

Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey has recently set the date for the

Third Annual SFMANJ Field Day/ Outdoor Trade Show and Equipment Demonstration Day.

Tuesday, August 17th is the date and Plainsboro Township Community Park is the place. This is definitely a day to mark on your calendar. The day has been planned with the support of, New Jersey Turfgrass Association, the New Jersey landscape Contractors Association, the Irrigation Association of New Jersey and New Jersey Recreation and Park Association. This event will without a doubt prove to be the largest of its kind in the State of New Jersey.

Commercial vendors from all over the tri state area will be present to display their products, services and equipment. Equipment demonstrations will include but not be limited to irrigation equipment, skid-steers, trenchers, tillers, blenders, mowers, tractors, topdressers, aerators, edger's, line painters, groomers, utility vehicles etc.

If you don't find it at our trade show, it probably doesn't exist. Those that know will be available to answer all your questions. If they can't tell you how, they'll be able to show you how.

Time will be allocated for hands on operation of all the equipment being demonstrated. In addition, educational sessions will be provided in cooperation with the New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association and the Irrigation Association of New Jersey.

Come out and see what's new and exciting while at the same time showing support for the green industry. Watch for more information about attending and participating as a vendor in NJTA CLIPPINGS, NJLCA TIMES, LESURE TIMES, SFMANJ Update and member mailings. ♦

SFMANJ Business

Next Board of Directors Meeting – June 11,
Thurs. 5:30pm. At Rutgers University, Geiger
building.

If you work for a professional facility and are interested in serving on the Board of Directors of SFMANJ fax a resume to 908-730-7770. You must be a member in good standing. ♦

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Rutgers Corner – A summary of turfgrass traffic tolerance research

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For sports field managers, relying on non-trafficked turfgrass quality data generated from National Turfgrass Evaluation Program variety trials and other tests conducted at university sites does not satisfactorily answer the often asked question, "What varieties should I establish on my heavy-use sports fields?" Rutgers has made significant progress to answer that question through turfgrass traffic tolerance research conducted on varieties comprising the three major turfgrass species utilized on New Jersey sports

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