

Celebrating a Century

From delivering what fueled the past to delivering what fuels the present, B. Frank Joy LLC (BF Joy)—a veteran- and family-owned underground infrastructure company located in Hyattsville, Md.—has played an integral role in the development of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area over the past 100 years.

Humble Beginnings

Founded by Bernard Frank Joy as a coal-, feed- and soil-hauling business in 1917, BF Joy's contracting quickly grew to include a truck-renting partnership with PEPCO and the hauling of dirt to and from the city's streets, parks and monuments.

The end of World War II—a war in which BF Joy's second president, Thomas Leigh Joy ("Leigh") served and earned both a Silver Star and Purple Heart—provided a further boost to business. Leigh took advantage of new technologies, including the hydraulic backhoe and PVC pipe, and BF Joy became the first contractor to install underground conduit and manholes in Washington, D.C.

Following in his father's footsteps, T. Kenneth Joy ("Ken") became BF Joy's third president after serving as a Navy pilot.



"Tarpot," B. Frank Joy's first employee, takes a brief break from work at the steps of the U.S. Capitol.

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Under Ken's entrepreneurial leadership, BF Joy diversified and expanded its services to include the installation of fiber optic cable, gas line and mains, and trenchless pipe repair.

Now led by fourth-generation owner Kevin Joy and President Melissa P. Koehler, diversification remains key. Melissa recently acquired Mr. Go Glass, and BF Joy continues to expertly perform and expand upon its core services.

What You Don't See

After 100 years of breaking ground in and around Washington, D.C., it's inevitable that you've passed by, driven over and benefitted from BF Joy's work.

Always expanding, the company's diverse services include power and gas distribution and related infrastructure, manhole inspection and repair, streetlights, fiber optic splicing and testing, secondary splicing, traffic control and snow removal.

And though you can't always see the result of its labor, BF Joy is proud to have laid the foundation for many of the area's most iconic structures, including the White House, Capitol and Pentagon, FedEx Field, Verizon Center, Nationals Park and most Smithsonian museums.

Powered by People

As proud as BF Joy is of its contribution to the infrastructure and modernization of Washington, D.C., what makes it proudest is its people.

Bernard, Leigh, Ken, Kevin and Melissa have always believed that treating each and every employee like family—and encouraging them to do the same—is essential to BF Joy's success.

From the annual Thanksgiving turkey giveaway and all-staff crab feast to the annual ring ceremony and safety awards, their actions and programs—including a commitment by every BF Joy employee to abide by the company's core values—prove that they practice what they preach.

The Next 100

There's no telling what the future holds for BF Joy, but reflecting on what's made arriving at the much sought-after, rarely reached century mark possible makes one thing clear: the quality of its work and its people will continue to define it.

Given its track record, Melissa likes its chances. As she sums it up, "Here's to another 100!" ♦

BF JOY 100 YEARS STRONG

Breaking New Ground since 1917

“Forever mindful of our humble beginnings, we are proud to have reached the much sought-after, rarely-realized century mark. BF Joy has become a regional leader in providing the services that all underground infrastructure projects – both big and small – require. It is with great pride and joy that we celebrate this milestone with our employees, partners, and friends.”

Melissa P. Koehler,
BF Joy President & CEO



100 Years of Joy

As a veteran owned small business, we are proud to celebrate four generations of Joy ownership.



Bernard Frank Joy
U.S. Navy



Thomas Leigh Joy
U.S. Marines
Silver Star, Purple Heart



T. Kenneth Joy
U.S. Navy



Kevin M. Joy
U.S. Marines

Our Services – What You Don’t See

From the U.S. Capitol and The White House to FedEx Field and the National African American History Museum, BF Joy has provided underground plant expertise for the majority of DC’s most iconic landmarks. Given the thousands of miles of conduit and cables that we’ve laid, we’ve also provided a direct – though far less visible – benefit to Washingtonians.

Our diverse services include:

- Power Distribution & Related Infrastructure
- Gas Distribution & Related Infrastructure
- Manhole Inspection & Repair
- Fiber Optic Outside Plant
- Electrical & Communication Splicing
- Traffic Control
- Snow Removal
- Telecommunications Outside Plant



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