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Cross-Bores In Sewers Up for Discussion



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Drain cleaning, a call plumbers get everyday.

Clearing roots, grease build-up, and broken lines now have a new component added to the mix. As many contractors know, utility cross-bores are becoming a more frequent occurrence. A cross-bore is the result of directional boring of utilities that could include gas lines, electric distribution lines, or fiber optic communication cables, cutting through sewer laterals.

Some utilities have been distributing public awareness literature to consumers and contractors outlining the issue and its attendant risks. Many of these documents are giving the impression that utility locators are required to be notified prior to drain cleaning work. The safety risks can be significant, cutting gas or electric lines can be disastrous.

Delays to consumers while awaiting locates could additionally be costly to contractors in terms of manhours lost waiting for locating services. Consumers may elect to seek lesser informed drain cleaning companies

and ignore the hazard. A greater problem scenario would be having called for a locate, the locate markings suggest a conflict, the contractor excavating to find the incursion, then



ultimately finding the stoppage was actually roots. It is unclear how this expense would be handled, consumers would feel burdened by this and utilities may not be inclined to pay; the contractor is.

PHCC has been looking into this problem and was represented by Dave Frame, of Bob Frame Plumbing Services, and Chuck White, PHCC VP of Regulatory Affairs, at an Indiana stakeholders meeting hosted by Safe Dig Indiana. A major point of discussion was on the topic of

utility cross-bores in sewer laterals. Others present at the meeting were representatives from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; most gas, telecom, and electrical utilities; several underground locator agencies; and major excavating firms doing business in Indiana.

Initially, the problem awareness level of the non-plumbing/excavating participants varied with gas providers seeming to be most aware. At times the discussion was lively but productive, it was readily apparent that request for locates on all sewer cleaning calls would swamp the locating system and the related locator contractors. As a loss of service call, these would be priority locates for that industry. At the end of the meeting all parties had a full explanation of the problems that excavators and drain cleaning contractors face due to cross-bores. Further the plumbing industry and excavators emphasized the hazard was created by the placement of bored in utilities.

Two utilities have started procedures to verify sewer line locations on future boring jobs and to verify sewer laterals have not been impacted as a result of their work. Communication will continue on this issue and all parties agreed to work towards a permanent solution. For more information, contact Chuck White, white@naphcc.org.

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As we enjoy the great season of summer, I would like to thank all the professional people of our industry for all the modern conveniences that are available and safe that we all use daily. It is because of the great successes of this industry that we can enjoy simple things like ice cream cones, slushies, swimming pools and many other summer activities. All of these great innovations depend on us and what we do to allow people to enjoy them safely.

The Indiana PHCC is excited about the PHCC National Convention coming to Indianapolis this fall. This event is an excellent opportunity to continue the education, learning, and networking of PHCC members. If you have never attended a national convention with PHCC, or if you regularly do, I encourage you to come this year. The event has something for everyone involved with our trades and surely there will be many people from around the country that you can learn from or with to make it a fantastic event. Register now for attendance to this event.

Apprentice programs will be starting again soon for another year. I have had an opportunity to meet some of

the great teachers around the state for PHCC apprenticeship programs. These programs are truly successful due to the dedication of these individuals. Apprenticeship success also relies on great support from employers, co-workers and other students. Make sure that you are doing your part to help each one have a productive and rewarding year.

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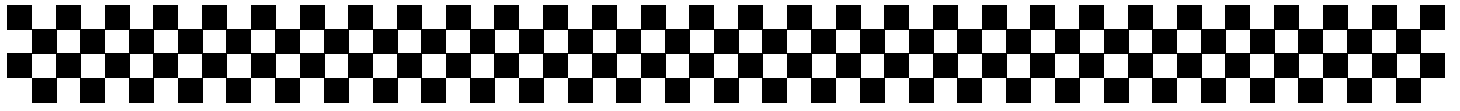


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Economist Connor Lokar, a specialist in the construction industry, will help you to walk away with the ability to plan for the future with confidence. Richard Trethewey, of the Emmy Award-winning Ask This Old House, will address talking tech in a non-tech world.

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The National contest takes place on the trade show floor. You can watch the 20 plumbing apprentices (including one from Indiana) and 15 HVAC apprentices battle it out in a day long competition.

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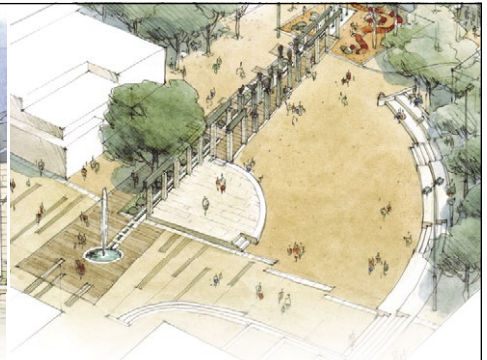
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Contact:
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3535 E Michigan St, Indianapolis, IN 46201
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Contact: Tony Phillips
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