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THE DES REPORT

Spring 2017

Metro DES Customer Meeting: May 25

DES Customers and DES Team Members,

The next Customer Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting will take place in the conference room of the Nashville Downtown Partnership Center at 150 4th Ave. North, Suite G-150 on the corner of Fourth Avenue North and Commerce Street. The presentation will begin at approximately noon and will include the overview of the past year's customer costs and the anticipated costs for FY 2018.

The Customer Meeting presents a forum for sharing concerns related to fluctuating energy costs and methods for keeping costs in check. It remains our goal to maintain an informal presentation and give you an opportunity to participate. We have continued to work with customers to identify technical issues that contributed to higher costs and a lower quality of service. We hope this meeting will give us an opportunity to share experiences with customers and contribute to further improvements, energy conservation and reduced costs.

A light lunch will be provided. In order for us to make sure that sufficient food and drinks are available, please RSVP by Friday, May 19.

Thank you, and we hope you can join us!

Harry Ragsdale

MNDES Project Contract Administrator

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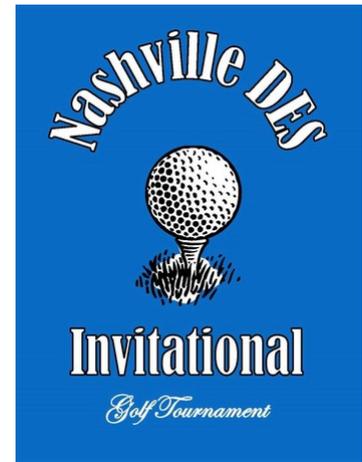
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**25th Annual Nashville DES
Invitational Golf
Tournament**

GM's Corner: Nashville



Nashville has become one of the top travel destinations in the country. Perhaps some of the city's new-found notoriety is due to television shows such as "Nashville" or "American Pickers." Regardless, there has always been a lot to see and a lot to do here.

Why do people come to Nashville? If you are into history, there is The Hermitage, former home of President Andrew Jackson, where President Trump recently attended an event to honor Jackson's 250th birthday. There is the Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry, the Country Music Hall of Fame, the Musicians Hall of Fame and also many historical Civil War sites. If you are in to honky-tonks, there are a number of bars on lower Broadway and Second Avenue where you can have a drink and listen to live music. Maybe you decided to come to Nashville for an event. There are a number of great events venues. Nissan Stadium is the home of the NFL's Tennessee Titans. The stadium hosts the CMA Music Festival in June and the Music City Bowl in December every year. Bridgestone Arena is home ice for the NHL's Nashville Predators. There are many concerts held there, and over the past several years, a round of the NCAA basketball playoff games have been played there. Nashville has a world-class symphony orchestra and symphony hall, the Tennessee Performing Arts Center hosts Broadway shows, and the Music City Center is a huge venue for conventions.

The city has been called several things over the years. Most recognize Nashville as "Music City." At one time, people thought this meant only country and Western music. Today, artists of all genres are moving here. There is gospel, pop, Southern rock, blue grass, soul, R&B, and just about anything you would like to listen to. At one time, Nashville was known as the "Athens of the South." Some believe that this was due to the replica of the Parthenon in Centennial Park. Actually, it is because of the number of colleges and universities in the area such as Vanderbilt, TSU, Belmont, Fisk and Lipscomb. Now Nashville is being called an "It" city. I'm not sure what that means, but I believe "It" is a place you at least want to visit and may want to live. The weather is mild, the hills are lush and green, there are several lakes nearby, and the cost of living is low compared to other parts of the country.

Several businesses have relocated to Nashville and Middle Tennessee. With industry growing, it is reported that approximately 100 people are moving to the midstate area every day. Construction downtown is trying to keep up with

Location:
Indian Hills Golf Course
405 Calumet Trace
Murfreesboro, TN 37127

Date: Saturday, May 13

Time: 8 a.m. Shotgun Start

You are cordially invited to participate in the 25th Annual Nashville District Energy System Golf Tournament.

We normally have our tournament on the third Saturday in July; however, due to the warm weather experienced over the past few years, it was suggested we have it earlier.

This year, it will be held on Saturday May 13th.

We always have a great time, so I hope you will be able to join us.

For additional information contact:
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**Thermal Engineering
Group Awarded "Metro
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Administrator" Contract
for a Third Term**

growth. There are high-rise office buildings, condos, apartments and hotels going up everywhere. One of the downsides, however, is increased traffic and a lack of parking. Hopefully, infrastructure can be put in place to alleviate this soon.



What effect does this growth have on the Nashville District Energy System? After adding the Music City Center to the system a few years ago, the current configuration of the energy generation facility is nearly at its capacity. It is a shame that some of the new buildings do not have the opportunity to take advantage of economical and reliable district energy. The MNDES Advisory Board is in the process of performing a study so its members can make an informed recommendation to the city regarding future plans for the DES. To grow or not to grow: That is the question.

Metro DES is happy to announce the selection of Thermal Engineering Group (TEG) as project contract administrator for a third straight term.

TEG performs operational and administrative oversight of Metro DES to ensure that services to Metro DES customers continue at a high level of performance and that the physical assets making up the system are maintained at, or above, industry standards. TEG also provides technical support on matters relating to system growth and new customer services.

“TEG is excited about continuing our relationship with Metro DES for the next year,” said Harry Ragsdale, TEG’s contract administrator. “Metro DES does a great job of serving downtown Nashville. We are looking forward to helping them continue that service.”

Customer Spotlight:

St. Mary of the Seven Sorrows Catholic Church



We interviewed Maria Teresa Borrego, who works as an assistant to Father Jayd Neely at St. Mary of the Seven Sorrows Catholic Church.

Q: What does your role entail at St. Mary’s, and how long have you held this position?

I’ve held the position of assistant for five years, and I assist Father Jayd Neely. Before Father Neely, I assisted Father John Sims Baker. I organize the “human

part," administrative and maintenance duties, so Father can take care of souls.

As a parish, we are dedicated to helping the least of our brethren. We get many homeless and poor people through our doors, and we are fully engaged in helping these people. I hand out bus passes, we feed them with Subway cards, and we help them to get library cards, medications and resources.

My position as assistant is full of administrative and social work.

Q: What would you say is your favorite part about your job?

The social part. When I'm tending to the poor and needy, I ask them to tell me their stories to see how we can best help them.

Q: When was St. Mary's of the Seven Sorrows built?

The building was erected in 1837, dedicated in 1847, and is the oldest standing church in Nashville. Our first bishop was Richard Pius Miles (Dominican priest). His body is still buried here in the sanctuary. In 1972, when the church was being overhauled, Bishop Miles' body was exhumed in order that he might have a proper burial. Instead, they found that his body was incorruptible, and was just as it was on the day he was buried.

St. Mary's did serve at one point as an infirmary for the Civil War – upstairs rooms.

Q: What makes St. Mary's special or unique when compared to other churches in Nashville?

A few things:

- The celebration of the Eucharist. It is an extremely holy place where you can solely concentrate on the Eucharist.
- Some of our prayers of the liturgy are recited in Latin. Not many Catholic churches have that.
- We have the most outstanding choir.
- Our organ is about 200 years old.
- The building in itself is truly sacred and unique.

Q: What has been your favorite event to-date at St. Mary's?

The funeral mass of one of our homeless friends, Theresa Pearson. She would sell The Contributor outside of St. Mary's. She was very dear to our hearts. We didn't realize that she was suffering from a disease; but when we found out, Vanderbilt operated on her free, and she died in hospice here at the church. Father John Baker gave her her last communion. Her funeral was standing-room-only. For someone who had been the poorest of the poor, it was so beautiful.

Is there anything upcoming that we should know about?

Every month on the first Saturday, we have a special Mass and Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament.

Q: What are the biggest challenges you and the church face in the foreseeable future?

- As an old church, it costs thousands of dollars to maintain the building. We are constantly upgrading and updating. We have big budgetary

concerns for our huge projects, but even the small projects are upward of \$15,000.

- Continuing helping the least of our brothers. We are always needing bus cards and Walgreens gift cards.

All are welcome to come and see St. Mary's!

Employee Spotlight: Tim Sugg, Maintenance Mechanic



Tim Sugg works as a Metro DES maintenance mechanic.

Q: What is your role in the DES?

A: My role differs from day to day. I am an industrial mechanic and a welder. Sometimes I perform maintenance on boilers and chillers, and other days I do millwright work on pumps. I also perform inspections on the distribution system tunnels and manholes. And at other times, I may be in the shop welding or fabricating trap assemblies.

Q: How long have you worked at DES?

A: I have worked for Constellation since they began running the DES in December 2003.

Q: What brought you to DES? Were you a Metro employee prior to joining DES, or did you come from a different background?

A: I worked as a boilermaker for several years. I traveled all over the country all the time, especially during the outage seasons. One of the jobs I worked on

was the Nashville Thermal Transfer Plant. They were the former system operator when the system was fueled by garbage. When I found out they had a job opening for a mechanic, I decided to apply. My children were young, and I thought it would be better for my family and me to settle in one place with something more stable. I worked for NTTC for 13 years prior to going to work for CNE.

Q: What is the most rewarding part of your job at DES?

A: First is payday. Second would be my co-workers. Most of us have worked together for over 20 years.

Q: How would you describe DES' importance to the city of Nashville?

A: It is an economical and reliable way for larger buildings to heat and cool.

Q: What do you enjoy doing when you are not at work?

A: Playing with my grandkids and riding my Harley.

Caves Valley To Host 2017 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship



The Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship will be hosted by Caves Valley Golf Club from July 10-16, 2017, when the major championship returns to Baltimore. This marks the fifth time the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS will be contested in Maryland. The championship was played at Baltimore Country Club from 2007-2009 before heading to TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm in 2010.

Following the 2016 championship at Philadelphia Cricket Club, Caves Valley will become the 12th course to host the major championship. The SENIOR PLAYERS Championship began in 1983 when Miller Barber claimed victory at Canterbury Golf Club in Beechwood, Ohio.

Caves Valley was designed by Tom Fazio and opened in 1991. During the 2002 U.S. Senior Open, Don Pooley won in a five-hole playoff over Tom Watson. The course was listed as a par-71, 7,005-yard course. Most recently, the course hosted the 2014 LPGA International Crown.

In 2013, Kenny Perry won his first major victory on the Champions Tour at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship when he shot a four-round total of 261 at Fox Chapel Golf Club. This tied Jack Nicklaus' tournament record set in 1990 at Dearborn Country Club in Michigan. Arnold Palmer won back-to-back Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championships in 1984 and 1985. Thirty

years later, Palmer's feat was matched by Bernhard Langer, who won at Fox Chapel Golf Club in Pittsburgh in 2014 and defended the title this year at Belmont Country Club in Boston.

Langer is the current Charles Schwab Cup champion, which is a seasonlong competition that identifies the leading Champions Tour player each year. As one of five major championships on the PGA Champions Tour for professional golfers 50 and older, the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship plays a significant role in determining the Charles Schwab Cup champion each season.

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