



**Last Call!**

**11th Annual Summer Golf Outing & Scholarship Fund Raiser**  
**Wednesday, July 14, 2021 | The Bog, Saukville**

*By Theo Taylor & Aaron Jahnke, Summer Outing Committee*



*The Bog is conveniently located just off of U.S. Hwy. 43 and only 25 minutes north of Milwaukee; and 35 minutes south of destination golf in Kohler, Wisconsin (Whistling Straits/American Club Resorts).*

**T**he 11th Annual Wisconsin Chapter Summer Golf Outing and Scholarship Fundraiser is almost here! This year's event include two options for a day of summer fun on Wednesday, July 14. The "standard" event will be golfing at The Bog in Saukville.

Registration is \$95, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, giveaways and inclusion in the prize drawings. Please also note that the proper golf attire is required to participate in the event. Please: No jeans, t-shirts,  
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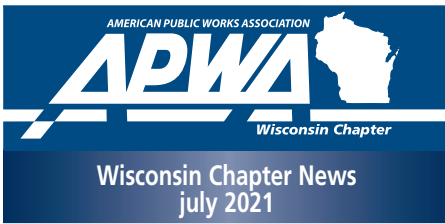
*By Scott Brandmeier*

**Pandemic. What Pandemic?**

Can I see a virtual show of hands for all those who are excited to see us returning to some level of normalcy after nearly a year and a half? We are coming out of one of the more bizarre and, at times, challenging years most of us have ever experienced—and I remember the recession and gas shortages in the 1970's (though I was too young to drive).

Now that life, businesses and the economy are opening back up, I would like to reflect on one question: What pandemic? Posing this question isn't meant to raise the ire of anyone on one side of the aisle or the other nor is it intended to question the health officials or our local, state and national politicians. While that would certainly be interesting fodder to discuss, the question is raised with an eye toward reflecting on our daily operations during the pandemic—what my manager refers to as our core competencies (snow plowing, garbage collection, storm water management, etc.).

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**Editor's Note** 

By Nancy Cavanaugh

**Wisconsin Chapter Ramps Up "On-Site" Events**

This edition contains a record-breaking number of awards articles: Half the newsletter is devoted to them. The remaining space is almost entirely devoted to coming events that offer *in-person* networking opportunities with fellow Chapter colleagues.

**The Return of Onsite Events**

Good news! Two "on-location" Chapter events are returning this Fall. The **Fall Conference** (Nov. 3-5) will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Milwaukee North Shore in Brown Deer (see page 10). And **breaking news!** The **31st Annual Snowplow Roadeo** is scheduled for Sept. 8-9 (see page 15).

Prior to these events, the **11th Annual Summer Golf Outing & Scholarship Fund Raiser** tees off on July 14 (page 1). Don't miss this

chance to have some fun on the links with your Chapter colleagues. If you don't golf, sign up for a paddle event on the Milwaukee River.

**Don't Miss Out on New PMSA/PWMI Courses**

The Transportation Center UW-Madison has just released the Fall roster of PMSA/PWMI classes (page 11). The classes are practical and relevant—well worth checking out to help enhance your skill sets.

**Scott Brandmeier** wrote in his first message as Chapter President: "Many, if not most, of us missed the in-person, face-to-face contact and meetings and relished the opportunity to return to work to be around our coworkers and colleagues."

The Chapter offers you the chance to catch up on just that. 

**ON THE COVER:**

Banner images: Left: The 31st Annual Snowplow Roadeo is set for Sept. 8-9 (page 15). Center: **Eric Dundee** with the first catch of the day at the Third Annual Fishing Event (page 10). Right: The Summer Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser will be held at The Bog in Saukville on July 14 (page 1).



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## Awards Committee

# Chapter Recognizes Four Outstanding Public Works Professionals

*By Tim Barbeau, Chair, Awards Committee; Sr. Project Manager, R.A. Smith*

### Outstanding New Member Impact Award

**Theo Taylor** of ADS is the recipient of the Outstanding New Member Impact Award. This award recognizes and encourages new or young members who have demonstrated an initial commitment to the profession and the association and show potential for future growth within the association. The award promotes the concept that length of career does not necessarily indicate leadership abilities or potential for service.

Theo has immersed himself in APWA and the Wisconsin Chapter by attending many events such as conferences, Brewer games, golf outings, YP activities and fishing



*Theo Taylor*

trips. He organized the 2020 Summer Golf Outing Scholarship Fundraiser event in Middleton and is the chairman for the 2021 event.

Theo has been a part of various continuing education programs across southern Wisconsin, including WisDOT, municipalities, WDNR, and private engineering firms. He has also helped with the development of the new standard for inlet protection on construction projects in Dane County. He has a passion for environmental stewardship and the public works industry.

Congratulations, Theo!

### Samuel A. Greeley Local Service Award

**David Biebel**, Director of Public Works for the City of Sheboygan, is the recipient of the Samuel A. Greeley Local Service Award. This award recognizes individuals who have continuously served a local public or private agency long term (minimum 30 years) and who has advanced the Public Works practice as a member of the American Public Works Association, thereby improving the quality of life for those who live and work within that community.

The purpose of this Award is to give formal recognition of honorary character to a person who has continuously served a local public or private agency long term (minimum 30 years) and who has advanced the Public Works practice as a member of the American Public Works Association.



*David Biebel*

David has been with Sheboygan over 33 years and is a Life Member of APWA and a Member of the ASCE. During his tenure, he has been instrumental in the

transformation of the public works department in leading the reorganization and modernization of every aspect within the department and overall improvement of infrastructure. Some highlights include:

- Development of the storm-water utility and the City SWMP
- Coordinated public and private service emergency response of flood clean-up and \$20 million infrastructure investment to alleviate future flooding risks
- Instrumental in several upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant
- Construction manager for the City of Sheboygan City Hall renovation

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**Service Awards** (Cont.'d from page 3)

■ And an endless list of community service!  
 David was recognized by the Wisconsin Chapter in 2020 with the William J. Rheinfrank Award for his far

reaching, positive impact on public works programs, services and policies.  
 Congratulations David!

**John W. Curtis Award**

**Mary Dzewiontkoski**, Project Programming Manager for the City of Milwaukee, is the recipient of the John W. Curtis Chapter Service Award. This award recognizes outstanding individual achievement through Chapter activity and service to the Chapter while supporting the Association's strategic plan, goals, and objectives.

Mary joined APWA in 2006 and volunteered to be on the Transportation Committee, eventually becoming the Chairperson. In 2012, Mary participated on the local committee for the National Snow Conference which was held in



*Mary Dzewiontkowski*

Milwaukee. She became the Secretary of the Wisconsin Section in 2014 and was very involved in the 2014 Spring Conference that was held in Milwaukee.

She rose through the officer ranks of Director, Vice President, President Elect, President and then Past President. Currently she serves as Chair of the Newsletter Committee

She has been active in many conferences and supports the APWA Wisconsin Chapter by participating in many of the Chapter's activities, including the golf outing, ice fishing, and Future Cities competition.

Congratulations Mary!

**William J. Rheinfrank Award**

**Howard Crofoot**, Director of Public Works for the City of Platteville, is the recipient of the William J. Rheinfrank Award. This award recognizes a person or organization that has had a far-reaching, positive impact on public works programs, services, or policies through distinguished public service and commitment to their community and the State of Wisconsin.

Howard has been a member of the Wisconsin Chapter of APWA since 1997. He is currently the DPW for the City of Platteville and has held that position since 1996. Prior to becoming the DPW at Platteville, Howard was a U.S. Army Engineer officer and retired as a Major. His accomplishments are many and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Coordination of the public works response to two tornados that struck Platteville
- Successful coordination with a local non-profit organization to do fundraising and grant writing



*Howard Crofoot*

for a 3-mile, multi-use pedestrian/bike trail along the Rountree Branch in Platteville;

- Expanded the city public transportation system to include the UW-Platteville shuttle bus service;
- City liaison for a public-private partnership to construct a combination hotel/library;
- At the 2018 conference he made a presentation on Polymer modified asphalt used for thin overlays;
- Howard has been a guest lecturer and "client" for the UW Platteville Senior Civil Engineering Design capstone projects for the last 24 years.

Howard is involved in the Platteville Optimist Club and the Southern Wisconsin District of Optimist International and held numerous offices in both organizations. He has won the Legion of Merit Award for service in the Army; Volunteer of the Year for the Platteville Optimist Club, and other awards from Optimist International.

Congratulations Howard!



## Awards Committee

# Wisconsin Chapter Recognizes Outstanding Public Works Projects

By Tim Barbeau, Chair, Awards Committee; Sr. Project Manager, raSmith



*Completed bridge over the Rock River, Janesville.*

## West Milwaukee Street Bridge Over the Rock River in Janesville

**Managing Agency:** City of Janesville  
**Primary Consultant:** MSA Professional Services  
**Primary Contractor:** Zenith Tech, Inc.

**T**he bridge spans the Rock River and connects two important historical districts of Janesville. The bridge was originally built in 1913 and was showing its age.

The goal of the project was to maximize safety, endure the fluctuating nature of the Rock River and pay homage to the historic aesthetic and legacy of the community. The design of the new bridge mirrored the original four-span spandrel, sand-filled, arch structure, but included two additional travel lanes and accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- The design retained a portion of the original 1913 foundation piers under the water level. This resulted in minimal disturbance to the river bottom.
- Instead of a causeway being built for easy access of machinery and materials, all equipment and materials were floated in on barges.
- The City, through a public-private partnership wanted to add decorative underdeck lighting and an innovative speaker system to the bridge after construction. The design and construction was done such that these items could be added post-construction without taking away from the historic appearance of the new structure.

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**Project Awards** (Cont.'d from page 5)



*Construction staging for water main installation, Racine Water Utility, Mount Pleasant.*

**Mount Pleasant TID No. 5 and Environs Water Project**

**Managing Agency:** Racine Water and Wastewater Utility  
**Primary Consultant:** Ruekert & Mielke  
**Primary Contractor:** Globe Contractors

**R**acine Water and wastewater utility expanded the water distribution network to provide an average of 5.8 mgd for the approximate 20 million square feet of new manufacturing space in the Village of Mount Pleasant. The project included two pumping stations, a new elevated storage tank, and 34 miles of 12” to 48” water main. The design for a project of this size would normally be a minimum of one year; however, the design was accomplished in two months. Success factors included early, open communication with all stakeholders; early engagement with all permitting entities, and

holding frequent public information meetings.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- Incorporating the allowance of a variety of materials into the design. By not committing to a proprietary pipe type, the team was able to broaden the selection of affordable materials during construction.
- All contracts included a \$100,000 contingency to address problems and unknowns during construction since the construction was on a fast track.
- The overall project was divided into numerous smaller projects to make it more manageable for a larger number of bidders.

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**Project Awards** (Cont.'d from page 6)



*Aerial view of completed intersection improvements Superior Street and LaCrosse Street, Wisconsin Dells.*

## **Superior Street and LaCrosse Street Reconstruction, City of Wisconsin Dells**

**Managing Agency:** City of Wisconsin Dells  
**Primary Consultant:** MSA Professional Services  
**Primary Contractor:** Gerke Excavating

**S**uperior Street and LaCrosse Street is a critical intersection in Wisconsin Dells. After putting the project off for years, the City realized that they needed to address safety and traffic congestion concerns that kept increasing. The intersection was in a great state of disrepair. The intersection accommodated incoming and outbound streets as well as an adjacent alley way. This was a challenging, five-legged intersection configuration controlled by a combination of stop and yield signs, with an unusual non-90 degree skew that made navigating challenging. The solution chosen was a mini-roundabout.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- All concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter and asphalt were reclaimed, taken to the City yard and crushed using a portable crushing operation; then screened and blended to use as roadway base course.
- Permeable pavers were used in various locations to optimize stormwater infiltration.
- Environmental, historical and archaeological preservation is important in Wisconsin Dells and every project raises the potential for un-earthing something of historical significance. Such a site within the project was identified during the design, so the City hired a certified archeologist to monitor excavation activities on a daily basis.

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**Project Awards** (Cont.'d from page 7)



*North-South portion of Hidden Lake Trail, Brookfield.*

**Hidden Lake Greenway Trail, City of Brookfield**

**Managing Agency:** City of Brookfield  
**Primary Consultant:** raSmith  
**Primary Contractor:** Blaze Landscape Contractors

**T**he vision of the former Parks, Recreation and Forestry Director in Brookfield was to provide a trail link between the central part of Brookfield and the east side. He desired to have it located along the southern rim of a former quarry, hidden amongst an undisturbed forested area that would not only provide the link, but showcase beautiful vistas of the lake. The land was privately owned and the rim of the quarry was approximately 75 feet above the water. His vision was made clear when he walked the path he wanted and had the route identified by GPS. The project entailed grading

the path and balancing the earthwork, filling in a portion of the lake in order to reduce the steepness of the land between the path and the lake and substantial erosion control measures to stabilize the slopes.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- Since the lake was hidden, many residents didn't know it was there and became curious when construction began. The use of signage and orange safety fencing was required to keep people away from the work area and the steep slopes.
- Many trees and the natural landscape were left undisturbed. The trail was laid out to minimize removal of large oak trees and other features. Small wooden bridges were used to avoid wetland disturbance.
- Lookout areas were created that were handicap-accessible. ↗



## Young Professionals Committee



Public Works  
Trivia Night

The Wisconsin & New England Chapters Present:

## Wisconsin APWA Young Professionals Announce National Trivia Night in July

By Kamron Nash, Committee Chair; Director of Public Works, Village of Summit

The Wisconsin and New England Chapter Young Professional Committees have joined forces to host a National YP Trivia Night. Event invitations are extended to anyone within the APWA YP Network, including YPs from any of APWA's 63 chapters in the U.S. and Canada, APWA international partnership organizations, and any other non-member YPs who take part in APWA events. The virtual event is scheduled for Thursday, July 29, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Individuals are welcome to sign up for the challenge, but Chapter YP committees and groups are encouraged to "officially" participate. Interested Chapters are asked to do the following:

- Rally your Chapter YPs and register everyone at the event link, which is hosted on the Wisconsin APWA website: <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/26119>. Which Chapter will have the biggest turnout?
- Provide five trivia questions no later than July 15. At least two questions should be specific to your YP group or Chapter, and the remaining questions may be anything appropriate to your geography, work, region...ingenuity is welcome! Email questions to Eric Dundee at [ericd@madsewer.org](mailto:ericd@madsewer.org).
- Bring your game face! Show off your trivia skills, represent your Chapter with pride, and win great prizes while you're at it. Chapters can demonstrate spirit by dressing up in regional attire, color coordinate outfits, or put together the wackiest ensemble. Let everyone know where you're from!

The event will be hosted on the Kahoot! platform. Participants will need to be able to connect to GoToMeeting, as well as have a separate browser open for the trivia game. Separate devices may be used for each, or you can do it all on a desktop or laptop.

Chapters, committees, agencies, or companies that would like to donate prizes for the event are encouraged to contact **Frank Marinaccio**, Chair of the New England Chapter YP Committee, at [fmarinaccio@beta-inc.com](mailto:fmarinaccio@beta-inc.com). Those who do so will be recognized during the event, and prizes may be for any "challenge" that you would like to offer. Highest trivia scores, team or chapter outfits, highest Chapter turnout... be creative!

The Wisconsin and New England Chapter YP Committees would like to give special thanks to ADS for sponsoring the event, as well as **Jake Brunoehler** (Wisconsin Chapter) and **Cate Thompson** (Florida Chapter) for hosting and emceeing.

Questions regarding the YP National Trivia Night may be directed to Kamron Nash, Chair of the Wisconsin Chapter YP Committee, at [pwdirector@summitvillage.org](mailto:pwdirector@summitvillage.org).



## Fishing Charter Lands Four Big Ones off Port Washington Coast

By Nathan Wachtendonk, Fleet Manager, City of Green Bay



*Jacob Brunoehler (ADS Pipe) with his catch.*

The Third Annual Wisconsin APWA Salmon Fishing Extravaganza took place on Thursday, June 17. Our brave anglers left Port Washington at 1:00 p.m., facing waves of 3 feet-5 feet and what was reported to be a “slow bite” day from the morning trips.

But that did not deter their spirits. The boat captain took the adventurers out to 130 feet, where they spent the next five hours chasing salmon and lake trout. It didn’t take long for the first bite, when a nice catch was taken aboard, followed by another shortly after.

After what seemed like hours of no bites, two lake trout were caught back to back, which turned out to be the last fish caught for the afternoon.

The boat returned to port just before a light thunderstorm was about to blow in.

In all, the trip was a success. Four nice fish were caught and good conversation among the group took place.

We are looking forward to next year’s event. Details and registration will be coming in the Spring of 2022.

Special thanks to Nicky Boy Charters and boat captain “Red,” who got us fish during a “tough bite.”

## 2021 Fall Conference: Get Ready to Mingle (Again!)

By Scott Brandmeier, Conference Chair

The Fall 2021 Conference will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Milwaukee North Shore in Brown Deer, **Nov. 3 through 5**, and will be hosted by the North Shore Communities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay.

We are hoping for a great turnout in our first in-person/hybrid event since the Fall 2019 Conference. On Wednesday, technical tours are lined up for TAPCO and Badger Meter and golfing (weather permitting) at Brown Deer Park. Wednesday morning, Wisconsin Salt Wise will be holding an open house/

calibration demo at Brown Deer’s new DPW facility. The Get Acquainted Party will be held Wednesday evening at the Bavarian Bierhaus.

Thursday and Friday will be full of education sessions. Thursday’s dinner and entertainment will be held at Village Bowl in Menomonee Falls—a short 15-minute ride (buses will be available) from the hotel. After the Thursday dinner, guests will be able to enjoy a couple of games of bowling where each team and contestant will be competing for door prizes. More details on the format will be coming as we get closer to the event.





# Public Works Classes Offered by UW-Madison Transportation Information Center (TIC)

By Ben Jordan, Director, Wisconsin Transportation Information Center

**T**hese public works supervision and management classes will provide you and your organization an opportunity to:

- Build a more effective management team;
- Enhance supervision skills and management practices;
- Prepare staff to grow in their career and take on new responsibilities.

Classes lead to two public works certificates offered in cooperation with the Wisconsin Chapter of APWA; the Public Works Supervisory Academy (PWSA) certificate, composed of nine, one-day classes (54 class hours in total), and the Public Works Management Institute (PWMI)

certificate, composed of 15 classes (90 class hours in total), including the nine courses in PWSA, plus an additional 36 class hours in five courses that focus on more advanced management-oriented courses. The PWMI certificate is recognized by National APWA as meeting requirements for Leadership Excellence in Public Works.

You may enroll in individual classes without enrolling in the Academy or Institute. Academy and Institute classes may be taken in any order, except that the PWMI certificate requires a Capstone course that must be taken as the last class in the series.

No academic experience is

required to participate in either program. Each class is normally offered at least once each year. In fall 2021, all classes are being offered online except for Municipal Engineering Fundamentals which will be in-person in Madison.

For additional PWSA & PWMI information, go to:

[epd.wisc.edu/tic/public-works-certificates/public-works-supervisory-academy](http://epd.wisc.edu/tic/public-works-certificates/public-works-supervisory-academy)  
and  
[epd.wisc.edu/tic/public-works-certificates/public-works-management-institute-certificate](http://epd.wisc.edu/tic/public-works-certificates/public-works-management-institute-certificate)

You can register for currently scheduled classes at:

[epd.wisc.edu/tic/workshops](http://epd.wisc.edu/tic/workshops)

## Leadership Skills for Supervisors

September 14, 15, # 17, 2021  
(three 2-hour sessions, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. each day) – Online

**Instructor: Jeff Russell**

Explore the value of “situational leadership” to your effectiveness and learn how to develop a coaching relationship with frontline employees. You will also learn how to establish great performance expectations for your team, delegate work to others, and create an environment where employees are motivated. (PWSA)

## Advanced Communication Skills

September 23 & 30, 2021 (two 3-hour sessions, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day) – Online

**Instructor: Dave Hutton**

Learn or refresh the skills you need to successfully communicate with others. After completing this course, you will be more effective in one-on-one conversations, at leadership meetings, developing and making formal presentations, and in relationships with the media. (PWMI)

## Purchasing and Inventory Control

October 5 & 7, 2021 (two 3-hour sessions, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day) – Online

**Instructor: Mike Daun**

Examine purchasing practices and inventory control measures to promote savings and operational effectiveness. Learn straightforward approaches to capital expenditures. Identify Wisconsin laws that govern contracting and purchasing. Discuss

common purchasing errors, and to how correct them. (PWSAI)

## Fundamentals of Public Works Operations

October 12, 14, 26 & 27, 2021  
(four 3-hour sessions, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day) – Online

**Instructor: Ben Jordan**

Focus on managing the range of services in a public works department, including current operational issues. Each student will make a short presentation and lead a discussion on a relevant Public Works operations topic that they identify during the course. (PWMI)

## Human Resources (HR) Basics for Non-HR Professionals (offered in partnership with UW-Madison Small Business)

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From left to right: Erin Salmon, pictured with Pardeeville Village President Phillip Possehl presenting the certificate. Pictured on the left is City of Platteville's Street Superintendent Nick Seng and on the right Assistant Street Superintendent Jason Genthe. Brian Knapp, Street Supervisor, City of Waukesha.

## Four PWMI Students Receive Graduation Certificates

By Ben Jordan, Director, Wisconsin Transportation Information Center

**C**ongratulations to the PWMI participants who graduated in January!

- Jason Genthe, Assistant Street Superintendent, City of Platteville
- Brian Knapp, Street Supervisor, City of

Waukesha.

- Erin Salmon, Administrator/Director of Public Works, Village of Pardeeville.
- Nick Seng, Street Superintendent, City of Platteville.

### PWSA/PWMI Courses (Cont.'d from page 11)

#### Development Center, alternate course for PWSA)

October 18 & 19, 2021 (8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. each day) – Online

Instructor: Karen Bender

Learn the laws most often violated (unknowingly) and provide information on how to prevent those violations and focus on common issues encountered when dealing with employees.

#### Management Assessment for Personal Planning Assessment (offered in partnership with the Division of Continuing Studies)

October 22, 2021 (9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.) – Online

Instructor: Avrie Schott

Learn how your own style compares with other managers' and your agency goals. Discover strategies to build on your identified strengths and address limitations. Register two weeks before the course to be able to complete a self-assessment before class. (PWSA)

#### Municipal Engineering Fundamentals for Non-Engineers

November 9-10, 2021 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day) – In-Person at the Madison Concourse Hotel

Instructors: David Barber and Ben Jordan

Learn about basic engineering concepts and methods used by public works engi-

neers to design, construct, operate, and maintain municipal infrastructure. (PWMI)

#### Local Government Fundamentals

November 16 & 17, 2021 (two 3-hour sessions, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. each day) – Online

Instructors: Bryan Gadow and Ben Jordan

Take this course and learn about the state's relationship with local government and why these relationships are beneficial so that you can make sound decisions. Examine how you can ensure that the work you are doing is not only ethical, but also follows current public standards of conduct. (PWSA).



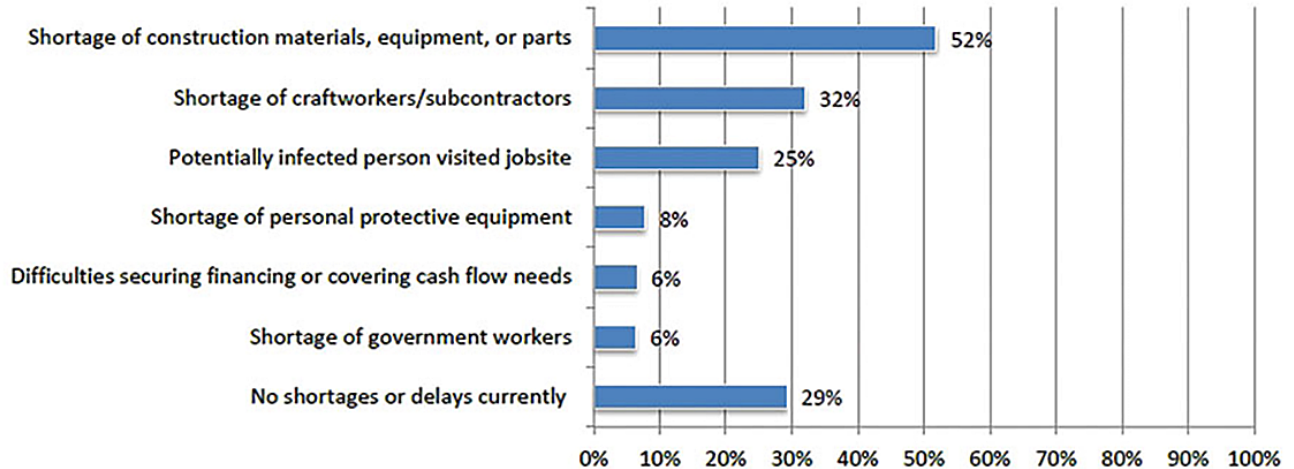
# What’s Behind the Materials Price Spikes?

By Nancy Cavanaugh, Editor, Wisconsin Chapter Newsletter

## AGC Coronavirus Survey National Results (Feb 19- Mar 4, 2021)

Total Responses: 1489. Responses varied for some questions. Percentages are based on responses to each question and may not sum to 100 due to rounding.

### 1. Are you currently experiencing any project delays or disruptions due to the following (mark all that apply):



Graph courtesy of AGC of America.

If you’re involved in materials procurement or project logistics, you are probably already aware of the many delays undermining public works project demands since the beginning of 2021.

According to a March 24 Construction Cost Report published by the *Engineering News-Record*, “escalating materials costs and lengthening delivery times are making life difficult for contractors and their customers.” In a March 12 survey, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 52% of their respondents

*experienced delays due to shortages of materials, parts or equipment [italics added by editor].*

In particular, high-priced materials include lumber, steel joists, insulation, stainless steel, and PVC piping.

The two root causes of supply line disruptions are: 1) tariffs currently in place on key materials; and 2) container and trucking shortages across the country.

As such, project managers and budget officials should plan on projects that will cost more and have longer—perhaps uncertain—completion times.

## News from National

### Wisconsin Chapter Receives PACE Award 16th Year in a Row

By Bob Givens, Wisconsin Chapter President; Westwood Infrastructure

On June 28, 2021, the Wisconsin Chapter was informed by APWA President Mary Joyce Ivers that it was selected as a recipient of the 2021 Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE).

This is the 16th year in a row that the Wisconsin Chapter has won the award. Being recognized for this award means the Chapter excelled in total membership, service to the Chapter, advancement of public

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## Education & Scholarship Committee

### 2021 Scholarship Opportunities

*By Cory Horton, Chair, Education & Scholarship Committee*

**P**ublic Works Directors and Engineers: This is the time of year when your Public Works and Engineering Departments are hiring summer interns. Take a look at the resumes of your top candidates to see if any of the students you are hiring are eligible to apply for scholarships at the end of the summer. The students must be juniors or seniors in standing enrolled full time in an accredited bachelor's degree program or a second year student in an accredited associate's degree program and maintain at least a 3.0 average on 4.0 GPA scale. The students also must receive a letter of recommendation/sponsorship from an active APWA member.

The majors include civil or environmental engineering, public administration, public works management, diesel and heavy equipment management, mechanics, GIS, or surveying. There are scholarships for both bachelor's and associate degree candidates. Applications are due **August 13, 2021** and we are accepting email applications.

The application and additional details can be found at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/PageDetails/7478>.

Contact **Cory Horton** with any additional questions at [cory.horton@rasmith.com](mailto:cory.horton@rasmith.com) or (608) 421-5310.

#### **President's Comments** *(Cont.'d from page 1)*

Many of us recall early March 2020—the media consciousness of COVID-19 was ramping up and all we heard for the longest time was “two weeks to flatten the curve.” Less than two weeks later, in mid-March, we were exchanging e-mails with our colleagues discussing the various travel and meeting restrictions that would extend much longer than two weeks (who would have thought it would have extended over a year?). And, while debate raged over “essential employees,” most of us entered a mode we are all too familiar with—emergency preparedness and response. We started evaluating our daily operations and focused on those that absolutely needed to be performed daily and those that could take a back seat should our staff be decimated by COVID-19. Provide safe drinking water? Definitely. Collect garbage? You bet. Regrade a ditch to provide better stormwater flow? Maybe, if time permitted.

Basically, the pandemic highlighted the fact that, no matter the circumstances, public works employees really are extremely essential. This isn't meant to discount any other profession; rather, ask yourself how you responded during the pandemic. As with most emergencies that arise (floods, storms, snow events, water main breaks, etc.), all of us know how to adapt, adjust and respond and that is a testament to all of your hard work and dedication. There is just some-

thing unique about the fine folks in public works and engineering—if you give us a problem, we're bound to have a solution.

Add to that the fact that, in DPW, we basically have a plan for virtually everything and our staff knows how to respond instinctively. From my perspective, public works professionals never missed a beat—we kept our heads down, never complained, and did our jobs. We didn't look for accolades, “special recognition,” or praise from anyone.

The pandemic also highlighted one other aspect that may have been silently lurking in our backgrounds: perhaps engineers aren't as introverted as the Dilbert jokes make us out to be. Many, if not most, of us missed the in-person, face-to-face contact and meetings and relished the opportunity to return to work to be around our coworkers and colleagues.

During the coming year, as life approaches pre-pandemic normalcy, I encourage you to do what you do best: your job—no politics, no controversy, no nonsense—bettering the lives of everyone in our communities. Use this time to get to know your colleague, coworker, neighbor and residents better—they likely have some very interesting stories to tell that we missed out over the last year. And, for all that you've done over the last year, thank you for your dedication and service.



## Fleet Services Committee

# 31st Annual APWA Wisconsin Snow Plow Roadeo & Equipment Show September 8-9, 2021

By Jay Getka, Fleet Services Committee Chair & Snowplow Roadeo Coordinator

The 31st Annual APWA-Wisconsin Snow Plow Roadeo & Equipment Show is quickly approaching and will be held on September 8-9. This will be the 16th consecutive year the competition will be held at the home of the Green Bay Packers, Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. The Roadeo driving course will take place at Lambeau Field with the Equipment Show, lunch and Disable Vehicle testing being held at Stadium View Bar and Grille.

Social distancing will be adhered to per local guidelines and hand sanitizing stations will be provided for use around the event.

### Drivers

Single-person teams will be tested on their knowledge of vehicle safety and operations, mechanical knowledge of snowplow equipment, and their driving ability, while navigating through an obstacle course. The top two drivers will lay claim to the prestige of knowing they are the "Top Dogs" of snowplowing in Wisconsin and will go on to compete in the National Snow Plow Rodeo at the Western Snow & Ice Conference in Loveland, Col. Travel Expenses up to \$1,150 per driver will be paid for by the Wisconsin Chapter APWA. Cost to drive in the Wisconsin Roadeo event is \$35 per driver, which includes lunch and Green Bay Packer hat and T-shirt.

Parking, registration/check-in, vendor tables, equipment and awards will be held at the Stadium View Bar and Grille.

### Director's Cup

Back for another year will be a friendly driving competition for Directors and Department Heads to test their driving skills for bragging rights of being the best snowplow driver "Boss" and to proudly display the traveling Director's Cup trophy for an entire year. This event is free and open to all Directors and Department Heads; no previous plowing experience necessary.

### Equipment Show and Lunch

Come and enjoy the Equipment Show at the Stadium View Bar and Grille with over 30 vendors featuring state-of-the-art equipment and products geared towards Public Works. Cost for the Equipment Show and lunch is \$15, which also includes a Snowplow Roadeo hat.

### Vendors

We are extending an invitation to all Vendors and Manufacturers to display their vehicles and equipment at the Stadium View Bar and Grille to help us sponsor this year's event. As a Vendor or Sponsor, you will be helping to make this year's event unforgettable for all participants.

### Snowplow Roadeo Display Booths

- 60 ft. by 120 ft. display area – \$625.00 fee
- 30 ft. by 60 ft. display area – \$450.00 fee
- 10 ft. by 10 ft. display area (under the tent) – \$325.00 fee

### Judges/Volunteers

If you don't want to drive, opportunities to participate include judging, set-up and take-down, and event day volunteering. The event is in need of 40 judges and 10 volunteers. Judges and volunteers receive a T-shirt, lunch, and Roadeo hat. Please contact any committee member to get involved!

We hope to count on your participation as plans are finalized for this year's event. Registration for the Roadeo can be found on the Wisconsin APWA website at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/26379> or please return the form(s) (see pages 18-19) with a check to: APWA Snowplow Roadeo, 3725 65th Street, Kenosha, WI 53142 by **August 31, 2021**. Contact **Jay Getka**, phone (262) 653-4079, or email [jgetka@kenosha.org](mailto:jgetka@kenosha.org) with any questions or for more details.



## APWA-Wisconsin Chapter MOVE4BGC Team

By William Dunlop

**T**e are trying to repeat last year's outstanding effort by the APWA Wisconsin Chapter MOVE4BGC team. For the seventh consecutive year, the Chapter team will support youth in our communities and the great community by participating in the MOVE4BGC ride/run/walk event held July 17. Funds raised help to support communities in many ways—especially in developing at-risk youth. **This year we are in desperate need of volunteers and donors.**

The event is both an in-person and virtual event, where participants log their miles. Last year, the Chapter team finished second in the number of miles logged of all the teams, with almost 20% of the total miles. The three-member team with

participants ranging in age from 8 to 66 old biked, ran and walked to raise \$2,508 for the Boys and Girls Club. This is the largest amount of all our previous years of supporting the event and had the Chapter team place ninth out of 31 teams that participated. **We want to exceed this effort now that we are out of many of the COVID-90 restrictions.**

Please register to volunteer or donate to this opportunity to support the communities we serve in so many ways.

The team website is: <https://www.classy.org/team/353375>

Information on the event can be found at: <https://www.classy.org/event/move4bgc-2021/e443641>.



### **PACE Award** (Cont.'d from page 13)

works and sustainability, service to the community, and Chapter best practices.

The award is a reflection of the dedication to excellence displayed by our Chapter and the involvement of our Chapter members in various activities promoting public works within the industry as well as to the public.

The Awards Committee is very interested in learning about your community events and involvement in public works outreach for our 2022 award application.

Congratulations to all of you for making the Wisconsin Chapter a 16-year winner of this prestigious award.





# 2021 APWA Wisconsin Chapter Sponsorship Program

By Eric Dundee, Wisconsin Chapter President Elect; Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

The Wisconsin APWA Chapter's Sponsorship Program was initiated in 2002 and is a key funding source for the Chapter.

Thank you to our past sponsors.

The Wisconsin Chapter offers many educational opportunities and networking activities. All opportunities and events can be found on our website, [wisconsin.apwa.net](http://wisconsin.apwa.net).

Some highlights include:

- Excellent Spring and Fall **Public Works Conferences**

- Annual **winter and summer events**
- The annual **Snowplow Roadeo**
- Regular sponsor and vendor **Lunch N Learns**
- **Periodic special educational symposiums** and training events
- An active **educational scholarship program**
- **Young Professional** events
- And more!

We need your time, talent and contributions to continue improving these events. Please consider these sponsorship opportunities:

Item or Activity	Cost	Acknowledgment or Recognition
<b>Annual Chapter Sponsor</b>	\$1,000/year	Sponsorship of all chapter events, including all the benefits of conference sponsorship; website exposure for the entire year and use of the website employment section for position postings.
<b>Conference Sponsorship</b> (Spring Conference, Fall Conference)	\$500/event	Poster display at conference as an event sponsor, conference program and website acknowledgment for two months after the conference.
<b>Roadeo Sponsor</b>	Various	Includes poster display at the roadeo as an event sponsor; roadeo program and website acknowledgement for two months after the Roadeo. Other sponsorship opportunities available on sponsorship enrollment form.
<b>Summer Outing Sponsor</b>	Various	Includes recognition at the event (sponsor boards, cart flyer) along with recognition on the event web page. Summer event sponsor also includes one-hole sponsorship. Other opportunities available on sponsorship enrollment form.

**Special Events** (YP events, Chapter Dinner at PWSA, etc.) Event specific Recognition at Chapter Dinner event.

*Although this program is designed in accordance with current IRS regulations for charitable contributions, sponsors are advised to confirm the taxable status of their contribution. The Chapter will not recognize contributions in the newsletter and does not offer newsletter advertising.*

For a sponsorship application form, visit <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/PageDetails/8159>.

In addition to the sponsorship opportunities, the Chapter sells exhibit space at the Spring Conference. For more information on the 2022

Appleton Conference vendor space, contact the vendor committee chair, **Theo Taylor** at [Theo.Taylor@ads-pipe.com](mailto:Theo.Taylor@ads-pipe.com), or the conference planning chair **Eric Dundee** at [ericd@madsewer.org](mailto:ericd@madsewer.org).

# 31st Annual APWA Wisconsin Snow Plow Roadeo & Equipment Show September 8-9, 2021 Lambeau Field–Stadium View Bar & Grille, Green Bay, Wisconsin

**Vendor:**  
Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one of the following:

- 10 ft. x 10 ft. display area (under tent) = \$325.00
- 30 ft. x 60 ft. display area = \$450.00
- 60 ft. x 120 ft. display area under tent = \$625.00

Set up on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please submit form with payment to: APWA Snowplow Roadeo, c/o City of Kenosha,  
3725 65th St., Kenosha, WI 3142.

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**Sponsor:**  
Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Sponsor-specific Snowplow Roadeo activities:  Hats  Donuts  Roadeo Lunch  
 Beverages  Other  (Contact Jay Getka 262-653-4079)
- Monetary gift included: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please submit form with payment to: APWA Snowplow Roadeo c/o City of Kenosha,  
3725 65th St., Kenosha, WI 53142.





# 31st Annual APWA Wisconsin Snow Plow Roadeo & Equipment Show

September 8-9, 2021

Lambeau Field–Stadium View, Green Bay, Wisconsin



### Wednesday, September 8

Equipment Show Social Hour from 4:00–6:00 p.m. (Stadium View) | Sponsored by Autocar Truck  
Come and enjoy social hour with over 30 vendors featuring state-of-the-art equipment and products geared towards Public Works. The social hour is free and will include drinks and snacks.

Equipment Show 7:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (Stadium View parking lot)

Come and enjoy the equipment show with over 30 vendors, featuring state-of-the-art equipment and products geared towards Public Works.

### Thursday, September 9

Snow Plow Roadeo Drivers – 7:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. (Stadium View and Lambeau Field)  
Individuals will be tested on their knowledge of vehicle safety and operations, mechanical knowledge of snowplow equipment, and their driving ability while navigating through an obstacle course. The top two drivers will lay claim the prestige of knowing they are the top dogs of snowplowing in Wisconsin and go on to compete in the National Snow Plow Roadeo in Loveland, Col. Travel expenses paid for by the Wisconsin Chapter APWA.

Tailgate Lunch 12:00 p.m. (Stadium View)

A buffet-style lunch will be served at Stadium View Bar & Grille, 1963 Holmgren Way, Green Bay at noon.

If you don't want to drive...opportunities to participate include setup/takedown, and event judging...*so get involved!* Events details can be found online at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/26379> or contact Jay Getka at (202) 653-4079.

Accommodations can be made with the Tundra Lodge Resort, located at 865 Lombardi Avenue in Green Bay at (877) 886-3725. Ask for a room from the Snow Plow Roadeo guest room block.

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**Driver Registration Information: (please fill out completely)**

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant #1: \_\_\_\_\_  Driver w/lunch @ \$35  Director's Cup only  
 DL #: \_\_\_\_\_  Lunch and show only @ \$15

Participant #2: \_\_\_\_\_  Driver w/lunch @ \$35  Director's Cup only  
 DL #: \_\_\_\_\_  Lunch and show only @ \$15

Participant #3: \_\_\_\_\_  Driver w/lunch @ \$35  Director's Cup only  
 DL #: \_\_\_\_\_  Lunch and show only

Check amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to APWA Snowplow Roadeo)

Please submit form with payment to: APWA Snowplow Roadeo c/o City Kenosha,  
 3725 65th St., Kenosha, WI 53142.

**Summer Golf Outing** (Cont.'d from page 1)

jean shorts, cut-off shorts or oversized cargo shorts!

Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

The “alternate” event for those who don’t golf is a paddle event on the Milwaukee River. Participants are encouraged to provide their own boats and gear. Cost is \$15 for the event, going directly to the fundraiser. You can register on the Chapter website or via the link below. Please contact **Nathan Wachtendonk** at [Nathan.Wachtendonk@greenbaywi.gov](mailto:Nathan.Wachtendonk@greenbaywi.gov) if you are planning to attend the event so he can coordinate with the group.

If you can’t attend this year’s summer outing, there is a registration option to donate to the scholarship fund. Using the link above, Click the green “Register Now” button on <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/26044> and select “Myself.” From this

screen, you can select Scholarship Donation. It is set up as a \$5 item, but you can increase the quantity if you wish to donate more. For example, you would enter a quantity of “5” to donate \$25.

As a fundraiser, all money raised through event registration, sponsorships and donations go directly to the Wisconsin Chapter scholarship fund. The Event Committee would like to thank the sponsors (listed on the event webpage) who have already committed to this great event, and we welcome anyone else who wants to sponsor this year’s outing.

If you have any questions about the registration, please contact **Aaron Jahncke** at [aaron.jahncke@portagewi.gov](mailto:aaron.jahncke@portagewi.gov) and if you have any questions about sponsorship please contact **Theo Taylor** at [Theo.Taylor@ads-pipe.com](mailto:Theo.Taylor@ads-pipe.com).

## 2021-2022 CALENDAR

### 2021

July 14	Summer Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser	The Bog, Saukville	Aaron Jahncke
July 17	MOVE4BGC Bike Ride Boys & Girls Club-Dane County	McKee Farms Park, Fitchburg	William Dunlop
Aug. 10	Lunch N Learn	Topic: TBD	Aaron Jahncke
Sept. 8-9	Snowplow Roadeo	Lambeau Field, Green Bay	Jay Getka
Sept. 15	Lunch N Learn	Ennis Flint Pavement Markings/Sherwin Industries	Aaron Jahncke
Oct. 12	Lunch N Learn	Topic: TBD	Aaron Jahncke
Nov. 3-5	Fall Conference Milwaukee North Shore Communities	Four Points by Sheraton Milwaukee North Shore	Scott Brandmeier & North Shore Group
Nov. 10	Lunch N Learn	Crafco Pavement Preservation/Sherwin Industries	Aaron Jahncke
Dec. 14	Lunch N Learn	Topic: TBD	Aaron Jahncke

### 2022

May 4-6	Spring Conference	Fox Cities Exhibition Center Appleton, WI	Eric Dundee
TBD	Fall Conference	Wisconsin Rapids	Eric Dundee

### 2023

TBD	Spring Conference	Eau Claire/Altoona
TBD	Fall Conference	UW-Platteville

Please refer to the <http://wisconsin.apwa.net> website for more detailed program and registration information.