

Attention Parents, Coaches, School and Town Officials and Turf Managers:

Public Meeting on Synthetic Turf



Are synthetic turf fields safe for our kids? What are the environmental impacts of these fields? And what is their true cost over time?

Fueled by a demand for all-weather sports play and near-perfect conditions, synthetic turf fields have quickly become a widely-accepted phenomenon. In communities across the nation, hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent to replace natural turf fields with plastic and recycled rubber tires. Synthetic turf fields have often been touted a measure of a community's support for its kids and their athletic programs.



But recently, these fields have been the focus of increasing debate, as revelations about their environmental impact and potential toxicity of component materials have been made public.

Naturally, parents and town and school officials want what's best for kids. But what do we know about the long-term effects of exposure to the kind of chemical toxins commonly found in synthetic turf fields? What about the chemicals used to clean these fields? What are the real costs of maintaining these fields, as compared to natural turf? What is the impact of covering hundreds of acres of environmentally beneficial open land?

For the answers to these and other questions, please join us on November 24th for an informative and authoritative presentation. For more information, reservations or to reserve a DVD of the program, please call (914) 422-3141.

Featured Speakers:

Dr. Luz Claudio is a practicing neuro-toxicologist in the Environmental Medicine Department at Mt. Sinai Medical Center. She is the author of "*Synthetic Turf: Health Debate Takes Root*" recently published in "Environmental Health Perspectives," the scientific journal of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Patricia J. Wood is the Executive Director of Grassroots Environmental Education. Ms. Wood is a Visiting Scholar at Adelphi University and the author of "The ChildSafe School," a comprehensive framework for reducing environmental toxins in schools.

Charles ("Chip") Osborne is president of Osborne Organics, a natural turf consultation firm based in Marblehead, MA, where he also serves as the Chairman of the Town's Recreation, Parks, and Forestry Commission, managing all of the Town's school and municipal fields.

Monday, November 24th

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Wainwright House, Rye, NY

Reservations Required

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