



**Greg Lucey**

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**From:** Christine McDonough <christinemcdonough2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:01 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Roosevelt Park Turf Project

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Christine McDonough I am a ward 5 resident of 21 years.

I urge you to please vote YES on the Roosevelt Park turf project.

I feel it's a great investment for the city of Malden for the years to come. Many will benefit from this investment and will make our city even better.

**Thank you for your consideration**

**Christine McDonough**

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**From:** Katie Bowdrige <kkbowdrige@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:01 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Salemwood Field

Dear City Council,

As parents of school age children in the city that participate in not only youth sports and recreation programs, but have kids that just like to play at the park with their friends we understand the importance of having space for all of this to happen.

This past weekend we had a travel baseball game at a multi-purpose field similar to what is being proposed in Malden and it was amazing to see the use the field was getting by kids of all ages and their families. We had our baseball game going on at one end, there were a few kids and an adult playing soccer, middle school age kids playing pick-up football, a group of what looked like high schoolers just sitting around talking, an organized flag football team of really young kids practicing and even a family picnicking.. There were tons of bikes, so the kids obviously rode their bikes there. There was social distancing going on, people had their masks on and everyone was enjoying the beautiful day. We have the potential for that to happen in Malden.

Please vote YES on this project and let's try to bring that kind of environment to our city parks.

Sincerely,  
Katie and Mike Bowdrige  
24 Quincy Street

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**From:** Leanne Bello <yan1565@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:03 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Salemwood Park

Please, please, please turf Salemwood Park!!!  
The children of Malden deserve a good safe park to play softball on!!!  
I am a life long Malden resident and nothing has been done to improve the park since I was a child.

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**From:** Jason Munroe <jasonmmunroe@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:08 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Salemwood School Turf

Hello Mr. Lucey,

Please take this message as a vote in favor of having the "turf project" at the Salemwood School field go forward. I'm a life long Malden resident with two children aged 10 and 13 that play numerous sports in the City of Malden. I'm also a coach for Malden Pop Warner, Malden Lacrosse and always volunteering my time for Joe Levine with Malden recreation activities. I feel another potential year round field with a nice centralized location and ample parking and space would benefit the entire city for sports and residents to share and use.

Thank you in advance  
King regards

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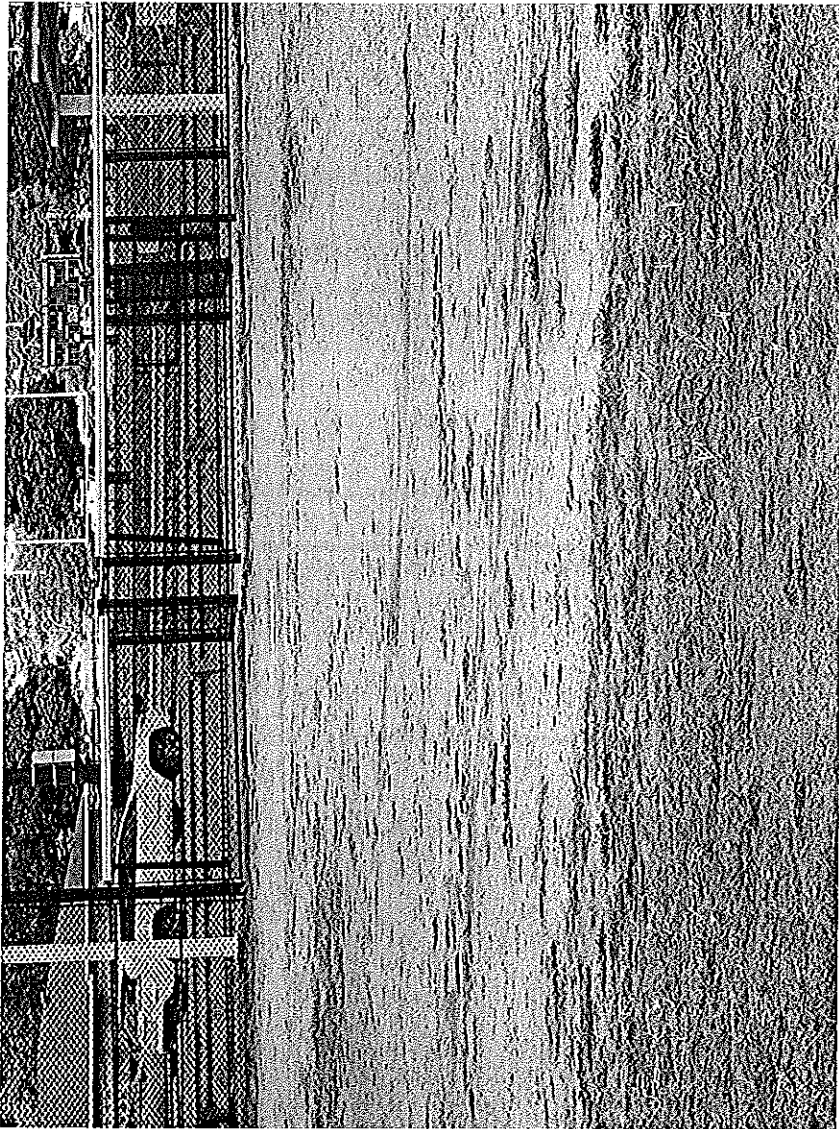
**From:** Kevin Moura <kevinmoura13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:27 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Roosevelt park

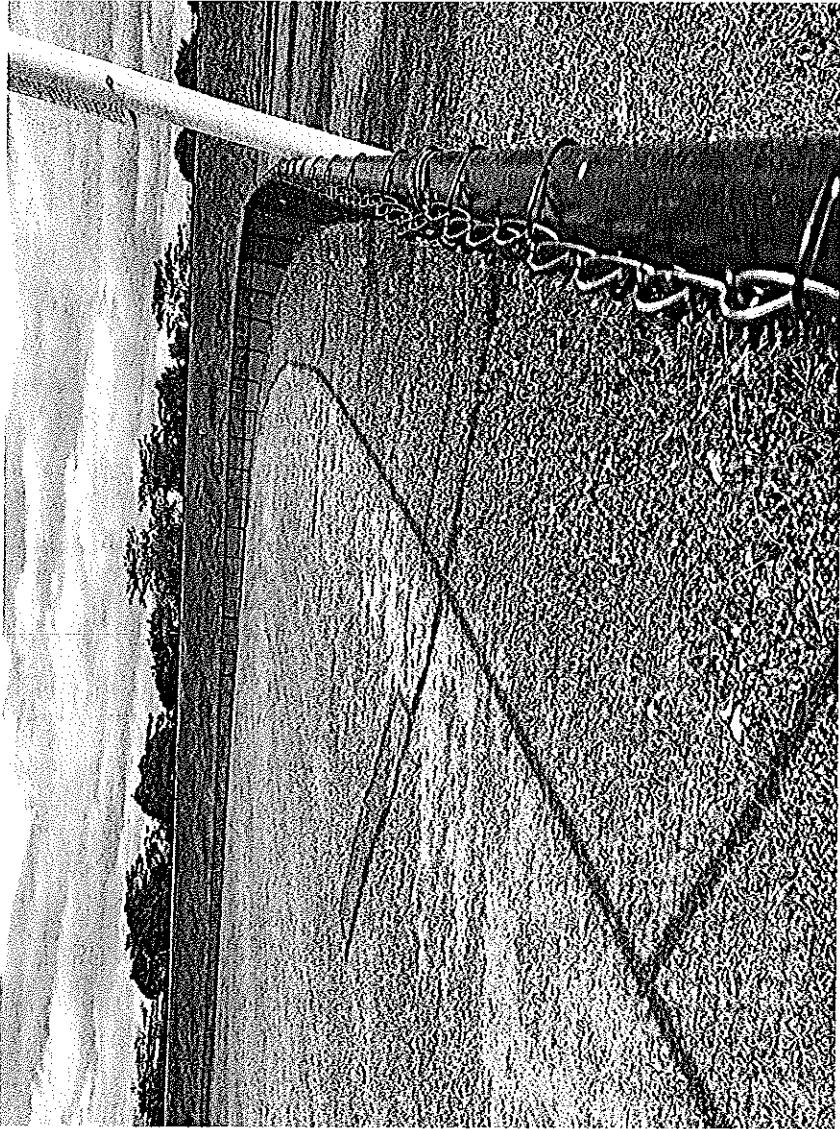
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To whom it may concern, I am hearing that the Roosevelt project is in jeopardy of being stopped. I hope that turf is still the plan since Malden cannot maintain any grass baseball fields in the city they are all in rough shape and if Roosevelt is going to be redone as a grass field it will only be a matter of a few years before it becomes in disrepair. attached are some photos from some of the baseball diamonds across the city. Some don't drain when it rains and takes days to be able to play on and some are overgrown with grass in the infield and don't even resemble a baseball field..

Green St Park doesn't resemble a baseball field at all



Callahan which was redone not that long ago grass in the infield and warning tracks all grown in





Kirstead photo taken three days after a rainstorm still puddles



Bruce Field at Devir Park same as Kirstead 2 days after a rainstorm doesn't drain





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**From:** NEFFL Admin <admin@newenglandflagfootball.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:40 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Cc:** Jadeane Sica  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Roosevelt Park Field Project

**Importance:** High

Dear Malden City Council,

The Malden Twisters Flag Football organization asks for your support in favor of the Malden Roosevelt park Field Project.

We need a lot of field space to provide our local kids, where in most seasons we have between 300 and 400 players, both boys and girls. We often are not able to secure enough field hours and space in our Malden parks due to competition with other sports as well as the local high schools.

If this new park is completed at Roosevelt, it would add more nighttime and weekend field space hours to the community and Malden Flag Football and other teams would greatly benefit. The daytime and school hours would be able to be used by the school and the neighborhood, as well as the weekends. Many of our players attend the Salemwood School which is next to the park as well as, the Linden and e Ferryway School's which are also close by. These players and students would be able to have a great, new safe park to use right near their homes.

Right now the park is hardly used because it is rundown and unable to be maintained. Flag Football is played on artificial turf surfaces all over the country and the sport is a good match for this type of field. If you follow through with the plan in place, it would be a fantastic addition to the community.

Please continue to support the new Roosevelt Park.

Thank you

Renee Rodriguez  
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**From:** Brian McDonough <brimcdonough@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:46 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Fwd: Roosevelt/Salemwood project

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**From:** Brian McDonough <brimcdonough@gmail.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Oct 1, 2020, 5:02 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Roosevelt/Salemwood project  
**To:** <glucey@cityofmalden.ig>

Dear City Council,

Please see the attached email I sent last year in regards to the Roosevelt Park project.

I would like to add how people like myself that live steps away from Roosevelt continue to be ignored by the same people who claim they are acting in the best interests of the school and it's neighbors. Also if you are on the fence about changing your vote I ask you to stand strong and not give into the loud minority. Malden needs this. The kids need this and the families for years to come.

Sincerely  
Brian McDonough  
21 Seaview

On Wed, May 29, 2019, 8:10 PM Brian McDonough <brimcdonough@gmail.com> wrote:  
Good Evening Everyone,

Let me first start off by thanking you for your time and service to the City of Malden.

I am a forever Malden resident. Malden Public School system with daughters that are at Mystic Valley now and one started out at Forestdale School. I speak as a parent first, resident and youth softball, Pop Warner Football and current Malden Catholic Football Coach.

I understand both sides to the natural grass vs turf debate. I am on the side of turf for Roosevelt. There are many reasons for this and I know you all have heard both sides. I have coached on turf for as long as it started from East Boston with the old school carpet to when it was first installed at Pine Banks and Malden Catholic. With the hundreds and most likely thousand to 1500 kids I have coached have I seen or heard of any turf related injury or illness. I am not a medical expert but seeing is believing. There are a few exaggerated stories out there Nationally and as a whole there is no proven link to any turf related health issues. Some studies but nothing of proof or of real substance.

I respect the teachers and parents that prefer grass. It seems there are the same group of teachers that has stopped this from happening in the past and it would be a shame if this happened again and Roosevelt was left as is yet again. Roosevelt Park was a park long before it was a school.

The advantages my daughter has using MV turf for softball is huge. Countless times over the past few years teams come in to play the first few weeks in April and tell us how their girls have not been outside for practice (due to Northeast weather) and they are playing their first game which is a huge disadvantage.

People want to talk about turf being hotter in the sun. Which it is. But we are in New England not Arizona. I've been on turf when it's 90 and humid and it's fine with proper rest and water breaks. Heat is really not an issue in my opinion. Roosevelt will get used alot more both recreationally and the kids at Salemwood School will be out alot more for recess. Not ruining school shoes or sneakers running in wet grass or some soft wet dirt after finally getting out on the field after it rained 2 days ago. The benefits for the school children and youth groups of Malden is the reason this should be approved.

There are a few loud people in the city that do not use these Parks and sit behind their keyboards and google search articles and studies. That's not who Roosevelt Park is for. They have a right to their opinion but the opinions expressed aren't from a perspective that is informed or realistic.

It's time to move past the same opinions from 7 years ago. They have the same argument and there is no new information saying turf is unsafe.

We are also lucky enough to have lots of green space in the city to enjoy. Malden is lucky to have some great facilities to accomodate youth groups and high school groups and sports as well as green space to get that Natural smell and feel we all loved as kids.

Thank you again for reading this. I know it was a little lengthy and I could go on and I'm sure I'll be kicking myself that I left something out.

Call me with any questions or comments or email me.

Brian McDonough  
21 Seaview Ave  
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**From:** April Cheney <aprilcheney2@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Roosevelt park renovation

Hello,

I reside in ward 3 of Malden and my children utilize the parks of Malden for many youth sports (softball, baseball, lacrosse) to name a few and I was saddened to hear that the Roosevelt/Salemwood project has been placed on hold and is in jeopardy of not become a turf field that can be played in all season and weather condition. As a resident of Malden I was very excited to see this project taking place for the city, residents and all whom use the park. When our teams use Roosevelt we have a very limited season depending on the weather and the poor conditions of the field. Many of the other fields in Malden are in poor condition but Roosevelt is by far the worst field. I implore you to move forward with the turf and beautiful renovation that has been placed on hold. Howard park is a great example of a well kept playable field in Malden and I would love to see more parks like Howard. Thanks for all you do to make our city wonderful!

Sincerely,  
April Moura

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**From:** Charlie Conefrey <charlieconefrey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:58 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Roosevelt Field Improvement Project: C.CONEFREY  
**Attachments:** Roosevelt Park Advocacy Letter\_ C.CONEFREY (1).docx

Good Evening,  
Please see attached letter of support in regard to the Roosevelt Field Improvement Project.  
Thank you for you time and consideration,

Charlie Conefrey  
Director of Athletics and Physical Education  
Malden Public Schools  
Cell: 781-710-9170

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Dear Councillors,

First I would like to thank and commend you on your commitment to serving the City of Malden. Specifically in regard to the amount of time and effort all of you have put into the Roosevelt Park Improvement Project. My name is Charlie Conefrey (220 Middle Street, West Newbury, MA. 01985), and I am the Director of Athletics, Physical and Health Education for the Malden Public Schools, K-12. I am reaching out to you today to express my continued support for the Roosevelt Improvement Project. In a previous letter sent to the council I expressed my memories of growing up at 19 Waite Street and the hundreds of hours spent on the Roosevelt field playing youth sports as well as playing with my friends some 25 years ago. I have fond memories playing on that field, however the field condition today is not much different than it was over two decades ago.

I feel strongly that we are doing our children, youth and adolescents a disservice by not providing a state of the art, multi-use, safe playing environment. Neighboring communities (Everett, Somerville, Revere to name a few) have continued to make considerable improvements to their play areas throughout their cities. Specifically, play areas in the form of turf fields many of which are adjacent to K-8 public schools.

Throughout this process I have heard the opposition, and I must say that I respect their points of view and even agree to a degree. I agree that it is important and vital to protect green space where appropriate, especially in urban areas. In a perfect world without fiduciary concerns, I would advocate for all of our fields and playing areas to remain natural grass and I think most would agree. However, the maintenance of a natural grass field with continued high use cannot be overlooked and in my opinion out of the Malden DPW's capability.

Furthermore, it is important to note that the Department of Public Works for the City of Malden has and continues to do a tremendous job under the direction of Mr. Knox. In fact, I would say an exemplary job maintaining our current green space playing areas on top of the numerous other responsibilities Mr. Knox and his team currently perform. Putting further stress on our DPW by going in the direction of natural grass field of this size also has financial implications. Including the amount of time and care it would take to properly maintain a natural grass playing area the size of Roosevelt Field would put strain on the Malden DPW, a strain I feel is unnecessary. At the last city council meeting suggestions were put forward to help protect existing green space in other areas of the city. I fully support this initiative and look forward to hearing more.

The Roosevelt Field Project as proposed has the potential to meet and exceed the needs and expectations of thousands of youth for years to come. A valid and imperative point that cannot be overlooked is the social emotional needs of our students, families and other community members. During a time of great angst and increased levels of stress and anxiety, the perfect medicine is physical activity, especially physical activity that can be done outdoors nearly year round. The current condition of the Roosevelt field does not provide such opportunities. We at the Salemwood School are limited in our ability to provide outdoor playing opportunities for our approximately 1200 students due to the field's current condition.

It is no secret that the COVID pandemic has caused numerous issues. Included in these issues due to quarantine restrictions is time of play. Increased time of play is needed now more than ever before. Peer to peer interaction is an absolute necessity to the overall well being including socially, emotionally and physically. I have heard the opposition points on the cost of the project being too much and how can the City of Malden afford such an expense during a pandemic. I would argue, how can we not? I see this as an investment in our children, in our youth, in our city.

As an employee of the Malden Public Schools I have and always will continue to make decisions based on what is best for our children. A perspective that is student centered is imperative as we navigate through difficult times. Our youth deserve the best opportunities and it is our responsibility to do everything we can to provide such opportunities.

In closing, I continue to offer my full support of this project moving forward. If you would like to discuss further I would be happy to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Conefrey

Director of Athletics/PE/Health

Malden Public Schools K-12



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**From:** Stephanie Mattuchio <smattuch@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 6:04 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Re: Please read at City Council meeting on Tuesday

To whom it may concern,  
I am writing in support of the Roosevelt field turf project. As a lifelong Malden Resident and mother of 2 children, I am all for green spaces. That said, since I was young, Roosevelt Park has never been usable... nor green. Games there were often cancelled due to swampy conditions and poor drainage. The drainage issues were never addressed and the field remained unusable for most of the year, and still today. Only add in a prime spot for mosquitoes and undesirable disease carrying insects.

Looking at the information presented during the course of the discussions, turf seems the best, most efficient, and financially sound decision for children to have a space to run and play safely. There is far too much going on these days that rob children of a childhood. Let's not let poor field conditions and maintenance be added to that list.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Mattuchio

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**From:** Stephanie Mattuchio  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 10:51:18 AM  
**To:** glucey@cityofmalden.org <glucey@cityofmalden.org>  
**Subject:** Please read at City Council meeting on Tuesday

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Sincerely,  
Stephanie Mattuchio

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**From:** Bibi <bbrodriguez05@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Turf field

Good evening,  
My name is Ismael "Bibi" Rodriquez. I hope when you receive this message you find yourself well during these unpleasant times. Let me start by saying I have two daughters that attend the beebe school. They both are involved in tons of sports programs in Malden mainly softball. That being sad I have been coaching softball for 7 years and I truly enjoy giving back to my city. I would hope you do consider turfing Salemwood. We have been through so much with that field with the flooding and all the bugs on them late summer nights. That field would take two days to drain. One of our biggest softball seasons is in spring which is ran by the Malden Rec. We all know how much rain we get in spring and these kids don't get enough time out there because the field is always flooded. Turfing this field will only make our program way much more bigger and that's what we need let's keep these kids safe off the streets enjoying a all new field. Thanks for taking out of your time and reading this message. Take care...

I Rodriquez  
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**From:** Jody Heyward <jheyward@PlasticMoldingMFG.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 6:52 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Salemwood field

Good evening

I am writing in support of the new field that has been promised for years at the Salemwood school.

I am a resident of Malden for the past 18 years and we have watched as nothing was done at that field it. It is a disaster and somewhat of an embarrassment to our city.

We are fortunate to be part of the Malden softball community!!! We have traveled to several parks within our great city and outside of Malden. With the success of the Malden softball program we thought that this field was going to be upgraded for the past several years. Still there it sits in complete disarray.

I urge the city of Malden to please finish what it started and what it promised to our youth.

Please give us field that will help for years to come. In addition I believe in looking at the cost, the turf field will actually save the city of Malden money in the long run and they can expect a return on the investment in a few short years.

Respectfully yours,  
Jody Heyward  
11 Noble St  
Malden, Ma 02148  
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**From:** Linda Vega <jaslyn007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 6:56 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Turfing salemwood

To whom it may concern,  
I believe it is important for this project to get approved. The poor conditions and maintenance of the parks is not good for our children. Support the need for turf at Salemwood where that is worst park/drainage in the city and to state that with no matter how much money they put into it it will eventually look like all the other parks if they do not support turf fields. This is very important. We all know the nightmares we have dealt with in the past on that field. These kids deserve to have and play on a new turf field. Thank you for your time.

Best regards  
Linda

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**From:** THOMAS ROBERTSON <trobertson31@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 7:01 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey  
**Subject:** Fwd: Salemwood turf project

Subject: Salemwood turf project

I am writing to show my support for installing turf at the Salemwood fields.

I have been involved with Malden sports since 1978, starting as a kid playing football and baseball at "Roosevelt Park" to the start of my coaching in 1991 with Malden Pop Warner. I have also coached baseball, softball and lacrosse throughout the years.

Coaching softball the last 10 years in Malden, I have had to deal the field conditions at Salemwood from the poor drainage to large divots in the outfield. The biggest complaint would be the 4:00 storms that would roll-in before a night game that lasted 25 minutes but would cause 3 days of cancellations. With a turf field, this would not be an issue.

As for Malden Pop warner, if this field was turf and available to the whole program for practices in Sept and Oct, it would a much easier process for our families that have a football player practicing at Maplewood park and a daughter cheering in the Salemwood gym. Parents would be able to go to one location for both children. It would also ease the burden of board members running from location to location for paperwork or simple practice coverage.

There is no downside to turfing the field

Thanks

Tom Robertson

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**From:** Emalee Watkins <emaleewatkins@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 1, 2020 7:17 PM  
**To:** Greg Lucey; Jadeane Sica  
**Subject:** Turf field

Good evening City Councilors,

I would like to express my support for the turf field renovation at the Roosevelt field. I started playing softball at 5 years old in Malden and at the age of 28 I am still playing softball in Malden. I am excited for the opportunity to finally be able to play on a turf field. I have had the chance playing on turf many times and excited to finally be able to play on one in my hometown.

Thank you!  
Emalee Watkins

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