About our Presentation:
This presentation will address an all hazards approach that focuses on emergency preparedness. An all hazards approach prepares for all kinds of emergencies since emergency plans rarely cover everything that might be required for an incident. Because the evacuation requirements for a fire may differ significantly from those for a hazardous materials spill, the plan needs to be adaptable to circumstances, innovative, and, when necessary, improvisational. An all hazards plan provides a basic framework for responding to a wide variety of emergencies.

About our Presenter:
Mike Verden draws his experience as owner of The Lake Forest Group, Director of Security for the NBA, and as an agent in his 21 year career with the United States Secret Service. He has led security projects with property management firms, commercial properties, entertainment venues, gaming operations, educational institutions, pharmaceutical facilities, utility companies, financial services, manufacturing and distribution plants and professional sports.

About our Site:
The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

Founded in 1933, the Academy is the preeminent provider of musculoskeletal education to orthopaedic surgeons and others in the world. Its continuing medical education activities include a world-renowned Annual Meeting, multiple CME courses held around the country and at the Orthopaedic Learning Center, and various medical and scientific publications and electronic media materials. The building was completed in December 2014 and is 180,000 sq. ft.

The OLC Education and Conference Center has 11,000+ square feet of flexible multi-purpose meeting and educational space which are all conveniently on one floor. The largest executive conference space has room for 180 people and can be divided in to three separate meeting rooms. The center was designed to meet the demanding requirements of high-tech learning environments complete with a fully equipped HD video studio capable of recording and live video streaming across the globe. Conveniently located five minutes from O'Hare International Airport and with ample parking for those who may be driving to a meeting or an event at the OLC.

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From the President....

“I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You’re doing things you’ve never done before, and more importantly, you’re doing something.” — Neil Gaiman

In the spirit of spring (I say that in a somewhat reserved manner, as we may see some snow, but it is still spring regardless), I promote change. As I’ve said before, to me spring signifies a new beginning — a chance to start anew. It comes with a sense of hope and optimism.

Within our own Northern Illinois IFMA chapter we’re embracing this as well. As an example, in June we are going to try out a new monthly meeting format: one focused on a highly educational presentation along with networking and food and drink. Our intent is try this format out, and if it is received well, then we will incorporate it as a format for a couple of our monthly meetings each year -- just to try new things and see if there are ways we can provide even more value to our membership. Have no fear, we are not getting rid of our monthly meetings with building tours — rather we are just trying to provide an additional means of receiving education and getting maximum value from membership.

As another example, we are considering changing our dues structure (based off of member input) to include more services and membership perks as a part of the annual dues. Thank you to those of you who provided your comments and concerns regarding this proposed new structure! We received a lot of good feedback!

It is my sincere hope that these changes promote positive growth and value for the organization and for the members as well. I always welcome new ideas and the opportunity to rethink how we do things in order to achieve our goals. Remember, we’re all in this together!

This month’s phrase that pays is: “The only constant is change.”

Warmest wishes,
Laura Ingram
Our program committee has been working hard. Below are the upcoming dates and places for the Northern Illinois Chapter.

**April 4:**
The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
9400 West Higgins Road  
Rosemont, IL

**May 2:**
Fountaindale Public Library District  
300 W. Briarcliff Road  
Bolingbrook, IL

**June 6:**  
Kinfork Restaurant  
Woodfield Mall  
Schaumburg, IL

**June 27:**  
Networking Event—Chain O Lakes

**Jul 11:**
Elmhurst College  
190 S Prospect Ave  
Elmhurst, IL

**July 27:**  
Networking Event with IFMA Chicago  
White Sox game at US Cellular Field. 7:05 game

**August 8:**
Associate Showcase and IFMA Bucks Raffle  
Chandlers in Schaumburg

Speakers and presentation information will be coming soon. Make your 2017 new year’s resolution to attend more NI IFMA meetings!!

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**Northern Illinois University**

Facility Management Professional (FMP) & Sustainability Facility Professional (SFP)  
Information and Registration: [http://www.fm.niu.edu](http://www.fm.niu.edu)  
Location: Virtual Classroom  
Questions? Contact: dmann@niu.edu or 815-732-6249
March Meeting Pictures

Mark your Calendar!!!

The snow may be on its way but it’s never too early to think about GOLF!!!

NI IFMA’s 2017 golf date will be September 14th at Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodridge.

Sponsors from 2016 will be offered the chance to sponsor again at the 2016 prices. Contact our chapter administrator for more information.
A Message about Illinois Senate Bill 009 (SB9)

Earlier this year, Illinois State Senator Tori Hutchinson (D) has proposed Senate Bill 009, which would allow for taxation on “taxable services” effective January 1, 2018. This Bill has gone through three amendments thus far, and could go through more, but as of now, here is a list of services that would see a 6.25% (or more, depending on how it may apply to individual counties’ ability to apply this tax as well):

- Providing space for storage
- Repair, servicing, alternation, fitting, cleaning, painting, coating, towing, inspection, or maintenance of tangible personal property that has been affixed to real estate (excludes new construction, reconstruction, or expansion of a building or structure.
- Landscaping – all facets, including snow removal
- Laundry, dry cleaning, cloth pressing, dyeing or linen service, unless coin-operated self service
- Cable television, video and audio, and direct broadcast satellite service
- Private detective, private alarm, and private security systems.
- Structural pest control services

**How is the tax applied?** A tax of 6.25% must be paid on all gross revenue generated from the taxable services per month. The tax must then be remitted to the state on a monthly basis.

**Where is the text for SB9 located?** The complete bill text is located here: To read the 3rd amendment: http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/100/SB/PDF/10000SB0009sam003.pdf. The relevant sections begin on page 197 and landscaping is mentioned on page 214.

**What can I do TODAY to fight this egregious tax?**

1. Please contact your State Senator AND State Representative in the House. We need to be prepared if this leaves the Senate. You and all your employees should contact your state representatives. Contact them in both your home and work district. If you do not know your state senator or state representative, look him/her up here by zip code and address: https://www.illinoispolicy.org/maps/

2. Please pass this information on to your friends and colleagues. Ultimately this Bill will affect us all negatively both professionally and personally and we need to spread awareness and fight it.

IFMA-NI will continue to keep our members informed about the progress of this legislation and ways we can continue to fight it.
Have a new product or service to share?
How about an innovative way for solving a facility problem?
Win any awards lately?
We are always looking for articles for our newsletter!

Please share with your fellow managers and associate members items of interest in your field.

Article Guidelines:
Article length between ½ page and 2 pages-can include pictures.
Written in Word format-no PDF.
Make sure you include credit information at end of article.
Submission due by the 20th BEFORE the month the newsletter is printed. For example, March newsletter needs articles by Feb. 20th. Otherwise, we will hold for following month.

Any ???Please contact Jan Wemple, Newsletter coordinator at: jwemple@moorelandscapes.com or 847-774-1250.
Or Kathy at: chapteradministrator@ifmani.com

Thank you!!
Directions to AAOS

From the North

Go south on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Exit at the O'Hare exit (I-190 west) and proceed west a short distance to the Mannheim Road south exit. Cloverleaf up to Mannheim Road. Then cloverleaf back down to I-90 east and proceed east approximately 1/2 mile to the River Road north exit. Proceed on River Road north (left) to: Higgins Rd. Turn West (left) onto Higgins Rd. AAOS is the first building on the right side of the street: 9400 W Higgins Rd.

From the South

Go north on Tri-State Tollway (I-294). Exit at River Road exit. Turn left at River Road and proceed north (left) to: Higgins Rd. Turn West (left) onto Higgins Rd. AAOS is the first building on the right side of the street: 9400 W Higgins Rd.

From the East

(Downtown Chicago) Go northwest on the Kennedy Expressway (I-90 towards O'Hare). Stay right and follow (I-190 O'Hare signs. Exit at River Road. Turn left on River Road and proceed north (left) to: Higgins Rd. Turn West (left) onto Higgins Rd. AAOS is the first building on the right side of the street: 9400 W Higgins Rd.

From the West

Go east on Northwest Tollway (I-90) to Tri-State Tollway (I-294) north (toward Milwaukee). Exit at Touhy west (the second off ramp). Quickly merge left at end of ramp and proceed to River Road (first intersection). Turn left on River Road and proceed south to Higgins Road. Turn right onto Higgins Road. AAOS is the first building on the right side of the street: 9400 W Higgins Rd.

From O'Hare Airport

Go to the Kennedy Expressway (I-90) to River Road North Exit. Proceed north on River Road to Higgins Road. Turn West (left) onto Higgins Rd. AAOS is the first building on the right side of the street: 9400 W Higgins Rd.
To provide exceptional education, networking, career development, and leadership opportunities that support and advance the Facility Management profession in Northern Illinois.

Sponsorship opportunities are available, please contact our chapter administrator at the e-mail listed to the left for complete details!