
Cell phones top landlines in U.S.

Did you know that more people own cell phones than landline telephones? If your utility bill is tied to an old phone number, you may need to update it and other records with MLGW.

If you have a cell phone, consider adding MLGW's outage hotline to your contact list. The number is 901-544-6500. If the lights go out, you won't have to scramble to find out who to call.

Get your pilot light relit for free

Residents can schedule a free gas pilot light safety inspection between now and Sept. 30.

Customers making appointments after Sept. 30 will incur a \$55 fee. The service is free for physically challenged customers and those who are 60 and older. Customers should call 901-820-7878 and punch in 1-2-3-2 for English.

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Community Calendar

Aug. 19: Nineteenth Annual Sparkling Nights Auction, Wine & Food Tasting benefiting SRVS and people with disabilities. Holiday Inn, University of Memphis. Tickets and info: srvs.org.

Aug. 26: Meritan Midnight Classic Bike Tour and Moonlight Tailgate; starts at 10 p.m. at Tiger Lane, 450 Early Maxwell Blvd. Info: meritan.org.

Sept. 2-24: Artists' Link Group Exhibition at St. George's Episcopal Church, 2425 S. Germantown Rd., Germantown. Reception on Sept. 9 from 6-8 p.m.

Sept. 9-10: Germantown Festival at Germantown Civic Club Complex with arts and crafts, food and more. Info: germantownfest.com or 757-9212.

Sept. 11-12: Markus Zusak, the author of "The Book Thief," will be at two events. See times and locations at memphisreadsbook.org.

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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Tennessee awards MLGW for clean air contributions

As the state grapples with reducing emissions, MLGW is doing its part in a city known as America's Distribution Center. Recently, the state recognized MLGW for a 2017 Sustainable Transportation award.



MLGW CNG fueling station

The award recognizes outstanding initiatives of reducing emissions, improving the health and well-being of residents and creating efficiencies in delivering goods and services. MLGW competed against 27 public and private companies.

MLGW officials accepted the award from the state Department of Environment and Conservation Commission and the Department of Transportation.

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With 400 area trucking companies operating in the area, MLGW's two Compressed Natural Gas fueling stations offer cost-efficient fuel that is 70 percent cleaner than gasoline and diesel.

In 2016, MLGW raised the bar on its CNG offerings when it began purchasing fuel from Clean Energy to provide customers with 100 percent renewable natural gas. MLGW also is now registered online where drivers can locate CNG fueling stations across the country. In addition, about 10 percent of MLGW's fleet of vehicles operates on alternative fuels

Bobby "Blue" Bland statue joins MLGW's musical block

The next time you are Downtown, check out the new statue honoring Bobby "Blue" Bland.

A lifetime Memphis-area resident, Bland is known as one of the greatest blues singers of all time. The statue sits at the corner of South Main and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue of MLGW's Administrative Building. It is just around the corner from the popular Elvis statue, which is also on MLGW's green space overlooking Beale Street.

MLGW President and CEO Jerry Collins Jr. didn't



Jerry Collins Jr. speaks at the dedication.

hesitate on the statue's placement. "Just like Memphis is famous for having the best drinking water in the world, we are also famous for having the best rock'n'roll and the best blues thanks to people like Bobby 'Blue' Bland."

Bland's style stood the test of time. When Bland died in 2013 at the age of 83, the New York Times reported, "His vocals, punctuated by the occasional squalling shout, were restrained, exhibiting a crooner's delicacy of phrasing and a kind of intimate pleading. He influenced everyone from the soul singers Otis Redding and Wilson Pickett to rock groups like the Allman Brothers and The Band. The rapper Jay-Z sampled Mr. Bland's 1974 single 'Ain't No Love in the Heart of the City' on his 2001 album, 'The Blueprint.'"

The statue was made possible through the efforts of the Downtown Memphis Commission and The Blues Foundation.

Chamber names MLGW attorney as Young Memphian winner

The Greater Memphis Chamber selected Geoffrey Lewis, an attorney at MLGW, as a 2017 Young Memphian winner.



Geoffrey Lewis

The Chamber highlighted 10 future business and community leaders and how they are making an impact on our city as young professionals. All the honorees are under the age of 40 and are members of the Greater Memphis Chamber. Each is featured in a full-page profile in the Memphis Crossroads magazine's summer issue.

"The Chamber is honored to share their story, which will hopefully motivate others to move here and engage in the growth of Memphis," said Phil Trenary, Chamber president and CEO.

Lewis has been with Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division since 2016. In addition to his work reviewing contracts and public bid documents, Lewis is a member of the Shelby County Mayor's Young Professionals Council and a treasurer for the Frayser Community Development Corporation.