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# LGC Crews to the Rescue on Oakland County Water Main Break

Fast Action on Repairs Receives Praise from local Government Officials



It was no surprise that The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) called on Lakeshore Global Corporation (LGC) when an emergency occurred near the intersection of Halsted and 14 Mile Road in Farmington Hills. A broken water main was flooding streets and causing very low water pressure in homes. Several suburban communities north of Detroit were affected including Novi, Northville, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Keego Harbor, Sylvan Lake, Commerce Township and Bloomfield Township. Approximately 340,000 customers were affected. It could have turned

into something much worse, but the quick response averted a major catastrophe according to Farmington Hills City Manager David Boyer.

"I was actually in Texas when it happened so I rushed back because it was a public safety issue. We were so impressed

with how quickly the crews arrived. The coordination between GLWA, LGC and surrounding communities was really impressive. Under the old system, prior to the establishment of the GLWA, it would have taken a lot longer to get started and to finish. We are sending a big shout out to the team for getting the work done in record time. Our residents are not complaining about the brief inconvenience."

> David Boyer, City Manager of Farmington Hills, MI

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# The Chairman's Corner

## Vision or Visionary



I love early mornings. The sunrise awakens my senses and alerts my sense of purpose as a business owner and good corporate citizen. As I indulge in my breakfast tea while observing the traffic and other activity several floors below my office, I am both grateful and exhilarated just thinking about the wonderful opportunities that Detroit holds for businesses like mine and others.

Avinash Rachmale, Chairman

Most recently our crews were called by The Great Lakes Water Authority to provide emergency assistance for a broken water main affecting 12 communities north of Detroit. We were ready. Within an hour our project manager had put together a crew prepared to work long hours to do whatever was necessary to meet the client's needs. I want to commend Ken Anderson for his diligence and ability to steer his workers in the right direction. Good people are essential to build great companies. I want to thank each and every crew member for a job well done. You can read more about it in this newsletter. The high compliments we have received should make us all proud.

Many people used to say to me that I was lucky to purchase the building that is now the World Headquarters for Lakeshore Global Corporation. I have to laugh and tell them, it was not luck. I had a vision of what was ahead for Detroit. I knew that the best was yet to come. In 1994 I knew I was in this for the long term and I am both proud and relieved that I never listened to the naysayers.

Being a visionary, my company purchased several parcels of land surrounding the Lakeshore building over a period of years. We are now looking at a variety of development opportunities ranging from parking structures to residential and retail spaces. The future is now. My hope is that Detroit entrepreneurs with shared visions and solid work ethic will unite to form sustainable business communities outside of the central business district. I am particularly interested in helping to advise minority businesses owners on how to avoid pitfalls that far too often lead to failure and bankruptcy. My business experience gives me the knowledge to help others. We must prepare our young people to educate themselves to build Detroit's future.

The city of Detroit is gradually returning to the vibrant metropolis that once was. Motown is embedded in the city's genes. Newer companies like Bedrock and Rock Financial have created a new footprint. Lakeshore Global Corporation is working to help rebuild infrastructure through our affiliation with DWSD and the Great Lakes Regional Water Authority. We have rehabilitated aging school buildings within the Detroit Public School Community District.

It is not by luck that my company is here. We had a vision 23 years ago, and it is proving to have been in the right place at the right time. The best is yet to come.



LGC has proven track record of repairing and replacing broken water and sewer pipes. It is one of the company's major areas of expertise. It is GLWA's designated contractor for emergency task force water main repairs. The call for help came in around 6:30pm on October 23, 201. LGC teams were on the scene within an hour with tools, equipment and the skills to isolate the water that was being spilled by closing off the valves. Crews worked around the clock on 12 hour shifts in the dark and muddy section of the affected roads. Water was shut completely off to 51,000 homes in certain communities, and a boil water advisory was issued for others. Residents were encouraged to use bottled water to avoid contamination.

By 6pm the next day, less than 24 hours after the crisis began, all of the dirt and asphalt had been dug up and the excavation process was complete. The next step in the process was the removal of the broken pipe. A 48" pre-stressed concrete pipe had broken and a replacement was brought in from Illinois.

# LGC is Committed to Helping to Make Detroit Great Again

Job Opportunities, Construction Projects and Support for Public Schools



Unemployment and poverty have been the twin thorns in the side of the city's ability to effectively convince many Detroit residents that progress is being made. Our management team at Lakeshore Global Corporation is convinced that Detroit is making a strong comeback by re-building a tax base that had long been shrinking. New businesses Downtown, Midtown, Corktown and other pockets of the city are opening up at a record

pace. The neighborhoods on the other hand are slow to see improvements short of demolition and promises that good things are planned. In order to implement positive change, LGC is actively working to do its part as a good corporate citizen by creating jobs. The company's work with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) is one of the major areas where young men and women from Detroit are being hired to work at various sites around the city.

Another positive impact where LGC is has affected change is with facility management at the Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD.) The 2017-2018 school year opened with buildings that were in better condition than ever. Major and minor repairs have been made to at least 25 schools, and cleanliness is a major priority with crews assigned on a daily basis. Compliments are continually being heard from principals, teachers, students are parents of schools that had previously been neglected. The newly elected school board along with the new superintendent is the catalyst behind providing a safe, clean environment for learning. LGC is proud to be a part of this effort.



# LGC Headquarters Perfectly Positioned for Revitalization of New Center Area

Midtown Detroit Inc. Moving Rapidly with Construction and Rehab of Vacant Buildings



Sue Mosey, Executive Director, Midtown Detroit, Inc.

The view down Woodward Avenue headed toward downtown Detroit is looking far different from the run-down and scantily occupied buildings that once were vibrant. The good news is that the area is visibly improving at a fast rate which means new businesses and residential units are on schedule to open. According to Executive Director of

Midtown Detroit, Inc. Sue Mosey, a lot is going on, and it means improved surroundings to one of its neighboring anchors, Lakeshore Global Corporation. "We (Midtown Detroit, Inc.) own a lot of the buildings on the West side of Woodward. We just sold the old Woolworth building to a developer out of Philadelphia, and we're really proud of the finished construction at 6568 Woodward which is a 30,000 square foot building on the corner of Grand Blvd. on the Q Line, and just across the street from Lakeshore Global Corp."

-Sue Mosey, Executive Director, Midtown Detroit, Inc.

The refurbished building is now painted in an attractive orange hue and will house the Wilson Foundation Non-Profit organization on the entire second floor. The third floor consists of ten residential units that are already leased. Seven of the 10 units are priced at market rate, and the remaining 3 are designated for low-income. The ground floor will house a new 2,000 sq. ft. restaurant with a corner entrance. Details on the restaurant are not yet being released.

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LGC's team of laborers, equipment operators and drivers worked diligently to get the job done under the supervision of Project Manager Ken Anderson, LGC Director of Field Services. He is pleased with the way the team organized itself to get the job done perfectly.

#### "All of the workers pulled together as a team and got it fixed. The break itself was not so typical because it was a transmission main

that supplies water to several cities. It has very high pressure which causes a lot of water to be lost very fast. I've been at this thing a lot of years, and I have to say my team did a great job in just 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  days. We received high praise from the elected officials in the various communities."

> Ken Anderson -LGC Director of Field Services



## LGC Employee News New Hires



#### Sara Cosgrove Proposal Manager

Welcome and Congratulations to Sara Cosgrove. Hired at LGC in July 2017 as a proposal writer, Sara has been promoted to Proposal Manager. She comes to us from Willis, Towers and Watson Consulting Group in

Southfield. Sara attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa and earned a degree in print journalism and French. She worked as a French language teaching assistant in Cuba and Paris. "The best part about my job here at LGC is the ability to multi-task, which takes forward thinking. Winning bids is the ultimate satisfaction". Outside of work, Sara serves on the University of Michigan Hospital Patient Advisory Board which meets several times a year to plan events with healthcare providers in order to better educate patients. She enjoys taking walks and spending time with her pet dog, Marry.



#### Dwayne Washington Facilities Manager

Dwayne joined LGC in June 2017. His job entails inspecting and maintaining the various internal systems inside the Lakeshore Global building. His tasks take him from the rooftop to the basement of the historic

8-story high-rise building. Dwayne's responsibilities include overseeing the heating and cooling systems, boiler, plumbing, electrical and more. He previously worked at Detroit Thermal, and also did extensive work inside some the Detroit Public Schools buildings. He says that the challenge of working in older buildings is very exciting and he hopes to reduce utility bills by improving the systems. In his spare time, Dwayne enjoys playing golf.



**Prayag Rachmale** 

### **In Memoriam**

LGC associates, clients and contractors wish to send the family of Avinash Rachmale sincere condolences on the loss of his mother in India. A special prayer of remembrance and dinner in her honor was attended by many at The Hindu Temple of Canton, MI. The Rachmale Family extends their appreciation for the kind words and condolences following the passing of the LGC Chairman's mother. They share their memories.

She was a very accomplished lady who lived to be 95 years old. Although she was not formally educated and worked as a vegetable farmer in India, she and her husband pushed her children to become successful. They all became physicians and engineers. We celebrate her legacy and life. We will miss her and her words of wisdom.

Thank you, from The family of Avinash Rachmale

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