



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

Kevin Woolbright, Chairman
Mark Hamrick, Vice Chairman
Dora Parks, Secretary

Minutes of the meeting for September 22, 2020
Zoom Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Susan Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Kevin Woolbright called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. via Zoom. There were 59 zoom attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of August 25, 2020 were reviewed by the committee; Michael Jewell (Columbia Gas) made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Jack Ellison (WGL) seconded the motion, the motion carried.

The approved meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Phil Perry (Concrete General) thanked Miss Utility for the promotional give-a-ways made available during the pandemic. These items included 6,000 tubular facemasks, 3,000 2-ounce bottles of hand sanitizer and 3,000 neck cooling wraps all stamped with the Miss Utility/811 Man logo.

Shelly Welling (Gray & Son) shared concerns about 48-hour delay status' not being followed up on and locates not being performed. Steve Palinkas (BGE) offered his contact information and volunteered that BGE continues to make efforts to locate on time.

Mary Hill (Ferguson) gave an update on an ongoing issue associated with a damage invoice. Mark Hamrick (Verizon) explained that it was not being issued by Verizon. Erik Philips (Utiliquet) offered his contact information for assistance.

OLD BUSINESS – No Reports

NEW BUSINESS

OCC has developed new ticket processing software called ITICnxt. Once released, it will run in tandem with and eventually replace ITIC 2.0.

- Scheduled release is set for late fall.
- An ITICnxt demonstration is scheduled for October 27, 2020 during the next DPC meeting.
- Enhanced mapping tools are designed to refine the notification area which allows for a more strategic locate.
- Extensive resources (ITICnxt announcement, FAQs, videos, user's manual and an ITICnxt sandbox) are available at <http://missutility.tryitic.com/>
- Training for the sandbox is currently available. Please contact Susan Sullivan at ssullivan@missutility.net for more information.

MARYLAND AUTHORITY – Reported by Jim Barron (Executive Director)

- The office remains closed due to Covid 19 restrictions and employees continue to work from home.
- An Authority Meeting took place, via Zoom, on September 2. Seven (7) NPV's were reviewed and various expenditures were approved.
- An Authority Meeting is scheduled for October 7 @ 9:00am. The agenda and the Zoom link will become available on the Authority website several days prior.
- The Authority launched its new website on 8/11/2020 and NPV's are successfully being processed. Please visit www.mddpa.org to check out the many new features the website now offers.
- The 2019 PHMSA State Damage Prevention Grant closes on September 23, 2020 and preparation for the Final Report has begun.

The next Maryland Authority meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2020 at 9:00 am via Zoom. Please visit www.mddpa.org for the link.

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE –Reported by Jim Barron (Executive Director)

- Governor Hogan vetoed SB0877 on May 7, 2020.
- The Md Authority plans on meeting with the sponsors and key legislators in the late fall regarding a veto override for the January 2021 legislative session.
- To be successful, it takes a Super Majority (three-fifths vote of the elected membership) in both the Senate and the House to override the Governor's Veto.
- If the override is successful, SB0877 will become law 30 days after the formal vote in the Senate and House.
- If the override is unsuccessful, the bill will be re-introduced during the 2021 legislative session.

SB0877 and other legislative documents can be downloaded from the Authority Website by visiting <https://mddpa.org> and clicking on Resources.

2021 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Reported Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- The committee appreciates the great response rate from this year's sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees and looks forward to an even better 2021 GCDPTC.
- 2021 Conference dates: October 26th - October 29th.
- Conference will be held at the Clarion Resort Hotel & Conference Center, Ocean City, MD.
- The GCDPTC Planning Committee is fortunate to confirm that the dynamic, energetic, and humorous Dr. Bertice Berry will stay on as next year's keynote speaker.
- The planning committee plans on meeting next month to officially conclude work on the cancelled 2020 conference.
- Please visit www.missutilityconference.com for more information.

2020 AWARDS COMMITTEE

Mark Hamrick (Chair) and Dora Parks (Co-Chair)

- The LAA banquet has been canceled due to Covid 19 gathering and travel restrictions.
- 60 award winning Maryland and District of Columbia locators were recognized this year.
- Each winner received a beautiful two-tone blue, custom-embroidered jacket, a certificate of achievement, a yellow, high-vis Miss Utility LAA T-shirt, a Miss Utility/811 Camo cap, and a \$100 restaurant gift card.

- Pictures of LAA winners are still being accepted for both local and national recognition. Please send to dparks@missutility.net or ssullivan@missutility.net
- Due to the cancellation of the 2020 GCDPTC, the Dig Smart Awards ceremony has also been canceled.
- Winning companies will receive two complimentary two-night packages to the Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference in 2021.
- Winners will be selected by the Award's Committee during their September 22nd meeting.
- This year's Dig Smart Award winners will be honored, recognized, and awarded on-site by members of Miss Utility's Awards Committee.
- Winners will be invited and recognized in front of industry peers, at next year's 2021 Dig Smart Awards ceremony held on the final day of the GCDPTC in Ocean City, MD.
- Miss Utility MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee members thank all contractors who participated by submitting DSA entry forms.

DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY TRAINING

DPT Training Coordinator, Susan Sullivan ssullivan@missutility.net

Completed:

- Aug 31 - Rivers Construction Group
- Sept 2 - Precision Concrete Construction
- Sept 11 - Sunrise Safety Services
- Sept 15 - Great Eastern Concrete
- Sept 18 - Olney Masonry
- Sept 21 - AJ Contractors

Upcoming:

- Sept 24 –Brightview Landscaping
- Sept 28 & Oct 12 - William's Gas
- Sept 29 - Sunbelt Telecommunications Services
- Paradigm

Thanks go out to the WGL team for their support of Spanish Language Trainings.

Dora Parks (Miss Utility) provided YTD data through August 2020 of reported damages in MD/DC.

- 611 utility damages (181 mains and 430 services)
 - 27.99% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 34.70% due to hitting a marked line
 - 29.30% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 8.02% due to other root causes

CGA/INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES

Reported by Dora Parks (Miss Utility)

- 2020 would have celebrated 20 years of the CGA Conference & Expo but due to Covid 19 the conference has been postponed until 2021.
- Two (2) independent conferences are now available:
 - 2021 CGA Conference & Expo will take place March 2nd - 5th, 2021 in Orlando, Florida. Please visit <https://commongroundalliance.com/> for more information.
 - 2021 Global Excavation Safety Conference will take place March 23rd - 25th in Tampa, Florida. Please visit <https://globalexavationsafetyconference.com/> for more information.

- Subscriber and Board Member representatives will be invited to attend the conferences.
- One Call Concepts will attend both conferences.
- For more information, please contact Dora Parks dparks@missutility.net

MISS UTILITY FACEBOOK REVIEW

Reported by Dora Parks (Miss Utility)



- Since the outbreak of Covid 19, 6,000 811 tubular face masks; 3,000 2-ounce bottles of 811 wrapped hand sanitizer and 3,000 811 stamped neck coolers have been given away in an effort to promote both the 811 dig safe message and as an effort to provide protection from the spread of Covid 19.
- Face Mask Friday was created as a fun, interactive way to promote Miss Utility's Facebook page. Anyone receiving the promotional items is encouraged to send Dora or Susan photos promoting the dig safe message. To view this on-going campaign please visit <https://www.facebook.com/MissUtilityofMD/>; to participate, send us your pictures.

MGH MARKETING

Reported Kelly Cahill (MGH)

- MASN's 'Who Dug Deep' campaign, which usually runs during April and May will wrap up at the end of September.
- The campaign ran during 30 Orioles and 30 National games each with concentrated viewership during these regionally televised-only games expected to be greater than ever.
- If you have questions about this or other MGH campaigns, please contact Kelly at kcahill@mghus.com.

If interested in volunteering for any trade shows or to be added to the trade show distribution email list, please email Emily Nault at enault@mghus.com.

CARVERTISE CAMPAIGN

Reported by Dora Parks

- The MD/DC Board approved a 12-month extension of the Carvertise campaign.
- The new campaign includes nine (9) vehicle wraps for the following areas: 2 in Montgomery County; 2 in Prince Georges County; 1 in Baltimore City/County; 1 in Charles County; 1 in Allegany and Garrett Counties; 1 in Washington and Frederick Counties; 1 in DC.
- With a newly designed wrap, courtesy of MGH, the campaign continues to target homeowners in high damage areas to call 811 before digging to avoid hitting buried lines, even for simple excavation jobs.

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

Construction Angels (CA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity that provides immediate financial assistance and grief counseling to the children and spouse left behind when a construction worker has a fatality on the jobsite.

- There were 16 applicants for the Construction Angel's 'Gibbs Family' Scholarship for the MD/DC region.
- Of the 16, five (5) were ineligible.
- 11 of the applicants were approved and will receive scholarship monies.
- Monies are distributed equally based on the proceeds from Scholarship events each year.
- Please visit <https://www.constructionangels.us/> for more information about the charity.
- For more information regarding CA, or to participate on the Annual CA Golf Tournament Committee please contact Kevin Woolbright (bright.67@verizon.net).

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Upcoming 2020 MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings via Zoom

- October 27
- November 24
- No meeting in December

MEETING ATTENDEES: This meeting took place over Zoom and accurate attendance is not available.