



January 2012

# UTCA NEWSLETTER

## New UTCA Legislative Initiative Pocket Vetoed By Governor Christie

UTCA's legislative initiative, S-3007/A-3633, to resolve issues regarding the testing and disposal of contaminated soil on public projects, was recently pocket vetoed by the Governor. The Governor pocket vetoed 49 bills that were approved by the Legislature during the last two days of the legislative session.

In his action, the Governor sent a message to the Legislature that it can't burden the Executive Office, where bills must be approved or vetoed before the end of the legislative session which provided only seven days for action by the Governor. UTCA representatives have already contacted the bill sponsors to introduce the legislation in the new Legislative session as soon as possible. A pocket veto is not necessarily a negative, rather it means that more time was required for review.

The proposed legislation will require public owners to certify the condition of soil, prior to bid, on projects governed by Local Public Contracts Law. In some cases where the soil is not tested pre-bid, there must be an allowance in the bid documents for testing and removal of soil if found to be contaminated.



Richard Raczynski is pictured as he addressed the large crowd at the UTCA January Membership meeting. The Turnpike Authority chief engineer indicated that approximately \$900 million in new construction will be awarded during this year.

## Feather Scholarship Application Available

Association members are alerted that applications for this year's William Feather Memorial Scholarship are now available from the UTCA office and website. This annual \$14,000.00 award is presented to a graduating high school senior who is a dependent of a member employee. The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 30.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is an Announcement regarding this scholarship. Please make a copy of the Announcement available to your employees as soon as possible.

UTCA also provides two scholarships annually at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and an additional scholarship in the Construction Management Graduate Program at Stevens Institute of Technology.

## 2012 Industry Directory To Be Mailed Soon

The 2012 edition of the UTCA Industry Directory will be mailed to association members and others during late January. This year's publication, produced by UTCA staff members Michael DeVito, Helene Nasdeo and Lauren Hagan, is particularly well done.

Special thanks are offered to all Directory advertisers for their continued support of the publication.



# UTCA: INDUSTRY NEWS

## New Federal Transportation Funding Legislation Moves Closer

The United States Senate is currently working on a Transportation reauthorization bill identified as MAP-21 which will provide \$85 billion for the federal highway construction program for federal fiscal 2012 and 2013. This legislation has received bipartisan support and includes provisions to streamline the program including environmental issues.

Later this month, or early next month, the Senate Finance and Banking Committee is expected to complete its work on the legislation. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee has not yet completed work on its Transportation bill.

## NJDOT Awards \$203.7 M Second Half of 2011

The NJDOT awarded a total of \$203.7 million in capital and maintenance construction funding during the second half of 2011 that ended December 31, 2011. A total of 21 contracts, at a total of \$142.9 million were awarded for capital construction, while 20 contracts, valued at \$60.8 million were for maintenance. This level of funding was a major disappointment to the industry.

New Member Applicants	
<i>The Hyde Agency</i> New York City Associate	<i>Phoenix Safety &amp; Assoc.</i> Hasbrouck Heights Associate
<i>Tire Connection</i> Hillside Associate	<i>National Safety Compliance</i> Brick Associate
<i>TSIB</i> Woodcliff Lake Associate	<i>Old Republic Construction Program Group</i> North Plainfield Associate

## February Magazine To Feature United Communities And Kiely Equipment Company

The February Issue of the Utility and Transportation Contractor will feature association member United Communities which recently completed the construction of the \$300 million new military housing project at Joint Base Fort Dix/McGuire/Lakehurst. Our February edition of the magazine will also feature Kiely Equipment Company which recently celebrated ten years in business.



## UTCA/FMI Seminar On Improving Construction Productivity

The UTCA, in conjunction with Fails Management, has scheduled this seminar during February 7 & 8, 2012 at the UTCA Conference Center in Farmingdale, New Jersey. This two day seminar begins at 8:00am each day at a cost of \$500.00 per attendee.

- Seminar topics focus on -
- \* making productivity a strategic issue
  - \* bottom line impact of productivity
  - \* the process factor
  - \* the people factor
  - \* productivity tools
  - \* going from "knowing" to "doing"

## The Loss Of Andrew G. Berenato, Jr.

Late last month the New Jersey Construction Industry lost a veteran contractor when Andrew G. Berenato, Jr. died at the age of 52. Andrew was an industry leader, active in his community and served as a member of the UTCA Board of Directors for a number of years.

In addition to leading the efforts as president of his firm M.L. Ruberton Construction, Andrew was a member of the Hammonton Town Council and served with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority. Members and staff of UTCA offer condolences to Andrew's wife Andrea and family members. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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# UTCA: INDUSTRY NEWS

## Construction Safety Videos - DVDs Available From UTCA

Attached to this Newsletter is the association's updated list of Construction Safety Videos and DVDs which are available for member use at no cost. To place an order for any video, please contact Lauren at the association office at (732) 292-4300.

## Rich Raczynski Outlines Upcoming Turnpike/Parkway Construction

At UTCA's January Membership meeting, Rich Raczynski outlined the Turnpike/Parkway 2012 construction program which is valued at approximately \$900 million in new contracts. Projects range from \$1 million to \$176 million which will be utilized for additional widening, drainage, structures and lighting between Interchanges 6 to 9 of the Turnpike.

Additional significant projects will include bridge deck reconstruction on the Turnpike, shoulder restoration and improvements on the Parkway, improvements to Parkway Interchange 88, Parkway Interchange 125 improvements, grade separation improvements at Parkway Interchange 9,10 and 11 and Turnpike Interchange 10 improvements.



Some of the business meeting speakers are pictured with UTCA President Darrell Harms at UTCA's Executive Seminar.

Major maintenance contracts will include Parkway central pavement restoration between Mileposts 80 to 143, resurfacing of various Turnpike Service Areas and Turnpike resurfacing between Mileposts 0 to 122.

## Valerie Montecalvo and Bayshore Recycling Receive Governor's Environmental Award

Each year New Jersey singles out individuals and firms for their unique contribution to environmental improvement. This year Valerie Montecalvo and Bayshore Recycling were the recipient of the Governor's Environmental Leadership Award for the firm's extraordinary work in the area of recycling and reuse of material resources.

## New Jersey Private Utility Firms To Host Annual Series Of Meetings

Several of New Jersey's largest private utility companies have scheduled a series of meetings throughout the state to educate and promote underground utility safety. These meetings begin at 7:30am with a complimentary breakfast and will conclude by 9:30am.

There are ten meeting locations throughout the state beginning February 3, 2012 so that there will be limited travel for those who attend. To register contact: <http://www.nj1-call.org/damageseminars.aspx>.

## In Memory Of Joseph Pustizzi, Sr. Trico Equipment Founder

The construction industry lost an extraordinary person when Joseph Pustizzi, Sr. died last month. As a young man, Joe taught himself to be a mechanical wizard. He could do about anything, if it involved mechanics.

During Joe's early adulthood, he operated a gas station, sold Case farm tractors and established Trico Equipment which continues to operate successfully today. Joe Pustizzi, Sr. was a true construction industry pioneer.

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# ***UTCA: Upcoming Events***

## **Upcoming Construction Safety Seminars**

February 4	CPR/AED With First Aid
February 17	Hazwoper Refresher
February 24	Annual Comprehensive Construction Seminar
February 25	Trenching, Excavation & Competent Person
March 2	Traffic Control Coordinator Refresher Course
March 3	ATSSA Flagger Certification
March 9	Avoiding Runovers & Backovers - Internal Traffic Control Patterns
March 10	Confined Space Safety
February 25	Trenching, Excavation & Competent Person

\* watch for separate announcements for these seminars.

## **UTCA/FMI Improving Construction Productivity Seminar**

February 7 & 8, 2012

UTCA Conference Center

## **Annual PEC Unity Dinner**

February 23, 2012

Pines Manor, Edison

## **Rutgers Paving Conference**

March 6-7, 2012

Hilton, Woodbridge



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## Safety Videos Available For Member Use

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The winter months may be a good time for construction safety education. This serves to remind our association members that our Construction Safety Videos are available to borrow at no cost. Those who use these videos are asked to rewind all tapes after use and return them to the UTCA office as soon as possible.

Any of these videos may be obtained by contacting the association office.

### **UTCA SAFETY VIDEOS**

1. A Contract with Safety (VHS)
2. Managing Silica Hazards for Construction (VHS)
3. Trailer Transport Safety (VHS)
4. Safety Training For Repair Technicians (VHS)
5. Operating a Truck Mixer in the Safety Zone (VHS)
6. 1991 Tunneling in the USA - Middlesex Co. UA Supplemental Outfall Project (VHS)
7. Underground Safety (DVD) includes:
  - Auger Boring Operations, General Construction Site Orientation, Hazardous Materials Safety, Heavy Equipment Operations, Pipe Handling, Safety in Flagging, Trench Shoring, Tunneling Safety
8. Digging Dangers X (VHS)
9. How To Prepare For An OSHA Inspection (VHS)
10. Diversity & Discrimination by Winning Workforce (VHS)
11. Sexual Harassment by Winning Workforce (VHS)
12. The Other Side of the Barrel- (Work Zone Safety, VHS)
13. New Jersey Turnpike Construction Safety Video (VHS)  
(Required before doing any Turnpike work)
14. Playing It Safe with PPE (DVD)
15. OSHA: An Introduction for Construction (DVD)
16. Roadway Worker Safety: In the Zone (DVD)
17. Lead Safety: On the Job (DVD)
18. Rigging Equipment Basics (DVD)
19. Bucket Truck Safety (VHS)
20. Skid Steer Loader Safety (VHS)
21. Proper Care & use of the Hip-Air Apparatus (VHS)
22. 10' Circle of Safety (Transmission Line Safety, VHS)
23. Confined Space Entry (DVD) \*
24. Hazard Communication: Elements of Safety (DVD) \*
25. Respirator Safety: A Sure Fit (DVD) \*
26. Fall Protection: The Right Connection (DVD) \*

### **VANDALISM & THEFT PREVENTION**

23. Headaches for Vandals... Jobsite Vandalism and Tool Theft Prevention (VHS)
24. Stealing from Thieves... Equipment Theft Prevention (VHS)

### **PRESENTATIONS & GUIDES**

25. Horizontal Directional Drilling: Good Practices Guidelines (CD-ROM)
26. Underground Safety (CD-ROM) PowerPoint Presentations on:
  - Auger Boring Operations, General Construction Site Orientation, Hazardous Materials Safety, Heavy Equipment Operations, Pipe Handling, Safety in Flagging, Trench Shoring, and Tunneling Safety

(\* NEW VIDEOS)



**Utility and Transportation Contractors Association**



**ANNOUNCING**

**THE AVAILABILITY OF**

**THE WILLIAM FEATHER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

An annual \$14,000.00 grant available to graduating high school seniors who will attend college in September 2012.

The grant will be presented to an academically successful senior who has been judged to have contributed the most to the success of their school, fellow students and/or community.

Service on behalf of others is one of the criteria for consideration by the Scholarship Selection Committee.

***\*\* Please note this scholarship is available to students of Collingswood High School, Wildwood Catholic High School as well as dependents of employees of dues paying UTCA members.***

**Deadline for receipt of Applications is April 30, 2012.**

Applications may be obtained from the  
UTCA Website at [www.utcanj.org](http://www.utcanj.org)  
or by  
contacting the association office at (732) 292-4300.

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