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A Letter From The President

Hello Everyone,

I hope this message finds you well and hope everyone has been as busy as they would like to be. For the area we serve, we have been very busy with our work. I would suspect that a lot of other contractors that work in this industry have been busy as well. Remember our theme this year "Together We Are Better" has held true in my world. I have started seeing more contractors reaching out to one another on jobs they cannot get to or has problems. Communication, cooperation, and respect for one another are by-products of "Together We Are Better". This all leads into another part of the business that the association has wanted to improve - the price we charge for our services and products. In my opinion, I feel like we have sold ourselves short for what we do. There is no better time to start turning that around than now. With the economic climate being in a growth cycle, the time to change is now! I recently spoke to a fellow well contractor about this topic and his response was "Yep, I need to probably go up on my prices the first of the year". I had to say why do you want to wait until the first of the year, when things are slowing down to go up on your price. There is no better time than NOW. What is the worst thing that can happen. You might lose a job. Try picking a job you really don't want or have time to do. Go up on your price and see what happens. You just may be surprised!

For those of you who were not able to attend the Jubilee in Myrtle Beach this past month, our current past president, John Boyette Jr. received the George McCall award for outstanding service in the water well industry. This is the highest award given by the South Atlantic Jubilee. Congratulations John and thank you for participation in this industry. This award was presented by Mike Floyd, another past president of the NCGWA and a recipient of the McCall award as well. A statement that Mike made in his presentation has been ringing in my ears. It was the same statement the Mr. McCall made to Mike years ago. **"Just because you have never done something does not mean you cannot do it."** Wow, what if you got up each morning, looked in the mirror and made that statement! We all have so much potential.

During the next month the board will start planning for the 2019 winter trade show and annual general membership meeting of the NCGWA. Any topics of interest that you would like to learn more about, please let us know. We must start the planning now to have a great event. Thoughts are welcomed and encouraged. Speaking of planning, have you considered going to Groundwater Week in Las Vegas the 3rd to 7th of December? If you have never been, I encourage it. There is a lot to see and do. There is also an opportunity to be a delegate and represent NC at the Delegates meeting. With your help we could fill all delegate seats for NC. What a statement that would make about participation here in NC.

Be proud of what you do and show it through your actions.

With Respect, Chauncey Leggett

NCGWA 2019 Conference and Trade Show
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Embassy Suites, Greensboro, NC
More Details Coming Soon!

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Any and all NCGWA members are encouraged to send information on past or coming events or news articles that would be of interest to other well drillers. Please send profiles of well drillers/companies that you feel deserve to be highlighted in our newsletter.

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REAL IDs

REAL ID is the new identification that meets tougher security standards that Congress established. Beginning October 2020, anyone without a REAL ID must provide additional identification to enter airport security checkpoints and federal facilities, including military bases. In fact, some military installations already require REAL ID to access their facilities.

We anticipate about 4,000,000 North Carolinians will want a REAL ID when the requirement goes into effect in 2020.

Below is the REAL ID Partnership Toolkit that includes several resources to inform you about REAL ID. The toolkit features key messages, videos, and pre-crafted social media messages.

REAL ID Partnership Toolkit:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/DMV/Pages/real-id-partnership-toolkit.aspx>

The real deal about REAL ID - Congress passed the REAL ID Act requiring states to issue identification that meets higher security standards.

- A single form of identification for ease of travel
- An increased security measure (*Verifies identity and residency*)
- Meets federal identification requirements for TSA and federal facilities, including military bases and nuclear power plants
- A driver license or identification card with a gold star
- Same cost as a driver license and identification card
- Must be obtained in a driver license office
- Non-REAL IDs will not have the gold star and will be clearly noted "Not for Federal Identification".
- Without a REAL ID, you will need to contact TSA and each federal facility about the additional identification required for access.

Get the complete list of requirements at NCREALID.gov. Call to schedule your appointment: (919) 715-7000

John Boyette, Jr Received the McCall Award

John Boyette, Jr. of Boyette Well & Septic in Wilson, NC received the George McCall award during the South Atlantic Jubilee convention. The award was presented on Sunday night, July 29.

Boyette joins other people from North Carolina that have been awarded this honor; Dale Todd, David Hutson and Mike Floyd.

Congratulations John, well deserved!

Water Well Trust Celebrates Completion of 100th Well

WASHINGTON, DC -- The Water Well Trust, the only national nonprofit helping low income Americans get access to a clean, safe water supply, announced the completion of its 100th water well since the program began in 2012.

Funded by USDA Household Water Well System grants and matching funds from Water Systems Council member companies, the Water Well Trust provides low-interest loans for wells for impoverished households where the cost to local governments to supply water to these households is prohibitive.

The 100th water well was recently completed in New Mexico. The Water Well Trust has also provided funding for drilling 40 wells in Georgia, 29 wells in Arkansas, 20 wells in South Carolina, three wells in New York, two wells each in New Mexico and Texas, and one well each in Delaware, Louisiana, Missouri and Pennsylvania.

The 100 wells are serving the water supply needs of 240 individuals in 10 states, including 98 men, 95 women, 79 minor children, 25 elderly, and 28 disabled Americans. The Water Well Trust limits funding to a maximum of \$11,000 per household. Loans have an interest rate of 1% with terms of up to 20 years.

The current Water Well Trust project is expected to provide 25 water wells in nine southern New Mexico counties,

including Catron, Socorro, Grant, Sierra, Luna, Hidalgo, Dona Ana, Otero, and Chaves. These areas include "Colonias," which are non-zoned dwelling areas that do not meet current building code standards. Many Colonias do not have access to a safe water supply and need improved water well systems.

The Water Well Trust maintains a wait list of American households requesting funding for the drilling of new wells or rehabilitation of non-functioning wells in high-need, low-resource rural areas. Prospective applicants can download the application form and instruction letter from the Water Well Trust website at waterwelltrust.org under "Apply" at the top of the home page.

The Water Well Trust is a 501(c)3 organization created by the Water Systems Council and serves Americans living primarily in rural, unincorporated areas or minority communities that may be isolated and difficult to reach, assisting low income families that cannot afford to pay for public water supplies and those who live in areas where the extension of public water supplies to serve them doesn't make economic sense.

For more information, visit waterwelltrust.org.

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Sales and Use Tax Questions

We will have someone from the NC Department of Revenue speak during the NCGWA Convention and Trade Show, February 1, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC.

Please email to elaine@execman.net any general questions that you may have by December 1, 2018. Questions will be sent to the NC Department of Revenue prior to the trade show for them to review and research if needed.

(No individual or company names will be provided.)

Know What's Below-Always Call 811 Before You Dig

There are nearly 20 million miles of underground utility lines in the United States. These buried facilities, including gas, water, sewer, cable TV, high-speed Internet, landline telephone and electric, provide the services Americans depend on for their basic everyday needs.

If you are planning a job that requires digging, even if you plan to hire a professional, a call to 811 is required before you begin working. 811 is a free, FCC-designated national one-call number that connects a caller from anywhere in the country to the appropriate local one-call center, which in this area is NC811.

NC811 will then alert the affected underground facility owners so they can dispatch locators to mark the approximate location of their lines with paint or flags.

Every nine minutes an underground utility line is damaged because someone decided to dig without first calling 811.

Unintentionally striking a line can result in inconvenient outages for entire neighborhoods, harm to yourself or your neighbors, and costly repairs.

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Installing a mailbox, building a deck and

planting a tree are all examples of digging projects that should only begin after you have waited at least 3 full working days after calling and confirmed that all facility owners in your area have either marked their lines or declared the area clear of any lines.

Here's how it works: One free, simple phone call to [811](https://www.nc811.org) makes it easy for NC811 to notify all appropriate utility companies of your intent to dig.

1. Call 3 full working days prior to digging to ensure enough time for utility lines to be marked accurately.
2. When you call 811, a representative from NC811 will ask for the location and description of your digging project.
3. NC811 will notify affected utility companies, which will then send professional locators to the proposed dig site to mark the approximate location of your lines.
4. Once lines have been accurately marked, roll up those sleeves and carefully dig around the marked areas.

Make a phone call, not a judgment call. Learn more about 811 at www.nc811.org and keep your project safe for you and your community.

Contributed by: Ann Rushing, NC811 Education Manager

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360 Safety Check

Don't forget to do a 360 Safety Check! Place the enclosed decal on your vehicle as a reminder to walk around it one more time before you hit the road. Check the top, front, back, sides and bottom! Make sure tool boxes are closed/locked and all equipment is securely stowed. Prevent an accident from happening—be safe, and do a 360!

Interested in the NCGWA Insurance Program and more safety tips.

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2019 Trade Show Raffle Item

This year, we are excited that our raffle item will be an ATV. More details coming soon.

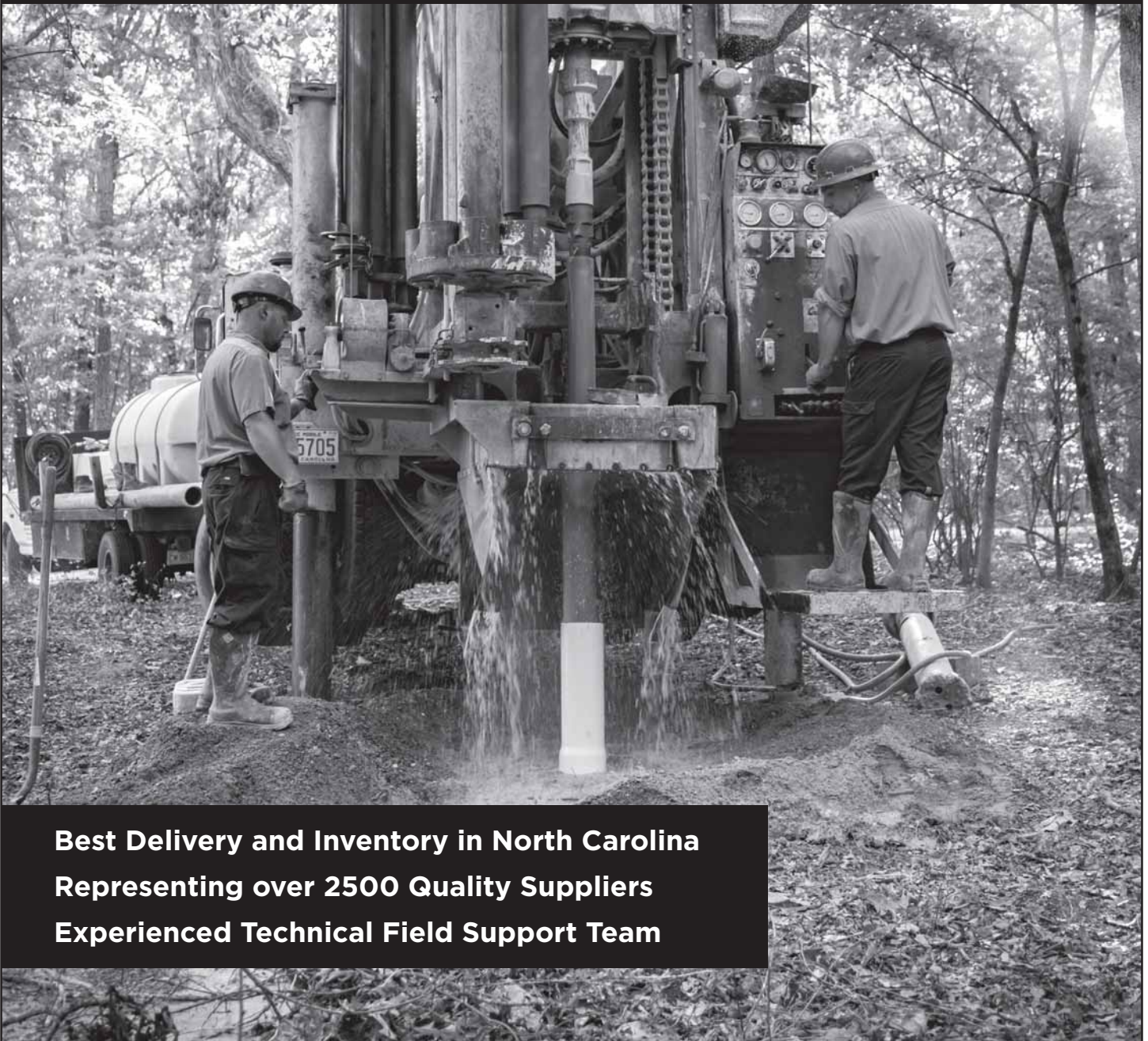


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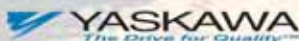
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