any change to the Noise Ordinance tonight. The noise level going from from 60 db to 63 db, a significant increase. No citizens or complainants were invited. There should be a night for additional citizen input.

We appreciate you letting us have a voice and be heard.

Thanks,

Alan Knuckles
President Preston Community Association