

# UPDATE

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# RUTGERS

## LAWN, LANDSCAPE AND SPORTS TURF FIELD DAY

Including SFMANJ-Sponsored Table Top Trade Show

SAVE THE DATE!  
Wednesday,  
July 31, 2013

**NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR 2013: Rutgers Hort Farm II, North Brunswick, NJ**

By Brad Park, Rutgers University

In what has become an annual tradition, the New Jersey Turfgrass Association (NJTA), Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey (SFMANJ), and Rutgers University will once again collaborate to hold the Rutgers Lawn, Landscape, and Sports Turf Field Day. Due to facility renovation and upgrades at the Adelphia Research Farm, this year's event will be held at Rutgers Hort Farm II, North Brunswick, NJ on **Wednesday, July 31, 2013**.

A table top trade show will be sponsored and administered by SFMANJ and is open to all vendors who sell products and services to the Green Industry. Coffee, bagels, Danish pastries, etc. will be served during the trade show. The trade show provides a great opportunity for attendees to network with other Green Industry professionals and examine the latest product offerings from Industry-supporting vendors. **NOTE: There will be no equipment demonstrations as part of the Lawn, Landscape and Sports Turf Field Day at Hort. Farm II in 2013.**

After opening remarks from Rutgers University representatives, the education portion of the program will begin at 9:00 am. Groups will rotate between three 17-minute tour stops per hour. Each stop will consist of turfgrass education. There will be four 3-stop rotations between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm.

Rutgers Horticultural (Hort.) Research Farm II is home of golf and sports turf focused research conducted by the Rutgers Center for Turfgrass Science. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear Rutgers Turf Center faculty and staff describe turfgrass field trials examining turfgrass variety performance under traffic stresses, minimum inputs, and new varieties and experimental selections of the major cool-season turfgrass species.

Turfgrass fungicide and herbicide trials are annually conducted by Rutgers Faculty at Hort Farm II and will be included as educational tour stops. Stark contrasts between effective and ineffective treatments are often visually apparent in these trials providing attendees with useful information on product selection, application timings, and application rates.

Following the turfgrass education, a fine lunch will be served to all of those in attendance. The trade show will also be open during this time. Following lunch, New Jersey DEP pesticide recertification credits, and credits from neighboring states per approval, will be available to attendees.

After lunch attendees will have the option to attend training for Fertilizer Applicator Certification. Attendees may then take a paper-based version of the Certification exam for \$75.00.

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Practical sports field education was a part of the SFMANJ Spring Field Day at Northern Burlington Regional High School on April 2, 2013.



# A Message from The President

by Matt Olivi

The recent Sports Field Managers Association of NJ (SFMANJ) Spring Field Day held at the Northern Burlington County Regional School Facility in Columbus, NJ turned out to be another great event. Despite blustery conditions, we had a great turn-out of both attendees and vendors. Special thanks go to our commercial members Northern Nurseries and Green Pro Materials who donated materials for demonstrations and seminars. Our thanks go to Turf Trade for sponsoring early morning refreshments. Also, sincere thanks go to all of the vendors who took part in this years' Spring Trade Show. As always, your support of SFMANJ events is greatly appreciated.

The next event we are looking forward to is the annual Rutgers Research Field Day which will be held July 31, 2013. There will be a change of venue for this year's Research Day. The usual Rutgers Adelphia farm will not be able to host the event this year as an infrastructure upgrade project will be taking place over the summer. The alternative site for this year's program will be Rutgers' Hort Farm II Research Facility located in North Brunswick, NJ. This temporary change in venue will require SFMANJ to scale back the trade show to a tabletop only event. Although we're breaking the tradition of incorporating turf equipment demonstrations into the educational program, SFMANJ wanted to continue to give its commercial members an opportunity to have face time with attendees and continue to support Rutgers Turf Research. Keep an eye out for registration information through mailings and website updates.

SFMANJ is currently working on revamping its Field of the Year Program. The FOY program is a great tool for recognizing our members' efforts in maintaining the playability and safety of their fields. Maintenance efforts often go unnoticed by the majority of people that use the fields and/or those who finance maintenance resources. This recognition program can be a great tool for bridging the common gap between organization leaders and field managers. Over the summer months, a committee will be analyzing the current criteria and guidelines for the Field of the Year program and how to best implement a new system of localized district representation to help with the application and selection processes. Contact the SFMANJ office if you would like to serve on the field of the year committee. It's one of the many ways to get more involved in SFMANJ business and provide directors with valuable feedback. We hope to hear from you soon and look forward to seeing you in July.

*Matt Olivi is Sports Turf Manager, Piscataway Board of Education, Piscataway, NJ; and SFMANJ President*

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## Rutgers Lawn, Landscape and Sports Turf Field Day:

### SCHEDULE:

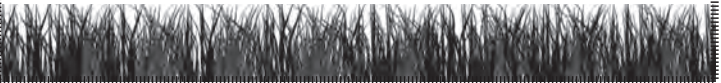
6:30 AM	Vendors may arrive & set-up
7:30 AM	Attendee Registration & Trade Show Opening
9:00 AM	Education Tours Begin
1:00-2:00 PM	Lunch / Open Trade Show
2:00-3:00 PM Training	Basic Training for the Professional Fertilizer Applicator (OPTIONAL)
3:00-4:00 PM Exam	Fertilizer Certification Exam (OPTIONAL; \$75.00 exam fee)

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Attendees may register online by visiting the NJTA (website) [www.njturfgrass.org](http://www.njturfgrass.org);  
(o) 973.812.6467;  
(email) [execdirector@njturfgrass.org](mailto:execdirector@njturfgrass.org)

Those vendors interested in reserving a table top for the trade show are encouraged to contact SFMANJ for more information and appropriate paperwork  
(website) [www.sfmanj.org](http://www.sfmanj.org);  
(o) 856.514.3179;  
(email) [mail@sfmanj.org](mailto:mail@sfmanj.org)

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*Welcome!*  
**New and Renewed**  
**SFMANJ Members**  
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| Frank Ravaschiere   | City of Longbranch                    |
| Charles Rogers      | Plainsboro Township                   |
| Heather Rohde       | Profile Products/Turface              |
| Edmund Rohland      | Millville Babe Ruth Sports Complex    |
| Michael Ryan        | The Landtek Group, Inc.               |
| Brandon Schmidt     | Paramus Board of Ed                   |
| Dianne Scolamiero   | Student – County College of Morris    |
| Jack Shannon        | West Depford BOE                      |
| Matt Shearon        | Shearon Environmental Design Co, Inc  |
| Daniel Shemesh      | New York Red Bulls                    |
| Kevin Shipman       | Kingsway Regional School              |
| Adam Simmons        | Glassboro Parks and Rec               |
| Neal D. Sitzman     | New York Red Bulls                    |
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