



**Upcoming Events**

April 2, 2010  
Competent Person Workshop.  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 5 – 9, 2010  
Gas Bootcamp Operator Qualification Workshop. Register/more information: [Here](#)

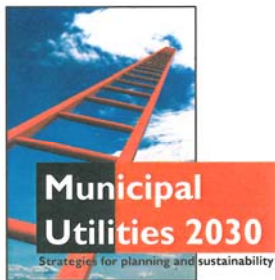
April 7 – 8, 2010  
“Municipal Utilities 2030” Workshop, Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny. Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 14 –15, 21 –22 , 29 –30, 2010  
Consumer Confidence Report Workshops (various locations). Register/more information: [Here](#)  
Note: Coralville location is full

April 15, 2010  
Gas Fire Control Workshop.  
Canceled

April 21, 2010  
Salt & Deicing Workshop.  
Register/more information: [Here](#)

April 27, 2010  
Rain Garden Workshop.  
Register/more information: [Here](#)



**Address the future  
April 7 & 8**



Courtyard by Marriott, Ankeny

Plan for tomorrow with topics of today.

Register, see the agenda at [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org)



**April is Safe Digging Month; IAMU helps spread word**



◆ Governor Chet Culver has proclaimed that April is Safe Digging Month in Iowa, which coincides with National Safe Digging Month. The Governor is teaming with the “811” service and Common Ground Iowa (CGI) to spread the word about safe digging.

April marks the start of spring digging season, and Safe Digging Month backers encourage homeowners to call 811 before they dig. Failure to call results in Americans unintentionally hitting underground utility lines more than 200,000 times annually. This can lead to death, injury, penalties, repair costs, and inconvenient outages. Notifying 811 is required by Iowa law.

When calling 811, homeowners and excavators are connected to Iowa One Call, which notifies the appropriate utility companies of the intent to dig. Professional locators are sent to the requested digging site to mark the locations of underground lines.

“We strongly encourage all individuals and companies in Iowa to comply with state law by calling 811 before beginning any projects that will entail digging,” said Ben Booth, Public Relations/Communications Manager at Iowa One Call. “By having underground lines marked, casual diggers and professionals alike can significantly reduce the risk of striking utilities, thus ultimately avoiding injury and inconvenient outages.”

Every digging project, no matter how large or small, must include contact with 811 before work begins. Installing a mailbox, putting in a fence, building a deck and laying a patio are all examples of tasks that require the free call.

CGI is a regional partnership of the CGA (Common Ground Alliance). Interested stakeholders from across the state (including utility operators, excavators, Iowa One Call and several others), formed this association to promote “damage prevention through education” utilizing the CGA’s “Best Practices.”

IAMU has placed useful information regarding Dig Safe Month on the association’s web site. Click here, or go to [www.iamu.org](http://www.iamu.org) and click on the Dig Safe Month ad on the home page. You’ll find links for more information and downloadable marketing materials.

Ben Booth of Iowa One Call is available for media interviews. Call 515-278-8700 (office) or 515-707-3998 (cell) to schedule.

**West Des Moines’ Stevens to AWWA president post**



Jerry Stevens

◆ Jerry Stevens, General Manager of IAMU member West Des Moines Water Works, has been named president-elect of the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

He is a past chair of the AWWA Iowa Section and immediate past national director, and becomes only the second Iowan to hold the AWWA president post. He will join the AWWA officer line this June and will take the president’s role beginning in 2011.

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