



Fireworks, flags, and strong foundations

How did you spend your Fourth of July? Did you join with the thousands of Americans who flocked to local ballparks to start the evening with flag waving and the national anthem, cheer in the stands during the game, and celebrate the holiday with a breathtaking fireworks display? Or were you the one preparing the ballfield for all the action?

Capturing the magic of such moments creates a sense of tradition within families that gives them a strong foundation. A safe, playable field is the strong foundation of any game. Working together, we can build the SAFE Foundation into a strong resource for sports turf managers around the world.

As an example of working together, following Mike Veeck's presentation to STMA in San Antonio, and through subsequent conversations with Steve Trusty, one of Mike's teams, the Charleston RiverDogs, have a special recognition and fundraising event planned. August 15 is Sports Turf Managers Recognition Night at Joseph P. Riley Jr. Park in Charleston. This event will bring together sports turf managers from the region to tour the field, share fun and fellowship, and be recognized for their professionalism by the fans. And it will raise funds for SAFE. In addition, the RiverDogs will be funding a scholarship to add to the SAFE Scholarship program. If you're going to be near Charleston around that time, contact STMA/SAFE Headquarters for information on the event and the game.

SAFE, the foundation for Safer Athletic Field Environments, was formed by the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA) to respond to the challenges facing those responsible for the care of athletic fields. Your donation will provide an endowment to ensure that the challenges facing the sports turf industry are met. It also will help support research for better science, technology, and equipment. And it will support the education and training of sports turf managers and aspiring sports turf managers. Most importantly, your donation will help provide the best sports surfaces for all levels of play.

A single blade of grass supports athletes around the world. Help the SAFE Foundation make it as strong as possible.

Want to help us start a Sports Field revolution?

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