Heritage Park's Liberti heads NYTA

The New York State Turfgrass Association has elected a new president — John Liburdi Jr., head grounds manager at Heritage Park in Loudonville. Liburdi, who succeeded Michael Maffei of Back O'Beyond in Brewster, is serving along with new Vice President Stephen Smith of P.I.E. Supply Co. in Thompsonville, and Secretary-Treasurer Anthony Peca Jr. of Batavia Turf Farms in Batavia.

Three candidates were elected to the board of directors. They are Karl Olson of National Golf Links in Southampton, Fran Berdine of O.M. Scott's Co. in Pine Bush and Bob Scott of DowElanco, Springfield, N.J.

Other members serving as directors are John Eik, Steve Griffin, James Hornung, John Rizza and Joseph Hahn.

Handling traffic

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to keep turf alive, Otis said, are those where a cart path stops. He downplayed the helpfulness of plastic "grass cells," saying: "I've never seen grass cells work. Grass dies. Someone catches a spike on it [plastic cells], and you're in trouble."

He said Dr. Trey Rogers of Michigan State University has found that using a mulched tire product as a soil amendment reduces traffic damage, as do Netlawn fibers

"It might be worth a try, experimenting in a few selectives areas," he said.

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