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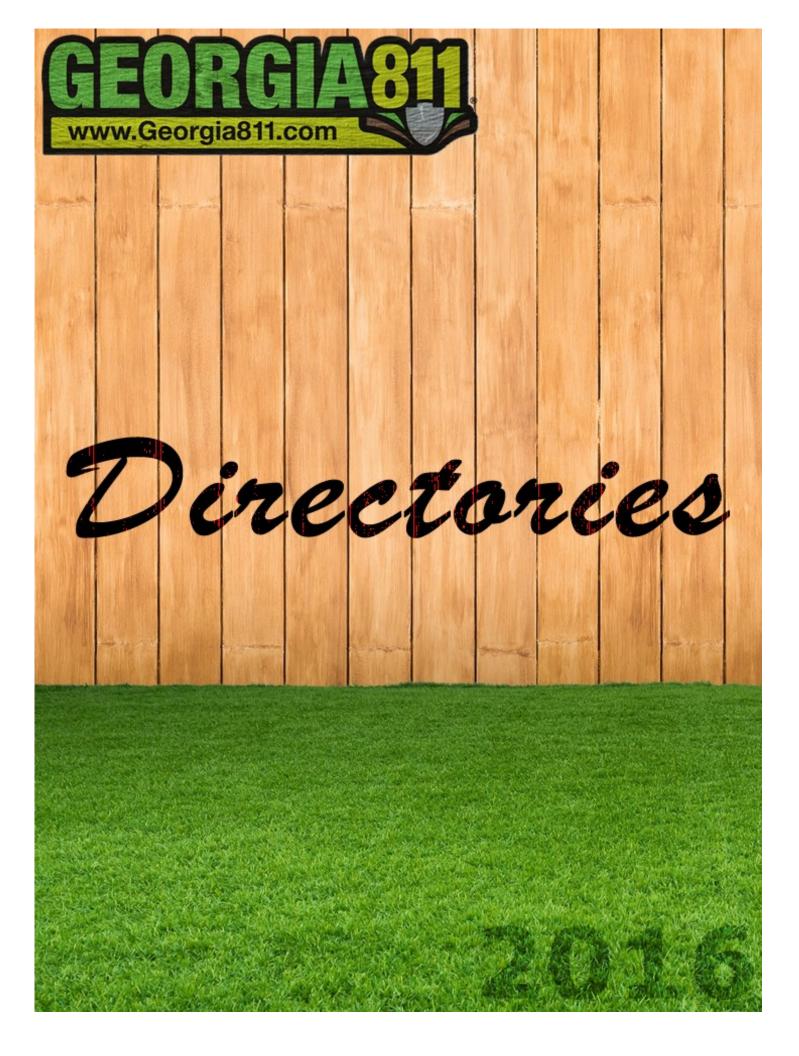


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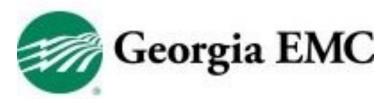
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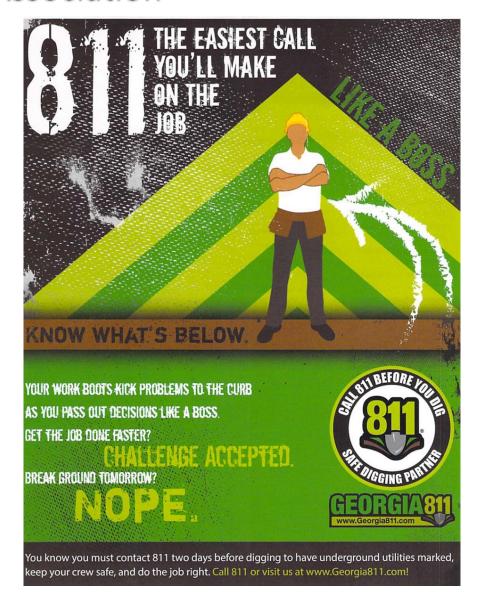
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2016 Membership Directory and Builder Resource Guide





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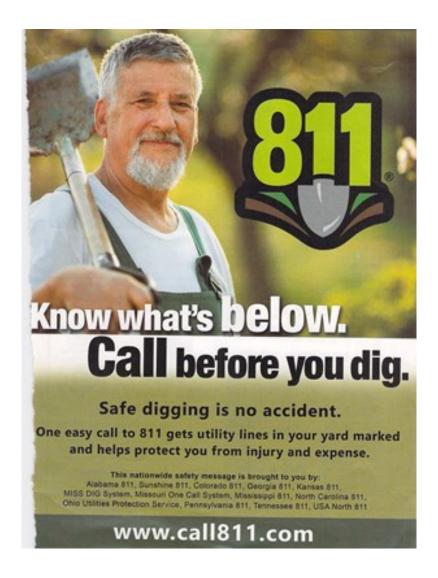


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## Field & Stream



August 2016

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## Georgia Contractor

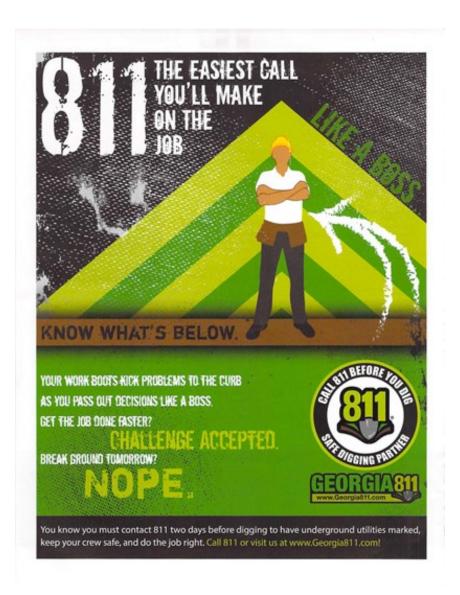


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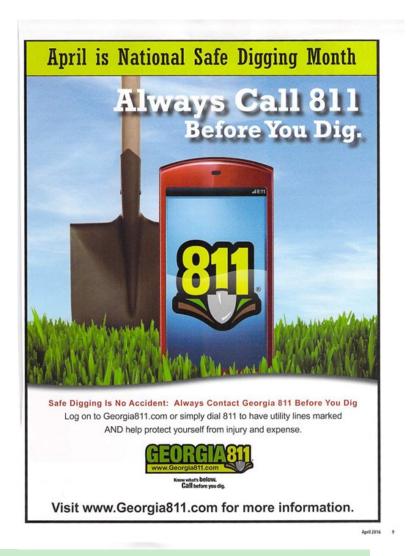
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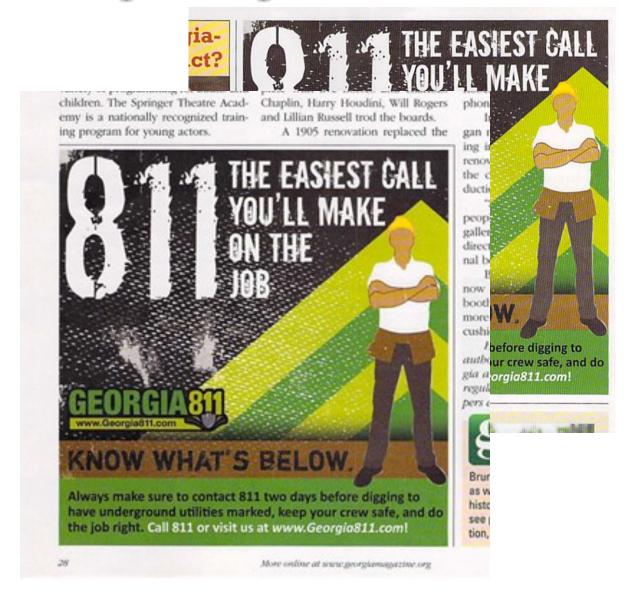


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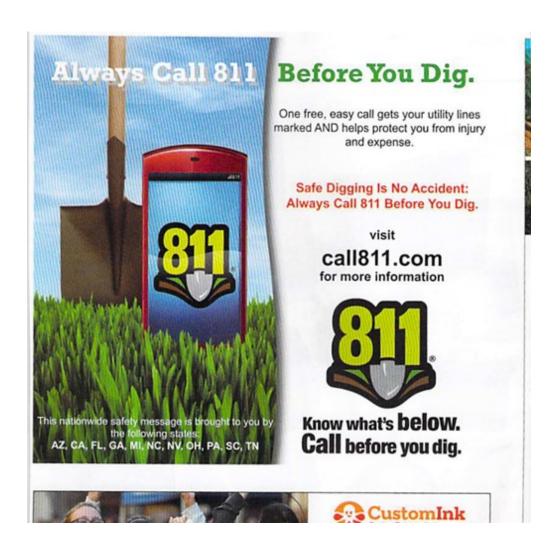
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## Martha Stewart Living



**April 2016** 

**Total Paid Circulation: 2,050,000** 



## Southern Living



May 2016

**Georgia Circulation: 240,000** 



## Southwest The Magazine



**April 2016** 

May 2016

**Circulation: 5,094,000** 



## Southwest The Magazine



September 2016

November 2016

Readership: 5 million travelers/month



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## Sports Illustrated



April 4, 2016

**Total Audience: 18,237,000** 

Rate Base: 3,000,000



## Woodstock Family Life



HOME LIFE April is one of the busiest months for gardening, and it's also Safe Digging Month, which reminds us that it's important to know what lies underground before prepping the garden. Consider the following tips before you start digging:

- 1. Decide what and where you want to plant. When considering placement, select a planting location that will not interfere with utility lines both in the air and underground. Tree branches can interfere with overhead power lines, and roots can do the same with underground utilities.
- 2. Call before you dig. Once you have your planting area selected, make sure to call Georgia 811 before putting a shovel in the ground. The "Call Before You Dig" number is a free service

that locates and marks underground public utilities. Call at least three days in advance of when you want to dig to provide enough time for a professional to locate underground utilities such as electrical, gas, water, cable and telephone.

3. Check the weather forecast before working outdoors. If it's raining or the ground is wet, do not use electric power or yard tools. You should always store power tools and extension cords in dry areas. Replace any that have been damaged by water.

Source: SafeElectricity.org



April 1, 2016

Circulation: 25,000







Know what's **below**. **Call** before you dig.

### Remember, always call 811 before you start any digging project!

You'll avoid injury, expense, embarrassment - and a very inconvenient day in the dark.

> Georgia 811 or 1-800-282-7411 www.georgia811.com



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Franklin County Citizen	26-May-16	3,469
Franklin County Citizen	9-Jun-16	3,469
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Franklin County Citizen	7-Apr-16	3,469
Franklin County Citizen	21-Apr-16	3,469
Hartwell Sun	7-Apr-16	5,027
Franklin County Citizen	24-Mar-16	3,469
Hartwell Sun	11-Feb-16	5,027
Franklin County Citizen	10-Mar-16	3,469

## **April Is National Safe Digging Month**

#### Commission Reminds Georgians to Stay Safe by Calling 811 before Digging

The Georgia Public Service Commission reminds all Georgians that April is National Safe Digging Month. The law requires anyone who plans to excavate where underground utilities are located to call 8-1-1 before they dig. The process is simple and can prevent major damage that can endanger and inconvenience our communities and cause economic disruption. Damage from excavation activities to gas and water pipelines, along with sewer systems and buried distribution power lines, remains a leading cause of utility incidents resulting in death or injury.

Commission Chairman Chuck Eaton said, "We are pleased to work together with Georgia 811, our federal partners, and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) to prevent damages from occurring to the state's underground utility facilities. Our common goals are to prevent the disruption of utility services and personal injuries that result from accidents which damage underground facilities."

The Georgia Public Service Commission is charged with the enforcement of the state's underground utilities damage prevention programs as a result of state legislation approved in 2000. The Commission also enforces federal pipeline safety standards under an agreement with the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The Commission's program is rated one of the top five in the nation and serves as a model for other states to follow in reducing damages to underground utilities.

Using these programs, the Commission provides training and education for excavators and utilities in order to avoid accidents that can cause expensive and often dangerous damage to buried utilities. The Commission also works closely with Georgia 811, Inc. which accepts calls from the national federally mandated "Call before You Dig" Number 8-1-1. This "one call" system is free to contractors and excavators as well as homeowners and helps all excavators comply with the law.

Commission Vice-chair Lauren "Bubba" McDonald said, "I want to remind anyone who excavates to call before you dig by placing a call to 8-1-1. It's free and it's the law. A simple phone call can prevent the disruptions and economic losses that can occur when underground utilities are damaged."

"Calling 8-1-1 is the best way to prevent damage to our underground utilities," said Commissioner Stan Wise, "Everyone loses when underground utilities are damaged."

Commissioner Doug Everett added, "Calling before you dig is the right thing to do. Just one phone call can prevent untold damage to our underground utilities that can cause economic loss, traffic disruption and even loss of life."

"Excavators are only as good as the marks on the ground," said Commissioner Tim Echols. "That is why calling before you dig is so important."

"Always contact Georgia 811 before every digging project, every time. All digging projects need to be done safely, including projects like installing a mailbox, landscaping or fence installation. Log on toGeorgia811.com or simply dial 811. It not only saves lives, but money and time. If you have dug in the past without calling, don't make that mistake again. The call is free and having the underground utilities marked is free," Shares Georgia 811's President and CEO, Claudette Campbell

The public, excavators and others can find resources available at www.call811.com and at www.Georgia811.com.

The Georgia Public Service

Commission is a five-member constitutional agency that exercises its authority and influence to ensure that consumers receive safe, reliable, and reasonably-priced telecommunications, electric and natural gas service from financially viable and technically competent companies. For more information on the Commission visit our web site at www.psc.state.ga.us.

Publication	Date	Circulation
Pickens County Progress	7-Apr-16	6,360
Soperton News	20-Apr-16	1,139

## "Request for Proposals"

Contact us City of Johns Creek Request for Proposals Utility Locating & Marking Services Posted Tuesday, January 5, 2016 10:44 am Comment The City of Johns Creek is accepting sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms to perform all aspects of GA 811 ticket processing, underground utility locating and marking. Sealed RFP's will be received no later than 2:00 P.M. on January 29, 2016 in the City of Johns Creek Purchasing Office, 12000 Findley Rd., Suite-400, Johns Creek, Georgia, 30097. RFP's received after the above time or in any other location other than the Purchasing Office will not be accepted. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on January 19, 2016 at 10:00AM at the City Hall location Chattahoochee Conference Room. RFP packages are available on the City of Johns Creek website

(www.johnscreekga.gov). Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Office at (678) 512-3233. RFP's shall be presented in a sealed opaque envelope with the RFP number and name clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. The name of the company or firm submitting an RFP response should also be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. FIVE (5) ORIGINALS AND ONE (1) COPY OF THE RFP ON CD MUST BE SUBMITTED. RFP submittals will not be accepted verbally or by fax or email. All offerors must comply with all general and special requirements of the RFP information and instructions enclosed herein. The City of Johns Creek reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities, and to make award in the best interest of the City of Johns Creek.

Publication	Date	Method
Forsyth Herald	5-Jan-16	Online
Alpharetta/Roswell Revue & News	5-Jan-16	Online
Milton Herald	5-Jan-16	Online
Johns Creek Herald	5-Jan-16	Online

## Starting a spring digging project? Call 8-1-1 to avoid damaging underground utility lines

#### Staff Reports

ATLANTA - Spring marks the traditional start of digging season, when people head outside to start outdoor projects they had been waiting to tackle all winter. Atlanta Gas Light wants to remind homeowners and contractors that the digging season also increases their chances of damunderground utility lines, including natural gas, if they do not take the necessary step of calling 8-1-1 before digging.

When making the free call to 8-1-1, homeowners and contractors are connected to Georgia 811, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of the requestors' intent to dig. Professional locators are then sent to the requested digging site to mark the approximate horizontal locations of under-

ground lines with flags or spray paint. Once lines have been accurately marked, digging can begin. Georgia 811 neither owns nor marks any underground utili-

To build awareness about protecting underground utilities and help ensure the safety and the continuity of critical services, Atlanta Gas Light is The approximate locaproviding homeowners tion of underground and contractors with the following safe digging guidelines:

You Dig: When starting an outdoor project involving digging, ural gas is yellow. customers are advised to make contacting 8-1-1 or 1-800-282-7411 marked, use the approas part of their plans. priate digging meth-Calls to the free locating service can be handtools. Appropriate made up to 10 working digging depths may days in advance of any vary depending on the digging projects. The nature of the project. requests to have public

electric, water, sewer, telephone and cable lines, can be made 24a week.

· Allow the Required Time for Marking: Before doing any digging, customers are urged to call 8-1-1 and wait the required time to have underground utility lines marked. utility lines will be marked with colorcoded spray paint, · Call 8-1-1 Before flags or stakes that correspond to the utility. The color used for nat-

> · Respect the Marks: Once the lines are ods, which may include vary depending on the

· Excavate Carefully: utility operators mark Make sure the marks underground facilities, remain visible during

including natural gas, the project. If they are illegible or removed, customers are encouraged to call 8-1-1 to have hours a day, seven days the lines re-marked. If a natural gas line is accidentally damaged or the distinct odor of gas is present, call 1-877-427-4321 from a safe location. Do not operate any machinery or any equipment that might cause a spark.

> For information about natural gas safety, visit www.atlantagaslight.com/safety.

Publication	Date	Circulation
Calhoun times	6-Apr-16	4,170

### STAYING SAFE AROUND NATURAL GAS

## If you smell something at your home or business that smells like rotten eggs, it could be a Natural Gas leak!

## WARNING NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

DALTON UTILITIES 1200 V.D. PARROTT JR. PKWY DALTON, GA 30720

BEFORE DIGGING OR EXCAVATING CALL THE UPC AT: (800) 282-7411

> IN EMERGENCY CALL: TOLL FREE: (888) 337-1313 LOCAL: (706) 278-1313

Natural gas is a safe and efficient form of energy. In its natural state, natural gas has no smell and is not visible to the naked eye. A chemical called mercaptin is added to natural gas to make customers aware if there is a leak. Most accidents occur because of lack of knowledge that leads to unsafe equipment or appliance use, not because natural gas itself is unsafe. Some of the potential hazards of an unintended release of natural gas include fire, explosion, property damage and asphyxiation.

Dalton Utilities protects the natural gas system through active participation in the One Call System or Dig Safely Program, strategically placed pipeline markers and signage, pipeline integrity management program, Emergency Response Plan, patrolling of the pipeline, and routine inspections of the pipeline.

Please be aware that natural gas lines may be located on or near your property. Always call 8-1-1 before you dig!

One free easy call to 8-1-1 gets your utility lines marked AND helps protect you from injury and expense. Safe Digging Is No Accident: Always Call 8-1-1 Before You Dig! Visit call 811.com for more information.

Publication	Date	Circulation
Calhoun Times	25-May-16	4,170
Daily Citizen - Dalton	20-May-16	8,415
Daily Citizen - Dalton	31-May-16	8,415
Catoosa County News	25-May-16	1,529
Daily Citizen - Dalton	29-Nov-16	8,415

#### IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION FROM ATLANTA GAS LIGHT

Every day, underground pipelines safely transport natural gas to homes and businesses throughout the area.

Atlanta Gas Light is responsible for the security and maintenance of pipelines in our service territory.

Natural gas is colorless and odorless so we add an odorant with a distinctive, rotten-egg type scent for easy detection. It is non-toxic, lighter than air and displaces oxygen. In severe cases, if not used properly, it may lead to asphyxiation and has a risk of ignition near a spark.

#### **CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

Before digging around your property. state law requires you call 811 to have your utility lines professionally marked - for free!

You must wait the required amount of time before you begin your project.

Know what's below. Call before you dig.

Pipeline markers indicate the presence of pipe and right-of-way. While they're not present in all areas, it's always best to call 811. If right-of-way is adjacent to your property, it is your responsibility to ensure no new landscaping or physical structure interferes with access to the pipeline, and with our ability to keep it safe through routine monitoring and maintenance.

Information about transmission pipelines operating in your community is available through the National **Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS)** and is available online at npms.phmsa.dot.gov.

#### WATER HEATER SAFETY

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission urges all users to lower their water heaters to 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

#### CARBON MONOXIDE

Incomplete combustion of any fuel produces carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is poisonous and has no odor, taste or color. Carbon monoxide detectors are helpful, but they are no substitute for using equipment safely. This includes having it inspected once a year by a certified contractor.

#### APPLIANCE SAFETY

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

- · It's important that you have your furnace inspected by a qualified specialist.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Keep trash and other combustible material away from your air heating aring a car engine or using cell phones, lighters, and water heating systems.

#### IF YOU SMELL GAS, ACT FAST

tural gas pipeline incidents are uncommon, these p you identify a possible leak and know what to do.

owing dirt, discolored vegetation or continued standing water.

ar a natural gas appliance or line; there may be a paring sound when natural gas is leaking

distinctive, rotten egg odor associated with Natural gas is colorless and odorless so we add with this scent for easy detection. You should take time you detect even a small amount of this odor

ching anything that may cause a spark. This igarettes, light switches or landlines. Natural gas , lighter than air and displaces oxygen. Keep ignition sources because natural gas can burn k, possibly causing a fire or explosion. In severe cases, if not used properly, it can also lead to asphyxiation.

LEAVE the area IMMEDIATELY if you detect a natural gas leak. Don't try to identify the source or stop the leak.

CALL Atlanta Gas Light at 877.427.4321 or 911 once you are safely away from the possible leak site. Stay away from the area until an Atlanta Gas Light representative or emergency personnel indicate it is safe to return.

te: Always leave if you suspect a leak. Do not solely rely on sense of smell Be aware that some persons may not be able to detect the odorant because they have a diminished sense of smell, olfactory fatigue, or because the odor is being masked by other odors in the area. Certain conditions may cause the odorant to diminish so that it is not detectable.

> For more information, visit atlantagaslight.com/safety or call 800.427.5463.

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Atlanta Daily World	25-Aug-16	5,000
Atlanta Journal Constitution	24-Aug-16	176,000
Augusta Chronicle	24-Aug-16	36,696
Banks County News	24-Aug-16	1,701
Barrow Journal	24-Aug-16	1,518
Baxley News Banner	24-Aug-16	4,628
Berrien Press	24-Aug-16	3,678
Brunswick News	24-Aug-16	12,988
Bryan County News	25-Aug-16	2,000
Calhoun Times	24-Aug-16	4,170
Catoosa County News	24-Aug-16	1,529
Champion Free Press	26-Aug-16	20,000
Charlton County Herald	24-Aug-16	2,009
Cherokee Tribune	24-Aug-16	4,060
Coastal Courier	24-Aug-16	3,500
Cochran Journal	23-Aug-16	1,332
Columbia News Times	24-Aug-16	36,696
Dahlonega Nugget	24-Aug-16	4,627
Daily Tribune News	24-Aug-16	5,209
Darien News	25-Aug-16	2,296
Douglas County Sentinel	24-Aug-16	2,428
Gainesville Times	24-Aug-16	26,000
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Herald Gazette	23-Aug-16	4,962

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Jeff David County Ledger	24-Aug-16	3,214
Johnson Journal	23-Aug-16	1,038
Macon Telegraph	24-Aug-16	26,050
Marietta Daily Journal	24-Aug-16	13,556
Monroe County Reporter	24-Aug-16	4,210
Montgomery Monitor	24-Aug-16	753
News Reporter	25-Aug-16	2,612
Northeast Georgian	24-Aug-16	6,827
Northside Neighbor	24-Aug-16	19,000
Pike County Journal	24-Aug-16	2,978
Rome News Tribune	24-Aug-16	11,651
Savannah Morning News	24-Aug-16	30,841
Savannah Tribune	24-Aug-16	10,000
Soperton News	24-Aug-16	1,139
Standard Journal	24-Aug-16	2,901
The Courier Herald	24-Aug-16	9,555
The Journal Sentinel	25-Aug-16	3,803
Times Courier - Elijay, GA	24-Aug-16	5,988
Times Herald Newnan	24-Aug-16	9,551
Troup County News	24-Aug-16	6,500
Valdosta Daily Times	24-Aug-16	10,290
Walker County Messenger	24-Aug-16	2,009
White County News/Telegraph	25-Aug-16	4,950
Wilkinson County Post	25-Aug-16	1,331
TOTAL CIRCULATION:		631,373

## "How to Stay Safe When Digging on Your Property"



#### ADVERTORIAL

#### How to Stay Safe When Digging on Your Property

Jul 19, 2016 Comments



(StatePoint) Whether you are a "do-it-yourself" homeowner or a contracted professional, before starting landscaping or home improvement projects, it is essential to protect yourself and stay safe when digging.

Most people are surprised to learn that there are more than 100 billion feet of underground utilities in the U.S. This equates to more than one football field's length of buried utilities for every man, woman and child in the country, according to the Common Ground Alliance, an organization dedicated to protecting the safety of people who dig near underground utility lines.

Every six minutes in the U.S., an underground utility line is damaged because someone did not call 811, the national "Call Before You Dig" phone number, or connect online at www.call811.com.

Each year, August 11 (8/11) is a reminder to dig safely and lawfully. It's important to dial 811 or connect online to have the approximate location of underground utilities and pipelines marked.

whether you're installing a fence, deck or swimming pool; planting a tree; or beginning any excavation project at home or on your property.

Protect yourself and those around you from injury by contacting 811. Not only is it the law, but knowing where pipelines and underground utility lines are buried prevents unintentional damage, service interruptions, potential fines and costly repairs.

You must contact 811 every time, even if you have done so previously for a similar project, as the depth of utilities can vary, and there may be multiple utilities located in the same area.

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#### Contacting 811

When you contact 811, information will be collected about your digging plans, and local pipeline and utility companies will be notified about your project. Representatives will be sent to mark the approximate location of underground utilities using color-coded paint, flags or stakes. If there are no underground utilities in the area, they will mark "clear."

The advance notice required to have underground utilities marked varies by state, although most require 48 to 72 hours (excluding weekends, holidays and the day the call was made). You can find state-specific information or place an online request to have utilities marked at www.call811.com.

#### **Project Planning**

- Regardless of the depth of your digging or your familiarity with the property, always contact 811 before starting a project that involves digging.
- If a contractor has been hired, confirm they have done so. Don't allow work to start until all utilities have been marked.
- After you have waited the required time for markings, if utilities have not been marked, you
  must contact 811 again to check the status of your request before digging. Also confirm
  whether the markings have an expiration date and when they will need to be re-marked.
- If your project is located near the paint, flags or stakes, contact the underground operator for the specific steps you should take.

Protect your safety, the safety of the community and the environment by digging with care.

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Cobb Business Journal	19-Jul-16
Marietta Daily Journal	19-Jul-16
Neighbor News	19-Jul-16
Northside Neighbor	19-Jul-16
Dekalb Neighbor	19-Jul-16
North Fulton Neighbor	19-Jul-16
West Georgia Neighbor	19-Jul-16
South Metro Neighbor	19-Jul-16

## Atlanta Journal Constitution

## Marking utilities costs Gwinnett County \$1 million annually

Karen Huppertz - For the AJC
Updated 12:33 p.m Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016 | Filed in Metro Atlanta / State news

Planning to do a little landscaping? Need your utilities marked before construction begins? The county is required by law to provide free utility locating services. Gwinnett commissioners on Feb. 2 approved an annual contract for \$994,380 to low bidder, HighTech Engineering Inc. to provide these locating services.

This is an operational contract that ensures compliance with the Public Service Commission's enforcement of the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act. This contract provides 24 hour, 7 day per week utility locating services. The contractor determines the correct response to each ticket and when required, locates and marks each water, sewer and fiber utility.

The contractor is responsible for late fees, damage fees and fines imposed by the Pu Commission and any repair cost due to mismarked or non-located utilities.

By law, everyone, including homeowners, must contact Georgia 811 at 811 or 1-800-hours before beginning any mechanized digging.

Information: www.georgia811.com.



**February 9, 2016** 

Circulation: 176,000



## Elberton Star & Examiner

#### NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS

If You Ever Smell Gas Call Us Immediately at 706-213-3278 Elberton Natural Gas Division

Natural Gas is odorless in its natural state; therefore, a chemical is added which allows you to smell it. Gas leakage may occur from faulty appliances, loose connections, service lines inside or outside of your home, or from gas mains. Leaks can be dangerous, and should be dealt with promptly by people who are trained in this field.

If you ever smell gas, even if you don't use it in your home, take these precautions promptly. You may also hear a hissing noise coming from gas lines going to appliances or near gas meters.

- 1. Call Elberton Natural Gas Division at 706-213-3278 immediately or in an emergency call 9-1-1.
- 2. If odor is very strong and you are indoors, open windows and doors to ventilate. Go outside. Call us from a neighbor's house.
- 3. DO NOT TURN ANY ELECTRICAL SWITCHES ON OR OFF, OR USE THE TELEPHONE. LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AND DO NOT RE-ENTER UNTIL NOTIFIED BY GAS DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL THAT EVERYTHING IS OK.
- DO NOT light matches, smoke cigarettes, or create any other source of combustion.

## HOWEVER SLIM THE CHANCES, IT DOESN'T PAY TO TAKE CHANCES.

To learn more about our natural gas service and the benefits of natural gas, call us: 706-213-3278

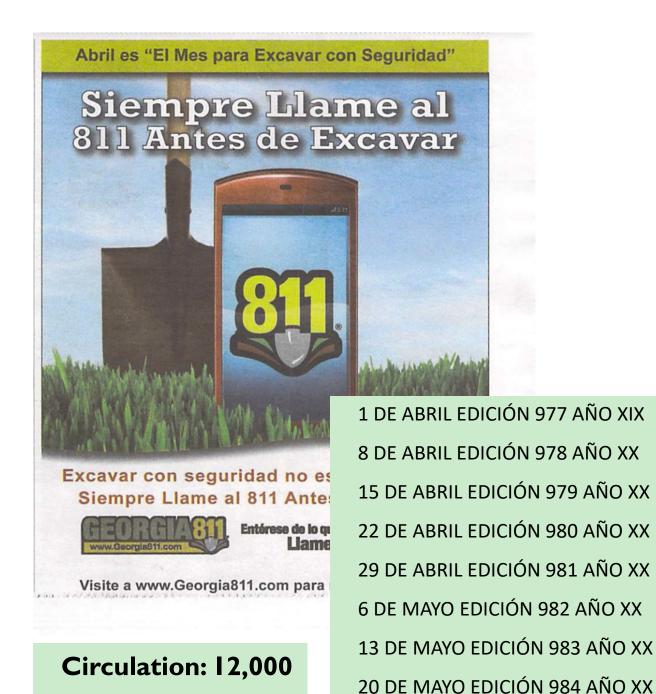
Call before you dig, 811 or 1-800-282-7411 After Hours Call 706-213-3278

September 7, 2016

Circulation: 3,584



## **Estadio Sports**





## Franklin County Citizen

## Smell Gas? Act Quickly

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bringing Safe, Reliable and Environmentally Friendly Natural Gas to Franklin, Hart, & Elbert Counties!



#### Some of the signs of a possible gas leak are:

- · Seeing bubbling water
- · Hearing a hissing or blowing sound from a pipeline or appliance
- Dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area
- Dirt or dust blowing from the ground
- Smell of rotten eggs

February 25, 2016

Circulation: 3,469



## Franklin County Citizen



April 14, 2016

Circulation: 3,469



## Franklin County Citizen



It will keep you safe and legal in Georgia

Visit www.gaupc.com for more information.



Sponsored by City of Lavonia, City of Royston, City of Carnesville, City of Canon and City of Franklin Springs.

**April 14, 2016** 

April 21, 2016

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## **Gwinnett Daily Post**

#### City of Lawrenceville supports National Safe Digging Month

The City of Lawrenceville celebrated National 

Safe Digging Month throughout the month of April.

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Safe Digging Month throughout the month of April.

Lawrenceville is a member of the Gwinnett County and Walton County Utility Coordinating Councils (UCC) in which they partnered with Georgia 811 for the past four years to <u>support</u> a safe digging initiative.

The initiative's purpose is to remind citizens of Lawrenceville to notify operators when they decide to dig with hopes to prevent damage to underground facilities and to maintain safety among all Lawrenceville residents.

"Locating underground utilities is a process that requires skill, determination, workload management and problem-solving techniques," said Damage Prevention Specialist for the City of Lawrenceville Wesley Huggins. "We have a wonderful team of individuals who work diligently and are happy to educate homeowners and citizens on appropriate digging practices."

For more information, visit LawrencevilleGa.org.

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## **Gwinnett Daily Post**

#### **Featured Stories**



#### Rail dominates talk at Gwinnett transit forum

A few dozen people filled the old Lawrenceville City Hall building on Tuesday night to talk about transit in Gwinnett County.

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## Herald Leader—Fitzgerald



## FITZGERALD UTILITIES

Natural gas, America's most popular home heating fuel, is increasingly popular for use by homeowners, schools, businesses, factories and electric power-generation plants because it is efficient, clean, reliable and a relative bargain compared to alternative energy sources.

In our community, Fitzgerald Utilities provides natural gas to more than 2,000 customers through a network of underground distribution lines. Main gas lines, typically 2-inch in diameter, branch into

household service lines which are typically halfinch to three-quarter-inch in diameter and buried 12- to 18-inches below the surface. The service lines end at each customer's meter where gas is delivered.

To protect you and others in the community; federal and state government, along with your utility provider have made your safety a high priority. Any time you dig or move earth in any way, you are required to "Call Before You Dig" 48 hours before beginning any digging. When you call 811, they will contact utility owners who will locate all buried utility lines on your property, so you can safely dig and prevent a potentially hazardous condition. Failure to use the 811 system is a known cause of pipeline accidents. Calling before you dig can prevent a costly or even deadly mistake.



Natural gas is a colorless, odorless gas; however, a chemical that smells like rotten eggs is added to help detect a possible leak. Some of the signs of a gas leak include seeing bubbling water, hearing a hissing or blowing sound from a pipeline or appliance, dead or discolored vegetation in an otherwise green area, or dirt or dust blowing from the ground, or the smell of rotten eggs.

If you smell gas, or just think you might have a gas leak, leave the area immediately and call *Fitzgerald Utilities* at 229-426-5400 or 911 from a neighboring home or business. Never turn on or off switches, open or close garage doors, use a flashlight or phone/cellphone in the presence of the gas smell, as these devices may be a source of ignition, causing an explosion.

Do your part to familiarize yourself and your family with these natural gas safety tips and continue to enjoy the value, comfort and benefits of America's cleanest, most efficient energy source!

This message is brought to you by  $Fitzgerald\ Utilities$  as a public service. For additional information regarding this message, please call 229-426-5400.

March 30, 2016

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## Marietta Daily Journal

#### <u>Damage Prevention /</u> <u>One Call</u>

The Georgia Dig Law requires both professional excavators and homeowners to have utility lines marked before performing any mechanized digging, demolition, or working within 10 feet of overhead power lines. Call **811** even if you plan to manually dig. By knowing where underground utility lines are buried before digging will help protect you from injury and/or expense.

Calling the Utilities Protection Center before digging is a service free of charge. Call at least 48 hours, but no more than 10 working days, excluding weekends and legal holidays, before starting your digging project. Calling **811** starts the process to get your underground utility lines marked.

The single greatest cause of accidents regarding natural gas pipelines is digging by third party excavators. Third Party refers to those other than the pipeline operator. Please report any suspected signs of damage to our pipeline. If you strike a natural gas pipeline, please immediately notify us even if the damage seems to be minor, such as a scrape or dent.

Safety is for everyone. Please watch for markets indicating where natural gas pipelines are located and always:

CALL BEFORE YOUR DIG 1-800-282-7411 or 811



Know what's **below. Call** before you dig.

January 24, 2016

Circulation: 13,556



## Savannah Morning News

#### How to Stay Safe When Digging on Your Property

Whether you are a "do-it-yourself" homeowner or a contracted professional, before starting landscaping or home improvement projects, it is essential to protect yourself and stay safe when digging.

Most people are surprised to learn that there are more than 100 billion feet of underground utilities in the U.S. This equates to more than one football field's length of buried utilities for every man, woman and child in the country, according to the Common Ground Alliance, an organization dedicated to protecting the safety of people who dig near underground utility lines

Every six minutes in the U.S., an underground utility line is damaged because someone did not call 811, the national "Call Before You Dig" phone number, or connect online at www. call811.com.

Each year, August 11 (8/11) is a reminder to dig safely and lawfully. It's important to dial 811 or connect online to have the approximate location of underground

utilities and pipelines marked, whether you're installing a fence, deck or swimming pool; planting a tree; or beginning any excavation project at home or on your property.

Protect yourself and those around you from injury by contacting 811. Not only is it the law, but knowing where pipelines and underground utility lines are buried prevents unintentional damage, service interruptions, potential fines and costly repairs.

You must contact 811 every time, even if you have done so previously for a similar project, as the depth of utilities can vary, and there may be multiple utilities located in the same area.

#### Contacting 811

When you contact 811, information will be collected about your digging plans, and local pipeline and utility companies will be notified about your project. Representatives will be sent to mark the approximate location of underground utilities using colorcoded paint, flags or stakes. If there are no underground utilities in the area, they will mark "clear."

The advance notice required to have underground utilities marked varies by state, although most require 48 to 72 hours (excluding weekends, holidays and the day the call was made). You can find state-specific information or place an online request to have utilities marked at www. call SIL com.

#### Project Planning

- Regardless of the depth of your digging or your familiarity with the property, always contact 811 before starting a project that involves digging.
- If a contractor has been hired, confirm they have done so.
   Don't allow work to start until all utilities have been marked.
- After you have waited the required time for markings, if utilities have not been

marked, you must contact 811 again to check the status of your request before digging. Also confirm whether the markings have an expiration date and when they will need to be re-marked.

• If your project is located near the paint, flags or stakes, contact the underground operator for the specific steps you should take.

Protect your safety, the safety of the community and the environment by digging with care.

Source: StatePoint Media



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## Thomasville Times-Enterprise

EDITOR'S PICK

#### City workers receive state awards

Staff report Dec 16, 2016



THOMASVILLE — City of Thomasville Utilities' Water Construction Team members received statewide attention when they were presented with the Golden Backhoe Award and the Lester E. Feathers Damage Prevention Award by the Georgia Utilities Coordination Council at their recent annual fall conference.

Each year, the GUCC selects one utility from within each of its seven districts that has demonstrated a commitment to safe digging practices as the recipient of the Golden Backhoe Award. Additionally, one team who has gone above and beyond in their commitment to safety is presented with the Lester E. Feathers Award.

The City of Thomasville Utilities Water Construction Team has been recognized for their attention to safety by the GUCC before, winning the Region 4 Golden Backhoe Award for 11 years straight and the Lester E. Feathers Award a total of eight times.

"It's an honor to have earned this distinction once again," said Water Superintendent Stacey Thomas. "To be selected for these accolades year after year is a testament to the commitment to safety and excellence by our staff."



## Thomasville Times-Enterprise

David Doler, utility locate supervisor, and Chuck Whitaker, natural gas superintendent, also were recognized. Doler and Whitaker were named recipients of the Georgia 811 U Damage Prevention Award for Outstanding Public Awareness in the Utility Field.

Every year, utility providers from each district submit award nominations to the GUCC Safety Committee, who then selects award recipients based on many factors, including safety record, total damages and many other work-related criteria.

"I'm very proud to see our team members recognized for our attention to safety and damage prevention," said Director of Utility Operations Bill Gerber. "Receiving recognition by the GUCC validates the work our team accomplishes for our community. It is an honor to work with such a great team."



Photo courtesy of City of ThomasvilleChuck Whitaker (left) and David Doler were recognized for Outstanding Public Awareness by the GUCC.

**December 16, 2016** 

Circulation: 5,841





#### 811 Material Distribution

#### **PR Material = 32,679**

Total Members = 191

Total Contractors = 216

Total Community/Sponsors = 13

#### **Banners and Yard Signs**

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before you dig.

4x8 Outdoor Banners = 280

4x8 Indoor Banners = 57

4x8 Spanish Banners = 3

4x2 Banners = 200

Yard Signs=404



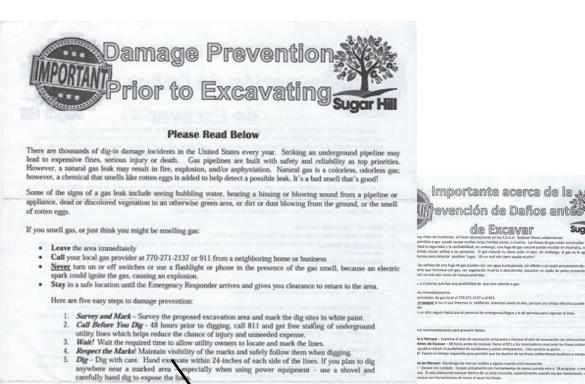
## **Billboard Distribution**

LOCATION	POST DATE	Market	Weekly Im- pressions
Highway 78 West N/S .3 miles W/O Bright Star F/W	10/21/2015	DOUGLAS	325,332
Highway 78 West S/S 350 feet W/O Dura Lee F/E	10/21/2015	DOUGLAS	585,200
Highway 78 West S/S 130 feet W/O Lucille Ave F/W	10/21/2015	DOUGLAS	830,522
Veterans Memorial Highway S/S 350 feet E/O Gordon Road F/W	10/21/2015	СОВВ	174,916
Hollowell Parkway N/S 900 feet W/O Bankhead Ct F/E	10/21/2015	FULTON	1,285,270
Jonesboro Road W/S 100 feet N/O Browns Mill Rd F/S	10/21/2015	FULTON	1,043,476
Jonesboro Road E/S 155 feet N/O Watts Road F/S	10/21/2015	CLAYTON	1,043,476
Business Route 6 (Dallas) S/S 400 feet W/O Highway 61 F/W	10/21/2015	PAULDING	597,800
Business Route 6 (Dallas) S/S 1200 feet W/O Paris Road F/E	10/21/2015	PAULDING	424,830
Jonesboro Road E/S .3 miles N/O Raymond St F/N	10/21/2015	CLAYTON	789,796
N/S Memorial Drive and Stone Mountain	10/27/2015	СОВВ	153,634
Killian Hill Road and Shelley Lane	10/27/2015	COBB	939,757
S/S Bankhead Highway E/O Puckett Drive	10/27/2015	COBB	878,267
US 27A North S/O Lunsford Road S/S F/E	10/4/2015	COWETTA	413,712
Georgia 247 N/O North Davis Drive E/S F/S	10/4/2015	HOUSTON	777,104
Broadway @ Thomas Street E/S F/N	10/4/2015	BIBB	299,520
Pio Nono Avenue N/O Spencer Circle E/S F/N	10/5/2015	BIBB	492,848
Gray Highway 500' N/O Clinton Road W/S F/S	10/6/2015	JONES	241,840
Highway 34 @ Heery Road S/S F/W	10/8/2015	COWETTA	299,850
US 27 North N/O West Glover Road S/S F/W	10/11/2015	COWETTA	299,370
S/S Georgia 40 East 250 feet E/O Julia F/W	10/9/2015	GLYNN	454,635
W/S US 17 - 295 feet S/O Georgia 251 F/N	10/9/2015	GLYNN	372,330
E/S Newcastle S/O o Street F/S	10/9/2015	GLYNN	533,475
W/S Bells Ferry @ Victoria Street F/N	10/22/2015	CHEROKEE	577,234
E/S Highway 5 S/O Hickory Street F/N	11/5/2015	CHEROKEE	192,624
E/S Highway 5 S/O Ballground	10/22/2015	CHEROKEE	225,876
W/S Highway 5 Across Moore Point	10/22/2015	CHEROKEE	413,182
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## Through February 4 or later

## City of Sugar Hill (Gas Bill Insert)



If your equipment contacts a gas line:

- and shuffling away, without turning off engines or
- Warn others and leave the area quick
- Do not operate any gas pipeline valves or
- Leave the excavation open.
- · In a natural gas emergency, call 911, then City of Sugar Hill Gas, 770-271-2137.

Over the past 20 years, risk exposure has been rising through incres d populations, energy consumption and pipeline miles. At the same time, the number of serious pipelin has declined by 50%. idents involving death or injury

To learn more about our natural gas service and the benefits of natural gas, 770-271-2137.

Follow These Guidelines to Prevent Damage While Working Near Natural Ga



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## City of Sugar Hill (Newsletter)



November/December 2016 Volume 13, Issue 6



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in-school assembly designed to equip young Georgians with the tools and information needed to protect themselves in hazardous situations.



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School
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## Digger Dog: School Shows

School	Students Attended
Augusta Christian School	54
Baker Elementary	240
Barton Chapel Elementary	120
Bill Arp Elementary	200
Boys and Girls Club-South Augusta	60
Bramlett Elementary School	235
Brookwood School	25
Buchanan Elementary School	165
Buford Academy	375
Byron Elementary	105
Callaway Elementary School	298
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Collins Hill Christian	44
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Cross Creek Elementary	410
Dames Ferry Elementary	300
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Diamond Elementary	198
Dowell Elementary School	170
Eagles Landing Christian Academy	47
Ebenezer Elementary School	209
Evangel Temple Christian Academy	13
Evansdale Elementary	250
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Flint River Academy	45
Forest Park Christian School	16
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## **Digger Dog: Community Events**

Community Events	Total Reached
St. Patrick's Day Parade	500,000
PHCC (Plumbers) Annual Meeting	100
37th Annual Children's Rose Bud Parade	3,000
Public Safety Day w/City of Winder	1,000
Georgia Cities Days at City of Norcross	500
Lineman's Rodeo w/Walton EMC	2,000
Pan American Games	500
Family Fun Day	300
Walton EMC Annual Meeting	1,000
Family Fun Day	313
Family Fun Day	300
Diamond Dig @ Gbraves	5,853
Back to School Rally	1,500
811 day at Southern Gas	120
GHCA8/27/16	500
Festival at Peachtree Latino	3,000
811 Run	200
Cobb EMC Annual Meeting	2,000
Safety Day at Gwinnett County Dept. of Water Resources	500
Gwinnett Co. Fair with City of Lawrenceville	1,000
Deer Festival Parade	3,000
City of Monroe Christmas Parade with Walton EMC	40,000
TOTAL REACH	566,686



#### Festival Peachtree Atlanta



August 5, 2016 Email Blast



## Georgia Tech Athletic Association



December 13, 2016

Ms. Meghan Wade Georgia 811 3400 Summit Ridge Parkway Duluth, GA 30096

Dear Ms. Meghan Wade,

Thank you for your support of Georgia Tech Cheerleading. Your sponsorship for \$1,000, received July 2016, provides our program tremendous opportunity.

Our program thrives on the support of our generous sponsors. Through your support, we are able to attend pre-season camp to prepare for football and basketball season, purchase gear and equipment, and send the student-athlete you have sponsored to NCA College Nationals in Daytona, Florida. This opportunity to compete against other collegiate programs enhances our presence nation-wide and aids in recruiting the most talented and best ambassadors for Georgia Tech Athletics for future seasons.

Your sponsorship helps us accomplish our goals and directly impacts the lives of our student-athletes, and we are proud to present your logo on our official Georgia Tech Cheerleading calendar. Your contribution is 80% tax deductible.

Thank you again for your support and please let me know if there is anything I can do for you in the future. Go Jackets!

Georgia Tech Cheerleading \$1,000 Sponsorship



#### E-Newsletter Distribution

#### 124TH PHCC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

## FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH, 2016

#### NORTH ATLANTA TRADE CENTER - 1700 JEURGENS CT, NORCROSS, GA 30093



10:00 – 11:45 Annual Business Meeting Contractors

& Industry Members

Special Legislative Report PHCC National Mark Riso, VP Government Affairs Nomination of PHCC GA Board of Directors

12:00 – 1:45 Lunch & Keynote Presentation by Ruth King

2:00 - 6:00 Networking & Expo Pre-Show



Keynote Presentation

"10 Cash Flow Mistakes You
Never Want to Make"
Presented by Ruth King

Registration fee \$75 per person member and \$100 non member includes: luncheon and networking expo pre-show.

Register Online at: www.PHCCGA.org

9:00 - 1:00 Plumbing Iron Man Competition

9:00 - 9:45 New Confined Space Rule- 1 hr CE Free!

10:00 - 3:00 HVAC Iron Man Competition

10:15 - 11:00 Damage Prevention and Georgia 811- 1 hr CE Free!

11:30 - 12:15 Code Updates - 1 hr CE Free!

12:45 -1:30 Electric 101 for Plumbing & HVAC- 1 hr CE Free!

2:00 Competition Awards Ceremony

\*\*\*First 250 Pre-Registered Attendees Receive Free Event T-shirt\*\*\*



SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE BY DIGGER DOG 11:30-12:30

## The YMCA

October 17, 2016

Georgia 811 ATTN: Meghan Wade 3400 Summit Ridge Pkwy Duluth, GA 30096

Dear Meghan Wade,

You are helping to change lives! Thank you for your gift of \$250.00.

By supporting the YMCA, you help guarantee that everyone, regardless of their circumstances or ability to pay, can benefit from the Y's values-centered programs. We unite volunteers, donors and participants as we build and harness the strengths of each child, family and individual in our community.

Now more than ever, children and families need the Y's innovative programs and services. This year, we have two funding priorities:

- · Academic and Life Achievement for Youth
  - Through our Summer Day Camp and After School programs, we are helping kids retain what they've learned in school and providing additional enrichment activities to help each child reach their potential.
- Making Kids of All Ages Safe in the Water
  - Through our Learn to Swim and "Go For Green" programs, we are reducing the risk of childhood drownings in our community (our area has one of the highest death rates in the state of GA).

The Y is, and always will be, committed to building healthy, confident, connected and active children, adults, seniors, and families. Your gift to the Y strengthens our community and makes a difference in the life of each individual we serve. Thank you for a better you; for a better community; for a better country – for a better us.

#### \$250 Sponsorship





#### Google Fiber contractor connected to several line breaks

by: Carl Willis Updated: May 21, 2016 - 3:12 PM



By Carl Willis

Channel 2 Action News is investigating a common connection among recent gas-line breaks. Channel 2's Carl Willis has learned crews hired by Google Fiber have been accidentally cutting the lines. Google told Willis they call 811 before digging but say sometimes the lines aren't marked. Atlanta Gas Light said this kind of damage is way up this year. Construction crews are digging in at an increasing rate, but they're also hitting more gas and water lines. "You just wish they would take the time and the effort to make sure it's done right and there's no issues," Atlanta resident Keith Bahun said. One of the common sights Channel 2 has seen at recent gas line breaks is the contractor being used to install Google Fiber in metro Atlanta. To date we've confirmed crews installing fiber hit lines on: Johnson Ferry Road in DeKalb County Woodward Avenue near Boulevard in Atlanta Peachtree and 17th streets Roswell Road and South Andrews. So far, no one has been hurt. "You never know. That one caveat might go bad one time, and then it might cause a big disruption than ever." said resident Sokish Sand. Atlanta Gas Light told Willis the surge in damage to their natural gas lines is due to an uptick in construction projects. In the first quarter they saw a 21 percent increase in locate requests prior to digs. In that time they also saw a 67 percent increase in natural gas line damage across the state caused by third parties. A Google Fiber spokesperson responded to Willis' request to find out what's going on. In a statement they wrote: "As we build a new fiber network for Atlanta, we're also working hard to minimize disruption. That means ensuring that our contractors perform within industry standards, and resolving issues as quickly and safely as possible." Google Fiber's contractor isn't alone but they are hitting plenty of lines. Still, residents remain hopeful about the finished project. "Especially with the amount of people that are here, the amount of business," Sands said. Google said the average internet speed is 14 megabytes a second. Google Fiber will be 1,000 a second. They say that will be groundbreaking. Some residents told Willis they want crews to be more careful breaking ground.

May 21, 2016

**WSB-TV** Atlanta

**WSB** Radio





## Metro Atlanta Gas Leaks Linked to Splurge in Construction

Posted: Apr 07, 2016 10:53 PM GMT Updated: Apr 07, 2016 10:53 PM GMT

By Natalie Rubino CONNECT

ATLANTA (CBS46) - CBS 46 is looking into the increase of cut gas lines in metro Atlanta. In the past week alone there have been at least three gas leaks.

The latest incident happened on Sydney Marcus Blvd. Construction crews hit the wrong line while digging. The busy street was shut down for hours.

"It was like around 11 o' clock and there was a strong odor of gas. It filled up the whole block," Quantae Choetas a stylist at a nearby barber shop said. "I was like I hope I don't blow up."

Fire crews quickly responded.

"They had like this gas tester and they came through the barber shop and let us know it was safe to be in there," Choetas said.

The Georgia Public Service Commission is in charge of investigating when gas lines are cut. Bill Edge, a spokesperson for the commission say they get about 4,000 incidents reported to them each year. Under state law the commission can fine contractors up to \$10,000 for each violation.

People have to follow several rules when digging. The most important thing to do is to call 811 three days before you dig.

"Usually on a first or second time violation we'll have them go to training and waive the fine," Edge said.

Atlanta Gas Light responds to the leaks. They say the spike in gas leaks have to do with Atlanta's constant construction.

"Atlanta Gas Light has seen an increase in damage to its natural gas lines due to the surge in construction projects throughout Atlanta. Atlanta Gas Light works with contractors and residents to inform them about Georgia's Dig Law to minimize damage to underground facilities, including natural gas lines. The Dig Law requires contractors and residents to call Georgia 811 before starting projects that require digging," Kristie Benson, a spokesperson for the company said.

Construction workers at Wednesday's leak told CBS46 a Google Fiber contractor hit the gas line. Investigators have not yet determined who caused the incident.

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## <u>April 7/8, 2016</u>—CBS46 News Atlanta, WALB, WTOC, WFXG, WTVM, WXTX

# Cost of progress, or unnecessary evil?: PSC to dig into damage blamed on comm. companies

#### By WGCL Digital Team

Georgia's Public Safety Commissioner has asked utility and communications companies like Google and AT&T to answer for gas line breaks and other costs of growth as they dig up Atlanta to install new internet and TV lines.

PSC Stan Wise called for all interested parties to comment publicly at a Sept. 1 meeting, reacting to what he called "the extraordinary level of digging" over the past year.

Wise said, "I've heard from countless people concerned about the safety and economic disruption that come from the cutting and uprooting of underground facilities. These are clearly issues that surround our Pipeline Safety Act and Georgia Underground Facilities Protection Act (GUFPA)."

As companies like AT&T and Comcast expand, and Google Fiber seeks to make a splash in the market, CBS46 has reported on a number of broken gas lines and water mains that have at times been attributed to the communications companies.

- <u>City of Atlanta blames Google Fiber crews for water troubles</u>
- Google Fiber sign-ups begin in Atlanta neighborhoods

#### Questions posed to stakeholders

Wise presented a list of questions for the companies and utilities to answer in-person or writing ahead of the Sept. 1 meeting.

- How many facility damages under our jurisdiction (Georgia Utility Facilities Protection Act)
  have occurred by contractors working for Google Fiber or U-verse? Can the damages be
  quantified in dollars?
- 2. Are utilities being asked to go beyond the locating requirements in GUFPA and provide premium service? If so, at what cost and who pays for that?
- 3. Are the locating companies able to keep up with demand? If not, why not?
- 4. What changes in rule, regulation, law or practice need to be made and by whom to safely deploy utility services without burdening our ratepayers?
- 5. What action, if any, does the Commission need to take at this time?
- 6. How does the bidding-out process for location services contribute to this problem, i.e. if a utility bids out for a locator and estimates low as to the number of locates it anticipates, then how is the "winner" of that bid expected to cope with the workload if the real number of locates is 150 or 200% of what was estimated?

Wise said he wants a discussion to ensure that work on underground facilities is being done safely and in compliance with the law without slowing down economic development.

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## August 11, 2016—WALB, CBS46, WTOC, WFXG, WTVM

## "Cliff Meidl Looks Ahead to the Importance of Pan Am Championships"



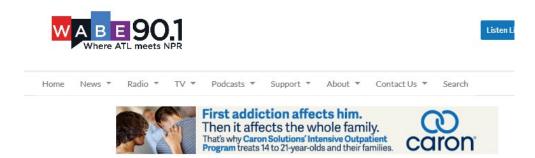
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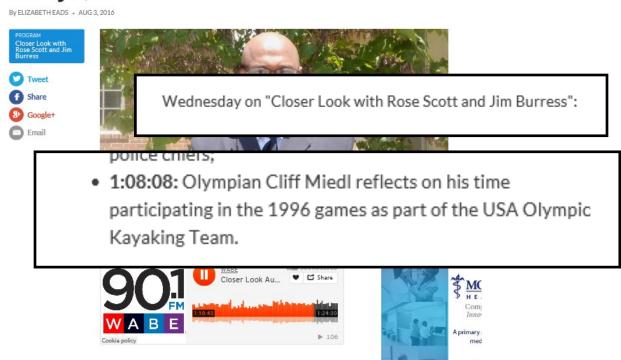
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#### Closer Look: College Park's Police Chief; Emojis; And More



August 3, 2016



## WLTZ First News

## Cliff Meidl looks ahead to importance of Pan-Am Championships

May 18, 2016

It's a big weekend for canoers and kayakers as the Pan-American Championships take place at Lake Lanier, which means Olympic spots are up for grabs.

Beginning on Thursday, the championships will determine what racers will represent Team USA. You may remember back in February, WLTZ introduced you to a couple of athletes like Ben Hefner, who will be vying for those coveted spots.

Ahead of this weekend's event, WLTZ got a visit from two-time Olympian Cliff Meidl. He's a kayaker who represented the U.S. back in 1996 and 2000 and says this weekend is extremely important to so many.

"Ben and the other athletes up there have spent a lot of time and have dedicated years to get that spot," Meidl said. "And it's one of those things where there's only gonna be one spot and this is just where you put your life on the line, you got to go as hard as you possibly can go in order to get to that next spot and that next step to get there and everybody is there, everybody's on a mission and a giant family competing for the same spot."

The Pan-American Championships kick off tomorrow and will last all weekend. Ben Hefner, in particular will compete for an Olympic spot on Saturday.

May 19, 2016





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6 Weather Alert

#### Atlanta Gas Light guidelines for severe weather

By ShaBreah Clark

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ATLANTA GA (WSAV) — As hurricane season approaches, Atlanta Gas Light (AGL) prepares a safety guide regarding tropical storms and the aftermath especially in flat areas. Forecasters predict that this hurricane season could be more active than previous years, AGL wants customers to be prepared if and when severe weather strikes.

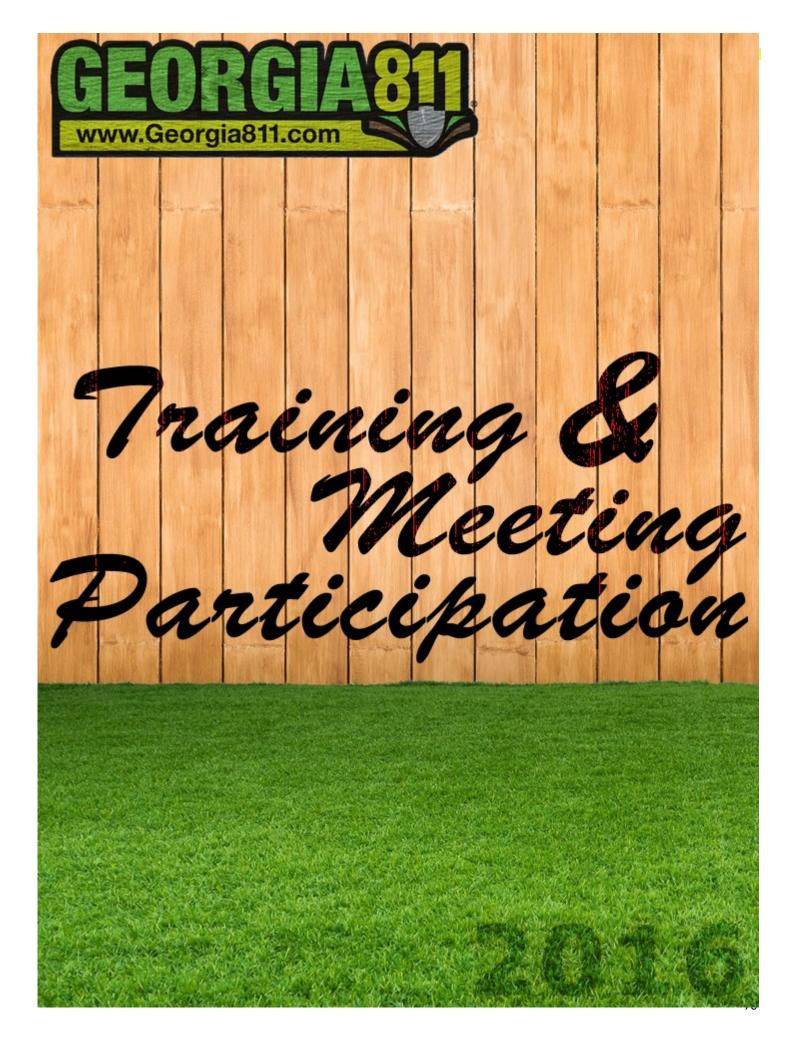
Gas leaks can be detected by the smell of rotten eggs that is associated with natural gas, and if it is detected never use a phone, light switches, operate appliances or anything that can cause a spark. Be sure to leave the premises and call the 24-hour response at 1-877-427-4321 immediately from a safe location.

With severe weather like hurricanes, tropical storms and depressions this can lead to strong winds and saturated grounds that in turn can cause uprooted trees. Fallen trees can become tangled in gas lines and before removing them call Georgia 811 or 800-282-7411 to have the location of the underground utility lines marked, according to the release. If the gas line is

exposed, leave the area immediately and call the 24-hour emergency response line at 1-877-427-4321 from a safe location.

May 31, 2016





## **DOT Quarterly Meetings**

**TOTAL ATTENDED MEETINGS: 20** 

**ATTENDEES: 1138** 



## Damage Prevention Training

**TOTAL PRESENTATIONS: 53** 

**ATTENDEES: 1028** 

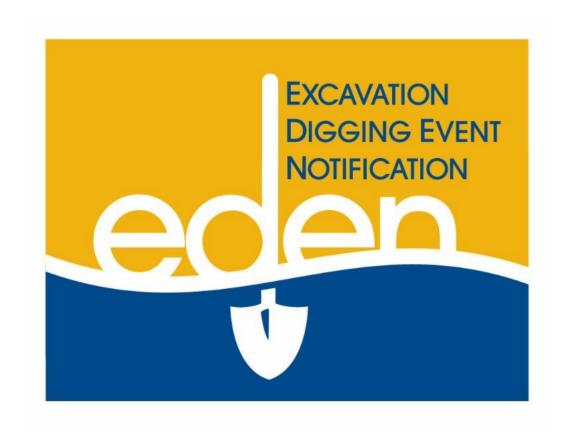


Know what's **below**. **Call before you dig.** 

## **EDEN Training**

**TOTAL CLASSES: 48** 

**TOTAL TRAINED: 622** 



## **GUFPA Training**

**TOTAL CLASSES: 21** 

**TOTAL TRAINED: 153** 



## Tradeshows/Associations

**EVENTS: 21 ATTENDEES: 23,000+** 

Trade Show	Attendance
American Public Works Association	1261
Associaiton of County Commissioners of Georgia	700
Association of General Contractors	350
Construction Education Foundation of Georgia Career Expo	6988
Electric Cities of Georgia Engineering & Operations Exchange	154
Farm Bureau Annual Convention	
Festival Peachtree Latino	
Georgia Association of Water Professionals Annual Conference	775
Georgia Association of Water Professionals Spring Conference	471
Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Spring Conference	114
Georgia Electric Membership Corporation Supervisors Meeting	
Georgia Hispanic Construction Association's Construction & Technology Expo	350
Georgia Municipal Association	1575
Georgia Municipal Association Gas	50
Georgia Municipal Association -Gas Section Spring	235
Georgia Rural Water Association Spring Conference	446
Georgia Telephone Association	201
Georgia Utilitiy Contractors Association 4th Qtr Meeting	
Georgia Utility Training Academy Soil Erosion Expo	95
Plumbing & Mechanical Association Heating Cooling	99
Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia	205
Urban Ag EDGE Expo	

# Utility Coordinating Committee Participation

**ATTENDED MEETINGS: 221** 

**ATTENDEES: 4685** 

