

MAGCS IN MOTION

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- The next MAGCS Board Meeting is slated for May 31, 2006.
- Did you know the University of Illinois is offering a 4-year completion degree in Horticulture? The program is the first of its kind for the University – campus wide. Did you know it is going to be offered in Chicagoland? In fact, the U of I just hired Greg Pierceall to oversee the program. Greg is in the process of retiring from Purdue University where he spent the last 31 years teaching Landscape Architecture. He is going to get the “B.S. in Horticulture Degree Completion Program” up and running this fall. I had the opportunity to meet Greg recently. His enthusiasm and knowledge of the green industry is certain to make this program successful. If you have an Associates Degree, this could be your next step to gain a Bachelor’s degree. Classes slated for this fall include: Plant Propagation, Woody Landscape Plants, Residential Site Design and Forest and Landscape Insects. Need more information? Check out: www.nres.edu/undergraduate/chicagodegree.html
- MAGCS membership is at an all time high and still growing. At press time the class totals are:

Class A	233
Class SM	64
Class AA	38
Class C	121
Class D	117
Class E	188
Class G	3
Class H	18

Total 782

- A classification that was created last year is the new Class F- or Facility Member. This class was created for a club or course to become a member of MAGCS, not an individual. (They don’t have voting rights and don’t have the dual membership requirement). The membership committee is currently working on contacting these facilities to inform them of all the

- benefits of MAGCS. If you know of any of these clubs or courses, please tell Dan Sterr, or myself. We’ll make sure they are sent the necessary information.
- Please plan to attend the MAGCS Family Night Picnic on July 15, 2006 at the Kane County Cougar Game. Bring your children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews – they will be sure to have a wonderful time. As always, the beer will be cold, baseball will be played and friends will be all around. And if one of your children entered the MAGCS scholarship competition, definitely keep that date open. All winners will be the guests of MAGCS and receive their scholarships at the game.
- The education committee, led by Tony Kalina has been hard at work lining up the Midwest Turf Clinic’s agenda and theme. I’ve seen the tentative slate of speakers and it promises to be a good one. The early theme is “Moving Forward”.
- Speaking of education – Mr. Kalina has been working closely with the IPTC Education Committee, chaired by Kevin DeRoo, helping them create the golf track for this year’s conference. Key speakers for this year’s IPTC include Dr. Thom Nikolai, Dr. Dave Minner, Dr. John Stier, Dr. Lane Treadway, and our own PhDs and others from around town – Branham, Wilkinson, Voigt, Fermanian, Miller, Vermeulen and Settle. Look for information coming soon from the ITF – Mark your calendars now for Nov 28 thru 30.



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