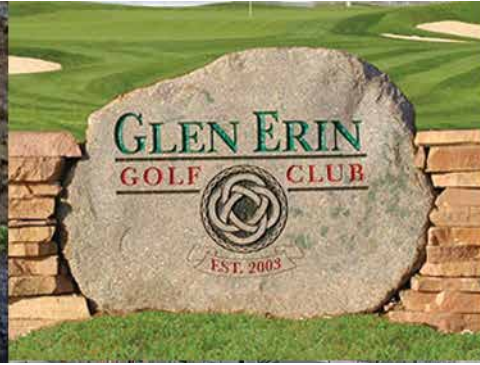




Wisconsin Chapter



The Glen Erin Golf Club is located just south of Janesville on Airport Road. Visit the website at <https://gleneringolf.com/contact> for directions.

Last Call!

The 12th Annual Summer Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser

Wednesday-July 13, 9:00 a.m. | Shotgun Start
Glen Erin Golf Course, Janesville, Wis.

<http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/28471>

By Aaron Jahnke, Village Engineer, Village of Waunakee

The 12th Annual Wisconsin Chapter Summer Golf Outing and Scholarship Fundraiser is coming soon! This year's event will include two options for a day of summer fun on Wednesday,

July 13. The "standard" event will be golfing at the Glen Erin Golf Course located in Janesville, Wis. Registration for golf is \$95 and includes 18 holes of golf with a

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- Chapter Awards Three Outstanding Service Individuals (page 5)
- Six Projects Capture Chapter Project Awards (page 7)

President's Comments



By Eric Dundee

First off, Hello! I am honored to be the Chapter president for the 2022-2023 year. APWA, and specifically

the Wisconsin Chapter, has provided me with so much opportunity and education since I joined in 2010 that serving as a Chapter leader seems like the least I can do to give back to an association that has given me so much.

Secondly, how lucky am I to serve my term as president with a reignited membership coming out of pandemic restrictions and preparing for the delivery of the bipartisan infrastructure package. Our Spring Conference in Appleton saw a record number of participants and I look forward to that trend continuing with our 2022 and 2023 events. As you read this newsletter, hopefully you are already aware of the Chapter's July social and fundraising events, like the salmon fishing outing, golf and paddle summer scholarship fundraising event, and co-hosted Brewers vs. Cubs

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Editor's Note

By Nancy Cavanaugh

Wisconsin Chapter: Great Traditions, Great People

For quite a few years, the July issue highlighted the people and events that make the Wisconsin Chapter one of the most successful in the country.

Traditional Events


Certain events in Chapter history are like the Duracell bunny—they just keep going and going. For example, how many of you can remember a time when there was no Snowplow Roadeo? No Summer Golf Outing? (I do, but only because I've been working on this newsletter for 35 years!)

Younger members have an advantage when they join because now there's a fresh, dynamic resource—the Young Professionals group. It not only introduces them

to traditional Chapter events, but uses social activities to encourage busy young people to mingle. Axe-throwing at the Spring Conference or the upcoming Brewers-Cubs game are two examples (page 18). Got an idea? Join the monthly teleconference call and let them know!

The Time-Honored Value of Awards

Each year the Chapter announces Service Awards (page 5) as well as outstanding Public Works Project Awards (page 7).

This year's awards were presented at the Spring Conference and are well worth reading about. They demonstrate Wisconsin-based public works knowledge and expertise at its very best. 

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ON THE COVER:

Banner images: Left: \$280 million has been approved by the legislature's budget committee for highway funding (page 13). Center: The 12th Annual Summer Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser is set for July 13 (page 1). Right: The 32nd Annual Snowplow Roadeo will be held August 9-10 at the Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton (page 3).



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Fleet Services Committee



32nd Annual APWA Wisconsin Snow Plow Roadeo & Equipment Show August 9-10, 2022 | wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/29232

New Venue: Fox Valley Technical College–Appleton Campus

By Tom Zemruski, Fleet Services Committee Chair & Snowplow Roadeo Coordinator

The Wisconsin Chapter is proud to announce the 32nd Annual APWA-Wisconsin Snow Plow Roadeo & Equipment Snow. With major construction taking place at Lambeau Field, we were not able to secure a large enough space to hold the driving course and equipment show there. After a search, a new location has been secured at the Fox Valley Technical College campus in Appleton (Grand Chute). With the location change and the need to work around the start of the Fall school semester, this year's Roadeo will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022. The cost per driver is \$40 and includes an official Roadeo hat, t-shirt and lunch.

Back By Popular Demand

Returning this year will be the **Winter Road Maintenance Supervisor Certificate** training offered the day before the Roadeo, **Tuesday, Aug. 9** at the Hilton Paper Valley Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This one-day program is intended for everyone involved in winter operations and will teach effective, efficient, equitable and environmentally

friendly snow and ice control practices. Deadline for registration is Monday, Aug. 1. The cost per attendee is \$75; combined participation in the Winter Road Maintenance Training and Roadeo is offered at a discounted rate of \$100 per attendee.

More information is available at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/29232> or by contacting **Nathan Wachtendonk** at nathan.wachtendonk@greenbaywi.gov.

For Drivers

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 to the prestige of knowing they are the "Top Dogs" of snowplowing in Wisconsin and will go on to compete in Loveland, Col. on Sept. 28-30, 2022. Registration and travel expenses up to \$1,500 per person will be paid for by the Wisconsin Chapter APWA.

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



The Glen Erin Golf Course Clubhouse.

cart, lunch, giveaways, and inclusion in the prize drawings. Please note that proper golf attire is required to participate in this event. Please, no jeans, t-shirts, jean shorts, cut-off shorts or oversized cargo shorts. Shotgun starts at 9:00 a.m.

The “alternate” event, for those who don’t golf, is a paddle event on the Rock 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 **Rick Eilertson** at rick.eilertson@aecom.com if you are planning to attend the event so he can coordinate the group.

Online Registration is now active at:
<http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/28471>.

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 “Register Now” at the top of the screen, 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 or sponsorships, please contact **Aaron Jahncke** at ajahncke@waunakee.com.

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

game outing with the Chicago Metro Chapter. If you weren’t aware of these activities, this is where I put a plug in for the Chapter’s website and specifically its Chapter calendar. Check it out and keep the webpage as a favorite for the best way to stay aware of chapter events.

For the year to come, the Chapter will be busy. The Executive Committee will be working to update the Chapter bylaws with membership approval at the 2022 Fall Conference, officially establishing a

Sustainability Committee to better align with the National organization and provide more opportunity for members to engage on that topic, and also looking to increase involvement in all of our committees. It is also planned for early 2023 to update the Chapter’s strategic plan.

Thank you for being members and supporters of the association and I look forward to serving the Chapter throughout my term.

Awards Committee

Chapter Recognizes Three Outstanding Public Works Professionals

By Eric Dundee, Wisconsin Chapter President,

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.

The recipient of this year's Outstanding New Member Impact Award is **Matt Wittum**, Highway Superintendent for the Town of Linn.

Although Matt is a relatively new member of APWA, he has shown through his work that he is committed to public works. He has published winter maintenance articles in numerous publications and has authored the book "Municipal Snow and Ice Control" published by



Matt Wittum

APWA. He has presented at the North American Snow and Ice

Conference and is an instructor for snow and ice operator certification classes. In three years, Matt has revamped the Town of Linn's snow and ice control practices. With his leading, the Town of Linn implemented the utilization of a homemade salt brine production and liquid blending system, anti-ice sprayers for pre-treatment of roads, and computer controlled distribution systems for materials to ensure proper quantities were being applied. Matt has presented at "Wednesday Webinars" education programs through the Salt Wise initiative; he has spoken at the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and is pursuing instruction of Salt Wise certification classes throughout the state.

Congratulations Matt!

John W. Curtis Award

This award recognizes outstanding individual achievement through Chapter activity and service to the Chapter while supporting APWA's strategic plan, goals, and objectives.

The recipient of this year's John W. Curtis Chapter Service Award is **Bob Givens**, Project Manager for Westwood Infrastructure, Inc.

Bob joined APWA approximately 20 years ago and has been attending Spring and Fall Conferences ever since. He has planned, coordinated, and chaired several of them. Bob has served as the Water Resource Committee chair, director, vice president, president elect and president. Now he serves on the Past Presidents'



Bob Givens

Committee and is an alternate delegate to the National APWA

organization.

Bob is a water resource service leader and has his master's in Civil and Environmental Engineering from UW-Madison. Bob is a professional engineer and professional hydrologist.

Bob is a Chicago Bears fan and is fascinated with history, including the birth of our nation and pre-Columbian civilizations. He has traveled to southern Mexico to almost 50 ancient ruin sites. Bob is also bilingual.

Bob served the Chapter through the pandemic and stayed on when the Chapter extended its election of officers to the Spring. He has served the Chapter well and for that we say congratulations Bob and thank you for your service.

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Service Awards (Cont. 'd from page 5)

William J. Rheinfrank Award

This award recognizes a person or organization who has provided a positive, far-reaching impact on public works programs, services, or policies through distinguished public service and commitment to their community and the State of Wisconsin.

The recipient of this year's William J. Rheinfrank Award is **Paula Vandehey**, Director of Public Works for the City of Appleton.

Paula's 35-year career has been spent largely in public service working for the City of Milwaukee and the City of Appleton. Paula joined the City of Appleton 1989, first as a staff engineer, then traffic and parking engineer, Assistant City Engineer, City Engineer, and as the Director of Public Works. Paula's accomplishments are too many to list, so following are some highlights—some typical public works activities and some atypical:

- Working with the Dept. of Justice to provide human trafficking training for all public works employees;
- Obtaining Bike Friendly Community Silver designation from the League of American Bicyclists;
- Working with Appleton's Diversity Coordinator to provide a Dignity and Respect pledge;
- Implementing an automatic recycling program for residential properties;
- Implementing a downtown mobility study;
- Developing wholesale water agreements with two



Paula Vandehey (retired)

- neighboring communities;
- Managing a diverse staff of 156 employees;
- Involvement in the revitalization of the downtown area, Southpoint Commerce Park and the US Venture Corporate Headquarters;
- Development of a formal career development plan for groups within the Dept. of Public Works.

Paula has been active in the Wisconsin Chapter of APWA and has shared her expertise with other professional organizations such as the American Planning Association and several local universities. Paula has presented on a variety of topics to a variety of organizations. She has been a guest lecturer for several classes. Topics she has

presented include, but are not limited to:

- "The Influence of the Arts on Community Development"
- "Public Works' Role in Creating an Active Community"
- Bicycling and Sustainable Cities
- "Appleton's Roundabout Journey"
- "The Softer Side of Public Works"

Paula's preference is to make a positive impact on the community without the fanfare or recognition. Paula's dedication to public works and to the City of Appleton has definitely provided a positive, far-reaching impact on public works programs, services, policies and people in the City and in the surrounding area. 🙌

Coming Soon

Lunch N Learn Program



The Lunch & Learn Program will likely start up again in August. The webinars will be scheduled the second Tuesday of the month from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Check the Chapter website calendar <<http://wisconsin.apwa.net/PageDetails/10777>> for updates and topics.

Chapter Dinner at PWX

Date: Tuesday, August 30
Location: Restaurant pending
Time: TBD

Come join us for the 2022 APWA PWX Chapter Dinner and Business Meeting in Charlotte, NC. For more information or to register, visit the Chapter website <http://wisconsin.apwa.net>.

Awards Committee

Wisconsin Chapter Recognizes Outstanding Public Works Projects

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



Left to right: David Stanke (Kraemer, North America); Scott Brandmeier (President, APWA Wisconsin Chapter); Paul Woodard (City of Janesville); Zach Simpson (Strand Associates, Inc.).



Janesville East Town Square Project

The City has embarked on a multi-year, multi-phased strategy to revitalize its downtown and ancillary corridors to improve the quality of life for its residents and attract and promote activity in the downtown area. In 2020 the East Town Square, located along the Rock River, was completed. The East Town Square included custom light fixtures, gateway features, a kiosk and pavilion similar to the west side. The roadway area is essentially a flexible use space—parking for local businesses that can be transformed into community space for events. The East Town Square has an activity deck to support outdoor exercise, a shaded plaza with tables to allow workers to be outside, and a gas fire pit.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- Repair and preservation of a river wall that was constructed in 1930.
- Substantial coordination for construction staging since the site was very tight and multiple construction operations had to share the space.
- Since the project was part of several other downtown projects, the City in a sense acted as the construction manager and was able to control the overall schedule and control costs effectively.

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Project Awards (Cont.'d from page 7)



Left to right: Scott Brandmeier (President, APWA Wisconsin Chapter); Jon Lindert (Strand Associates, Inc.); Unknown.

Ecological Restoration of Stormwater Infrastructure in UW Madison Arboretum, City of Madison

The Wisconsin DOA, Division of Facilities Development and UW Madison embarked on a 20-year ecological restoration of the Arboretum back in 2001. The restoration of the Curtis Prairie is considered the birthplace of ecological restoration when it was restored in 1935. The prairie is downstream of a 167-acre urban watershed that includes erosive flows from Madison’s West Beltline. The Curtis Pond restoration is the culmination of all the restoration projects conceived in 2001.

Elements of this project included access skirting around the Curtis Prairie, flume replacement, clay liner for groundwater protection, trenchless rehabilitation of a 36-inch CMP, restored stream crossing and native buffer restoration.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- Incorporating a pretreatment pond via a sand and trash collector.
- Using temporary clean access mats to guard against invasive species entering the project site.
- Incorporating environmentally sensitive specifications into the construction documents to address air quality, comprehensive erosion control, dewatering, deep tilling for compaction mitigation, and provisions for stable by-pass flows during storm events.

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Project Awards (Cont.'d from page 8)



Left to right: Shelly Billingsly (City of Kenosha); Scott Brandmeier (President, APWA Wisconsin Chapter); Brian Cater (City of Kenosha); Mark Zvitkovis (SEH, Inc.)



Kenosha Fire Station #1, City of Kenosha

The Kenosha Fire Station No. 1 is an innovative project that combines architectural best practices with preserving a sense of community and history. The station is on the former site of the Bain School. Since the school had historic significance to the community, many of the features of the exterior mimic the historic school building, including salvaged items from the school’s building and site. The City was thoughtful from the start about the adverse conditions with safety and access in the neighborhood that the station serves, both during and after construction.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- Access to the site was limited and the staging area was small due to the reconstruction of the adjacent 22nd Avenue that was taking place at the same time.
- Funding was through HUD; therefore, the contractor had to maintain complete records and comply with all HUD requirements, including using new, local workforce and wages.
- Gabion walls filled with demolished materials from the original Bain School were provided to protect the people, property, and staff vehicles near the high-incident intersection of 22nd Avenue and 52nd Street.

Project Awards (Cont.'d from page 9)



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Left to right: Unknown; Unkown; Scott Brandmeier (President, APWA Wisconsin Chapter); Mike Scarmon (KL Engineering); William Balke (City of Fitchburg).

North Fish Hatchery Road, City of Fitchburg

This project entailed the redesign of 1.5 miles of a six-lane divided roadway south of the Madison Beltline. The road serves as the gateway to Fitchburg. Development on this roadway includes commercial, residential, and recreational properties, and is a major commuter route. An extensive public engagement campaign was utilized to obtain feedback from the varied stakeholders of the corridor to insure all types of users were

engaged. In addition to roadway and public utility improvements, project features include sustainable stormwater features, new decorative retaining walls, pedestrian bridge, expanded shared use path and mass transit amenities, adaptive traffic signal technologies, and decorative soft and hard streetscape elements.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- Installation of a mini-roundabout.
- New technologies were implemented that allow the roadway to become a “smart” corridor.
- Due to a 150-year-old fish hatchery located east of the project, groundwater monitoring wells were installed in order that a plan could be created ahead of the water main construction to avoid and mitigate groundwater-related issues that would affect the fish hatchery.

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Project Awards (Cont.'d from page 10)



Left to right: Christine Pichler (GRAEF); Ryan Van Camp (GRAEF); Scott Brandmeier (President, APWA Wisconsin Chapter); John Neumeier (City of Kaukauna); John McDonald (Village of Little Chute).



Nelson Family Heritage Crossing, City of Kaukauna and Village of Little Chute

Teamwork and cooperation were paramount to the success of this bicycle/pedestrian bridge across the Fox River, connecting Kaukauna and Little Chute. The 1,131-foot bridge provides a critical, safe crossing splitting the distance between high-volume, multi-lane roadway bridges located 1.5 miles upstream and 1.5 miles downstream. The crossing was needed in the Loop the Locks system to realize the trails goal of achieving a full loop.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- Construction experts were consulted to devise construction methods that worked within the busy navigation channel, without disturbing

river traffic.

- The bridge (and associated trail) are both ADA-accessible throughout, meeting code requirements regarding slopes and widths, while providing an inviting location for those with mobility challenges to access and view a formerly inaccessible area of the river.
- With substantial interest from many area residential property owners, there was significant interest from the start that lead to exploration of a high number of alternatives, including location, alignment, design style, lighting and operations.

Project Awards (Cont.'d from page 11)



Left to right: John Mayer (Engineering Resource Associates); Shelly Billingsly (City of Kenosha); Scott Brandmeier (President, APWA Wisconsin Chapter); Brian Cater (City of Kenosha); Brian Rucka (A.W. Oakes & Sons, Inc.); Brennen Fischer (Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.).

Storm Water Improvement Projects, City of Kenosha

In 2017, back-to-back rainfall events resulted in catastrophic local and regional flooding. The floods raised immediate health concerns and caused significant damage to community homes, businesses and infrastructure. Kenosha amplified their short- and long-term storm water management efforts they had been working on since 2012. Ultimately, this led to implementing several storm water improvement projects. The Kenosha Engine Plant project included a 90 acre-foot flood control facility; the Georgetown project included a 50-acre-foot detention and flood control facility, and the

McKinley basin project included a new storm sewer to alleviate flooding. The plan is to continue to implement a flood control project every year until 2027.

Some of the unique features of this project include:

- Creation of a digital GIS-based Story Map to help community members learn about the City’s storm water management efforts.
- The Georgetown facility was designed to seamlessly integrate with the ecological, aesthetic, and storm water benefits of the existing landscape.
- At the Kenosha Engine Plant site project, a designated brownfield, the WDNR and Kenosha Water Utility would not permit the City to discharge contaminated water into the sanitary sewer. The design include a “dirty bay” where contaminated water was stored, tested and pre-treated and a “clean bay” where the pre-treated water was re-tested before discharging into the sanitary sewer system. ↵



Summer road construction project on 68th Street in Wauwatosa.

Lawmakers Approve DOT Plan for \$280 Million in Federal Highway Funding

Part of the Funding Comes from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Signed by President Jo Biden

Madison, Wis., Tuesday, April 26 – The Legislature’s budget committee has approved the bulk of a plan by the state Department of Transportation to spend more than \$280 million in extra federal highway aid.

The funding is roughly 35 percent higher than Wisconsin expected to receive from the federal government when the Legislature passed the current state budget last year.

Part of the funding came from the bipartisan federal infrastructure bill signed by President Joe Biden in November, while the rest came from a federal funding bill passed in March. The bipartisan infrastructure plan totaled roughly \$1 trillion.

The Wisconsin DOT’s plan for the money would spend about \$124 million on state highway rehabilitation, \$83 million on local transportation facilities, and \$61 million on local bridge improvements.

The DOT’s plan also calls for spending about \$10 million on a program that funds the construction and planning of on-road and off-road bicycle, pedestrian, and other non-motorized vehicle facilities, as well as viewing areas like overlooks and turnouts.

The only point of conflict on the funding was over the DOT’s plan to spend \$4 million on a “Congestion

Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program,” which funds projects like improvements to traffic signal timing to improve traffic flow or the construction of bicycle facilities for commuters. Under a modification authored by Republicans, that funding could only be used on projects that reduce congestion or improve traffic flow within a highway right-of-way, meaning they could not be used for bicycle facilities.

GOP lawmakers, including state Rep. Mark Born, R-Beaver Dam, the co-chair of the Legislature’s budget committee, all voted in favor of the modified plan.

“I think that overall the plan is—since the money’s here—is a good investment in our infrastructure,” Born said.

Sen. Duey Stroebel, R-Cedarburg also supported the plan, even as he criticized the federal funds.

“They’re printing lots of it and they’re sending it out and we’re getting some of it,” Stroebel said. “And it comes with a whole bunch of strings, as most federal money always does.”

Stroebel issued a statement after the meeting suggesting that because of the boost in federal funding, state lawmakers should object to any efforts to

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2022-2023 APWA Wisconsin Chapter Sponsorship Program

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

The Wisconsin APWA Chapter’s Sponsorship Program is a key funding source for the Chapter and its activities. Thanks to all of the current and future sponsors, the Wisconsin Chapter will continue to excel in providing excellent educational and networking opportunities for 2022-2023. The generosity of the firms and individuals who

contribute their time, talent, and financial support make the Wisconsin Chapter one of the strongest in APWA.

The 2022-2023 Chapter Sponsorship Program offers options for ala cart event sponsorship or an annual Chapter sponsorship to support all of the Chapter’s ongoing activities. See options below.

Item or Activity	Cost	Acknowledgment or Recognition
Annual Chapter Sponsor	\$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.
Conference Sponsorship (Spring Conference, Fall Conference)	\$500/event	Poster display at conference as an event sponsor, conference program and website acknowledgment for up to two months after the conference.
Rodeo Sponsor	Various	Event sponsorship includes poster display at the conference as an event sponsor; conference program and website acknowledgment for up to two months after the conference. Other sponsorship opportunities are included on the sponsorship enrollment form.
Summer Outing Sponsor	Various	Event sponsorship includes recognition at the event (sponsor boards, cart flyer) along with recognition on the event webpage. Summer event sponsor also includes one hole sponsorship. Other sponsorship opportunities are included on sponsorship enrollment form.
Special Events (YP events, Chapter Dinner at PWX, 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.*

To be a 2022-2023 sponsor, please go to the Chapter website at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net> and click on the Sponsors link under “About Us.” You can also contact **Lee Igl**, Wisconsin APWA Chapter Treasurer, at ligl@cityofsunprairie.com.

In addition to these sponsorship opportunities,

the Chapter sells exhibit space at the Spring Conference separately. The 2023 Spring Conference in Eau Claire will feature indoor exhibit space.

For more information, contact the conference committee chair, **Rick Eilertson** at rick.eilertson@aecom.com.



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



By Ben Jordan, Director, Wisconsin Transportation Information Center

These 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 2022, classes are being offered online and in person.

For additional PWSA & PWMI information, go to:

<https://interpro.wisc.edu/tic/public-works-certificates/>

You can register for currently scheduled classes at:

<https://interpro.wisc.edu/tic/>

Leadership Skills for Supervisors

September 13

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. In-person
Madison

Instructor: Jeff Russell

Learn about theories of leadership and examine issues, challenges, opportunities, and strategies for transitioning into a supervisory leadership role. (PWSA)

Advanced Communication Skills

September 15

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. In-person
Madison

November 30 & December 1

(8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. each day)

Online

Instructor: Dave Hutton

Improve communication skills in one-on-one and public-facing situations, making formal presentations, and speaking with the media. (PWMI)

Purchasing and Inventory Control

September 22

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. In-person
Fond du Lac

Instructor: Mike Dean

Learn about government techniques, with a focus on construction-related contracting, including Wisconsin State Statutes related to public works purchasing. (PWSA)

Fundamentals of Public Works Operations

October 4, 6, 18, 19

8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. each day
Online

Instructor: Benjamin J. 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 relevant Public Works operations topic that they identify during the course topic of their choice. (PWM)

Management Assessment for Personal Planning and Development

October 5

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PWSA/PWMI Courses (Cont.'d from page 15)**9:00 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Online****Instructor: Avrie Schott (offered in partnership with the Division Continuing Studies; registration closes October 4.**

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 a week before course to be able to complete a self-assessment before class. (PWSA)

Human Resources (HR) Basics for Non-HR Professionals**October 20****8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. In-person****Instructor: Karen Bender (offered in partnership with UW-Madison Small Business Development Center, alternate course for PWSA)**

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. (PWSA)

Fearless Performance Management**October 27****8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. In-Person****Madison****Instructor: Jeffrey Russell (offered in partnership with UW-Madison Small Business Development Center, alternate course for PWMI)**

Gain tools you can use to set performance goals, document and manage performance, maintain ongoing communication, conduct performance reviews, and develop performance improvement plans. (PWMI)

Municipal Engineering Fundamentals for Non-Engineers**November 15-16****8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. both days In-person
Madison****Instructors: David Barber and Ben Jordan**

Learn about basic engineering concepts and methods used by public works engineers to design, construct, operate, and maintain municipal infrastructure. (PWMI)

Local Government Fundamentals**November 17****8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. In-Person
Madison****Instructors: Bryan Gadow and Ben Jordan**

Examining how the powers and structures of Wisconsin towns, villages, cities, and counties, and their relationships to the state set the framework for local service finance and service delivery. (PWSA)

Education & Scholarship Committee

2022 Scholarship Opportunities

By Cory Horton, Chair, Education & Scholarship Committee

Public 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, 2022** 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 or (608) 421-5310.



*Lisa Mlodzik
City of Ripon*



*Sarah Mark
City of Moline*

Four Wisconsin Public Works Leaders Complete the APWA Public Works Management Institute

By Benjamin J. Jordan, UW-Madison, Transportation Information Center

Four public works professionals completed the Wisconsin Public Works Management Institute (PWMI) certificate program in June. They are Brett Brown, Laborer, Village of Greenville; Sarah Mark, Fleet & Facilities Manager, City of Moline; Lisa Mlodzik, Secretary, City of Ripon; and Jack Straehler, Operations Supervisor, Village of Pewaukee.

These new graduates join the more than 70 leaders who have completed the PWMI certificate since the start of the program. The certificate program meets APWA National requirements of 90 hours (15 days) of supervisory and management training in a program of study approved by APWA. The PWMI certificate builds on the Public Works Supervisory Academy (PWSA) certificate offered by UW-Madison in cooperation with the Wisconsin Chapter of APWA.

The topics covered are essential for success

Highway Funding Bill (Cont.'d from page 13)

raise transportation revenues in Wisconsin.

Rep. Evan Goyke, D-Milwaukee, praised Gov. Tony Evers' administration for coming up with a plan for the funds, which the state could have lost if the projects were not approved quickly. He also criticized Republicans for modifying the air quality funding.

as a public works supervisor, manager, and team member. Topics include understanding local government structures, processes and the respective roles of elected leaders and staff; application of ethics and standards; effective approaches to organizing and staffing, budgeting, planning and managing public works functions; effective leadership and delegation; personal communication skills; and high-quality customer service.

Certificate program participants benefit by learning from instructors with real-world management experience in public works, gaining a better understanding of individual leadership and management styles, and having useful materials from each course that can be referred to as they grow in their role as supervisors and managers.

For more information, call TIC toll free at (800) 442-4615 or visit our website at interpro.wisc.edu/tic/public-works-certificates.¹

"What's partisan is nickel and diming programs by limiting their scope because you think you know better," Goyke said.

The budget committee approved the funding on a 14-1 vote with only Goyke voting against.²

Source: Wisconsin Public Radio

Young Professionals - Summer Events



APWA members enjoying the YP Committee axe-throwing social event at the 2022 conference.

Wisconsin Chapter APWA Young Professionals Committee: Always on Target

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

If you axe me, the Young Professional Committee knows how to throw a party! All puns aside, the YPs hosted a successful YP event at the Spring Conference at the Appleton Axe, a downtown establishment that boasts multiple axe-throwing lanes, a huge selection of excellent craft beer, and a variety of other trendy games. Approximately 50 conference attendees participated in friendly competitions to score the most points, and everyone had a kick-axe time. I can hardly think of a better way to let off some steam, enjoy a beverage, and network with public works professionals from around the state.

Upcoming YP Events

Did you miss the action at the Spring Conference? Not to worry! The YP Committee and other Chapter committees plan multiple events throughout the year. Here are a few upcoming events in 2022:

- **July 6 – Brewers vs. Cubs Ball Game**
 The Wisconsin and Chicago Metro Chapter YP Committees have teamed up to host a 3rd Annual Brewers/Cubs tailgate and game at American Family Field. Missed out on registration? You can still purchase your own ticket through brewers.com and join our tailgate (food included for free courtesy of ADS Pipe).
- **July 13 – Summer Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser**
 Enjoy a round of golf on Glen Erin course in Janesville, or enjoy a paddle tour through Janesville

on the Rock River to help raise funds for our next generation of leaders.

- **August 9 – APWA Wisconsin Snowplow Rodeo & Equipment Show**

Participate by driving or being a judge (or spectate) in the annual Snowplow Rodeo at the Fox Valley Technical College ((FVTC) Appleton campus.

YP Committee in a Nutshell

In addition to the hosting of events that promote interaction between young people in the public works world, YP Committee members assist as needed with conference planning efforts, the annual Scholarship Golf Outing, education and training, and many other networking opportunities. The committee focuses on attracting and retaining young people in our field, creating opportunities for engagement of students, young professionals, and emerging leaders through new and positive experiences, and connecting young professionals to other professionals in the public works field. As always, the YP Committee values input from Chapter membership. If you have an idea, let a committee member know!

For new Chapter members, participation in the YP Committee is the *perfect* way to learn about APWA, meet other professionals, and to have fun planning some great events. Join one of our monthly conference calls to learn more.👉



\$35 Million Will Support 40 Projects to Improve Wisconsin Roads

Madison, Wis., June 26, 2022 – Over \$35 million in funds from the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will go toward 40 projects to improve Wisconsin roads, state officials announced Tuesday.

Gov. Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation stated that this first round of local road funding will target rural areas and urban areas with fewer than 50,000 people.

“I’m proud of our investments and work have improved more than 1,700 miles of roads across our state, and this historic, once-in-a-generation opportunity through President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will ensure we can continue building on our good work,” Evers said. “This investment in our state’s infrastructure will provide much-needed support for communities across Wisconsin

to ensure we have a safe reliable transportation system for years to come.”

The funding was awarded in four categories based on population, and WisDOT noted there were over 300 applicants.

WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said Wisconsin will be making the most of this funding.

“We have been working very closely with local partners throughout the state and will continue to help applicants so that the roads maintained by counties, towns, and municipalities get the attention they need,” Thompson said.

Project contracts will be determined in the fall, officials added, with construction planned for the Spring.🔗

Source: Madison WMTV.

Snowplow Roadeo (Cont.'d from page 3)

Visit the Chapter website (<http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/29232>) to download the Driver Registration form. **Registration deadline is July 29.**

For Exhibitors

We are extending an invitation to all manufacturers to display their vehicles and equipment at the Fox Valley Technical College to help us sponsor this year's event. As an Exhibitor or Sponsor, you will be helping to make this year's event unforgettable for all participants. **Registration deadline is July 29, 2022.**

- 60 ft. by 120 ft. display area – \$625.00
- 30 ft. by 60 ft. display area – \$450.00
- 10 ft. by 10 ft. booth display – \$325.00

Equipment Show: Aug. 10, 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Equipment Show will be in the same parking lot area as the driving course. Come and see 15 vendors showcasing the latest public works and snow fighting equipment. The cost to attend the Equipment Show and lunch is only \$20, including a hat and t-shirt.

Tailgate Lunch: 12:00 p.m. @FVTC

A buffet-style lunch will be catered and served by FVTC adjacent to the vendor showcase and road course.

Don't Want to Drive?

There are plenty of opportunities to participate, including set-up/take-down, and event judging.

Get involved! For details, contact **Fleet Services Chair Tom Zembruski** at (262) 896-8000 or email tzembruski@waukeshacounty.gov.

Accommodations

Accommodations are available at the Hilton Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W. College Ave, Appleton, Wis. 54911, (920) 733-8000. Register under guest block "Snowplow Roadeo" for a discounted rate of \$90 per single, \$115 per double on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration materials for the Roadeo can be found on the Wisconsin APWA website at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/29232>.

Also - Save the Date!

New this year will be a hands-on instructional spreader calibration and smart salt usage training. Classroom instruction on salt usage will be provided by Wisconsin Salt Wise. Hands-on training and calibration procedures will be sponsored and taught by Force America. This event will be held Wednesday Oct. 5, 2022 at the City of Green Bay Public Works facility. Stay tuned for more information and registration a bit later in 2022. 📅

2022 CALENDAR

2022

July 6	Brewers vs. Cubs w/Chicago Metro Chapter	American Family Field Milwaukee, WI	Kamron Nash YP Committee Chair
July 13	Summer Golf Outing & Fundraiser	Glen Erin Golf Club Janesville, WI	Aaron Jahnke
August 9-10	Snowplow Roadeo	Fox Valley Technical College Appleton, WI	Tom Zembruski
August 30	PWX Chapter Dinner	Charlotte, NC	Scott Brandmeier
October 6	SE Wisconsin 7th Annual Public Works Expo	Konkel Park Greenfield, WI	Randy Esch City of Greenfield
November 2-4	Fall Conference	UW-Platteville (TBD)	Eric Dundee

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