



MD/DC Damage Prevention Committee

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

Minutes of the meeting for February 23, 2021
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 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. There were 56 zoom attendees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the January 26, 2021 minutes was made by Brian Sahn (Baltimore County) and seconded by David Wilkins (WSSC). The motion carried by approval.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business to report.

OPEN DISCUSSION

John Shuffler (Civil Construction) thanked Utiliquest for their assistance in resolving recent ticket issues. He then inquired about continuing ticket status and marking delays. Mike Burns (Utiliquest) provided feedback on current efforts to minimize delays. He asked that escalation issues be brought to the attention of Utiliquest management. Marc Haines (BGE) provided feedback reinforcing their commitment to minimizing delays as well. Both gentlemen provided their email for further communication.

Mike Burns: mike.burns@utiliquest.com Marc Haines: Marc.Haines@bge.com

Mark Wetzler (Belfast Valley Contractors) stated that contacting DDOT using the phone numbers provided for by the ticket were unsuccessful. Dora Parks (Miss Utility), referring to DC law, shared that if direct contact with DDOT is unsuccessful, then contact with the Attorney General for the District of Columbia is the appropriate next step.

Jim Barron (MD Authority) and Kevin Woolbright (DPC Chairman) both emphasized the positive influence good communication has in de-escalating issues that may arise between stakeholders.

Dora Parks recognized and thanked owner members and contract locators for their effort in responding to and resolving issues brought to their attention by homeowners even when said issues are outside of their scope of responsibility.

Scott Moore (Colonial Pipeline) expressed the importance of valid ticket user contact information being provided for on all tickets.

Bill Jackson (MDOT) provided the ticket resolution hotline for MDOT/SHA - 410-572-5264.

MISS UTILITY CALL CENTER

- ITICnxt: Susan Sullivan (Miss Utility) provided an overview of ITICnxt's user homepage dubbed: My Tickets. Features highlighted: Service territory filter; user settings; view ticket map; page settings and the *I want to* filter. Please contact Susan at ssullivan@missutility.net with any questions.

- Damage Reporting: Dora Parks (Miss Utility) provided YTD data through January 2021 of reported damages in MD/DC.
 - 48 utility damages (10 mains and 38 services)
 - 29.17% due to no call or valid ticket
 - 16.67% due to hitting a marked line
 - 37.50% due to incorrect locate marks
 - 16.67% due to other root causes

- DC Title 34 Law Update
The Mayor signed new bill in January 2021. Highlights include:
 - DCRA to receive a copy of all tickets.
 - At least 96 hours but no more than 10 days prior to proposed excavation or demolition, notification to owner members must be provided.
 - Member response is 72 hours.
 - Clear evidence and/or observed discrepancy is now law.
 - Civil penalties have increased.
 - Allows Mayor to provide public education programs and to establish an advisory committee among other provisions.

MARYLAND AUTHORITY

Reported by Jim Barron (Executive Director)

- The Authority submitted its 10th Annual Report to the Governor and the Maryland Legislature in February. Copy available at www.mddpa.org.
- The Authority received notification from PHMSA of the 2021 State Damage Prevention Grant Application due on March 15, 2021.

The next Maryland Authority meeting (Closed Executive) is scheduled for March 3, 2021.

MARYLAND TITLE 12 RE-WRITE

Reported by Jim Barron (Executive Director)

- Governor Hogan vetoed SB0877 on May 7, 2020.
- The veto override was recently approved by the Maryland Senate and the Maryland House of Delegates.
- SB 877 will become law 30 days after the final override vote on February 11, 2021.
- Amendments, legislative and other related documents can be viewed/downloaded from the MD Authority Website at <https://mddpa.org>.

2021 GREATER CHESAPEAKE DAMAGE PREVENTION TRAINING CONFERENCE

Reported by Matt Ruddo, Chairman (OCC)

- Please visit the new and improved GCDPTC website at www.missutilityconference.com
- 2021 Conference Dates: October 26, 2021 - October 29, 2021.
- Location: Clarion Resort Hotel & Conference Center in Ocean City, Maryland.
- Keynote speaker: Dr. Bertice Berry.

The next planning committee meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2021.

DAMAGE PREVENTION AND SAFETY

- Training - Coordinator, Susan Sullivan ssullivan@missutility.net
 - DPT Completed:
 - February 1 & 2 –Lane Construction
 - February 17 –WSSC
 - February 19 –ODPT (7 Companies)
 - DPT Upcoming:
 - February 25 Belfast Valley Construction
 - March 2, 9, 16 Montgomery County Parks
- National Conferences
 - Global Excavation Safety Conference
 - 2021 April 6-8 Virtual Conference
 - <https://globalexavationsafetyconference.com/>
 - CGA Conference & Expo
 - October 12-15 at the Renaissance, Orlando at Sea World
 - <https://cgaconference.com/>
- Miss Utility Facebook
 - Be sure to visit Miss Utility's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MissUtilityofMD/> to *LIKE* and share your favorite posts.
 - Be informed about upcoming, observed holidays; law updates; ITICnxt highlights; 811 educational, promotional, and informational posts; campaign posts and pictures of local stakeholders promoting the safe dig message.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Below is a list of holidays observed by Miss Utility.
These dates are not used when calculating a ticket's response due by date/time or expiration date/time as noted per state law.



OBSERVED HOLIDAYS 2021:
January 1 New Year's Day
January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20 Inauguration Day (DC only)
February 12 Lincoln's Birthday (MD Only)
February 15 Presidents Day
March 25 Maryland Day (MD Only)
April 2 Good Friday (DE & MD Only)
April 16 Emancipation Day (DC Only)
May 31 Memorial Day
July 5 Independence Day Observed
September 6 Labor Day
September 13 Defender's Day (MD Only)
October 11 Columbus Day
November 11 Veteran's Day
November 25 Thanksgiving Day
November 26 Day After Thanksgiving (MD & DE Only)
December 23 Christmas Eve Observed (DE Only)
December 24 Christmas Day Observed
December 30 New Year's Eve Observed (DE Only)
December 31 New Year's Day Observed



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Do you know a graduating high school senior in Maryland or Washington, D.C.?

Miss Utility/District One Call is accepting applications through Friday, April 2 for its college scholarship program. Eight graduating high school seniors from Maryland and Washington, D.C. will each be awarded a \$1,008.11 single-year scholarship to go toward their fall 2021 semester at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university or technical school.

You can access the online application here: <https://form.jotform.com/MissUtility/scholarship21>

If you have any questions, please contact Gabriella Tancona at gtancona@mghus.com or call (410) 902-5025.



Know any High School Students Who Are Graduating?

- Carvertise Campaign Reported by Dora Parks (Miss Utility)
 - The Carvertise campaign has been Miss Utility's greatest promotion of 811's dig safe message during this time of Covid.
 - Nine wrapped cars currently travel throughout 8 Maryland counties, Baltimore City and Washington D.C.

2020 AWARDS COMMITTEE Reported by Mark Hamrick (Chairman)

- Nominations for the 18th Annual Locator Achievement Awards are now being accepted and must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 26, 2021.

Next committee meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2021.

MGH MARKETING & OUTREACH TEAM UPDATE

Reported by Kelly Cahill & Gaby Tancona

- 2021 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
 - Please help in promoting the scholarship by sharing information with your social and work networks.
 - The deadline to apply is Friday, April 2 @ 11:59 PM.
 - The online application can be found at www.jotform.com/MissUtility/Scholarship21.

CONSTRUCTION ANGELS

Kevin Woolbright, CA Board Representative for MD/DC

- Kevin participated in the monthly conference call in February 2021.
- Meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month.
- There are currently no scheduled events in the MD/DC region due to the ongoing pandemic.
- Please visit <http://www.constructionangels.us/> for more information about CA.

There being no further business brought before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Upcoming 2021 MD/DC Damage Prevention & Safety Meetings via Zoom

- March 23
- April 27
- May 25

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