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SOUTH JERSEY HOSTS THE 2009 SFMANJ SPRING FIELD DAY

By Don Savard, CSFM, CGM

Mark your calendars for the SFMANJ Spring Field Day on April 9, 2009 at the Kingsway Regional School District in Woolrich Township, New Jersey. Kevin Shipman, Head Groundskeeper at Kingsway gave an interesting presentation at Expo this past December in Atlantic City about how his team turned a worn out athletic area into a showplace with some ingenuity and elbow grease. We will have a chance to see how they do it.

Also featured will be equipment demonstrations, mound and home plate construction and field layout. We will even get a chance to paint lines and logos.

Lunch is sponsored by Coombs Farms, LLC in Elmer, New Jersey, just a short drive from Kingsway Regional. We will have a chance to see a sod growing operation up close, from planning to production to harvest to installation. The day will conclude with a presentation for Pesticide Credits.

SFMANJ Spring Field Day, Thursday, April 9, 2009 Rain or Shine
Kingsway Regional High School, 213 Kings Highway
Woolwich Township, NJ 08085

~AGENDA:~

- 7:30 AM Registration - Coffee/donuts provided by Northern Nurseries
- 8:00 Introductions
Sports Field Tour
Mound Construction
Field Layout
Painting Demonstration
Equipment Demonstration
- 11:30 Adjourn Kingsway. Move to Coombs Farms. Maps and directions will be provided.
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch Lunch Sponsored by Coombs Farms, LLC
- 1:00 Tour of Coombs Sod Farm
- 2:00 IPM / Pest Talk, award credits
- 3:00 Adjourn

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Township of Monroe Earns 2008 SFMANJ Field of the Year Honors

By Scott Bills

The township of Monroe, Middlesex County, NJ has deep roots, steeped in American history. Monroe was originally settled by James Johnstone of Ochiltree, Scotland in 1685. Known then as East Jersey, Johnstone was offered 50 acres of land for himself and 25 additional acres for each family member.

After sending letters back to Scotland with stories of fertile soil, plenty of food and water, plus good health of immigrants, more Scottish, English and Dutch settlers came to the area.

In 1838, Monroe, named for the fifth President of the United States - James Monroe, incorporated as an independent municipality. Monroe was then part of South Amboy and earlier as part of Piscataway. In 1838, Monroe Township included Spotswood, Helmetta, Jamesburg as well as parts of Cranbury and East Brunswick.

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The softball field at Monroe Township, NJ was awarded the 2008 SFMANJ Field of the Year.