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President's Message

Dear Friends,

It was a dark and stormy night....
The Miss Utility System is set up to easily accomplish two things; yet it amazes me how "we" try and make it complicated.

The Delaware and Maryland laws were created to keep people safe and to prevent damages to public utilities. Pretty simple. Protect people and protect the utilities.

To accomplish this, anyone who has a digging (excavation) project must contact the Miss Utility call center. This a free endeavor for the excavator whether it is an internet or phone request. Why do we have so many excavators that do not bother to make this contact? They put themselves, their employees and the public at risk and may inconvenience many people when a utility is damaged.

Once the excavator submits the dig request, the Miss Utility call center sends information to each utility that has facilities in the area of proposed excavation so they may mark their underground facilities.

Once all affected utilities status their ticket as clear or marked, the excavator may dig. This information is readily available via phone or internet. There is no excuse to excavate on a ticket that has not been cleared by all involved utilities.

Once the excavator has a cleared ticket, they may dig outside the tolerance zone which is 24" in DE and 18" in MD. Within the confines of the tolerance zone, the

excavator must find the utilities using "soft" dig methods. A backhoe is NOT a soft dig method. Hand digging or high pressure air or water excavation are recommended to expose the utilities without causing damage.

Maryland law has recently changed and there is now a \$2,000 penalty for digging without a ticket and other fines for using mechanical excavation methods within the tolerance zone and not following the law. Delaware law will be changing very soon and will have provisions to impose penalties on utilities that do not mark accurately and excavators that violate the law.

It's easy, contact Miss Utility and obtain a locate ticket, wait for the responses, respect the markings and dig safely. Remember, EVERYONE has a cell phone. If in doubt about a locate, faded marks, no marks, but a utility present, make that call.

Miss Utility of Delmarva hosts monthly meetings to address issues and offer education. They are held the third Thursday each month at various locations throughout Delmarva. The schedule is on our website at: <http://www.missutilitydelmarva.com/Monthly-Meeting-Location-Snapshot/>

Now for a shameless plug for The Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference, October 18-21, 2016. Come see the reveal of Paul Jr's 811 Car!

Brad Ebaugh

Miss U Scholarship Winner

Written by Jason Lyon



In cooperation with Miss Utility, Miss Utility of Delmarva provided a scholarship in the amount of \$1,008.11. This scholarship was provided to Kendall Brandt, of Queen Anne's County High

School. Ms. Brandt will be attending the University of Florida in the fall. Ms. Brandt (KB) and Miss Utility of Delmarva (MUD) conducted the following interview:

(MUD) What degree will you be pursuing in college, and how is it applicable to the mission of Miss Utility?

(KB) I am pursuing a degree in Graphic Design and noted its importance to what your business does in my essay as follows -- "While I do not seek a major in engineering or construction-related activities for which Miss Utility may be most associated with, my college major IS important to the work that you do, and for that reason, I still wholeheartedly apply for your scholarship. I have been accepted into the College of Art at the University of Florida and will be majoring in graphic design. As you are aware, what better way to convey this important -- and life-altering -- information [Miss Utility's important safety information] to those engaged in digging activities than through the use of marketing and educational materials, promotional items, web sites, social media and presentations, to name a few. All of these outreach components encompass graphic design. In Miss Utility's scope of work, effective communication is the most important way to provide information to the public regarding what they need to do before taking on any type of digging operations."

(MUD) Where do you see yourself in 10 years professionally?

(KB) I look forward to having the opportunity to provide businesses and consumers of any background and need with useful, concise, reliable and important information through the use of effective visual applications, digital media and graphic design. This may be in an advertising firm setting or via my own freelance/small business.

(MUD) What do you plan to do with the scholarship?

(KB) I plan to pay for a portion of my tuition with this scholarship. As an out-of-state student, attending my dream school is extremely costly.

(MUD) Have you had experience with Miss Utility?

(KB) I have not had a personal experience using Miss Utility; however, I know that my father has through his work at Baltimore-Washington International Airport and his prior employment with Harkins Builders.

(MUD) How do you feel Miss Utility will assist with your future career?

(KB) While my applying for this scholarship was certainly a bit unconventional, I do appreciate the open-mindedness of the scholarship committee. Again, thinking outside of the box, Miss Utility's public outreach and educational efforts would be where my future career would be influenced. With your business, an uninformed citizen or business that decides to dig without contacting Miss Utility could be catastrophic!

(MUD) What do you know about Miss Utility and the service it provides?

(KB) I know that if you plan on doing any type of digging, that you need to call Miss Utility so that they can notify the utility companies in advance of any excavation and so that you don't hit any underground gas/water lines, pipes, etc.

Miss Utility of Delmarva was honored to be part of this scholarship, we congratulate Ms. Brandt and wish her the best of luck in her future ventures.

811 Day—Call Before You Dig

Miss Utility of Delmarva spent the morning rush hour of August 11, 2016 promoting the message of calling before you dig. Wayne Diamond, W Locco, LLC, Steve Keyser, Chesapeake Utilities, Brad Ebaugh, Delaware Electric Cooperative and Jason Lyon, City of Dover attending the event. Between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., an estimated 1,000 vehicles passed Holden Park, which is a park at the triangle of Division Street and Forrest Avenue, in Dover, DE. The team showcased the message with multiple billboards encouraging people to call before they dig. Additionally, a banner and the 811 trailer was on site to promote awareness.



Safety First----Silicosis Can Be Prevented

By Frank Dobson



On June 23, 2016 the new OSHA Rule on Silica took effect. Industries have between one and five years to comply with most requirements.

Silicosis is a progressive, disabling, and often-fatal lung disease caused by exposure to respirable crystalline silica dust. Crystalline silica is a basic component of soil, granite, and most other types of rock, and it is used as an abrasive blasting agent. Cigarette smoking adds to the lung damage caused by silica.

Effects of Silicosis

- Lung cancer (Silica has been classified as a human lung carcinogen.)
- Bronchitis/chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder (COPD)
- Tuberculosis (Silicosis makes an individual more susceptible to contracting tuberculosis.)
- Scleroderma (This disease affects skin, blood vessels, joints, and skeletal muscles.)
- Possible renal disease

Symptoms of Silicosis

- Shortness of breath; possible fever

- Fatigue; loss of appetite
- Chest pain; dry, nonproductive cough
- Respiratory failure, which may eventually lead to death

Sources of Exposure

- Sandblasting for surface preparation
- Crushing and drilling rock and concrete
- Masonry and concrete work (for example, building and road construction/repair)
- Mining/tunneling; demolition work
- Cement and asphalt pavement manufacturing

Preventing Silicosis

- Use all available engineering controls such as blasting cabinets and local exhaust ventilation. Avoid using compressed air for cleaning.
- Use water sprays and other wet methods for cutting, chipping, drilling, sawing, and grinding.
- Substitute non-crystalline silica blasting material.
- Use respirators approved for protection against silica; if sandblasting, use respirators approved for abrasive blasting activities.
- Do not eat, drink, or smoke near crystalline silica dust.
- Wash hands and face before eating, drinking, or smoking, and always eat, drink, and smoke away from exposure areas.

Losing One of Our Finest—John Jones

We lost one of our finest, John Jones will be dearly missed by all.

John Lyndon Jones, age 52 of Frankford, DE formerly of Rising Sun, MD passed away on Monday, July 4, 2016 at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE following a short, but courageous battle with brain cancer.

John was born in Jennersville, PA on June 20, 1964 son of Fred S.

and Doris (Montgomery) Jones. He was a 1982 graduate of Rising Sun High School and received his Bachelor's Degree in Communication Arts from Salisbury State College in 1986. John was currently employed as a supervisor with Utiliquest.

John was a former member of the Cecil County Hounds and Sportsman's Club, former Vice President of the Cecil Soccer League and former member of the Lions Club in Rising Sun, MD. He was instrumental with the building of the two Cecil Soccer League complexes through his



volunteer work, where he was also a Little League coach, umpire and Cecil Soccer coach. John was an avid Baltimore sports fan cheering for the Ravens, Orioles and even the Delmarva Shorebirds. He was a faithful member of the Janes United Methodist Church in Rising Sun, MD and Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church in Ocean View, DE. He was an outdoor enthusiast, enjoyed camping, gaming with his son and collecting 80's toys and games. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, son, brother and friend who left this world too soon.

In addition to his parents, Fred and Doris Jones of Rising Sun, MD, he is survived by his loving wife of almost 29 years, Susan (Uhlan) Jones; 3 children, Elizabeth Anne Jones of Pittsburgh, PA, Jennifer Lynn Jones of Grapevine, TX and Garrett Andrew Jones of Frankford, DE. He is also survived by a brother, David Michael Jones and his wife Lauren of Oxnard, CA; 2 sisters, Ruth Ann Endo of Annapolis, MD and Kathleen Elizabeth Miller and her husband, Wayne of Elkridge, MD and father and mother-in-law, Dr. Eugene A. Uhlan and his wife Mary Ann of Concord, NC.

Ask Miss Utility

When locators mark the ground with paint for the existing utilities, why do I have to test pit for verification?

When excavation operations approach the estimated location of underground installations, the exact location of the installations shall be determined by safe authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate such conditions. Verification / protection shall include, but may not be limited to, hand digging within the limits of the planned excavation or demolition. It also includes any benching, starting 24 inches in Delaware and 18 inches in Maryland on either side of the extremities of the underground utility line for other than parallel type excavations and at reasonable distances along the line of excavation for parallel type excavations. There should be no power excavating equipment, subsurface boring excavation, or heavy equipment supports (for example, out riggers) within the tolerance zone.

Any excavation within close proximity to underground facilities may require the excavator to provide bracing or shoring to protect the lines. A person shall exercise due care to avoid interference with or damage to an underground facility that a facility owner/ operator has marked. The excavator's designated competent person at each job site should have access to the names and phone numbers of all facility owner/ operator contacts and the one-call/notification center.

	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016
Reported Damages	37	39	53
Tickets	108,169	119,017	110,617
Percentage	0.034%	0.033%	0.048%

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Questions/Comments?

This newsletter belong to you, so ideas and topics are welcomed. Send your comments, questions and suggestions to Wendy Stack at w.stack@mchsi.com.

Calendar of Events

Miss Utility Meetings

October 20, 2016 - Cancelled

Due to conflicting dates our October meeting has been cancelled but we hope to see you at The Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference in Ocean City, Md.

November 17, 2016

Easton Utilities
201 N. Washington Street
Easton, Md. 21601

December 15, 2016

Artesian Water
644 Churchmans Rd
Newark, De. 19702

Events

October 7, 2016

Delaware Rural Water Expo
Milford Elks Lodge
18951 Elks Lodge Road
Milford, DE 19963

October 18 – 21, 2016

Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conf.
Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel
10100 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, Md. 21842

November 10 & 11, 2016

Delaware Association of Surveyors
Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center
101 N. Boardwalk
Rehoboth, De. 1997



Send an email to w.stack@mchsi.com and let us know you read the "Scoop" newsletter. Everyone who sends an email will have his or her name entered into a drawing for a \$25.00 gift card. All emails should be submitted by November 30th 2016 to be in the drawing. Winners will be notified by email or phone, so please include a contact number to be contacted. GOOD LUCK!

We will have 4 lucky winners.

811 Day—Call Before You Dig



"Remember to remove courtesy flags left by the locator after completion of your excavation"

"MARK YOUR CALENDAR" The 2016 Greater Chesapeake Damage Prevention Training Conference will be held October 18 - 21 at the Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel, 10100 Coastal Hwy., Ocean City, Md. 21842