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**New Jersey Green Industry Council Dedicates
This Issue of The Landscape in Memory of
Joseph A. Turchi, Sr.
August 19, 1938 - June 20, 2017**



President's Message

Good day everyone,

I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy
an extended weekend over the Memorial Day



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Joseph A. Turchi, Sr.
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Holiday. Please let's not forget to remember the men and women that sacrificed to allow us to enjoy this Freedom that we hold dearly!

What amazes me about the Green Industry in the Tri-State area is that it can be running smoothly throughout most of the year as if on cruise control, and suddenly hit potholes and speed bumps that seem to come out of nowhere. The main goal of the **New Jersey Green industry Council (NJGIC)** is to be your voice in Trenton, regarding any Legislative Actions that effect our Industry. In addition to being your voice, we look to communicate and educate our members and Allied Associations as well. I've recently dubbed this ACE, meaning Advocacy, Communication, and Education. It is extremely important for our members to know how our actions help to preserve their livelihood in this great Industry.

Getting back to my original statement about the smooth running encountering potholes, we have been relatively quiet in Trenton thanks to the efforts of State Street Associates and in particular, Ed Waters. Ed keeps us informed as to what's happening in Trenton that effects the New Jersey Green Industry. It seems like at the snap of a finger we are faced with a number of issues that the NJGIC is suddenly involved in. These include the following;

- **Neonic negotiations with Senator's Smith and Bateman, as well as the Audobon Society.**
- **Legislation to direct the Neonic's to be deemed a "restricted-use" pesticide, lacking scientific evidence.**
- **A proposed Neonic ban on state grounds.**
- **Possible resurfacing of the Safe Playing Fields Act**
- **A potential Chlorpyrifos ban in New Jersey.**
- **Possible restrictions and /or ban on Gramoxone (Paraquat).**

Singularly, these might not seem that important to you. However collectively, this could cause you the member, to possibly lose a great number of tools in your toolbox that allow you to do your job safe and responsibly!

My point is this President's Message is twofold;

1.) We can't do our job of representing you unless we have the means to do so, namely your membership, and your support dollars. We ask if you would get involved in joining the New Jersey Green industry Council and help us to help you. In addition we ask if it is possible to make a donation to the NJGIC for the use of meeting with these State Representatives to get their ear in these issues and educate them. One of our key goals is to properly educate the State Legislators so that science is considered in their decisions, not just emotion.

Joseph A. Turchi, Sr., of Plymouth Meeting died Tuesday, June 20, 2017, in his home at the age of 78. Born August 19, 1938 in Gessopalena, Province of Chieti, Abruzzo, Italy, he was the son of the late Maria (Lemma) and Gabriel Turchi, and husband of 53 years of Annette (D'Alessandro) Turchi.

Mr. Turchi emigrated from Italy in 1956 at the age of 17. He attended school in Italy and subsequently received his high school diploma while in the United States. He proudly served our Country in the US Army as a Tank Commander during The Berlin Wall Crisis in Germany. Turchi attended many professional conferences in his career of Professional Lawn Care, garnering several professional certifications and licenses. He was a devout member of St. Paul's RC Church, and the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Gaughan Council #1260. Joe was a longtime member and leader of the LAM Valley Forge Lodge #1776, Sons and Daughters of Italy. A member of the former Plymouth Lions Club, the Mt. Carmel Sports Club, and founding member of the Norristown Bocce League where he remained an avid competitor for many decades.

Read More About Joseph A. Turchi, Sr.



NJGIC Legislative Update

NJGIC Opposed Legislation Prohibiting Use of Chlorpyrifos Insecticide

Recently, President Trump's EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt denied a 10 year old petition for the EPA to ban the use of chlorpyrifos as a pesticide. Pruitt's reasoning is that there continues to be considerable areas of uncertainty, as to whether chlorpyrifos cause developmental disabilities in children. Now there is bill moving through the New Jersey Assembly which will create a state-wide ban for chlorpyrifos.

Assembly Bill 4794 - prohibits use of chlorpyrifos insecticide, was recent sponsored by Assemblyman Tim Eustace (D-38), and had a hearing and a vote in the Assembly Environment and Energy Committee. The bill

2.) Secondly, I want to acknowledge Ed Waters of State Street Associates, as well as Eileen Domanico and their staff. Ed is such an important part of what we do at the New Jersey Green Industry Council, not just his informing us of what's happening, but Ed is always available to set up and attend our meeting with the Key Legislators. Ed attends all our events, and is an integral part of our planning sessions held at our NJGIC Meetings and Conference Calls. We couldn't represent you without Ed's help!

I want to personally thank you all for your continued support of the New Jersey Green Industry Council, and to let you know that our efforts are growing by the week. You will be hearing from us soon.

Have a great day!

John Patten
NJGIC President



Mark Your Calendars!

July 25 - Rutgers Field Turf Day/New Brunswick

July 26 - Rutgers Field Turf Day/Adelphia

August 16 - NJNLA Summer Plant Symposium/Cook College Student Center

August 17 - NJPMA Clinic & Clambake/Raritan Valley Community College

October 17 - NJGIC Fall Summit National Conference Center/East Windsor

December 5-7 - Green Expo Turf & Landscape Conference/Atlantic City

will permanently ban the use of chlorpyrifos.

Chlorpyrifos is an important pest management tools which is used by growers of over 50 different types of crops in the United States. Chlorpyrifos is primarily used as an agricultural pesticide and is highly effective in controlling a broad spectrum of insect pests, and it plays an important role in resistance management and integrated pest management (IPM) programs.

The New Jersey Green Industry Council opposed the resolution, along with the Chemistry Council of New Jersey, and the New Jersey Farm Bureau. Environmental NGO's supported the resolution, which passed along party lines with the four Democrats on the panel voting in favor and two Republicans voting against.

The bill is now on second reading in the Assembly awaiting consideration by the full Assembly.



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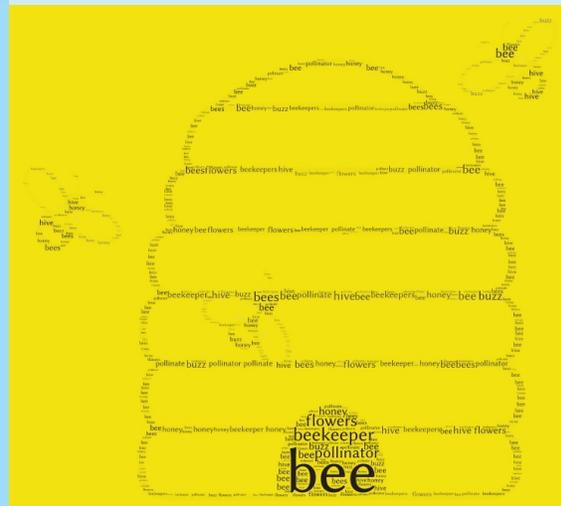
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Beekeeper Notification Legislation Update

There have been a lot of questions asked regarding the beekeeper notification legislation. Below is a set of guidelines that will hopefully help detail some of the responsibilities of the pesticide applicator and help them to navigate through the requirements of the legislation.

1) Read the legislation. It is not long and has information that you should be aware of. Two examples being an exemption for applications less than 3 acres and provisions for emergency applications. It can be found at this link:

[Click Here](#)

2) Have a pollinator plan in place and be prepared to share it with beekeepers in your area. This can be as simple as creating a policy to not spray weeds while flowering and not spraying in high winds where spray may drift into non-target areas. These management practices can greatly decrease the chance that pollinators will be affected and may be practices that are already utilized. Explaining these policies to beekeepers may help to correct the perception that many lay people have regarding the dangers of chemical applications.

3) Find your local beekeepers and reach out to them. Look through the state list of registered beekeepers and figure out who is within 3 miles of the application site. If there is doubt whether a beekeeper falls within the

- Finding Quality Labor – Immigration Updates
- New Chemistries Roundtable
- And more...

This summit will combine an education opportunity for credits, as well as provide the information necessary for you and your business to stay compliant and prosper in 2018 and beyond.

Be on the lookout for specific event and agenda information that will be coming soon!



With the season upon us, it might not be a bad idea to take a look at your recertification credit and course history. October 31st, the license renewal date and last date to obtain recertification credits will be here before we know it.

The DEP website offers a great deal of information including your current recertification credit status. And it's very easy to do from your desk computer, tablet, or smart phone.

go to www.pcpnj.org

click on Pesticides in the middle of the page
click on Check your credit and course history in the middle of the page

Information will be provided for both commercial and private applicators

You will be prompted to provide your license number, your date of birth, and the last four digits of your social security number.

The website of the DEP offers a great deal of information that might be beneficial to your business.



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