

STMA MESSAGE



By Mike Schiller

Spring is here! How do I know? The Masters is being played at Augusta National. I'm excited because my brothers and I were fortunate enough to get tickets to Tuesday's practice rounds. What a magnificent place — full of traditions, immaculate grounds, great food and well-behaved fans.

For the golfer, which I am, the Masters is a sign that spring is here, the harbinger of summer.

I can tell it's spring by traveling through town and seeing soccer being played on our soccer fields; seeing the softball and baseball fields busy as people of all ages clamor to get in shape and sharpen their skills for the new season.

In the South, the perennial ryegrass overseeding makes way for the bermudagrass.

On the college and high school scene, track moves outdoors.

And we all want to shed a little of the winter weight so we can look good in a swimming suit.

Spring is a time of rebirth, of new life, a time of excitement and activity. Spring is a time to try new ideas, to do new things — maybe you can find a way that saves time and effort.

New for me this spring is a job change. I've just been named the superintendent of parks for the Rolling Meadows Park District of Rolling Meadows, IL. I'm looking forward to the challenges this new position will bring.

I'd like to thank the Schaumburg Park District — especially Dan Otto,

Spring Ahead

superintendent of parks, and Jerry Handlon, executive director of the Schaumburg Park District — for all their support, and for allowing me to be as active in the Sports Turf Managers

Association as they have over the years.

I hope this spring brings you challenges equally as exciting — and that for you, too, STMA is a big part of it.



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