

Hitting the half-million mark with smart meters

As of mid-September, MLGW contractors have installed 557,345 residential meters. The \$240 million smart meter project remains on track, under budget and likely will wrap-up ahead of its 2020 deadline.



Goodbye estimated utility bills!

Smart meters take guesswork out of utility usage.



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About four percent of MLGW's customers have opted out. However, 300 customers who originally opted out have opted back in.

All residential electric meters are expected to be finished by this month. Gas and water residential connections will be completed by December 2018.

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Community Calendar

Oct. 20: Cure Huntington's Disease golf tournament at Mirimichi in Millington. Info: hdsa.org/19tngolf. Call or text 592-7299.

Oct. 20 – Nov. 29: "Thinking Money" exhibit/events by the Memphis Public Libraries. Info: memphislibrary.org/events.

Oct. 21: Pints for Pits benefiting Memphis Pets Alive! High Cotton Brewery, 598 Monroe Ave., 4 – 9 p.m. Silent auction and food. info@memphispetsalive.org.

Oct. 28: "Bridging Troubled Waters" seminar on healthy relationships and ending domestic violence. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., 800 Madison. Memphis Crisis Center and UT Health Science Center. Info: 448-2802.

Nov. 9: "A Caregiver's Journey: Moving Through the Maze" Alzheimer's & Dementia Services. Free forum at the Kroc Center, 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Sign up by Oct. 25: adsmemphis.org. Info: 372-4585.

Do you have an upcoming community event? Send an email at least three months prior to the event to corpcomm@mlgw.org. Be sure to include Community Calendar in the subject heading.



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Advisory appointments made to MLGW board

Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland recently named two suburban ex officio advisory members to MLGW's Board of Commissioners.

Both the Memphis City Council and the MLGW board approved the resolution creating the new appointments. With input from all six Shelby County suburban



Kevin Young



Dwain Kicklighter

mayors, Strickland appointed Kevin Young of Germantown and Dwain Kicklighter of Bartlett.

Each will serve a three-year term as an advisory, non-voting member. The board generally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

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Young is a former operations and sales manager in the freight industry. He currently serves as chairman of the Germantown Parks and Recreation Commission. Now retired, Kicklighter has worked as Bartlett's water administration manager for the past six years and spent 30 years at MLGW as an accounting supervisor.

MLGW celebrates Public Power Week Oct. 2-6

Homes powered by a community-owned utility company – such as MLGW – pay about 15 percent less than homes powered by an investor-owned private utility. Businesses also get more of a financial break as well with a not-for-profit entity.

MLGW is one of the 2,000 publicly-owned utilities keeping the lights on for more than 49 million customers.

As we celebrate Public Power Week, we want to thank you for letting us serve you.



MLGW preserves strike strategist's "I Am A Man" home

MLGW announced that it's preserved the home of sanitation strike strategist Joe C. Warren during an Aug. 9 press conference. The Division recently acquired Warren's home, located on the corner of Meagher and Dunkley, as a part of its North Service Center expansion.

Warren's home served as a crucial meeting place for sanitation workers who participated in the 1968 Sanitation Strike. Additionally, Warren's home is recognized as the place where Warren coined the term, "I Am A Man." The phrase boldly printed on protest signs became a compelling image and theme of the Civil Rights Movement.

"MLGW will preserve and maintain Mr. Warren's home, and we are extremely pleased that this historic site will serve as a gateway to our expanding North Service Center," MLGW President and CEO Jerry Collins Jr. said. MLGW is partnering with the National Civil Rights Museum to further restore the home's interior.

In addition to the tribute to Warren, Collins also recognized five former sanitation workers, who participated in the 1968 Sanitation Strike, for



Baxter Leach speaks at the dedication of the home where Joe C. Warren coined the "I Am A Man" slogan for the Sanitation Strike of 1968.

their years of service to the Memphis Sanitation Department.

In attendance were former workers Ozell Ueal, Baxter Leach, H.B. Crockett, Russell Walton and Alvin Turner. As former Public Works Director for Memphis, Collins said, "I am truly honored and proud to have worked with such an amazing group of men."