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February 10, 2012

Mr. Osler L. Peterson
Chair, Board of Selectmen
Town of Medfield
459 Main Street
Medfield, MA 02052

re: Simple Steps to a Healthy Lawn for You, Your Family and Pets

Dear Mr. Peterson: *Hi Pete*

Did you know that the Town of Marblehead mandated over ten years ago the use of a natural, organic approach to turf grass and landscape management?

Did you know that the majority of Canada's provinces, and many European countries have banned the use of synthetic and chemical lawn products?

Are you interested in learning more?

Chip Osborne, an expert in turf management, will be presenting this timely, and engaging program. Chip is a member of the Board of Beyond Pesticides in Washington, D.C., a member of the NOFA (Northeast Organic Farmers Association) Organic Land Care Governing Body, and is a member of the faculty for their accreditation program for landscape professionals. He is also a ten-year elected member of the Town of Marblehead's Recreation and Park Commission where he developed the organic management program for parks and athletic fields in 2001 in response to the Board of Health's mandate that the town eliminate the use of pesticides and synthetic fertilizers. His clients include businesses, institutions, and municipalities. He has spoken in front of Congress, the EPA and includes the National Park Service as a client.

Please join us for this free presentation!

Hope you can make it!

Sincerely,

Megan Sullivan

Simple Steps to a Healthy Lawn for You, Your Family and Pets

The Center at Medfield, Ice House Road
Thursday, March 8th, 7:30 p.m.

- Chip Osborne, a national consultant to businesses, municipalities and institutions on natural lawn care, will present his “Simple Steps to Organic Lawn Care”©.
- Homeowners will learn the background knowledge to care for their lawn, or the information needed to convey their lawn care wishes to a landscape contractor.
- Hear public health, water quality and environmental reasons for reducing our dependence on synthetic and chemical products to grow our lawns.
- Learn what can be done at the municipal level to reduce the negative impact of synthetic products in the maintenance of fields and public spaces.
- Meet with certified organic lawn care professionals to have your questions answered, including *Lueders Environmental*, *Organic Soil Solutions*, and *The Garden Continuum*.



Could the products on your lawn be banned in Europe & Canada?

This meeting is free & open to the public



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