



**Mission Statement:** The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council was created to bring together underground facility operators, governmental agencies, excavators, industry associations, and service providers to address issues related to the goal of reducing damages to underground facilities, to provide cooperation and coordination of construction activities, and to improve communications, involvement, and commitment to these goals.

Minutes from April 21st, 2010

The Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council held its monthly meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at the Martin Janis Center on 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. in Columbus OH. Scott Tustin called the meeting to order and read the mission statement and the fun began.

This was not our typical CODPC meeting. We held our Dig Safely event in lieu of our regular monthly meeting. What a huge turn out of volunteers who spent their time, brought heavy equipment, hand tools, chippers, trucks, and everything imaginable to make this project a success above our wildest expectations. The local news coverage, the City Council members visit, and the extra effort everyone put in to this successful event raised this project to a level I don't think anyone could have visualized in its inception. The coordinated efforts and determination of all who dug, ran equipment, hauled brush, planted, weeded, worked so hard to make this more of a transformation than a clean-up effort was way above anything we could have anticipated and a simple thank you does not seem to relay the true appreciation the Council and the City could express. We hope to have a full recap of the event at the next Council meeting on 5-19. I hope everyone gets a chance to drive by the center (in front of the Ohio State Fairgrounds 11th Ave side) and see

the fabulous job it turned out to be, and take pride in knowing you had a hand in it's re-opening for the benefit of our Seniors.

The next meeting of the Central Ohio Damage Prevention Council will be held May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the City of Columbus Transportation Conference Center at 1881 E. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. and starts at 9:00AM. Please contact our secretary for more details.

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