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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As we approach the official start of summer, my mind, or what is left of it, thinks back to the night 77 years ago when a man almost 10 years younger than myself held the fate of millions in his hands. He said go. Then, in marginal weather with fog over the beaches, the

plans for the liberation of Europe were set into motion once more. Into the dark went the airborne divisions scattered all over into a hostile land. At first light on a rising tide over mined obstructions went the landing craft carrying soldiers so seasick they didn't care if they lived or died. By day's end, some 175,000 men had come ashore with hundreds of tanks, thousands of trucks and jeeps, artillery, food, ammunition, and one little spotter airplane. Each one of us probably has a connection to that historical day. For me, one of my high school teachers piloted one of those landing craft, and no doubt many of the LST's were built in Seneca just a few blocks from where my high school is.

Perhaps by now, you are wondering what this has to do with ILICA; quite a bit actually. First, there is the complexity of the planning to undertake the operation. One has to put together the men, material, and plan of action to storm a beach or to shape a waterway or to tile a field. Then as all good generals say, plans are all until the battle starts, afterward they are next to nothing because you really didn't know about the enemy's actual strength or about that soft spot in the waterway or about that tile line you hit that is starting to float the tile you are installing. Good men rise to the challenge from taking out those beach defenses to firming that soft spot to rushing to drill a hole in that tile before it goes underwater. You rely on your training, experience, and creativity and just get the job done.

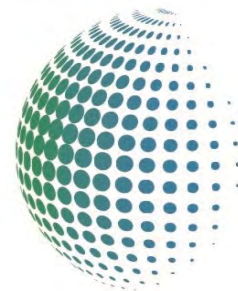
Which brings me to this point, it is going to be a busy summer for ILICA. We have 3 project demonstrations to do starting July 19-24 with another wetland project near Broadmoor followed by a tube and riser and bioreactor project near Blandinsville August 9-14. Then we

finish up with a bioreactor and tiling demonstration at the Farm Progress Show August 31-September 2. And I am sure we won't have the casualty rate like they did on the beaches of France, so don't be scared to come and help. While not really a comparison to the brotherhood bonds formed in combat, there is that same feeling of accomplishment when you count on each other and get the job done. For those newer members or less involved, these shows are one of the best ways to get to know others in the association, try new or different machines, and learn some new techniques.

A couple final things before I end. First, a reminder of the summer national meeting at Niagara Falls this July which sounds like it could be really interesting. There are lots of things to explore in that area once you get done watching water go over a cliff. As a past national officer, once I started going to national conventions, I got hooked on them. To me, if you can make one, it is well worth the effort. And the other thing, if you know a veteran, shake their hand. If they are past, give them a salute. We owe them far more than an ungrateful government ever provides. Hopefully, we won't need them again to keep our liberty, freedom, and self determination intact.

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## BOARD & MEMBERS' MEETING SCHEDULE

Unless changed by the Board during the year, the ILICA business meetings are scheduled as follows:

**Aug. 21, 2021** - Picnic & Members' Meeting:  
 Kennedy Farm Drainage, Colfax

**September 11, 2021** - Regular Meeting of the Board:  
 TBD

*Exact location, meeting times & other details will be published in the ILICA News and sent to members via mail and/or email.*



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# LICA LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED



National LICA has developed a set of legislative and regulatory priorities to guide our efforts this year. The Executive Committee has reviewed and discussed the priorities and looks forward

to continuing the dialogue on these issues with other LICA members and most importantly, government and elected officials.

The priorities – targeted to improve the business climate for land improvement contractors - fall under the following subject headings:

- Protect and Enhance our Environment
- Invest in Infrastructure
- Develop and Mentor the Next Generation of Skilled, Technical Workers
- Support Farm Bill Programs for Reauthorization, specifically Title II, Conservation
- Implement LICA Action Steps from the NRCS, NACD and ADMC MOUs

If you want to share your views on these issues or have other legislative or regulatory issues impacting your business, please contact Nick Yaksich, LICA's Director of Government Regulations at [nyaksich58@gmail.com](mailto:nyaksich58@gmail.com).

## LICA 2021 Legislative/Regulatory Priorities

The Land Improvement Contractors Association (LICA) is an organization of earthmoving contractors dedicated to the professional installation of soil and water conservation practices protecting the environment and improving agricultural productivity. LICA members have installed many of the conservation practices on the U.S. landscape over time. LICA is focused on encouraging high standards of workmanship in natural resource management, land improvement practices, and promoting private enterprise in land improvement contracting. Below are the LICA legislative and regulatory priorities for 2021.

### Protect and Enhance our Environment

Federal environmental policy should support land improvement managed by locally led, voluntary approach to conservation supported by science to achieve the healthy soils and clean water while also addressing climate change. The Clean Water Act works best when policies lead to sound management of natural resources that improve water quality and increase agricultural land value and productivity. Scientifically developed farming practices improve the environment, reduce pollution, and improve productivity while reducing costs. Federal sup-

port should focus on collaboration, conservation incentives and market-based and watershed-specific approaches.

### Invest in Infrastructure

A modern infrastructure system is essential to the nation's economy and to ensure the safe, efficient movement of all people and goods. Local, state and federal officials – and the private sector – must identify new revenue sources to rebuild and improve our nation's infrastructure. Our nation faces a significant shortfall in dams, levees, airports, broadband, pipe and water system investments. Improving rural infrastructure is particularly in need of investment to improve farm to market and broadband capacity.

### Develop and Mentor the Next Generation of Skilled, Technical Workers

Federal laws should be updated to reflect the current workforce needs. Congress must also increase funding for Carl D. Perkins Act and other programs that support providing skilled technical education opportunities. Additionally, Congress should expand need-based Pell Grant eligibility to qualifying, short-term career and technical education programs and incentivize tuition reimbursement by making company contributions to their employees' student loan payments tax-free, a benefit to both the employer and the employee.

### Support Farm Bill Programs for Reauthorization, specifically Title II, Conservation

The farm bill's investment in agricultural research and conservation programs is critical to ensuring the productivity and sustainability on our farms and in our domestic food supply. LICA encourages the support of conservation delivery partnership that conservation districts across the country participate in by providing conservation planning, technical and financial assistance alongside state conservation agencies and the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

### Implement LICA Action Steps from the NRCS, NACD and ADMC MOUs

LICA has recently signed Memorandums of Understandings (MOUs) with three critical partners: National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), National Association of Conservation Districts (NACDs) and Agricultural Drainage Management Coalition (ADMC). Recognizing the safety and health challenges presented by COVID, priority should be given to execute the MOUs to the benefit of land improvement contractors and our industry partners.

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Winters in the Midwest can be long, harsh, and feel never-ending. But summer is just around the corner and offers lots of opportunities to get outside, learn something new, and make memories with the ones you love. Chicago is always a top destination in Illinois for summertime trips, but there are also many other places in Illinois that are worth exploring within a few hours away. To help you get excited for summer and all the fun travel experiences it brings, here are some top summer getaway destinations in Illinois.

## I&M Canal Boat Rides, Channahon



If you drive about an hour and a half from Chicago, you can reach the small community of Channahon and go for a boat ride on the I&M Canal. The Illinois & Michigan (I&M) Canal has been a National Heritage Area for over 35 years and offers mule-pulled boat rides on boats that are replicas of an 1840s canal boat. Yet this is not just any ordinary ride on the water. The boats are equipped with period-clothed storytellers to let riders step back in time and learn about Illinois history. The tours typically run from May to October. In addition to boat rides, you can bring your family here to enjoy a scenic bike ride along the I&M Canal Trail, which follows over seven miles of waterway. Bring your own bike or use the bike share program for those age 18 and older.

## Matthiessen State Park, Oglesby

Another fun weekend getaway in Illinois involves taking a trip to Matthiessen State Park in Oglesby. This trip is about two hours from Chicago but feels like a whole other world, especially when you notice your child's face light up while seeing a waterfall for the very first time. At this state park, you can see more than just waterfalls too as you explore the beautiful rock formations, vegetation, and wildlife in the park. This is an ideal getaway spot to bring the whole family to because of the great picnic facilities onsite.

## Starved Rock State Park, Utica



A popular getaway in Illinois, Starved Rock State Park is one of the most beautiful places in the entire Midwest and another must-visit park for your summer getaway itinerary. There's no place quite like it in the region for rugged canyons, awe-inspiring bluffs, and outdoor adventure close to home. If you're coming from the Chicago area, you can get here in about two hours. Starved Rock State Park offers hiking, biking, canoeing, climbing, fishing, picnicking, and paddleboat cruises to keep your whole family entertained. There are camping opportunities in this park for tents and RVs. If you don't feel like roughing it, stay at Grizzly Jack's Grand Bear Resort in Utica, which has an indoor water park and amusement park rides to go with its oversized cabins for families.



## Shawnee National Forest, Harrisburg

This Southern Illinois fun weekend getaway spot and a great place to reconnect with nature and remember that Illinois is much more than just farmland and the Windy City. It takes about six hours to get down here from Chicago, but it's well worth the journey to explore dramatic rock formations and get out into the backcountry. Shawnee National Forest recently celebrated its 80th anniversary and is a prime spot for rock climbing, backcountry hiking, and overnight camping. Garden of the Gods here provides spectacular views and will make you forget you're even in the Midwest. For family adventure, look into the Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour, which involves an overnight stay in a forest cabin and lots of adventure.

## Cave-in-Rock State Park, Cave-in-Rock

We also love Cave-in-Rock State Park for an outdoorsy weekend getaway in Southern Illinois. This park is along the Ohio River and about six hours from Chicago too. There's a large cavern with plenty of river pirate history, as well as stunning



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river views. Bring your camera because this is a highly Instagramable destination with the cave, trees, and river as backdrops. The park offers camping, cabins, showers, and picnic areas. You can also stay in the Cave-in-Rock Lodge atop the overhanging bluffs.

## **The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum, Springfield**

The capital city of Springfield makes an excellent weekend getaway destination, which is why we want to highlight a few different places in Springfield for your next trip. One recommendation is the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, which has over 40,000 square feet of historic displays, galleries, and theaters to learn from. This is a wonderful place to learn about Lincoln's life and American history.

## **Kidzeum of Health & Science, Springfield**



Kid-friendly weekend getaways in Springfield don't get much better than the Kidzeum of Health & Science. This destination is a three-story, 25,000-square-foot museum that teaches kids how to protect the environment, help their communities, practice healthy habits, and make good choices.

## **Lincoln Home & National Historic Site & Lincoln Tomb, Springfield**

The last of the Springfield destinations that we'll mention on this summer getaway list are the Lincoln Home & National Historic Site and the Lincoln Tomb. These are great places to visit with your family to keep the interactive history lessons flowing after your visit to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. You can tour the home that Lincoln owned and learn about what life was like for him here as a politician, husband, father, and neighbor. The Lincoln Tomb is also in the area and an impressive landmark that memorializes our 16th president. It's good luck to stop by and rub the nose of the statue, and couldn't we all use a little more luck in our lives?

## **Raging Waves Waterpark, Yorkville**

Waterparks are a wonderful way to keep the kids cool and entertained in the summer, so why not plan your next weekend getaway to one in Illinois? One of the best waterparks is in Yorkville, which is a little over an hour from Chicago. The Raging Waves Waterpark is the largest outdoor waterpark in the state and has 19 slides, a kiddie pool area, a lazy river, a wave pool, and much more. Don't miss the Wonambi water slide that's only one of three of its kind in the country.

## **Hurricane Harbor at Six Flags Great America, Gurnee**

Another epic waterpark experience in Illinois awaits you at Hurricane Harbor at Six Flags Great America. This is in Gurnee, which is also a little over an hour from Chicago. Here you'll find about 30 water rides, such as Surf Rider, Riptide Bay, Buccaneer Bay, and Wipeout. This waterpark is connected to the Six Flags Great America amusement park, offering plenty of options for all-weekend family fun. Don't miss the MAXX Force ride, which is the tallest and fastest double inversion rollercoaster in the world.

## **Great Wolf Lodge, Gurnee**

The Great Wolf Lodge in Gurnee is an awesome waterpark for your summer getaway planning. Here you'll find an 80,000-square-foot waterpark with pleasant 84-degree water and lots of family fun. The park features thrilling water slides, a zero-depth entry play area for little ones, giant tipping bucket, and something for all ages. Check the lodge's website for special summer getaway deals for its onsite lodging, which makes travel easy and convenient for busy families.

## **Road Trip down the Mother Road - Route 66**

No summer in the Midwest would be complete without a road trip, and one of the best road trip routes in the world is right in our very own backyard. Route 66 offers an unforgettable experience today just as it did in the past with iconic stops along the way. Route 66 starts in downtown Chicago and continues through Illinois heading southwest. You can travel hundreds of miles along this route after making initial stops at Lou Mitchell's Restaurant and Bakery in Chicago and the Old Joliet Prison in Joliet. Other essential stops on the Illinois portion of the route include the Gemini Giant drive-in diner in Wilmington, Ambler-Beckler Texaco Gas Station in Dwight, Route 66 Association Hall of Fame and Museum in Pontiac, Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum in Pontiac, Cozy Dog Drive In in Springfield, and the World's Largest Catsup Bottle in Collinsville.

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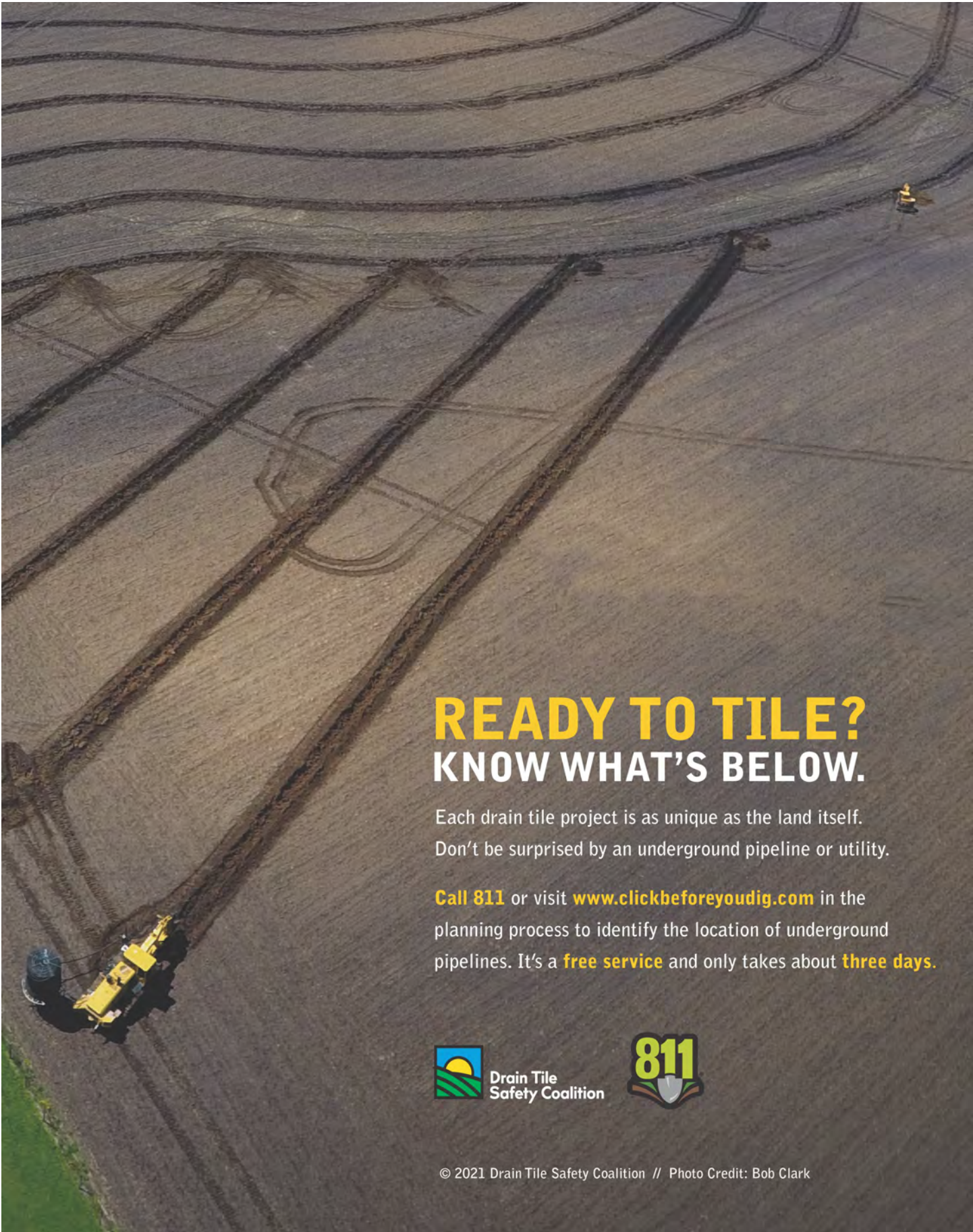
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# 2021 National LICA Summer Meeting

## Tentative Agenda & Educational Seminars

July 27 - 31st - Niagara Falls, New York

### Tuesday, July 27

10:30 am - 5:00 pm Five Star, Martin House, &  
Naval Park Tour

### Wednesday, July 28

9:30 am - 5:00 pm Lockport Locks  
Railroad Museum, &  
Modern Disposal

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm Executive Committee

### Thursday, July 29

9:00 am - 10:30 am LinkedIn

10:45 am - 11:30 am Evaluating & Selling Equip.

More Educational Seminars to come!

12:30 pm - 5:00 pm Executive Directors

6:00 pm - 6:45 pm Associates Meeting

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Associates' Night  
"Broadway on the Falls"

### Friday, July 30

7:00 am - 7:30 am Devotions

7:30 am - 8 :00 am Committee Chairs

8:00 am Breakfast

9:15 am - 5:00 pm Committee Meetings

12:00 pm Lunch

3:45 pm - 4:45 pm Region Meetings

### Saturday, July 13

7:30 am - 8:00 am Devotions

8:00 am Breakfast

10:00 am - 11:00 am Board Meeting

12:30 pm Lunch

### Educational Seminars

Thursday, July 29 (More to come!)

#### LinkedIn

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#### Associates' Night - Thursday, July 29 "Broadway on the Falls"

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

National LICA Associates take center stage to display their products and services. Come and meet LICA's Associates face-to-face while enjoying light appetizers and drinks. The theme of the evening is "Broadway on the Falls." Members are encouraged to pick their favorite play or musical and come in costume!



Full Event Details

# 2021 National LICA Summer Meeting

## Optional Tours

**July 27 - 31st - Niagara Falls, New York**

**Tuesday, July 27 10:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Five Star Equipment**



LICA has been invited to tour Five Star's newest facility in Orchard Park, New York. Five Star has new and used equipment to explore; as well as attachments and remote monitoring technologies. After checking out the equipment members will have lunch.

**Once we depart Five Star, you will have a choice of touring the Martin House or the Buffalo & Erie County Naval and Military Park!**

**Martin House Tour**



If you decide to see Frank Lloyd Wright's Martin House, you are in for a treat! A certified docent will lead guests through the primary first-floor rooms of the main Martin

House, the pergola, conservatory, and the carriage house. Experience the pioneering methods of construction used in this outstanding residential project.

**Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park**



For those that choose the Naval & Military Park, they will tour the largest inland Naval Park in the country. This museum is on the shore of Lake Erie in Buffalo, New York. It is home to several decommissioned US Naval vessels, including the Cleveland-class cruiser USS Little Rock, the Fletcher-class destroyer USS The Sullivans, and the submarine USS Croaker.

**Wednesday, July 28 9:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Lockport Locks**



This cruise will take you past five of the original 1800's locks. Three million gallons of water will fill Locks 34 & 35, the only double set on the Erie Canal, and raise the boat 50 feet. The lively narration by the Coast Guard Licensed Captains is also accompanied by crowd-pleasing canal music, popular during the 1800's. Lunch is included.

**Medina Railroad Museum**



This museum features the largest Railroad & Toy Train display in New York State. Some of their many collections include: Fire Fighting, Military and Local History.

**Modern Disposal**

Modern landfill is an innovation leader, and is committed to the most innovative and responsible methods of materials management and recycling. We will tour this site which was an early adopter of a double composite liner, use of geosynthetics and use of tire shreds (reused material) to replace stone (natural resource) in its liner system. It's most impressive project is its extraction of landfill gas and conversion to electricity and heat.

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# 2021 National LICA Summer Meeting

## Registration Form

July 27 - 31st • Niagara Falls, New York

Company \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Names of Attendees (for Badges)

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**Early Bird Registration**  
**Postmarked by June 25, 2021**

**Members, Spouses, Associates** \$295  
 Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Youth: 13 Years & under** Free  
 Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration**  
**Postmarked after June 25, 2021**

**Members, Spouses, Associates** \$325  
 Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Youth: 13 Years & under** Free  
 Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration Includes: Associates' Night, Friday Breakfast & Lunch, Saturday Breakfast & Lunch.*

**Optional Tours**

**Tues. July 27**  
 Five Star & Martin House, No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 OR Naval Park Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cost \$75 per person

**Weds. July 28**  
 Lockport Locks, Medina No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 Railroad, Modern Disposal Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cost \$75 per person

**Tour Total**            \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Refund Policy:** For cancellations received prior to June 29, 2021 a \$30.00 charge will be deducted from the original amount paid. No registration payment will be refunded after June 29, 2021 unless there has been an emergency.





AUGUST 21ST, 2021

# Annual Picnic & Members' Meeting

**KENNEDY FARM DRAINAGE  
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Please join Illinois LICA for our Annual Picnic and Summer Members' Meeting at Kennedy Farm Drainage in Colfax, IL. The morning will begin with our Members' Meeting, followed by a catered picnic lunch. During the Members' Meeting, there will be ladies activities including shopping and crafting. Next, we will go on a guided wetland site tour (utvs & atvs welcome) and then enjoy a fishing derby, bags tournament, and more!

Camping space available by calling 309-275-6149.

### Schedule



- 10:00 am Members' Meeting
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Guided Wetland Tour
- 3:00 pm Fishing Derby, Bags Tourney, Etc.



### Please RSVP by July 21st

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I/we will attend the members' mtg. # \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I/we will attend the members' mtg. lunch # \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 pp/\$40 per family)

Yes, I/we will attend the ladies activities # \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I/we will attend the wetland site tour # \_\_\_\_\_

Names of all attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Register Online!*

This notice is to inform all officers, directors, alternate directors, chairmen and members of standing committees, and all active members of the Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association, Inc. that the next ILICA members' meeting will be held on August 21, 2021 @ 10:00 am at Kennedy Farm Drainage - Colfax, IL. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## AREA 6 GOLF OUTING & TRAP SHOOT: BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

It could be said that the recent Annual Area 6 Golf Outing & Trap Shoot went “as planned,” after two previous years of Mother Nature and COVID 19 calling the shots. Though the weather was undeniably sweltry, players and shooters were all very excited to be back together again in-person and event sponsors showed strong support for this first face-to-face event for Illinois LICA in nearly a year and a half.

The morning started off with a bang... quite literally lots of bangs! About a dozen trap shooters blasted away at over 500 clay targets at the Paul McKillip Farm, just down the road from the golf course, to vie for the title of “Top Shot.” As things heated up, literally heat indexes reached 100+ degrees, competition was tight across the board, but it was Levi Coons with Port Industries that snagged the title by one shot. As Top Shot, Levi took home a pair of electronic shooting muffs! No one went home empty handed, though, as all shooters received a door prize thanks to the generous support of our sponsors.

Despite the anticipated heat, approximately 60 golfers came out later the same afternoon for the golf outing at the beautiful Meadowview Golf Course in Mattoon, IL. Grabbing a boxed lunch first, sponsored by Fratco, golfers played 18 holes in a scramble format after a shotgun start. Staying hydrated with the help of our beverage cart sponsors, Port Industries and Purple Wave Auction, golfers had a great time out on the course competing for a chance at hole prizes and bragging rights. Having survived the heat, all the foursomes were happy to be back in the air conditioning for the 50/50 raffle drawing and prize winner announcements before their ribeye steak dinner buffet, wrapping up the day’s events.

Hole prize winners took home \$50 cash and a free round of golf compliments of sponsors Metal Culverts, Purple Wave Auction, Birkey’s, and Meadowview Golf Course. The Lowest Scoring Team won \$100 cash and the Most Honest Team received a special prize altogether! Winners were as follows:

- Longest Drive:** Kris Heller
- Closest to the Pin:** Jason Titus
- Longest Putt:** Mike Anderson
- Lowest Scoring Team:** Josh Keith, John Bova, Jamie Ridge, Brock Burton
- Most Honest Team:** Jeff Tomlinson, Matt McNabb, John Mowry, Jeff Feldkamp

Event sponsors were Altorfer CAT, Springfield Plastics, Birkey’s, and Advanced Drainage Systems along with over 30 different hole sponsors, meal and beverage sponsors.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who supported the outing including sponsors, prize donors, volunteers, shooters, and golfers. A big thanks to Paul McKillip, Meadowview Golf Course, and the Golf Outing Committee for ensuring the success of the Illinois LICA Area 6 Golf Outing and Trap Shoot!

For the complete listing of sponsors and to view pictures from the event, check our website: [www.illica.net](http://www.illica.net)



# AREA 6 GOLF OUTING & TRAP SHOOT: BACK TOGETHER AGAIN (CONT.)





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The National LICA scholarship is eligible to active LICA Contractors and their family members (i.e. spouse, child, grandchild) pursuing an interest in agriculture, construction, engineering, landscaping, law, marine biology, medicine, and more. Out of eight total recipients named for 2021, one scholarship recipient was named from Illinois: Sanita Baer

Sanita is the daughter of Marvin & Rebecca Baer of Tremont, IL. She grew up working on her family farm with a passion for agriculture. Her dedication to all aspects of farming grew as she worked for the family tiling business and two local dairies as a farm hand. Sanita just graduated from Tremont High School with honors and a 4.0 gpa and is planning on continuing her education at Illinois Central College (ICC) in the fall to get an Associate Degree in Agricultural Business Management.

Please join us in congratulating Sanita and her family for her recent accomplishments. We wish Sanita the best of luck in all her future endeavors!



## JOIN NACD IN CHICAGO FOR THE 2021 SUMMER MEETING!

The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) invites you to register and reserve hotel rooms for this year's Summer Meeting, held in Chicago, Ill., from July 24-27, 2021.

As part of our 75th Anniversary celebration, the 2021 NACD Summer Meeting is returning to where our association was born in Chicago!

As the second-largest NACD event of the year, the gathering brings together hundreds of conservation district leaders from across the nation, including tribal representatives and representatives from the U.S. territories.

The agenda includes a full NACD board meeting, a 75th Anniversary Celebration event, a conservation forum plenary session and a set of walking, conservation-minded tours. This is a national meeting with a regional flair that offers a first-hand look at how conservation is delivered while also providing direct access to our top leaders.

NACD's Summer Meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Chicago - Magnificent Mile. Hotel rates are \$185 per night. To book your hotel room, use the group name "NACD Conserv Districts".

Early-bird registration is \$275 and includes access to all meetings and events.

Don't delay! Hotel rooms will fill up fast—the deadline for early-bird registration and hotel reservations is Friday, July 2.

Attendees must agree to follow all local protocols, including but not limited to:

- Mask mandates,
- Social distancing,
- And other protocols in effect in Chicago.

In addition, NACD is requiring a face covering for all attendees entering any meeting room being utilized for the meeting. Those not following the NACD guidelines will not be allowed entry to meetings or events. An NACD mask will be provided to each registered attendee.

To learn more, book your hotel and view the agenda, visit NACD's Summer Meeting webpage:

<https://www.nacdnet.org/news-and-events/summer-meeting/>

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**August 31 - September 2, 2021**

Richland Community College - Decatur, IL

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## National

### **2021 National LICA Summer Meeting**

**July 27-31, 2021**

Sheraton Niagara Falls: Niagara Falls, NY

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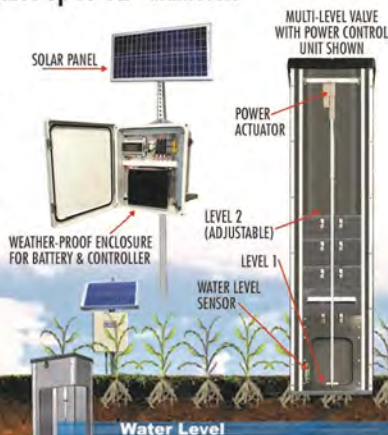
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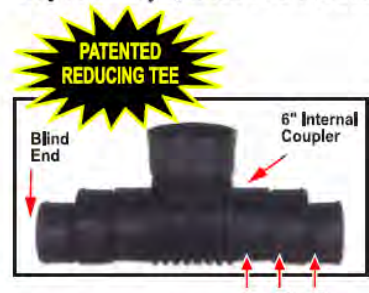
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### Trench Requirements

- Trenches 5 feet or more in depth require a protective system.
- Trenches that are 4 feet or more require a safe means of entrance and exit.
- Trenches that are 20 feet or more require an exit system designed by a registered professional engineer.

### Protective Systems

The designated competent person should inspect the area and determine which protective system will suit the job site and soil most effectively. This is essential, as equipment movement, underground utilities and vibrations can cause a surcharge load on the sides of the trench, forcing it to cave in on the workers inside. The following are the most commonly used protective systems:

- **Sloping:** Protects workers by cutting back the trench wall at an angle inclined away from the excavation
- **Shoring:** Protects workers by installing aluminum hydraulic supports to prevent soil movement
- **Shielding:** Protects workers by using trench boxes to prevent cave-ins

In addition to one of these three safety measures, a low-traffic zone must be designated around the trench allowing only essential equipment to enter. This will minimize the amount of vibration to which the trench is exposed.

### Avoiding Accidents

Excavation accidents can occur if the underground utilities are not located and removed prior to digging a trench. Contact your local one-call system to locate all of the utility lines. Then, label or remove them to prevent injury.

Trench accidents can also happen if safe entrance and exit routes are not present or adequate for the situation. Workers may slip back into the trench as they are trying to climb up a ladder if it is unsupported, placed on a steep slope or is poorly built.

To prevent injury while entering and exiting a trench, only the designated competent person should approve the structural device used. Workers should also place the ladder in a trench shield while trying to enter and exit to avoid a cave-in.

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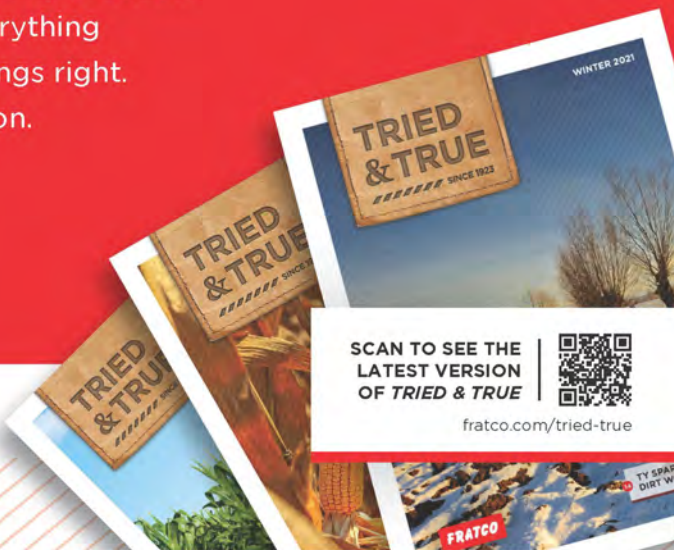


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