



Protecting Facilities, Families, & the Future

50th Fun Fact!

Our company was first named South Oakland County Utility Locate and Protection Service. MISS DIG 811 is a lot easier to remember!!

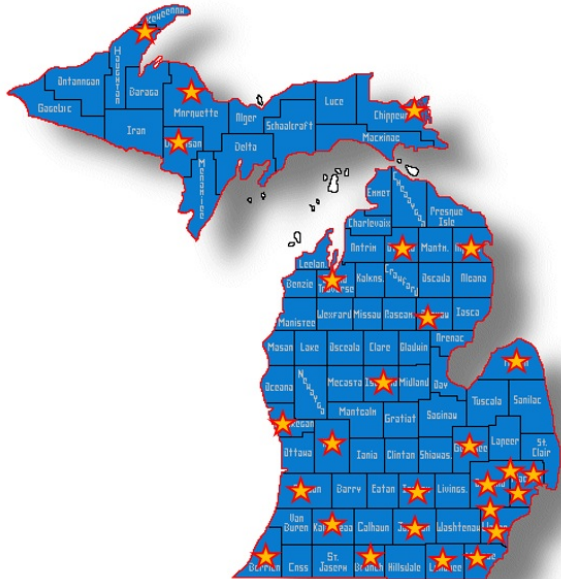
**Happy Groundhog
& Valentines Day from**



**Safe Excavation
Practices
Workshops Now Open
for Registration!**



- Become MISS DIG 811 Safe Excavation Practices Certified by attending a workshop and passing the course
- Earn FREE Continuing Education Credits (CEC's) for certain professions



- Workshop includes a free lunch and MISS DIG 811 SWAG
- Check the list below for a Safe Excavation Practices Workshop near you
- Click the star on the map where you would like to attend. The MISS DIG 811 Skillbuilder tab will open. Log into your account or if you are a new user, create a new account to register for a workshop

DATE	CITY	LOCATION
Tuesday, January 28, 2020	Marquette	Marquette Municipal City Center
Thursday, January 30, 2020	Iron Mountain	Bay College West, Iron Mountain
Tuesday, February 4, 2020	Muskegon	Shoreline Inn - Muskegon
Wednesday, February 5, 2020	Saugatuck	Saugatuck Center for the Arts
Tuesday, February 11, 2020	Benton Harbor	Comfort Suites - Benton Harbor
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	Chesterfield	Chesterfield Township DPW
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	Alpena	APLEX, Alpena
Wednesday, February 12, 2020	Coldwater	Hampton Inn - Coldwater
Thursday, February 13, 2020	West Branch	Quality Inn, West Branch
Monday, February 17, 2020	Jackson	Holiday Inn - Jackson
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	Plymouth	Hilton Garden Inn
Tuesday, February 18, 2020	Grawn	Cherryland Electric Coop, Grawn
Wednesday, February 19, 2020	New Haven	Pamar Enterprises, Inc
Thursday, February 20, 2020	Okemos	MITA
Wednesday, February 19, 2020	Gaylord	Holiday Inn Express, Gaylord
Tuesday, February 25, 2020	Northville	Jack Doheny Company
Tuesday, February 25, 2020	Houghton	Michigan Tech University, Houghton
Thursday, February 27, 2020	Adrian	The Carlton Lodge
Tuesday, March 3, 2020	Grand Rapids	Hampton Inn - Grand Rapids North
Tuesday, March 3, 2020	Dundee	Cabelas
Thursday, March 5, 2020	Sault Ste Marie	Kewadin Hotel & Casino
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	Troy	Embassy Suites by Hilton
Tuesday, March 10, 2020	Mt Pleasant	Courtyard by Marriott - Mt Pleasant
Thursday, March 12, 2020	Bad Axe	Franklin Inn and Lounge
Thursday, March 12, 2020	Kalamazoo	Country Inn and Suites - Kalamazoo
Tuesday, March 17, 2020	Sterling Heights	Wyndham Garden
Tuesday, March 24, 2020	Flint	Genesee County Road Commission

[Click here to download the SkillBuilder Instructions](#)

MISS DIG 811 Celebrates 50 Years!



MISS DIG 811's Annual Meeting 2020 and 50th Anniversary

Celebration was a great success thanks to your continued support! The break-out sessions were well-attended, informative, and provided a great chance to network before the busy digging season is again upon us.

Cliff Meidl, former Olympian, was truly inspirational. His story on overcoming adversity launched his career in safety advocacy and led him to become an ambassador within the construction and occupational health and safety industries. (pictured right, Cliff Meidel gives the keynote address)



Some of the highlights the Annual Meeting where Dirk Dunham, a deserving recipient of the Safe Digging Advocate Award, four Michigan adventure trips were given away, MISS DIG 811's own virtual reality game was a hit, and the MISS DIG 811 bobblehead continues to be our most popular SWAG! (pictured left, Miss DIG 811 CEO Bruce Campbell with Dirk Dunham)

MISS DIG 811 is proud to look back over the last fifty years. The Miss DIG 811 Pioneers helped to celebrate this milestone event. Join MISS DIG 811 next year as we continue to set the bar high as we accomplish improved procedures and practices, making job sites safer.

See you next year!



Pictured are the Pioneers:

Bob Darket, Mark Abbott, Sam Colella, Kathy Stephan, Steve Kindschy, Kathie Fournier, Gwen Knowles, Dave Trousdale, Dirk Dunham, Scott Kowalczyk, Dave Hall

MISS DIG 811's TIP OF THE MONTH!



An e-locate ticket can only be placed for a single address. However, you can place up to 10 addresses on a ticket with a Remote Ticket Entry account. Sign up today!

RTE Sign-Up

RTE Forums

- Refresh your skills
- Join an RTE Forum Webinar
- Two RTE Forums held each month
- February topic: When to use SEE LOCATE INFO
- RTE Forums- Tuesday, Feb 25 at 9:00 AM
Wednesday, Feb 26 at 1:00 PM



For more information or to register contact Sandy Gunville at sgunville@missdig811.org or Stephanie Boe at sboe@missdig811.org

GOLD SHOVEL ASSOCIATION 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



"This past year has been an eventful one for Gold Shovel. I started working with the association in January 2019 to help re-organize and realign the organization overall." Cheryl Campbell

In keeping with our stated mission of reducing damages to underground infrastructure, we moved forward collaboratively with key stakeholders and committees on a number of fronts. Gold Shovel released DPIR metrics in 2019, providing a consistent and transparent metric for facility owners and excavators to measure damages. Our members' initial results are very promising. Facility owners, contractors, and municipalities that are furthest along in adopting and using the program are seeing significant reductions in damages. Some larger contractors are seeing benefits beyond damage reduction, stating that the program is making them better companies.

We also made progress in the pre-excavation process, which is complex and involves numerous stakeholders. The committee charged with developing this arena has done an

excellent job, producing not only some proposed measures but also in defining certification. You can expect a pilot phase in early 2020 that will bring together locate and mark, excavators, and facility owners to improve the process.

Finally, we're excited about the 16% overall growth we experienced in 2019, and the 40% growth in the utility sector.

Thank you for being part of a collaborative industry solution to reducing damages. With your participation and input, we're looking forward to additional progress in 2020!

Cheryl Campbell
Executive Director, Gold Shovel Association

Check out our full 2019 Review Document on our website.

2019 Review

The Michigan Damage Prevention Board Best Practices

Looking for additional guidance? Notice something that was not clearly addressed in PA 174? The Michigan Damage Prevention Board is here to help!

As a group of stakeholders, the Michigan Damage Prevention Board develops Best Practices to address the application of PA 174. Approved Best Practices of the Michigan Damage Prevention Board are available on the [Committees and Best Practices](#) section of the MISS DIG 811 website.

Abandon Facilities

We invite you to check out the most recently published Best Practice, [Abandon/Idle Facilities](#). This practice addresses how facility owners should handle lines they are abandoning, as well as what a contractor/excavator can do when they come across a suspected abandoned facility.



