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**Summer 2019**

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When I refer to support staff, I would include any and all that help contribute to the success of your operation. At MoneyGram, two of our most important resources are vendors and industry colleagues. Both of these resources I have expanded while attending TXSTMA field days, meetings and conferences. Strengthening these relationships and building trust helps to ensure when we at MoneyGram have a quandary these individuals can be counted on to provide us with sound advice. The trust to know that they are using their extensive knowledge to help contribute to our success. Knowing that all of them are TXSTMA members lets me know that the individual or company have professional quality standards.

Nobody has all of the answers. Do you have the support staff around you that you know you can count on? Are your support staff TXSTMA members? I encourage all of you to attend as many TXSTMA events as possible. By doing so you are working to expand your support staff and in turn garner more success.



**Troy Crawford**  
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The MoneyGram TEAM (L to R)  
Troy Crawford, Ben Bauer,  
Joshua Mehler, and Pablo Calzada.

**TXSTMA President's Message**

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Registration will open October 1, 2019. [Click here](#) to view a Schedule-at-a-Glance for the 2020 Conference.



The 2020 Conference and Exhibition  
January 13-16 in West Palm Beach, Florida



### Rodney Smith, Jr., Founder of Raising Men Lawn Care Service, will give the Keynote presentation at the 2020 STMA's Annual Conference and Exhibition



Rodney Smith came to the United States from Bermuda in 2009 where he studied at Alabama A & M and earned a degree in computer sciences. In 2015 Rodney observed an elderly man struggling to cut his yard in Huntsville, AL and was inspired to begin cutting lawns for people who needed help. From this beginning, he founded Raising Men Lawn Care Service with the goal of helping people and enlisting young volunteers whose parents want them to learn about volunteerism. The Mission of the non-profit is to "unite the extraordinary community that is present in our local area. We are completely confident in the fact that we can provide a very inspirational program that focuses on channeling the energy that youths have in a positive way as well as helping those who need it the most. We know that sometimes youth want to help the community and sometimes people need it, but it can be hard to know who, why and where. We focus on getting all of this sorted out while also helping people around the area to care for and maintain their lawns."



## New BMP for IPM and Pesticide Mngt.

EPA defines IPM (Integrated Pest Management) as “an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices.” The primary objective of an IPM program is to reduce the total pesticide load on the turfgrass area by using a combination of tactics to control or manage pests. This approach considers all strategies to reduce pest damage to acceptable levels in the most economical means, while simultaneously accounting for impacts on humans, property, and the environment. The BMP document provides suggestions for sports turf managers to make environmentally sound decisions at their facilities. Monitoring, diseases, insects, weeds, control options, pesticide safety, pesticide application, application equipment, environmental impact, recordkeeping, pesticide transportation, pesticide storage, handling, and disposal are topics included in the bulletin.

[Click here to access IMP and BMPs](#)

## Refer a Chapter member or peer to become a STMA Member and you both win!

A qualifying nonmember receives the prorated dues amount — 50 percent off the regular membership rate — and full benefits of national membership. For referring that person, you receive a \$50 credit to be used for any STMA service, such as conference registration or renewal fees. And, there is no limit to the number of people you can refer. Just remind the new member to note your name in the referral box on the printed or online membership application. New members also receive free registration to the upcoming conference, as long as they are a current member in January.

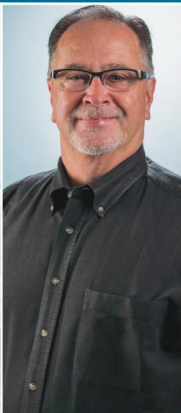
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# Texas Sports Turf Managers Association Spring Field Day - Region 3



**APRIL 25**  
**Sylvester Turner Park Complex**

2801 South Victory Drive  
Houston TX 77088

Networking Opportunities, Education,  
Field Demonstrations, Trade Show and  
Product / Service Demonstrations.



Our kickoff event for the year was held in Houston at the Sylvester Turner Park Complex. This park is named after the current mayor of Houston and is an integral part of the community. Our specific host was the Houston Astros Youth Academy. Special thanks goes to Jay Blodgett for his assistance in arranging and organizing the site.

Our on-site host Parker Cameron went above and beyond to help make it a great day of training, trade show, and field demonstrations. Cameron and his staff had the facility in great condition and provide all access to us. TXSTMA Board Member Kevin Hansen did a great job "pinch hitting" that day and served as our master of ceremonies.





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# Thank You Field Day Sponsors

**Region 3**

**Field Day**

We started the day in the Jimmy Wynn Training Center and were warmly welcomed by Tony Wise from the City of Houston and Daryl Wade of the Houston Astros Youth Academy. We then transitioned to an educational presentation by Chrissie Segars Ph.D. of Texas AgriLife Extension. Dr. Segars gave a great presentation on water management and turfgrass diseases adapted to the Houston area. Dr. Segars is very eager to work with sports turf managers and has been a great part of our Spring Field Day lineup.

We followed her presentation with an "around the room" session with our vendors who were asked to talk about their products and services. We then headed out to the main baseball field where Cameron and his staff give great demonstrations of the tips and techniques they use on a daily basis to keep the facility in tip-top shape. Later we had a nice barbecue lunch and a little bit more time to visit the trade show tables. After lunch, we headed back to the fields for more field demonstration from some of our vendors who showed off their equipment.

We rounded up our great day in Houston and attendee feedback was very positive. Thank you Cameron and all of your staff, the city of Houston Parks and Recreation Department and the Houston Astros Youth Academy personnel for making it a special day.



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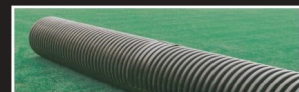
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Summer 2019 EDITION

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Dr. Chrissie Segars, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Dallas

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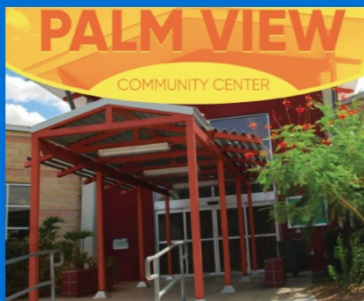
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## Region 2 Spring Field Day

Join us in the Rio Grande Valley for a great day of Networking Opportunities, Facility Tours / Field Demonstrations, Lunch, Education, Product / Services Presentations and Trade Show.

Palm View Park  
Community Center



3401 Jordan Rd.  
McAllen, TX 78503



May 7, 2019



The association headed to far south Texas in May for an Outreach Meeting held in McAllen, Texas. It's been many years, if ever that the association has reached this part of the state and feedback and attendance was very good.

Thank you to the McAllen Parks Director Mike Hernandez for welcoming our group at the Palm View Community Center. Our day consisted of an active tabletop trade show in the morning, followed by educational presentations, a scrumptious BBQ lunch, a field demonstration all wrapped around great opportunities for attendees to network and learn from their peers.

Thank you to our education providers who took the time to speak on very important topics. Based on the feedback of those who attended and sponsored, the event was a very successful one and a great opportunity to reach new members in a remote part of the state. Thank you to all who made it a great day!



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**Region 2**

**Field Day**





A special thank you goes out to Mike Estlinbaum and the good folks of Ewing Irrigation (pictured speaking to the group below) for playing a major role in organizing, planning and conducting the event. The association made some very good outreach contacts with potential new members and we hope to be able to visit the area regularly in the future.







Eloy Atkinson of Pioneer Athletics provided our field demonstration for the day with an overview of the pioneer new spraying techniques and equipment.

Attendees appreciated the demonstration and took time to try out the equipment.



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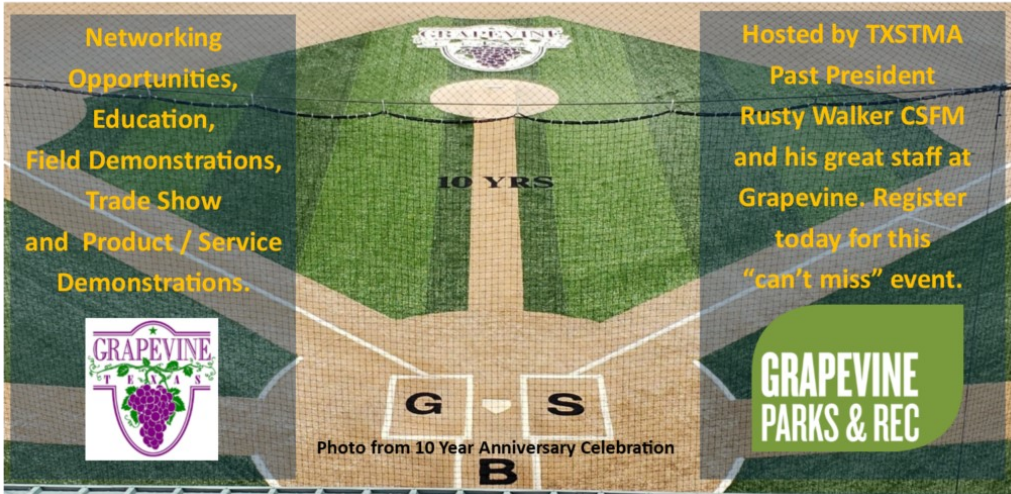




## Texas Sports Turf Managers Association Spring Field Day - Region 1



**June 4**  
**Oak Grove Park**  
2520 Oak Grove Loop  
S, Grapevine 76051



Grapevine Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Mitchell welcomed attendees and took the opportunity to talk about the great work that Rusty and his staff do on a daily basis to make the Grapevine Parks an invaluable part of the community.

The Association wrapped up our Spring Field Day schedule with a bang. Former President and longtime TXSTMA member Rusty Walker CSFM hosted us in early June and provided a great day of education, vendor demonstrations, and camaraderie. The event was not free of curve balls as torrential rains created flooding during the week of the original planned event in May. Even by early June, many areas of the Grapevine parks were still under flooded waters and limited the areas we were able to visit.



Rusty Walker (left) receives a plaque of appreciation from TXSTMA President Troy Crawford.



(L to R) Rusty Walker, Mark Lockwood, Doyle Blackmon, Donny Morton, Chris Neeley, and Dolan Bosley. These gentlemen were very proud and eager to show off their great work during the field tours and equipment demonstrations. Great job guys!



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**Region 1**

**Field Day**



Special thanks to all who help juggle the rescheduling of the event and modifications of meeting sites. Everyone with the city of Grapevine was over accommodating to make this a special day.

We began our day in the Grapevine Golf Course Convention Center with a tabletop trade show and a record number of exhibitors who participated. Our overall count of attendance for the day was also one of the highest attended events in the history of the association according to some old timers. Even with the scheduled date flip-flop, we had more than 140 members in attendance.

The morning session featured Dr. Chrissie Segars, the new Extension Specialist with Texas AgriLife. Dr. Segars did a great job of providing pertinent information about water management. Her message was a bit ironic considering the record rainfall and flooding that occurred this spring but we all remember way too well the historic droughts we've endured over the last few years in Texas. Rusty Walker then did a presentation covering the complete operations at the city of Grapevine and how he and his staff manage their facilities at a very high level with responsible budget management. His slideshow included many great pictures of the facilities they manage and the quality of turf and playing conditions they provide.

Following a nice lunch at the convention center, the group traveled to Oak Grove Ballfield Complex a state-of-the-art facility recognized in the city of Grapevine. We had a great lunch and then were welcomed to the facility by Parks Director Kevin Mitchell who spoke extremely highly of Rusty and his terrific staff. He was very appreciative of our association for visiting the facility and welcomed us back anytime. Following the welcome, the group broke into several group smaller groups and visited the great vendors who demonstrated equipment and products on separate fields around the facility. Each one was outstanding and very helpful and informative. The format allowed for participants to "test drive" equipment, "kick the tires", and ask questions of the representatives. Thank you to the vendors who made special efforts to bring in equipment and personnel to be part of the field day demonstrations. They were very successful thanks to you!



No TXSTMA event is complete without great door prizes and happy winners!





And again a special thank you to Rusty Walker and his staff for putting on such a great and organized day. We look forward to the opportunity to return to Grapevine in the future - hopefully under dryer conditions!



## NEW WEBSITE FOR TURFGRASS PRODUCERS OF TEXAS

Representing more than 80 sod producers and vendor members, the Turfgrass Producers of Texas recently launched a new website to help consumers select the grass that is right for their project and locate a turfgrass producer nearby to supply the grass. The new website can be found at [TexasGrass.com](http://TexasGrass.com).

The website features a membership directory with an interactive locator map, turfgrass maintenance tips, and a library of videos on Texas turfgrass management. Information on membership, event registration, varieties of grass grown in the state, and research papers. The site offers tools for consumers, landscapers and turf industry experts.

"This new state-of-the-art website will serve as a resource for Texas consumers to learn about grass suited for the Texas environment, and help them make the right choice for their lawn. It also serves as a resource for our turfgrass producer members to stay in touch with our association," said Brent Batchelor, executive director of the Turfgrass Producers of Texas.

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## *Congratulations*

To Travis Sales MCPTM and the entire team at the City of Rockwall Parks and Recreation Department for being awarded a 2019 Fields of Excellence Award. Pioneer representative Justin Kupper (right) recognized Travis (left) at the Region 1 Field Day in Grapevine. Well done Rockwall!



## 2019 Winter Conference and Show

December 10th-12th

Corpus Christi, TX

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## What is the Pioneer Fields of Excellence® Program?

This nationwide program recognizes hardworking individuals, schools and communities for their dedication and effort in keeping fields and sports facilities looking their best. It's no museum, but it is a lot like a hall of fame. It's the space we've created to honor great work and to foster school pride and community spirit in the process.

"It's the space we've created to honor great work and to foster school pride and community spirit in the process."

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## \*Application Deadline

**All entries must be postmarked by December 31, 2019**

**Send Application and photo(s) to:**

Pioneer Athletics  
Fields of Excellence  
4529 Industrial Parkway  
Cleveland, Ohio 44135

## PHOTO SUBMISSIONS FOR PIONEER'S CALENDAR

### How can I get into the Pioneer Athletics Calendar?

Each year Pioneer Athletics selects a few photos from our Fields of Excellence submissions to include in our calendar. In order to be considered for the calendar the photo **MUST** be a high resolution photo.

### Acceptable file formats:

Jpg, eps, tiff or psd (a resolution of 300 ppi at a size of 12" x 9")

### What is a high resolution photo?

High Resolution photos are required for sharp reproduction in our calendar, otherwise the printing quality is very poor. A good rule of thumb is **ALL PICTURES SHOULD BE IN FOCUS AND TAKEN ON THE HIGHEST RESOLUTION SETTING ON THE CAMERA.**

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OCTOBER 9TH, 2019

# TEXAS A&M TURFGRASS FIELD DAY

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## 2019 Texas A&M Turfgrass Field Day at College Station

**When:** Wednesday, October 9th

**Where:** Scotts-MiracleGro Lawn and Garden Research Facility in College Station, TX

**Cost:** \$55 (early registration) - Lunch is included.

**Registration information:** Coming soon. We will post more information on our website in the coming weeks and send another email out when registration is open.

### Description:

The Texas A&M Turfgrass Field Day offers an opportunity for members of industry and the general public to see and hear about current research activities in the Texas A&M turfgrass program and select related programs in entomology, pathology, and soil science. Attendees will have the opportunity to **earn CEUs** for professional development, visit the trade show floor to see some new products from industry, and enjoy a delicious lunch alongside fellow turf professionals and enthusiasts!





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HOST: FC Dallas | DATE: October 16, 2019

PROGRAM LEADER: Chrissie A. Segars, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

7:45	-	8:20 am	Registration & Breakfast
8:20	-	8:30 am	<b>WELCOME</b> <i>Chrissie A. Segars, Ph.D.   Extension Turfgrass Specialist   Texas A&amp;M AgriLife Extension</i>
8:30	-	9:15 am	<i>Synthetic Field Construction</i> <i>William Chaffe   President   Paragon Sports Constructors, LLC</i>
9:30	-	10:15 am	<i>Synthetic Field Maintenance</i> <i>Grant Trenbeath   Sports Turf Manager   Arizona Diamondbacks</i>
10:15	-	10:30 am	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30	-	11:30 am	<i>Natural and Synthetic Field Performance Testing</i> <i>Philippe Aldahir, Ph.D.   Director, Turf Research and Innovation   Shaw Turf/Inc.</i>
11:30	-	12:30 pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:45	-	1:30 pm	<i>Player Performance Testing</i> <i>Allen Reed   Director of Stadium Grounds   FC Dallas</i>
1:30	-	4:30 pm	<i>Hands-on Performance Testing Workshop on FC Dallas Fields</i> <i>Philippe Aldahir, Ph.D. and Allen Reed</i>
4:30 pm			<b>CONCLUSION</b>



**Wednesday  
October 16th**

**Host:  
FC Dallas  
Dallas, TX**

**Cost: \$20**

Registration information:  
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more information on our  
website in the coming weeks  
and send another email out  
when registration is open.

Does the title of this work-

shop take you back to that time you had to read, "A Tale of Two Cities"? I promise you that this workshop will be a whole lot more fun! This will be an interactive workshop where you can learn about different playing surfaces, player safety, field testing, and actually perform the tests yourself! This is a rare opportunity to hear from some of the best in the industry about topics that are becoming a lot more popular and talked about in the industry. You've likely heard by now that the Texas Rangers are installing a synthetic surface on their new field. Well, you are in for a treat! The Arizona Diamondbacks is the only other field to have the exact surface that the Rangers will install next year. If you attend the workshop, you will have the opportunity to learn what it was like to go from a natural surface to this brand-new synthetic surface that was developed by Shaw Turf. The cost of the workshop will be \$20/person and will include CEU's from the National STMA Certified Sports Field Manager program and the Texas Turfgrass Association Certified Professional Turf Manager program. The registration fee will also include breakfast, lunch, a giftbag from our sponsors, and door prizes. Don't miss this fun opportunity to learn. More information about how to register will be sent out through email.



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