On behalf of The Greene Management Team, we would like to reach out to our Greene community regarding the Easter Egg Hunt Yesterday –

This is our second year holding this event for the community, and unfortunately this event did not turn out as we had hoped and planned for, due to several factors. Our staff dedicated 2 months to preparing for this event, and we had 10 staff members and a softball team of 12 girls volunteer their time yesterday to help run our event – everyone was very upset with the outcome of the Egg Hunt, and the way they were treated by community members at the conclusion of the event.

We feel that we owe an explanation for the events that took place, and while we are not trying to point fingers or place the blame elsewhere, we want to make everyone aware of the situation. From around 12:30 – 2:00 PM, we began instructing participants on how the event would work – 1 & 2 year olds get to start first in a designated area (the concrete area by the fountains), where they had eggs laid out specifically for them, then 3 & 4 year olds would get 60 seconds with a parent to get a head start, and following that, the hunt would begin for everyone else. From the get go, we had an extremely difficult time with crowd control and keeping people away from the center court area. We asked repeatedly that participants move into the street (the road was closed for the event), so that we could keep everyone in one area to easily give instructions. We were unfortunately bombarded with participants that would not follow instructions, and when we began to gather,
extremely difficult time with crowd control and keeping people away from the center court area. We asked repeatedly that participants move into the street (the road was closed for the event), so that we could keep everyone in one area to easily give instructions. We were unfortunately bombarded with participants that would not follow instructions, and when we began to gather the 1 & 2 year olds to head to their designated hunting area, parents rushed to the grassy area and began picking up eggs from other areas, which prompted all other participants to rush out and begin hunting. This is not at all how we had planned for the event to go, and we are so upset with the outcome and the reactions from participants. We understand fully that you are all upset, but please believe that we are too. Adults were not permitted to pick up eggs, yet we saw so many doing so, which resulted in some children leaving empty handed. We had over 2,000 eggs hidden, with 100 prizes to give away, and it is a shame that so many still left disappointed. We saw grown adults pushing children out of the way, and people getting knocked over. This is absolutely unacceptable behavior, and we apologize to anyone that was affected by these actions.

We want to give a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated prizes or their time to help with this event, and we would like to apologize to them for the way the community has spoken to them.