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MTC Dues are Late!

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I am a little late getting dues notices out this year and I apologize. I feel mid-January, which resulted in several weeks of lying flat with my leg elevated making it next to impossible to get to my office. Then, my trip to the Dr., to get clearance to resume activities, resulted in catching Covid which knocked me down for a number more weeks. I'm glad to report all is mended and well and I am back to work, but dues renewals are running late. If you have not yet paid your dues you may do so with the enclosed form.

The MTC Dues year runs from February 1 to January 31 the following year. So, your **dues paid now are good until January 31, 2024.** This allows you "member rates" at all MTC events including Pesticide and Fertilizer Recertification for free, access to the University of MD Turfgrass Field Day, and significant discounts at the 2023 MTC Annual Winter Conference on December 12, 2023, at Turf Valley Resort

Membership numbers in the MTC have continually increased. Right now we have 1275+ members and are glad to have you and your crew as members. The MTC, as an umbrella organization of all the Turfgrass Industries and Suppliers in Maryland and the surrounding area and is open to any Turfgrass Professional, Educator or Supplier.

One benefit of membership is our constantly monitoring legislation, both State and Local, that can greatly affect our industry and livelihood. This year we contracted with Percy Public Affairs, a lobbyist, to help monitor the MD Legislative Session and they meet weekly with Board Members to keep us apprised. This resulted in testifying before the legislature on a couple of issues and sending documentation on others. It is so important to be able to say that we are here representing 1275+ Turfgrass Professionals, including you. If you are aware of possible legislation or rule changes in your area, local, state or federal, please notify us so we can spread the word and join the fight. We are hoping to do this again this next legislative session, but it is fund dependent so please pay your dues.

Another way you can help support the University Turf Programs and promote Quality Turfgrass is by becoming a **Turfgrass Education Sponsor**. There are several levels of support you can choose from being a "Patron" all the way up to being an "Advocate" Supporter. On the back of the Dues Payment page, you will find more explanations of what being a Turfgrass Education Sponsor means and the ways we are willing to show your generosity to the entire organization.

Additionally, your dues help support the University of Maryland Turfgrass Research and other Turfgrass Programs including their students in both the 4-year and 2-year programs. As well as promoting quality turfgrass production and maintenance, making turf and playing surfaces safer for our children and improving the State's waterway including the Chesapeake Bay.

So, please see the **attached flyer concerning the University of Maryland Turfgrass Field Day** and what will be covered. Please be sure to register so we have an accurate account

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for food. You also have the opportunity to help sponsor the field day (form on back of Field Day registration) and display your wares so please take advantage of this opportunity.

Enclosed please find an **application and program synopsis for the June 23, 2023 "Procrastinators" Virtual Pesticide and Fertilizer Recertification class thanks to Dr. Carroll**. Anyone needing out of State credits needs to apply **no later than May 20** to allow time to get approval from the surrounding States or DC. Approximately 1 week prior to the class you will receive an Attendance Verification Form which you must complete and either scan & e-mail, fax, or overnight mail back to the MTC office so we can verify your attendance and get the records to MDA or other jurisdictions before your license expires on June 30

Lastly, for the past five years, our Treasurer **Katy has designed and created a beautiful lap quilt** using natural turf and plant patterned fabric. This year's she has chosen cattails with a green backing and "grass blade" quilting. Pam King at Middleton Manor Turf Farms in Waldorf was the lucky winner of the raffle last year. Tickets remain at \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and all proceeds are utilized for research. The drawing will be held during the Trade Show at the December Conference. The quilt is 64"x64" and is valued at approx. \$600.

So please send in your dues, sponsor, quilt, Procrastinators Class application and the University of Maryland Field Day application to reserve your spots. Please send them today and encourage your crew, competitors, and suppliers all to become members and participate in MTC and Univ. of MD activities. These activities only make us all better Turfgrass Professionals.

Thanks,
Vernon





Maryland Turfgrass Council
2023 Membership Dues and
Turfgrass Education Sponsor Form

MTC Dues and Sponsor year is Feb 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.

Name: _____ Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____ :

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Would prefer receiving notices and forms by _____ E-Mail or _____ U.S. Mail ?

TYPE of MTC MEMBERSHIP

_____ Individual Member	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP \$ _____
_____ Student/Educator/Retiree Member	\$75
_____ Master Gardener/Non-Profit Volunteer Member	\$25
_____ Public Agency (First 10 employees per County or Location)*	\$25
_____ Additional employees above 10	\$200
_____ Business:	\$20 (each)
▪ (1-5 employees)*	\$250 (Bronze)
▪ (6-10 employees)*	\$500 (Silver)
▪ (11-15 employees)*	\$750 (Gold)
▪ (16 -20 employees)*	\$1000 (Platinum)
▪ (21 + employees)*	\$1500 (Palladium)

Additional Company Members: (Please list on back or attach a listing of additional members with addresses, e-mail, and phone numbers if different) *

TYPE of TURFGRASS EDUCATION SPONSORS

TOTAL SPONSORSHIP \$ _____

_____ Advocate	\$2500	Help us help the University of Maryland
_____ Benefactor	\$1000	Spread the importance of Quality Turfgrass & Turfgrass Education
_____ Supporter	\$ 500	
_____ Backer	\$ 250	(Sponsor benefits are included in the packet)
_____ Patron	\$ _____	(whatever amount you can help with is greatly appreciated)

QUILT FOR RESEARCH TICKETS

\$10 each or 3 for \$20

TOTAL QUILT \$ _____

Payment (Dues, Sponsorships and Quilt Tickets) may be combined in a single payment):

_____ Check made to MTC _____ Credit Card (AMX, Dis, MC or Visa) **TOTAL PAYMENT** _____

Name as it appears on credit card (if different) _____

Address where card is billed (if different) _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3 or 4 digit code _____

Send to: Vernon W. Cooper, Exec. Dir.

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Thanks for your continued support!

MTC “Turfgrass Education Sponsors Programs”

“In Person” Functions-Thanks for bearing with us!!

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* List your Company and have your Web Page linked from the MTC Web ‘Sponsors’ Page	* List your Company and have your Web Page linked from the MTC Web ‘Sponsors’ Page			
* List your Company and have your Web Page linked from All the MTC E-Blasts	* List your Company and have your Web Page linked from All the MTC E-Blasts			
* Quarterly we blast an advertisement of your choice, for your company to the MTC blast list	* Yearly, we blast an advertisement of your choice for your company To the MTC			
Single booth at Turfgrass 2023 is free of charge or				
Suggested Donation \$2500	Suggested Donation \$1000	Suggested Donation \$500	Suggested Donation \$250	Suggested Donation Whatever you can help with.



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Do you still need to earn CEU's to renew your MD Pesticide and/or MD Fertilizer Applicator Licenses?

You are invited to attend a combined **virtual** class from the comfort of your home or office to obtain the Recertification Credits to renew your Pesticide and or Fertilizer Applicator Licenses on **Friday, June 23, 2023**. Copy of program is on back of this form. A week before the class you will receive an Attendance Verification Form.

The program is finalized, and we have been approved for Recertification Credits for **MD Pesticide Applicator Categories 3A, 3C, 6, & 10** and applied for Fertilizer Applicator CEU's.

If you should also need credits for a surrounding jurisdiction (DC, DE, VA, WV, PA) please indicate on this form and submit PRIOR to May 20, 2023.

Cost: FREE for MEMBERS / \$75 Non-Member

REGISTRATION:

Application Date: _____

Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Company Name: _____ Last 4 Social Security # _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

MD Pesticide License # _____ Categories: _____

MD Fertilizer License # **PFA-** _____ Other States Requested: _____

PAYMENT:

Cost: _____ **Free for Members** _____ **\$75 for Non-Members**

_____ Check (made out to MTC) _____ Credit Card (Am.Exp., Discover, MC or Visa)

Credit Card # _____

Name of Card (if different from registration): _____

Billing Address (if different from registration): _____

Security Code (3 or 4 digits): _____ Expiration Month: _____ Year: _____

Do you prefer notices by E-Mail _____ or US Mail? _____

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Procrastinators Nutrient and Pesticide Recertification Webinar, Friday June 23,

Introduction, Overview and Webinar Recertification Procedures (8:00 – 8:10)

Session Moderator (Mark Carroll)

Integrated Pest Management Approaches for Common Lawn Insects (8:10 to 9:00 AM)

Mr., Geoffrey Reinhart

The objectives of this presentation would include for the attendees to have a better understanding of the following concepts:

- Be able to identify major cool-season turfgrass insect pests such as white grubs (including masked chafers, Japanese beetles, green June beetle, etc.), chinch bugs, billbugs, cutworms, armyworms, etc.
- Understand the life cycle of major cool-season turfgrass insect pests and the species on which they are more (or less) likely to occur.
- Be able to identify characteristic damage symptoms resulting from different insect activity.
- Understand how to utilize a variety of IPM practices to manage common cool-season turfgrass insect pests with an emphasis on cultural, biological, and biorational control techniques.

Turf Organic Weed Management (9:00 – 9:50 AM)

Ms. Kelly Nichols – Montgomery County Agricultural Agent, University of Maryland Extension

Results from current research on organic herbicides will be presented, as well as a review of non-chemical weed control options, and how these may or may not affect fertilizer applications in Maryland.

Break (9:50 – 10:00 AM)

Cultural and Chemical Management of Cool-Season Turfgrass Diseases (10:00 AM- 10:50)

Dr. Fereshteh Shahoveisi – Turfgrass Pathologist

The talk will cover:

1. introduction to plant diseases and useful background information,
2. common cool-season turfgrass diseases in Mid-Atlantic (signs and symptoms, growth conditions),
3. their cultural and chemical management

Diagnosing Common Landscape Diseases (10:50 – 11:40)

Dr. David L. Clement – Extension Plant Pathologist

5 Intended Learning Outcomes for this presentation:

- Learn the first clues of diagnosis
- Separate environmental issues from diseases
- Be ready with solutions and management techniques
- Choose more resistant plant material
- Help your clients achieve a better landscape

Organic Lawn and Athletic Field Management Studies at UMD (11:40 – 12:30)

Dr. Mark Carroll,

Intended Learning Outcomes for this presentation:

- Be able to distinguish between a certified organic agricultural production program and organic turf care program
- Describe the difficulties in implementing an organic lawn care or athletic field management program in Maryland and stay within fertility Laws and Regulations
- Understand the inherent limitations in organic weed control program
- Explain how soil fertility, and the use of various composts influences weed encroachment in lawns



The University of Maryland Turfgrass Program Field Day

The University of Maryland Turfgrass Program invites you to attend the annual Field Day on Tuesday, July 18th, 2022 (12:30-7:00 PM) at the Paint Branch Turfgrass Facility (395 Greenmead Drive, College Park, MD 20740).

Schedule:

Sign In: 12:30-1:00 PM

Research Plot Demonstrations: 1:00-5:00 PM

- **Turfgrass Pathology Trials** with a focus on dollar spot, brown patch, gray leaf spot (Dr. Fereshteh Shahoveisi), and nematodes (Dr. Benjamin Waldo and Dr. Fereshteh Shahoveisi)
- **Variety Trials** (Dr. Tom Turner and Mr. Geoffrey Rinehart)
- **Organic Lawn Care Trials** (Dr. Mark Carroll and MS. Kelly Nichols)
- **Effect of Mowing Height on Weed Encroachment** (Dr. Tom Turner and Mr. Dave Funk)

Cornhole Tournament, Dinner, and Drinks: 5:00 – 7:00 PM

For additional information and questions or **to become a sponsor**, please contact Fereshteh (Angel) Shahoveisi at fsh@umd.edu or 301-405-4355.



Please register so we can have sufficient food and drinks

Name: _____ Company Name: _____

Best Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

**Please E-Mail, Fax, or
US Mail registration to:**

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Please list the names of multiple attendees on the back side.



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You have always been a strong supporter of the University of Maryland Turfgrass Programs and the entire Maryland Turfgrass Industry, would you consider being a sponsor for this event? Of course, there will be plenty of room to set up a 10X10 canopy and display or to bring a couple of pieces of equipment.

Some of the expenses involve:

- Tent Rental, Table & Chair Rentals \$2,000 or 2 Sponsors at \$1,000 each
- Caterer \$3,000 or 3 Sponsors at \$1,000 each
- Cold Beer, Soda, and Ice \$1,000 or 2 Sponsors at \$500 each

Any donation amount of support helps greatly. If you desire to support with an amount other than listed above, please list it here. \$ _____

Thanks in advance for your generous help making this activity a success!!

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_____ I will have a display _____ I will bring equipment

Either way I will coordinate with Dave Funk
Turf Farm Manager at 301-335-4208