



# PIPELINE

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## *UCA Golf Outing*



On Thursday, June 21st UCA hosted its 39th annual golf outing at Cantigny Golf Club in Wheaton.

Unfortunately the weather would not cooperate that day and UCA was forced to cancel the outing after enjoying a nice networking lunch.

Keep an eye out in the mail for refunds and golf vouchers. Please contact UCA Staff if you have not received them already.

Sponsors will be promoted at the Annual Business meeting on September 13th!

**Thank you to those who sponsored our event and helped make it a success!**

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## *UCA Annual Business Meeting*

UCA's Annual Business Meeting will be held at Venuti's Ristorante & Banquets on Thursday, September 13, 2018 from 5-8:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to welcome new members to our association as well as new members to our Board of Directors, and thank those who have served before them.

UCA's Annual Business Meeting will be extra special this year. State Rep. Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader will be in attendance as well as Alderman Gilbert Villegas, Aviation Vice-Chairman.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Golf Outing
- Annual Business Meeting
- UCA Emerging Leaders Program
- Raja Reception

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## President's Editorial

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Editorial comments, articles and photographs are welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Lauren Fosmoen, Events and Marketing Coordinator, for more information, (630) 467-1919 or [lfosmoen@uca.org](mailto:lfosmoen@uca.org).

It didn't take long, once the summer heat finally arrived, for the year to kick into high gear and already pass the half way mark! Wow, how time flies! Year after year, I realize how fast-paced and demanding our industry is, and it satisfies me to know how hard we all work not only as individuals, but as an organization as well. Often, we tend to think we are too busy to reflect on the time that has already elapsed, but when we take a minute to think about what has been accomplished in just seven months, it can be quite motivating and encouraging. I would like to thank everyone for all your dedication and contributions to UCA thus far, and I offer nothing but the best of luck and large amounts of energy to push out this second half of the season.

Something that I feel should never be overlooked is making sure to recognize and thank the UCA STAFF for their tremendous efforts and sacrifices that make UCA what it is today as well as continuing to grow it in all aspects. THANK YOU, Mike Wiedmaier and Lauren Fosmoen! You both are outstanding people with hearts of gold who work tirelessly to provide unbelievable opportunities to the UCA members. Managing several hundreds of companies within the organization, Mike and Lauren are always one step ahead of us all in that they are constantly propelling UCA to new heights and taking care of issues before they arise. One of the most recent developments they have made with UCA is the new mobile app which I hope all members have downloaded and are getting more and more use out of. Working alongside them and the other board members has been a real honor and breath of fresh air. My peers have such valuable opinions, ideas, and plans that have spread an enormous amount of confidence within our board, staff, and organization. Thank you once again Mike and Lauren for

a job extremely well done and devoting yourselves to the UCA members!

Over the next few months, I will be preparing for my term as President to come to an end. It feels as if it were only a couple of weeks ago that I had assumed the responsibility. I have had nothing but the best experiences working with the UCA board and staff to serve all of you. It was my privilege to try and exemplify what it means to be a leader and to make decisions with all our best interests in mind. I have no doubt that the next man or woman to take on the role as President will succeed beyond all expectations. I want to encourage everyone to stay fully involved in the program, and even challenge yourselves to find ways to become more involved. I look forward to seeing all our members and staff at UCA's future events, including the 2019 UCA Convention! I want to personally thank everyone for supporting and believing in me during my term as well. You all have been so kind and have shown me that you're all not only great business men/women, but also great humans and that is probably the biggest reward of all. I am grateful for my past two years as President and wish everyone good fortune and prosperity moving forward. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Nick Neri  
UCA President



Nick Neri, UCA President  
John Neri Construction Co.

## Save the Dates!

Thursday, August 2nd

Events & Convention Meetings

UCA Conference Room

Tuesday, August 28th

Emerging Leaders Program

UCA Conference Room

Thursday, September 13th

Annual Business Meeting

Venuti's, Addison

For more information, please visit [www.uca.org](http://www.uca.org).

# SPOTLIGHT: NEW UCA MEMBERS



## Benchmark Construction



Benchmark Construction is proud to be building quality work in the Chicagoland area since 1974. Our diverse workforce and management team strive to complete every project on time and under budget. We offer a variety of construction services including: sewer and water, concrete paving, sawcutting, trenchless structure rehabilitation, trenchless sewer rehabilitation, and vertical drilling. We are committed to safety, quality, and improving the community through infrastructure.

For more information, contact: Frank Sintich, Director of Business Development  
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## Sunset Logistics, LLC



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multiple years of skill and expertise in our field.

Sunset's main location is based in Crystal Lake, IL with three quarry locations in Carpentersville, Kirkland, and Marenngo. With these various locations, we can service clients through great customer service with emphasis on quality aggregate products and punctual job site deliveries by the way of our large fleet of trucks and dump, lowboys, and flatbed trailers.

Our services include:

- Plant and yard hauls
- Road and ice control salt
- Ag lime spreading
- Dump locations for clean fill
- Dirt disposal at our CCDD dump facility
- Broken asphalt and concrete disposal
- Heavy equipment moves
- Transfer of MSW, yard waste

- Recycling non-special contaminated soil
- Hauling of raw shingles and RAS product

We work with the following available materials:

- Various limestone
- Road rock
- Wash gravel
- Clay
- Top soil
- CS01 Recycled
- CM11
- CM16
- CA-5
- Golf and baseball sand

For additional information about Sunset Logistics, LLC and all services that we offer, please contact: Shaun Nolan at: snolan@gosunset.com; direct line: 847/553-1290; office line: 847/658-4342 ext. 337.

## The Gasaway Company



The Gasaway Company specializes in water hauling services to a variety of industries including: underground boring, construction, demolition, masonry work, film and television, landscape, and residential. Since water is not always readily available for your job site and work stoppage is not an option. The Gasaway Company is able to supply all of your on-site bulk water needs! Our specialized fleet of water tankers (ranging from 100 gallons up to our

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own fleet of specially designed spray trucks we can service any type and size dust control project.

Let Gasaway help you keep your job running smoothly, on-time, and within EPA and/or local government compliance. We are here to help! Give Kristina a call today!

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# SPOTLIGHT: NEW UCA MEMBERS

**Wipfli LLP**

**WIPFLI**  
CPAs and Consultants

Leaders of construction companies are accustomed to operating in the fast paced, dynamic environment that defines your industry. You know the challenges and risks each new day brings, and you know the adrenaline rush that comes with the successful completion of a high-profile project. We share that passion with you!

Combining intimate industry insights and technical know-how with an exceptional ability to listen and understand your challenges, seasoned experts work passionately to deliver a breadth of solutions designed to meet your most pressing needs. Wipfli's experience working with general contractors, specialty contractors and ancillary firms, goes beyond traditional accounting and tax services. Rely on straightforward advice to re-

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Whether we're helping you streamline processes, improve performance, leverage the right technology or increase financial success, we offer innovative, effective and personalized services to help you overcome your business challenges today and plan for tomorrow.

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- Tax Reform
- Revenue Recognition

- Business Transition
- Cybersecurity
- Forensic and Fraud Investigation
- State and Local Taxes
- Litigation Support
- Construction Contract Compliance
- Cost Segregation Studies
- Technology Management
- CRM Implementation

**Our team of construction specialists will meet your needs from any one of our 13 offices throughout Illinois. How can we support you?**

**Contact Brad or Dave today:**

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## Construction Safety Risk Management



Worker safety continues to be one of the biggest issues challenging the construction industry. Not only are your employees invaluable to your company's success, an accident will disrupt your project, slow your productivity and have a negative effect on your business's reputation.

Construction Safety Risk Management is a boots-on-the-ground company that works with contractors to preplan, maintain safety compliance in the field, reduce hazards and increase profitability. CSRМ provides customized safety training, and will identify problems and assist in developing solutions to mitigate

risk and reduce your insurance costs.

Construction Safety & Risk Management Services Provides:

- Development of site specific job site plans
- Construction pre-planning
- Assistance in claims management
- Analysis of claim loss experience, trends and benchmarking
- Compliance-based OSHA training programs
- Trade specific safety training
- Job site auditing

CSRМ takes pride in the integrity of both our work and our employees, who have between 8 and 30 years of experience. Our objective is mitigate risk and keep employees safe for the modestly sized, the family owned, union construction firms.

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**Get Started.  
Get Safe.**

UNDERGROUND CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

# EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM



NETWORKING - TRAINING - INDUSTRY EXPOSURE - FUTURE

*Do you have an employee who you see as a future construction industry leader?*

*Do you see yourself as a leader in the construction industry in the years to come?*

*This program is for you!*

UCA's ELP will be held August 2018 until May 2019. Limited to the first 30 applicants & due no later than Aug. 24th! Sessions include training presentations, student presentations, Springfield lobbying trip, site visits & networking opportunities. Lunch is served at each session and ends with a networking hour.

Session topics will cover (but not limited to):

- Engineering/General Contractors/Subcontractors/Material Suppliers
- Insurance/Bonding / Safety/Risk Management
- Banking
- Advocacy/Legislative (lobbying organizations; ICIC, TFIC, CWCC)
- Legal
- Organized Labor, Union Funds, Craft committees, IEPI
- Partner organization familiarization (CSC, MARBA, CISCO)
- Leadership Development
- Accounting (Project Accounting, P&L Statements, Quote to Cash Overview)
- AND MORE!

**When:** Last Tuesday of the month

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** UCA Conference Room

500 Park Blvd. Suite 154C

Itasca, IL 60143

Phone: (630) 467-1919

**Cost:** \$900 per person

Transportation & lodging are NOT included.

Checks made out to:

*Underground Contractors Association of Illinois*

*Mail to address above*

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

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost (\$900 per person) \_\_\_\_\_ (No refunds after 8/27/18!)

Payment Options:  Check Enclosed     Send Invoice     Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, AmEx)

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_    Sec. Code \_\_\_\_\_    Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? Contact UCA Staff: lfosmoen@uca.org or 630-467-1919



*Thank you for joining Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co. & the  
Underground Contractors Association for a Fundraising Reception  
Honoring:*

# *Raja Krishnamoorthi*

*8th District Congressman*

*Friday, August 10th*

*6:00—7:30 p.m.*

*Hosted by Gulzar Singh*

*Pan-Oceanic Engineering Co.*

*6436 W. Higgins Ave. Chicago, IL 60656*

*Contributions checks can be made out to Friends of Raja for Congress.*

*Contributions can also be made by [clicking here!](#)*

*All contributions must be from your personal account (no corporate checks) and cannot exceed more than \$5,000 in a Fiscal Year, \$10,000 per couple.*

*R.S.V.P. to: [lfosmoen@uca.org](mailto:lfosmoen@uca.org) or 630-467-1919*



# 2018 Golf Outing



# AUGUST 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8am Events Mtg. 9 am Convention Mtg.	3 <b>IDOT LETTING</b>	4
5	6	7	8	9 10 a.m. Statewide Safety/RM/Utility Mtg.	10 <b>Raja Reception @ Pan-Oceanic 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.</b>	11
12	13	14 8 a.m. Executive Mtg.	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 8 a.m. Board Meeting	22 8 a.m. Safety/RM/Utility Meeting UCA Office	23 8:30 a.m. Cont. Ed. / Const. Mat.	24	25
26	27	28 <b>Emerging Leaders Program</b> 11:30-4:00 p.m.	29	30	31	

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <b>Labor Day UCA OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 8 a.m. Executive Mtg.	12	13 <b>UCA Annual Business Meeting</b>	14	15
16	17	18 8:00 a.m. Board Meeting	19	20	21 <b>IDOT LETTING</b>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>Lunch &amp; Learn</b> Cont. Ed. Seminar 11-1:00 p.m.	29
30						