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Chapters Highlights

This Month's Profiles: the Gateway, MO-KAN and Wisconsin Chapters

Gateway Chapter Update

The Gateway Chapter is already half way through what has been a great year for us. The year started with several members attending the STMA national convention in Orlando and bringing back a wealth of new knowledge that they were willing to share with the rest of the chapter. We have also hosted a number of successful events this year including one on mower maintenance, a field day with Billy Findley at Bush Stadium, our annual vendor day, and most recently co hosted a seminar with Beacon Athletics, Toro and Diamond Pro on baseball/softball field maintenance.

We are looking forward to other upcoming events including our annual Chapter Fundraising Golf Tournament in October, as well as the Missouri Green Industry Conference December 7 which will be a great chance for those who cannot attend the national convention to hear some great speakers and get new information locally. Our year end lunch will feature Dale Getz, CSFM from Toro as our guest speaker. Some of you may have also seen one of our members Mark Vessell, Sr. was highlighted in the June issue of *SportsTurf* discussing managing a large soccer facility. Mark does a great job and is an excellent ambassador for our chapter and sports turf managers everywhere.

MO-KAN Chapter to Play Vital Role as Kansas City Police, NFL Team Up for Field Project

On June 17, the Kansas City, Mo. Police Athletic League (PAL) was presented a check for \$100,000 from the NFL Grassroots Program's Youth Football Fund, NFL Players Association (NFLPA), and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) to build a football field adjacent to the current PAL Center in a highly distressed neighborhood of downtown Kansas City. The MO-KAN Chapter of STMA, its members and their companies will partner with PAL to oversee construction and provide labor for the project this summer.

Additionally, the chapter and members have volunteered to provide key elements of field construction including and ongoing maintenance, including irrigation and

soil amendments. Several chapter members' companies stepped up in a big way as well; design services will be provided by VSR Design, a MO-KAN Chapter member, and John Deere has agreed to provide equipment for maintenance and new models yearly.

"Sustainability is the most exciting aspect of the project," according to PAL and in order to keep up with their commitment to maintain the field surrounding common areas indefinitely, PAL will team up with the MO-KAN Chapter and the Metropolitan Community Colleges - Kansas City to develop a Turf Management Training Program available to PAL police officers and members at no cost. PAL officers and STMA volunteers will oversee the instruction, curriculum and application of the program, ensuring the long-term viability of the field as a community asset and providing career building skills to the participants.

PAL currently has more than 600 youth ages 8 to 18 compete in various sports throughout the year at no cost to the athlete or family. The PAL Board and leadership feel that this new field will allow them to expand to 1,200-1,500 athletes and dramatically increase the participation of the local community in the program.

"These fields are a tangible sign of our Youth Football Fund in action," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "They help us make an impact where assistance is most needed. We are proud to support projects that bring neighborhoods together and give children a safe place to play and be active."

Join the Wisconsin STMA at the Ballpark!

Join the crowd at Miller Park on Thursday, August 12, as the Wisconsin STMA chapter hosts a day of networking, education, and fun at the ballpark. Bring your co-workers, supervisor, family, and friends for an action packed day at Miller Park. Morning activities will take place at Helfaer Field, a state of the art youth ball-field just north of the Miller Park home plate gate. We will begin with an overview of the field operations at the heavily used Helfaer Field to get conversations started. Then everyone is invited to join in a friendly game of softball.

Those who prefer the role of spectator can relax in the Helfaer Field stands, play games on the concourse, or network with other members in the air-conditioned meeting area. A tailgate style lunch will be provided in the adjacent parking area before we head into the stadium to watch the Brewers take on the Arizona Diamondbacks. The educational opportunities continue after the Brewers game when everyone is invited to take front row seats for discussions and demonstrations with the Milwaukee Brewers Grounds Crew led by Head Groundskeeper, Gary Vanden Berg. Visit www.wstma.org for details and registration forms. ■

New STMA Resources

Natural Grass Athletic Fields for High Schools
Adapt a PowerPoint presentation and accompanying technical resource to your high school or parks and recreation facility to endorse the benefits of maintaining natural grass athletic fields. It is designed to help parent groups, athletic directors, those considering building an athletic field, etc. convince the community of the benefits natural grass playing surfaces hold. See www.stma.org.

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Georgia Sports Turf Managers Association: www.gstma.org.

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Intermountain Chapter of the Sports Turf Managers Association:
www.imstma.org.

Iowa Sports Turf Managers Association: www.iowaturfgrass.org.

Kentucky Sports Turf Managers Association: www.kystma.org.

Keystone Athletic Field Managers Org. (KAFMO/STMA): www.kafmo.org.

Michigan Sports Turf Managers Association (MiSTMA):
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Minnesota Chapter STMA:
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MO-KAN Sports Turf Managers Association: www.mokanstma.com. (See Expanded Profile included in Chapter Highlights)

Nebraska Sports Turf Managers Association: 402/441-4425.

New England STMA (NESTMA):
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Sports Field Managers Association of New Jersey: www.sfmanj.org.

Sports Turf Managers of New York:
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North Carolina Chapter of STMA:
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North California STMA:
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Ohio Sports Turf Managers Association (OSTMA): www.ostma.org.

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Pacific Northwest Sports Turf Managers Association:
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Tennessee Valley Sports Turf Managers Association (TVSTMA):
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Virginia Sports Turf Managers Association: www.vstma.org.

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