



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee (DPC)

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

Minutes of the meeting for March 26, 2019
Meeting hosted by Miss Utility in Hanover, MD
Prepared by Susan Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chairman Mark Hamrick (Verizon) called the regular monthly meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. followed by the customary self-introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 26, 2019 were approved as written. The meeting minutes will be posted at <https://www.missutility.net/excavators/>

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

OPEN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING DAMAGE PREVENTION AWARENESS & COOPERATION

Mark Hamrick (Verizon) reminded attendees that it is the responsibility of excavators to remove locate flags upon completion of an excavation. They can be returned to a locator for re-use.

Mary Hill (Ferguson Trenching) asked about the practice of white-lining newly trenched gas lines that have gone live. A lengthy discussion followed.

Mary Hill asked if hollow communication ducts were supposed to be traceable as damages are occurring and contractors are being billed. A brief discussion followed.

SAFETY PRESENTATION

Mary Hill (Ferguson Trenching) 2018 DSA Winner

Bio: Prior to moving to Maryland in 2008, Mary worked as a Skilled Union Laborer, specializing in Heavy Highway. Projects included:

- The expansion of the Staten Island Expressway.
- Building sound barriers on the Long Island Expressway.
- Constructing an HOV lane on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway.
- The Interstate 64 bridge in Dunbar, WV.

Mary currently works with Ferguson Trenching. Since joining them in 2016, she has worked diligently to make a positive impact in and outside of the workplace. Mary believes safety to be an action word-with communication being the key. Her PowerPoint is titled: Safety with FTC.

MARYLAND UNDERGROUND FACILITIES DAMAGE PREVENTION AUTHORITY

Jim Barron, Executive Director

The next Authority meeting is May 1, 2019 at the Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.

For information regarding the Maryland Authority, please visit www.mddpa.org

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE

The Maryland Title 12 Re-Write will not be submitted to the Maryland Legislature until the 2020 Legislative Session.

Documents on the Re-Write can be downloaded from the Authority Website by clicking the State Capital Dome, www.mddpa.org

2019 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Matt Ruddo, Committee Chair

Emily Meier (MGH) shared registration information:

- Conference being held October 22-25, 2019 in Ocean City, MD at the Clarion Resort Hotel
- Returning Attendee Registration is from April 15 - May 17.
- Early Bird Registration is from May 18 - August 23.
- Regular Registration is from August 24 and after.
- By registering for updates, folks are automatically eligible to win a free 2-night package to the GCDPTC.

The next meeting is: April 23, 2019 at Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.

MD/DC SUBSCRIBERS COMMITTEE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Scott Brown, WGL-Committee Chairman; Dora Parks, Miss Utility/One Call Concepts-Secretary

Mark Hamrick announced Angela Johnson (AT&T) as the new Subscriber's BOD communication seat and Tamara Neal (WGL) as the new Maryland Authority subscriber seat.

The next meeting is April 11, 2019 at Columbia Gas of Maryland.

2019 LOCATOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS (LAA) AND DIG SMART AWARDS (DSA)

Kevin Woolbright (Chair) and Dora Parks (Co-Chair)

Emily Meier reported on the following:

- 2019 marks the 16th year of LAA.
- There were 65 winning locators from 11 companies.
- Nominations were submitted via an electronic form this year.
- The LAA Banquet is set for Saturday, May 18th at Bowie Baysox Stadium.

2019 DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING

DPT Administrator, Dora Parks dparks@misstuality.net

Upcoming Trainings

- City of Baltimore – March 27th, set up 9:30am – start at 10:00am
- Civil Construction – March 29th, set up 6:30am – start at 7:00am
- Washington County Government – April 4th, set up 8:00am – start at 8:30am
- Wire Wizards – April 19th, set up 7:30am – start at 8:00am
- Garrett County Government – April 29th, set up 7:30am – start at 8:00am

2019 Open Damage Prevention Training (by advanced registration)

- April 4th at The Hagerstown Regional Airport
- April 12th in Prince George's County
- April 29th at the Garrett College Campus
- May 10TH in Harford County
- June 7TH at the Miss Utility Call Center
- December 6th – Pepco, Forrest Hills Operations

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS (CA)

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

Planning meeting will be April 10th 8:30am to 11:0am at Miss Utility Call Center, Hanover, MD.- Contact Kevin for volunteer and/or sponsorship information.

MISS UTILITY MARKETING & OUTREACH

Reported by Emily Meier

- The Miss Utility spring radio ads across MD and DC started March 25. There are 27 radio stations running ads, that are designed to educate contractors on their way to work. Ads running in Washington DC are also spoken in Spanish.
- The MD/DC Subscriber's BOD approved a MASN, 'Who Dug Deeper' sponsorship campaign that will air for both the Orioles and Nationals.
- NSDM: Local TV stations will be invited to a locate demonstration in order to film and air how the locate process works.
- NSDM: 811 Cakes will be dropped of at local radio stations who are our media partners; they will also receive a script of information to share over the airways regarding '811' safety and awareness.
- Trade Shows; to date (9) trade events have been completed.

If you are interested in volunteering for any trade shows or desire to be added to the show distribution email list, please email Emily Meier at emeier@mghus.com.

MISS UTILITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Scott Brown (Chair)

Program update reported by MGH.

- Program is now in its fifth year.
- There are 8 scholarship areas.
- It is open to graduating high school seniors who must submit by April 5th;
 - General contact information
 - List of extracurricular activities
 - Personal essay
 - High school transcript
 - One letter of recommendation, no more than two, dated within one year of the application
- New this year; an on-line application.
- The scholarship award is \$1,008.11

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Future MD/DC Damage Prevention Meetings, Miss Utility Call Center in Hanover, MD

- April 23rd - Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility)

- May 28th - Pat Burke (Ferguson Waterworks)
- June 25th – Randy Carey (NPL)

Refreshments at 9 am, meeting starts at 9:30 am

MEETING ATTENDEES:

COMPANY	ATTENDEE NAME & TITLE	TELEPHONE #	EMAIL ADDRESS
Anchor Construction	Guy Miller Project Manager	(240) 484-7007	gmiller@anchorconst.com
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BGE	Dave Miller Damage Prevention	(443) 790-3093	david.miller@BGE.com
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Columbia Gas	Tim Hamilton DPC	(301) 964-9117	hhamilt@nisource.com
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