



“Going Green” Are We Doing Enough?

The 56th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic will be held at Medinah Country Club on November 5, 2008. This year's Turf Clinic will be themed “Going Green” and focus on global conservation.

Everyday people are becoming more and more concerned about protecting the planet and conserving its resources. It's important for us to understand how certain aspects of our lives can affect the planet in positive or negative ways. Furthermore, it is our duty, as humans, to protect our planet and preserve it for future generations to come.

In the morning we will hear from Kay McKeen—Founder and President of School and Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education (SCARCE). Over the years, SCARCE has educated generations of teachers, students, and residents here and abroad by spearheading hundreds of interactive environmental projects.

Kay and her staff will cover the following topics, explaining the true impact of the choices we make each day within our operations:

- Landfill Education
- Composting
- Recycling Methods
- Energy and Water Conservation Ideas for Clubhouse and Maintenance Facilities
- How to Host a “Green Golf Outing”

John Walton, Vice-Chair of Chicago Area Clean Cities (CACC), will also be speaking in the morning. CACC coalition is a voluntary organization dedicated to encouraging the use of clean fuels and clean vehicle technologies in the Chicago metropolitan area. John will discuss new available and developmental alternative fuels for golf courses.

The afternoon session will feature Jim Moore (Director of the USGA Section's Construction Education). Jim will discuss the evolution of golf course maintenance and address future direction of our industry.

Chicago Cub's broadcaster, Pat Hughes, will close the day with many fun and interesting stories about his career as baseball announcer. Hopefully Pat will be able to share with us some recent World Series victory stories.

As a reminder, committee sign up sheets will be available by the registration table. The following committees are open and need your help:

- Arrangements
- Education
- Editorial
- Media and Public Relations
- Employment
- Advocacy and Compliance
- Scholarship
- Commercial Advisory
- Membership
- Class C Advisory
- Past Presidents Council
- Golf

Helping the Needy at the Midwest Turf Clinic

The MAGCS Board is asking your help to support a local charity: *The Community Crisis Center (CCC)*. The CCC, located in Elgin, Illinois, was founded in 1975 by a group of dedicated volunteers to help those in crisis due to domestic violence, sexual assault, or economic circumstances. We will have a donation box at the Turf Clinic to collect the following items:

Shelter Needs:

- Powder Laundry Detergent
- Fabric softener Sheets
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Dishwasher Powder/Liquid
- Paper Towels, Facial Tissues, Toilet Paper
- Dish Cloths, Towels, and Sponges

Food Pantry:

- Non-Perishable Canned and Boxed Goods
- Canned Fruit, Applesauce, Soups, Ramen Noodles
- Ravioli
- Spaghettios
- Chili
- Sloppy Joe Mix
- Cereal
- Rice
- Dry Beans
- Pasta and Sauces
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Saltine and Graham Crackers
- Powdered Milk

MAGCS will also accept monetary donations to support this organization.

Please come out and join us for 56th Annual Midwest Turf Clinic and find out what “Going Green's” all about. Hope to see you there. **-OC**