

## Don't Miss – SFMANJ Spring Field Day

**Where:** Drum Point Sports Complex, Brick NJ  
**When:** April 20, 8am-8:30 registration  
**Till:** 3pm  
Box lunch included • Door prizes • No vendor booths

**“When it’s Built it’s too Late.”** This day promises more than education. Come see a beautiful newly built 60 acre facility in different phases of construction. This is a wonderful park with the same construction problems we face everyday. Learn from Ken Mathis, Parks Director, how to avoid some of these problems and how to build a successful facility. You have the opportunity to see the final changes needed before opening day.

The facility includes 4 softball, 12 soccer and 2 football fields including the beginnings of a skateboard park and bike trail. We will show you how the maintenance building was constructed, how Ken worked with the engineer to get what he wanted. While you are there check out the pesticide storage area. See how to install an internal soil drainage system to combat drainage problems on athletic fields. In between the tour stop at each field and learn how the irrigation system and well work. (Every field is irrigated). We will explain some construction problems and how to develop a playing surface with the existing turf, each field is in a different stage of development. Find out how Ken amended his soil and see the difference between the fields and common areas. Check out the weeds and find what they are and out how to get rid of them. Stop by the skinned infields, see the problems, learn how to correct them. Learn how to analyze the mix and compare it to the ASTM standards as we whip the field into playable quality. Stick around afterwards for door prizes and questions. Watch for the flier with registration coming in the mail soon. **Be the first to fax the enclosed puzzle with the correct answers and win a free admission.** ♦

### SFMANJ Business

Next Board of Directors Meeting – March 11,  
Thurs. 4pm. At Storr Tractor Co., Rt. 22,  
Somerville.

If you work for a professional facility and are interested in serving on the Board of Directors of SFMANJ fax a resume to 907-730-7770. You must be a member in good standing. ♦

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## Lip Service, It's All Part of the Game

By Jim Hermann, CSFM

The elevations of the turf perimeter at the point of intersect between the infield skin and the turf is the reference point from which all infield elevations are calculated and or maintained. By maintaining the turf perimeter of the infield at a specific plane and minimizing the accumulation of material known affectionately by sports field managers as the “lip”, you help to maintain the integrity of your surface drainage plan. A properly maintained perimeter will always provide for a smooth transition from the infield into the turf area. As this battle goes, so goes the war.

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