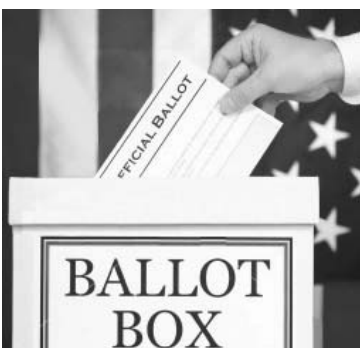




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**SPECIAL EDITION**



### 2009 Board Member Election

At the end of each year, ballots are sent out for the election of Board Members for the upcoming terms. This special edition of Groundbreaking News has been done to provide information about each candidate. Biographies of each person running for a Board seat are printed, in no particular order, throughout the newsletter. Voting proxies have been mailed to the membership of The North Carolina One-Call Center. The election results will be announced at the 4th Quarter Board Meeting to be held in Asheville, North Carolina on January 16, 2009.

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

To the Members of The North Carolina One-Call Center, Inc.:

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of The North Carolina One-Call Center, Inc. will be held at the Grove Park Inn, 290 Macon Avenue, Asheville, NC on January 16, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., for the following purposes:

**To elect directors.**

2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

The determination of members entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting shall be made as of the close of business on the day before the date this Notice was mailed to members.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please date, sign and return the accompanying proxy appointment form in the enclosed addressed envelope so that a quorum will be assured. Your proxy should be returned no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.

If you have any questions please direct them to Mr. George Glenn, Executive Director, North Carolina One Call Center, Inc. at 336-855-5760

By order of the Board of Directors,

**Cathy Vick**

## Telephone Membership Corporation

### Lyman Horne

Mr. Horne has been the Executive Vice President and General Manager of Star Telephone Membership Corporation since October of 2000. Prior to his current position, Mr. Horne had 20 years of service with Star TMC in a variety of jobs including: Marketing Manager, Commercial Manager, Director of Revenues and Assistant General Manager. He is a graduate of Campbell University, and has also attended N.C. State University and completed continuing education courses in Basic Electronics, Computer Programming and Intermediate Computer. Mr. Horne is active in many civic and industry organizations and has served as an instructor at Sampson Community College. Lyman resides in Clinton with his wife, Beth. They have two daughters and two granddaughters.

## Excavation Contractor

### John Gilbert

Mr. Gilbert presently serves as Vice President of Lambert's Cable Splicing Company, LLC and has 36 years of experience in underground communications. During his tenure with Lambert's, Mr. Gilbert previously served as the Area Manager of Lambert's Henderson, NC office. His major projects included Wakefield and other residential and commercial developments in the Wake Forest area. Prior to joining Lambert's in 1992, he spent 20 years with Globe Communications in Durham, NC, where he helped install the underground infrastructure in the Research Triangle Park. Lambert's 13 offices work with North Carolina One Call on a daily basis. Lambert's was one of the first companies to acquire a North Carolina PU (Communications) Contractor license in 1995, which Mr. Lambert and Mr. Gilbert currently hold. John served in the U.S. Army and is a Vietnam veteran. He and his wife reside in Rocky Mount, NC and enjoy spending time with their 2 daughters and 3 granddaughters. He is an active member of Church on the Rise in Rocky Mount.

## Operational Hours to Change in January



The North Carolina One-Call Center will have new operational hours starting January 1st, 2009. The new operational hours will be Monday through Friday from 7am to 7pm with emergency tickets only outside of those hours and on Saturday and Sunday.

## Excavation Contractor

### Simon Justus Everett

Justus is President of ABE Utilities, Inc a company he co founded in 1979. The company provides underground utility construction services in the Raleigh, N.C. geographical area. These services include the installation of water lines, sewer collection systems, pump stations, small water and waste water treatment systems, and electrical duct bank installation. The concrete division focuses on cast in place concrete of utility related structures. Recently, the company has moved into the underground pipeline maintenance market, providing scheduled and emergency pipeline cleaning and remote TV inspections of underground piping systems. The company also provides design and installation of custom excavation shoring systems. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in North Carolina as well as a licensed qualifier for the company, holding a Public Utility License and a Highway Heavy License in North Carolina. He has been on the NCOCC Board of Directors for 6 years. As the past president of the North Carolina Utility Contractors Association, he fostered the NCUCA/NCDOL partnership agreement and currently serves on their Board of Directors. Justus graduated from N. C. State University in 1976 with a degree in Civil Engineering-Construction. He is married and has 3 children. He is a member of White Memorial Presbyterian Church and currently serves as an elder.

## Liquid Pipeline or Natural Gas Transmission Company

### Tom West

Mr. West is the Right of Way Coordinator for Colonial Pipeline Company. He has been in his current position since September 2005 and has been employed with Colonial Pipeline since April 2002. Tom is responsible for Southern Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. His duties include managing Colonial's right of way damage prevention program, ensuring consistent application of right of way processes and procedures, negotiating reimbursable complex encroachment agreements with outside agencies and developers, negotiating and documenting right of way acquisitions, damage settlements and third party damages to company facilities. Before coming to Colonial Pipeline, his experience included 18 years of risk management. Tom has shown his dedication to damage prevention by participating in the North and South Carolina local and state UCC's; the North Carolina One-Call Center; the Alamance, Cumberland, Johnston and Davidson County LEPC's; and the North Carolina Common Ground Alliance Regional Partners. He is currently serving as co-chairman of the NCCGARP. He was also instrumental in having the 811 logos painted on Colonial's tanks near I-40.

## Liquid Pipeline or Natural Gas Transmission Company

### Jim Colvig

Mr. Colvig has been employed with Kinder Morgan / Plantation Pipe Line (KM), since 1985. Mr. Colvig is the local Pipeline Supervisor in Newington, Virginia and is KM's Senior Subject Matter Expert for pipeline protection in KM's Southeast Region, which includes South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. Mr. Colvig is experienced in pipeline construction, maintenance and protection. He most recently served as a Project Inspector/Compliance Representative for 7 months in Texas and Arizona during the construction of a 150 mile, 16" pipeline. Mr. Colvig provides training, guidance, and technical support to KM's pipe line protection technicians in the field, and is active in the Virginia Damage Prevention Committee. He also assists KM's compliance group to ensure company procedures address all local, State, and Federal requirements. Mr. Colvig received his BSM, and MSHRM from National-Louis University. He is married, and has 2 daughters, ages 12 and 19. He is active in his local community, serving as Coach for girls' soccer.

## Design Engineering Company

### Michael S. Shinn

Mr. Shinn has over 18 years of experience in the utility location and mapping industry. He is currently working for McKim & Creed as the Office Manager for the Subsurface Utility Engineering Department in their Charlotte Geomatics Office. He draws on a diverse background, which beyond

underground utility detection, includes damage prevention and claims investigations for various utility companies. While working in the "One Call" industry, Mr. Shinn managed 90 employees in 23 North Carolina counties in numerous concurrent tasks. Since firmly establishing himself in the Subsurface Utility Engineering profession, his Project Management responsibilities have encompassed all Quality Levels of SUE service for public and private project assignments. Mike is best known for his hands-on approach to project management, working closely with field crews and office personnel to deliver high quality data. Mr. Shinn has been married for 19 years to his high school sweetheart and has two boys currently 16 and 19 years old. The oldest is attending UNCC in the Computer Science Program.

## Design Engineering Company

### Matthew Bellmann

Mr. Bellmann manages the Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) department for Taylor Wiseman & Taylor's Charlotte, NC office. He has been actively involved in the SUE field for seven years, and is currently working with the North Carolina Society of Surveyors as a Continuing Education speaker. Mr. Bellmann is currently managing SUE contracts for NCDOT and City of Charlotte Engineering and Property Management, as well as for private clients such as Exxon Mobil, BP, and ConocoPhillips. Mr. Bellmann also specializes in University SUE work, including the campuses of UNC Charlotte, Duke University, UNC Chapel Hill, UNC Asheville, and University of Texas at Austin. SUE projects have taken him to Illinois, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Texas, and Washington State. His reputation for safety has led him, on two occasions, to Houston, Texas for the British Petroleum's Annual Contractor Health and Safety Expectations meeting, where he was involved in drafting new safety initiatives and job safety analyses. Mr. Bellmann is married and has two young daughters. A graduate of East Carolina University, he is also an avid mountain biker and triathlete.

## Design Engineering Company

### Steve Nichols

Mr. Nichols is the Vice President of TELICS. Steve has been employed with TELICS for 16 years and has worked in the Utility Design Industry for 34 years. He is responsible for the daily operations of TELICS which includes management of construction design and inspection, right of way acquisition, relocation planning and design related to public works projects throughout the southeast. Steve has been involved in Damage Prevention and Utility Coordination in North Carolina since 1988. Steve has served in local utility committees and has served as Chairman and Treasurer of the North Carolina Utilities Coordinating Committee. Steve has been married to his wife, Leigh Ann, for 28 years and has 2 sons, Josh and John. He enjoys the outdoors, gardening, and spending time with family and friends.



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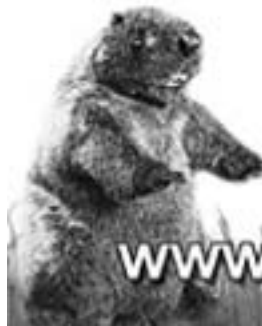
### Andy DeGroat

Mr. DeGroat heads the Utility Services Group for Mulkey Engineers & Consultants, Inc. as Principal and Program Manager for Mulkey's Utility Services, Mr. DeGroat is responsible for business development, proposal and cost estimates, client management, resource scheduling, budgeting, financial issues and quality control for all services related to Utility Services. Andy is responsible for all aspects of utility services companywide. As a licensed Professional Land Surveyor, Mr. DeGroat is also proficient in all aspects of conventional surveys, GIS data collection and utility surveys. He has worked on both private and public projects, and his experience with contractors, utility companies and government and state agencies is invaluable on many of Mulkey's projects. Mr. DeGroat began his career in utility mapping and design in the early eighties while working as the Assistant Engineer for the City of Newburgh, New York. While in this position, he was responsible for the design, construction, maintenance and as built mapping of over four square miles of water distribution systems. Since that time, Mr. DeGroat has dedicated his career to accurate utility mapping and damage prevention overall. Mr. DeGroat has been married for 18 years and has two daughters, ages 16 and 12.

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