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Senate to Take Up Bill on Pesticides and Genetically Engineered Lawn and Turf Seeds Next Week

Next week could see a showdown over a proposal to ban genetically engineered turf and lawn seeds. The Senate is expected to take up Senate Bill 443 that contains the ban. Meanwhile, provisions in the bill relating to expanding the current law to prohibit the application of pesticides at more schools and public places is likely to be stripped from SB 443 and added to another bill (Senate Bill 68). CNLA has asked that the "rush" to a vote on the seed ban be stopped since there was never a public hearing on the issue. A decision on a matter like this should be based on science and should receive a public hearing in the next session. CNLA would ask that you contact your State Senator on this bill if you have not already done so. Here's a link to find your specific Senator if you don't know who he or she is:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CGAFindLeg.asp>

"Ag Day" a Success...

Dozens of exhibitors brought their agricultural products to the State Capitol on Wednesday, March 19 for "Agricultural Day at the Capitol". This long-running event is one of the best days of the legislative session and something that many legislators, staff and volunteers look forward to! Governor Malloy and other state officials took time to look at



(L to R. CT Ag Commissioner Steve Reviczky, Governor Dannel P. Malloy, CGGA President Diane Karabin, and CNLA President Kevin Sullivan take a moment to pose for a photo at Ag Day)

the exhibits and thank those who are involved in moving Connecticut's agricultural sector forward. Kevin Sullivan, CNLA President, manned the group's booth and talked to legislators and staff on issues important to agriculture.

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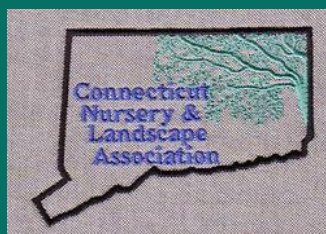
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New Legislation on Outdoor Wood Furnaces Likely

Senate Bill 66 will keep Connecticut's rules for siting Outdoor Wood Furnaces in place even after federal emission standards are developed. The bill is a "status quo" bill after several years of contentious public hearings on proposals to ban or severely limit OWFs in Connecticut. The Senate could take up the proposal very soon.

Minimum Wage Increased to \$10.10 an hour

Governor Dannel Malloy has signed into law a bill to increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour in January 2017. The current minimum, \$8.75 an hour, will rise to \$9.15 in January 2015 and to \$9.60 in January 2016 before hitting the \$10.10 level the next year. According to the Connecticut Business and Industry Association, this ultimately will be the highest minimum wage of all states.

Committees Advance Spending and Tax Plans

The main task of the General Assembly is to adopt a budget and tax plan for the next fiscal year which starts on July 1. Progress is being made to do this. The Appropriations Committee has enacted a \$19 billion budget while the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee has adopted a taxing plan that would provide about \$210 million in tax cuts to individuals and businesses. The major component is a \$55 rebate to individual taxpayers. The two bills now will need to be approved by the House and Senate and signed by Governor Malloy.



Two More Legislator Retirements Announced

Two long-time legislators have announced they are retiring from the General Assembly. State Rep. Pam Sawyer has represented Andover, Bolton, Hebron and Marlborough for 22 years. State Rep. Pat Widlitz has represented Guilford and Branford for 20 years. CNLA wishes each the best in the future!

Save the Date:

CNLA SUMMER FIELD DAY IS JULY 16th

Jason Scire is the Chair of this year's event to be held at VanWilgen's Garden Center in North Branford. More information to follow.

The Louis A. Magnarelli Memorial Fund

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established The Louis A. Magnarelli Memorial Fund to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Louis A. Magnarelli. For those who would like to contribute and make a tax-deductible contribution to the fund visit The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Research Foundation, Inc. website:

<http://www.ct.gov/caes/foundation>

Welcome to New CNLA Member

Please welcome the following company to the CNLA membership ranks!

The Vermont Mulch Company
Michael Cersosimo, principal

Nursery IPM Position Search at UConn Extended

The Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture seeks applications for the position of Visiting Assistant Extension Educator - Nursery Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

This is a full-time, 11-month, end-date position available immediately. The salary is negotiable and commensurate with training and experience. The successful candidate will be expected to develop, conduct, and evaluate a statewide Extension IPM educational program for nursery growers and garden center owners.

The position is funded for one year with the possibility of renewal based on performance evaluation, available funding sources, and the candidate's ability to secure additional funding. Please submit a Curriculum Vitae and a letter of application, which includes the names and contact information of three professional references. Applications are submitted electronically through the Husky Hire webpage at <http://www.jobs.uconn.edu>

Search #2014365. Follow the "Search Apply" registration instructions and then search for this job posting using the search number listed above.

Please direct questions via email to Ms. Donna Ellis at donna.ellis@uconn.edu

Screening of applications is underway and will continue until the position is filled.

Summer Courses in Horticulture: NVCC

Summer courses are being offered at Naugatuck Valley Community College. Classes start on June 2, 2014. To register online go to : www.nv.edu/admissions

Contact: Christopher Tuccio for more information:
(203) 596-8634



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SUMMER COURSES IN HORTICULTURE

HRT 206: LANDSCAPING SMALL PROPERTIES

Wednesday 2:20 – 5:05pm, 5:30-8:15pm

HRT 203: LANDSCAPE DESIGN II

Monday 2:20 – 5:05pm, 5:30-8:15pm

Prerequisite of Landscape Design I

Classes start June 2, 2014

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