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2019 In Review

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We call it “The MLGW Way”—the values of safety, integrity, ownership, inclusion and compassionate service that drive our commitment to each other and the communities we are privileged to serve. This past year, we began the process of looking forward, examining how MLGW will serve our customers over the next 20 years.

We’ve spent much of the year hosting public meetings to gather input from customers and other

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stakeholders about what this future for MLGW could or should look like.

What we have learned is that we must continue to enhance our services. For example, our website, mlgw.com, was redesigned to provide a better mobile experience and to give customers quicker access to My Account and other features.

What we have also learned is that improving our infrastructure is critical. Reducing the amount of interrupted service minutes and updating water pumping stations among other capital service improvement projects. A recent study also showed that we could be more efficient; its suggestions included reducing community offices and possibly lowering staff through attrition.

2019 has given us much to consider as we move forward.

Jarl “J.T.” Young
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Community Service in Binghampton
By Lela Garlington

As she sat in her living room at her home in Binghampton, 98-year-old Inez Taylor watched as employees from Memphis Light, Gas and Water set to work. They caulked around her air conditioning units. They switched out light bulbs to more energy efficient ones. They added weather stripping around her front door.

“I was wondering when they would get around to me. I am so grateful and thankful they’re doing this. It’s a blessing,” Taylor said.

On a rainy Friday morning, about 130 MLGW employees and retirees fanned across the Binghampton area as a way of celebrating Customer Service Week with its second annual Day of Service. While some workers wore rain jackets, others fashioned plastic garbage bags to protect themselves from the steady drizzle of rain.

MLGW targeted 17 homes in Binghampton for minor weatherization projects and delivered about 400 energy kits door-to-door.

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