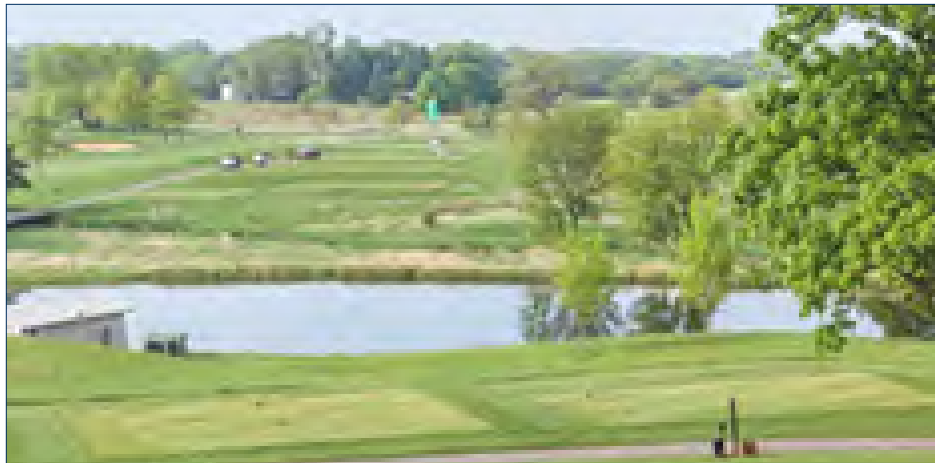




Wisconsin Chapter



The Oaks Golf Course is the setting for the 13th Annual Summer Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser.

Last Call!

Register Now for the 13th Annual Summer Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser

Wednesday-July 26, 9:00 a.m. | Shotgun Start

The Oaks Golf Course, Cottage Grove, Wis.

<http://wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/21175>

By Theo Taylor and Aaron Jahncke, Summer Outing Committee

The 13th Annual Wisconsin Chapter Summer Golf Outing and Scholarship Fundraiser is all set! This year's

event will include two options for a day of summer fun on Wednesday, July 26. The *☞Page 4 (Summer Conference)*

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- Chapter Awards Six Outstanding Service Individuals (page 5)
- Five Projects Capture Chapter Project Awards (page 8)

President's Comments



By Nathan Wachtendonk

Hello, Everyone! I am going to start off my first president's message by saying

it is a great honor being part of this professional association and to be the newly elected Chapter President for 2023-2024. It seems like it was just yesterday that I attended my first APWA meeting in Fond du Lac to plan out the 2013 Snowplow Roadeo. Since that meeting 10 years ago, I have enjoyed every step and commitment I have made to APWA. Along the way, I have made new friends and built numerous professional relationships. It truly has been a rewarding journey!

I would like to thank outgoing President, Eric Dundee, for his hard work and dedication serving as president along with all the past and present board members and committee chairs who paved the way to set up the Chapter for success. Without all your hard work and dedication, the Chapter would not be as strong and successful as it is.

The Chapter has an exciting and eventful year planned with the co-hosted Brewers vs. Cubs game with the Chicago

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July 2023

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Editor's Note

By Nancy Cavanaugh

Heads Up! What's on the Schedule for July?

One of the delightful things about July is the amount of activity and events available for Chapter members. It's Wisconsin, folks, and now is the best time to participate and enjoy!

Looking back, Rick Eilertson contributes photos that highlight the Spring Conference (page 14). Likewise, key events of the year included the recognition of winners of project service awards (page 5), and six project awards (pages 7-14). Also, Chris Tippery provides an update of two new Chapter Emerging Leaders (page 6).

So what's up in July? Following are a several upcoming events you won't want to miss:

- **Snowplow Roadeo, Aug. 16-17** (page 3): This year's roadeo is scheduled at the Fox Cities Stadium. A new event is a grader competition.

- **Chapter Dinner at PWX, Aug. 29** (page 16) at Fleming's Restaurant and Wine Bar: This year's dinner is scheduled during PWX in San Diego.
- **Fall Conference, Nov. 1-3** (page 15): This year's location is the Grand Geneva Resort and hosted by the City of Kenosha and Kenosha County.
- **Website Redesign:** National is launching a new website design on July 12. The new "look" will impact the Chapter website by building in new features for members to interact and email each other. Be sure to follow the Calendar page on the Chapter website <<http://wisconsin.apwa.net/PageDetails/10777>>. Enjoy yourself during these precious summer months.

ON THE COVER:

Banner images: Left: The Oaks Golf Course is the destination for the 13th Annual Summer Outing (page 3). Center: The River Prairie Plaza, a destination on the bike trail during the Spring Conference (page 18). Right: The Fox Cities Stadium, location for this year's Snowplow Roadeo on Aug. 16-17 (page 3).

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Fleet Services Committee



33rd Annual APWA Wisconsin Snow Plow Roadeo & Equipment Show August 16-17, 2023 | wisconsin.apwa.net/EventDetails/10777

New Venue: Fox Cities Stadium | Home of the Timber Rattlers

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

After a hugely successful event in 2022, the 2023 APWA Roadeo is on the move again this year! With more construction and some time constraints, the decision was made to partner with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers for this year's event. Similar to last year, we will be working around the Timber Rattler's schedule with the Roadeo competition taking place on August 16-17, 2023. Inflation has been on the rise, but we are happy to announce that we are keeping prices fixed for this year including our \$40 driver competition fee which includes an official Roadeo hat, t-shirt, and lunch. Winter Road Maintenance training will move to the Fall APWA Conference for 2023.

For Drivers

Drivers will be tested on their knowledge of vehicle safety and operation, mechanical knowledge of snowplow equipment, and their driving ability while navigating through an obstacle course. We have a chance at a "three-peat" champion driver this year with the top two drivers advancing to compete at the APWA National Roadeo being held at Loveland, Co. on Sept. 27-29, 2023. Registration and travel expenses up to \$1,500 per person will be paid for by the Wisconsin Chapter APWA.

Registration deadline for this year will be August 1, 2023.

For Exhibitors

We are extending an invitation to all manufacturers
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Summer Golf Outing (Cont.'d from page 1)



The Oaks Golf Course, site of Wednesday morning's golf outing.

“standard” event will be golfing at The Oaks Golf Course located in Cottage Grove, Wis. Sign up before July 12, 2023 for an early-bird discount. Early registration for golf is \$100 and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, giveaways, and inclusion in the prize drawings.

The “alternate” event, for those who don’t golf, is a paddle event. 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/21175>.

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.

“All money raised through event registration, sponsorships, and donations go directly to the Wisconsin Chapter scholarship fund.”

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.

Awards Committee

Chapter Recognizes Six Outstanding Public Works Professionals

By Mary Dziewiontkoski, Chief Design Engineer, Public Works, City of Milwaukee

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.

Genevieve Stollenwerk joined APWA approximately 3.5 years ago, jumping right in to assist the Young Professionals (YP) Group with their conference activities. While serving the YP Group, she volunteered to join and is now leading the Diversity Committee in her third year as chair. With minimal direction and little prior experience on the com-



Genevieve Stollenwerk

mittee, Genevieve has organized, developed the content and mod-

erated panel discussions on diversity. She participates in Chapter Executive Committee meetings and has attended every live and virtual conference over the past 3 years. Not one for being idle - Genevieve is also a 2019 graduate of the APWA National Emerging Leaders Academy, a year-long intensive leadership and management training within the context of public works. Genevieve is committed to advancing the public profession by being a volunteer at the annual STEM Expo at the Milwaukee School of Engineering in Milwaukee. She has also participated in STEM demonstrations at UW-Waukesha. Outside of work, she is a volunteer at the Milwaukee Rescue Mission and is a volunteer Scuba Diver at Discovery World in Milwaukee.

William Rheinfrank Award

This award recognizes a person or organization that 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. **Dave Botts** started his 43-year career working for a consulting engineer who provided services for public agencies and their infrastructure. He made his transition to the public sector in 1990 as a project engineer, Asst DPW and then in 1997 as Director of Public Works in the City of Beloit, Wis. Dave has been Utility Director in Janesville since 2012. Here are some highlights:

- Initiated the creation of phosphorus trading with Rock County Conservation Department;



David Botts

- Completed the installation of an automated meter reading infrastructure for the City;
- Completed the removal of all active private side lead water services using DNR forgivable loan funding;
- Worked with the

Public Service Commission to establish a water main replacement program using Expense Depreciation as the funding source;

- Completed the update to the Water Utility Master Plan for the City of Janesville to establish a main replacement prioritization program
- Completed the update to the Wastewater Collection System Plan.

Dave has been consistently involved in the Wisconsin Chapter throughout his career since joining in 1990. He served as a Chapter Officer which culminated as Chapter President 2007. Dave apparently found this didn't keep him busy enough, so he became Chapter Delegate 2008 to 2011. He also served on the APWA National Conference Programing Committee.

Service Awards (Cont.'d from page 5)

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.

Lee Igl has been Chapter Treasurer since 2017. During his tenure, he has invested significant time on:

- Compliance with APWA National on financial record-keeping and chapter audit



Lee Igl

committee reviews. Financial Investment Innovation as improving the Chapter's investments by monitoring our funds and implementing an investment strategy to produce greater financial stability for the Chapter.

- Lee has also worked with Jeff Mazanec, our Whova online event application coordinator, to set up automatic disbursements for continuing Chapter cash flow during the Chapter's biggest demand for liquidity.

Samuel Greeley Local Service Award

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.



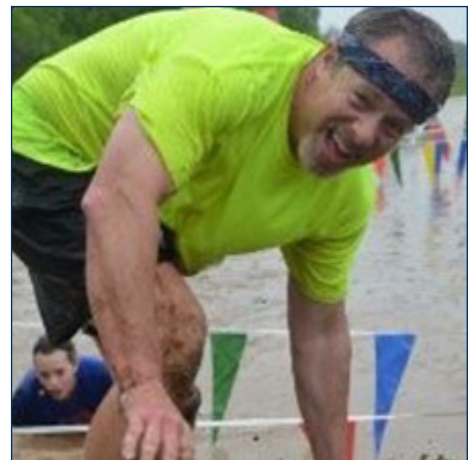
Christopher Pirlot

Christopher Pirlot, Operations Director, City of Green Bay, Chris became an APWA member in 1991 and started at the City in 1991.



David Simons

David Simons, Sr. Project Mgr., SEH, Inc. Dave became an APWA member in 1992 and started at SEH in 1989.



Gregory Fries

Gregory Fries, Deputy City Engineer, City of Madison. Greg joined APWA member in 1991 and started at the city in 1991. Congrats!

Two New Emerging Leaders Selected

By Chris Tippery, Chair, Leadership & Management Committee; Senior Project Manager, raSmith

At the Spring Conference in Eau Claire, the Leadership & Management Committee nominated two Chapter members to be our 2023 Emerging Public Works Leaders. They are **Ela Lodzinski** of Baxter and Woodman and **Britney Meyer** of GRAEF. Ela takes part in organizing a STEM Expo for students in grades K-8 which is designed to interactively engage each of the students and peak their interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. She is also the Chair of the YP Committee and has been involved with the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Britney has organized STEM programs for elementary students and various programs for Girl Scouts and has been involved with her church as well as helping to organize gatherings for international students at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She would like to get more involved with our Chapter's Diversity Committee.

Please join me in congratulating our 2023 Public Works Emerging Leaders and wish them all well as PWX in San Diego in August. We look forward to seeing your careers progress and your involvement with our Chapter grow. 📧

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

Metro Chapter followed by the Summer Fundraiser Outing in Cottage Grove, Snowplow Roadeo in Appleton, the Fall Conference in Lake Geneva and the Spring Conference in Madison. Additionally, as part of implementing the Chapter's Strategic Plan, the Chapter is looking to offer more involvement

opportunities for the front-line employees. I am happy to announce two additions to chapter events. The Snowplow Roadeo will be adding a motor grader competition and the Fall Conference will offer Winter Maintenance Operator training.

For those who would like to get more involved with the Chapter, we offer many ways to do so. You can volunteer to assist planning or work at one of the Chapter's events to joining a committee. Committees are also looking for more members, so check out a complete list of committees on the Chapter website. Specifically, I would like to focus on two committees of note. The Vendor Committee and Emergency Management Committees are both looking for members and currently do not have chairs. If you are interested in joining or chairing one of these important committees, please feel free to reach out to me for more details. Overall, if you want ideas on how to maximize your association membership and become more involved in Chapter work, don't hesitate to call or email.

Finally, I am looking forward to leading the Chapter over the next year, meeting new members and connecting with everyone at our exciting and fun events.

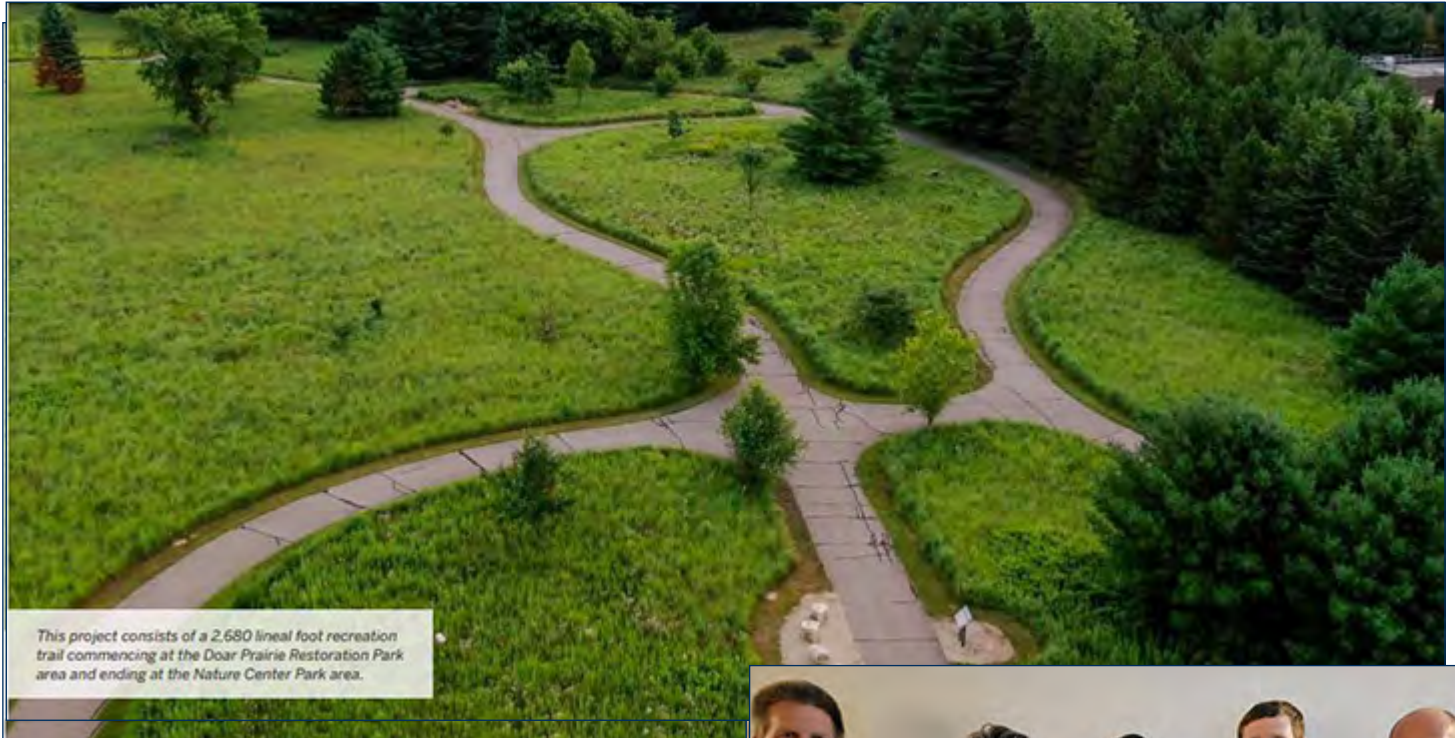
Here's to a successful 2024 year! 📧



Awards Committee

Wisconsin Chapter Recognizes Outstanding Public Works Projects

By Mary Dziejwiontkoski, Chief Design Engineer, Public Works, City of Milwaukee



This project consists of a 2,680 lineal foot recreation trail commencing at the Doar Prairie Restoration Park area and ending at the Nature Center Park area.

Representatives of the organizations that won the project award presented at the Spring Conference.



City of New Richmond

Nature-Doar Trail Enhancement

As the City of New Richmond expanded and experienced significant growth in recent years, the municipality wanted to connect the new developments with existing trails and meet the increasing demand in the community for outdoor recreation opportunities and chances to connect with nature. The project consisted of a 2,680 lineal foot recreation trail connecting two nature areas commencing at the Doar Prairie Restoration Park area and ending at the Nature Center Park area. The trail is an 8-foot wide bituminous trail and includes a river crossing as well as a highway underpass crossing, providing a new, safe connection for people walking, biking, rolling, and

scooting. The design and construction of the Nature-Doar Trail fulfills several goals for the City in terms of multimodal connectivity, outdoor recreation, and supporting future development and growth. It was a complex process to make this project a reality, starting with the conceptual design to successfully receive grant funding.

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Project Awards (Cont.'d from page 8)



Representatives of the organizations that won the project award presented at the Spring Conference.



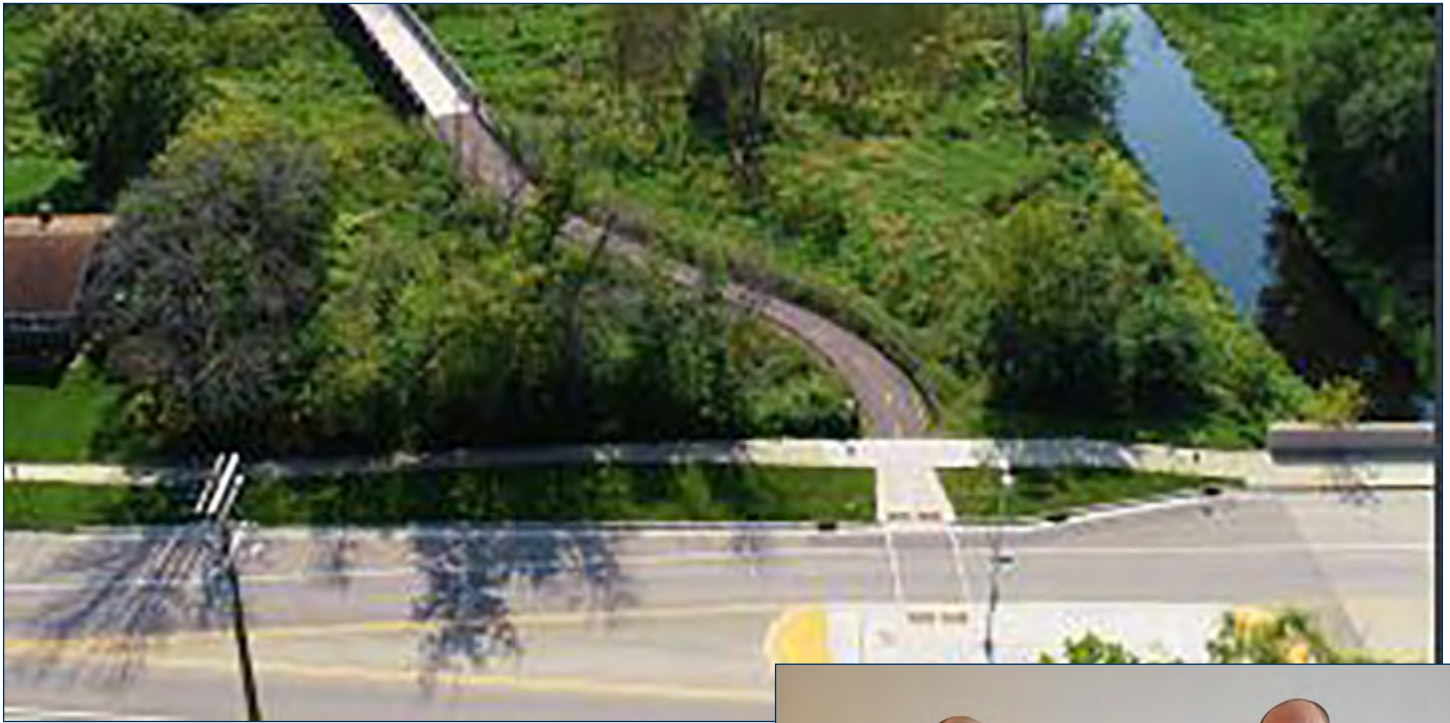
City of Eau Claire

Chicago Northwestern Chippewa River Bridge

The Chicago Northwestern Chippewa River Bridge, more familiarly known simply as “The High Bridge,” was abandoned by the railroad in 1992, and ownership was transferred to the city in 2007 for \$1. The bridge is a vital bicycle and pedestrian only connection across the Chippewa River since its abandonment. Its historical significance has made the High Bridge a symbol of the City of Eau Claire and a key focal point as one of the most photographed bridges in the region. A bridge failure presented the city with an unanticipated multimillion-dollar project to stabilize the bridge, rehabilitate the piers, and repair the abutments. It was a significant cost. The first item considered for the project was whether to remove the bridge and construct a new bridge crossing or rehabilitate the existing bridge if possible. A crossing of the river was

needed, so not having a bridge was not an acceptable option. The bridge is approximately 898 feet long, including two 80-foot double intersecting Warren deck trusses at the approaches and four 180-foot main spans are believed to be the only quintuple intersecting lattice deck trusses in the nation. The city staff, design consultants, and contractors recognized that they were racing against the clock in hopes of saving the bridge before it failed further. Protecting the short-and long-term health of the Chippewa River and its fisheries was of paramount importance. Work continued through the sometimes-brutal northern Wisconsin winter, allowing for an only nine-month construction impact to the public use of this beloved bridge. Today, the bridge is back in use!

Project Awards (Cont.'d from page 9)



Representatives of the organizations that won the project award presented at the Spring Conference.



**City of Madison
 Garver Path Trail Enhancement**

The City of Madison recently completed a \$3 million trail enhancement that adds a pedestrian friendly, shared-use path connection to the greater trail system. The extended connectivity was intended to provide access to neighborhoods, commercial areas, downtown, and other destinations throughout the region, and help the city uphold its status as one of the top bike friendly communities in the US. Garver Path is a mile-long connector trail that now links the community to the Capital City Trail, a popular recreational pathway for walking, running, and biking, and the

greater trail system. The project was particularly complicated since much of the area is wet and a mapped floodplain according to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM). The completion of this project enhances and extends the area's thriving multi-modal network by improving mobility, connectivity, and safety while sustainably preserving the natural elements the community treasures. Congratulations to the City of Madison for the Project of the Year Award in the category of Transportation.

Project Awards (Cont.'d from page 10)



Representatives of the organizations that won the project award presented at the Spring Conference.

**City of Onalaska
Main Street & Green Coulee
Roundabout**

The City of Onalaska had a major intersection safety concern that demanded action. Green Coulee Road, a critical access point connecting the city of Onalaska and the greater Onalaska-La Crosse metropolitan area, intersects with East Main Street, itself, a heavily used route that combined - led to impatient drivers, risky decision making, and several crashes over the years, some of which were severe. The complex intersection



improvement project led to the introduction of a multi-lane roundabout that improves traffic operations for drivers on both roads. The new roundabout improves safety and efficiency at this busy regional intersection, slowing vehicular speeds, reducing vehicle emissions, implementing accessible two-stage crossings for pedestrians, and delivering intuitive, secure access to businesses throughout.

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Take Our Survey

Please consider taking This survey is sponsored by the Wisconsin Transportation Information Center (TIC) and will help the TIC staff better understand our users' needs and adapt our program to better

serve them. All survey responses are anonymous. The survey will be open through June.📧

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Project Awards (Cont.'d from page 11)

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Representatives of the organizations that won the project award presented at the Spring Conference.



**City of Brookfield
 Calhoun Road Urban Reconstruction**

For the City of Brookfield, Calhoun Road serves as an important corridor for residents, businesses, and emergency services in the heart of Brookfield. The purpose of this two-mile urban reconstruction project was to address poor pavement conditions, traffic demand and capacity, safety, and deficient drainage. and to provide for continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities. This reconstruction project expanded a two-mile section of Calhoun Road from North Avenue to Capitol Drive to a four-lane divided roadway to provide vital continuity for the traveling public including bicyclists and pedestrians. The City of Brookfield worked closely with their consultant, WisDOT, and numerous other stakehold-

ers to successfully complete one of the largest and most complex WisDOT Local Program projects in Wisconsin. Challenges included:

- Butting up against residences and businesses, as well as a school and several religious centers.
- Two streams, a pond, two railroad crossings, fourteen intersections, and a large wetland presented unique challenges.
- Extensive public involvement. Completion of this corridor provided vital continuity for the traveling public, as well as the City's emergency services, as the police station and three fire stations are located on Calhoun Road.✍️



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Jordan, Director, Wisconsin Transportation Information Center

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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. Currently, 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 7, 2023/In-person
 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 UW-Fond du Lac
 Instructor: Jeff Russell

Local Government Fundamentals
 September 28 and October 5, 2023
 Online 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 Instructors: Bryan Gadow and Ben Jordan

Fundamentals of Public Works Operations
 October 3, 5, 17, 18, 2023
 Online 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 Instructor: Ben Jordan

Management Assessment for Personal Planning and Development
 October 4 and October 5, 2023
 Online 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 Instructor: Tina Hallis

Fearless Performance Management
 In-person November 7, 2023
 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Grainger Hall, UW-Madison
 Instructor: Jeff Russell

Purchasing & Inventory Control
 Online November 8 & 9, 2023
 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 Instructor: Mike Daun

Municipal Engineering Fundamentals for Non-Engineers
 In-person November 14-15, 2023
 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. both days
 Madison Concourse Hotel
 Instructors: David Barber and Ben Jordan

Advanced Communication Skills
 Online November 28-29, 2023
 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Human Resources (HR) Basics for Non-HR Professionals
 In-person November 30, 2023
 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Grainger Hall-UW-Madison
 Instructors: Brittany Hanson, MBA, PH

Summer Scholarship Program

By Cory Horton, Chair, Education & Scholarship Committee

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 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 18, 2023 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.

Facilities & Grounds Committee

Old Committee Makes a Comeback

By Peter Nilles, Chair

The Facilities and Grounds Committee is back in business. **Peter Nilles** is the new of chair of the committee, and we have held a few meetings at the last two APWA Wisconsin Chapter conferences. We are working on a list of presentation ideas for future Chapter conferences, and brainstorming how to make our presence on the Chapter website more engaging and interactive.

The current roster of committee members is available for review on the Chapter website. If you don't see your name on the list and you would like to join us, please let Peter know at peter.nilles@milwaukee-countywi.gov. Peter will be scheduling a committee meeting in the near future to continue discussing how the committee can best serve the Chapter and provide value to the Chapter members.

APWA Wisconsin Chapter Dinner at 2023 PWX

By Kamron Nash, Chapter Director



Tuesday, August 29, 2023
Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Join your Wisconsin Chapter colleagues for the 2023 APWA PWX Chapter Dinner and Business Meeting at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar in downtown San Diego's Gaslamp District, just a cou-

ple blocks from the San Diego Convention Center.

For more information or to register, visit the Chapter website at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net>.



Don't Miss the 2023 Fall Conference

"Connecting the World Through Public Works"

Wednesday, November 1 – Friday, November 3, 2023
Grand Geneva Resort & Spa, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
By Shelly Billingsley, Kenosha County

The 2023 American Public Works Association-Wisconsin Fall Conference is set for Nov.1-3 at the Grand Geneva at Lake Geneva, hosted by the City of Kenosha and Kenosha County.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Wednesday: There are many opportunities to kick off your conference. There will be a golf outing at Grand Geneva on the Highlands Course (weather permitting), a Winter Road Maintenance operator class, and a behind-the-scenes facilities tour of the venue to choose from. The day will culminate with an outdoor "Get Acquainted" party at the pavilion so you can feast on hors d'oeuvres and conversation (everyone's favorite treat)!

Thursday: The day's agenda includes a mix of general and technical breakout sessions, committee meetings, and finally topped off by our annual Scholarship Awards Banquet.

Friday: Additional conference sessions, concluding with the Chapter membership/business meeting, lunch, and door prizes.

As always, you'll be able to select from a variety of sessions featuring different topics to grow your public works knowledge. Make sure to update your WHOVA app so you don't miss out! 📱



The Grand Geneva Resort



The Grand Geneva Resort entranceway.

2023-2024 APWA Wisconsin Chapter Sponsorship Program

By Eric Dundee, Wisconsin Chapter President

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 in 2022-2023. The generosity of the firms and individuals who contrib-

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

The 2023-2024 chapter sponsorship program offers options for ala carte event sponsorship or an annual chapter sponsorship to support all of the chapter’s ongoing activities.

See options below.

Item or Activity	Cost	Acknowledgement 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 Sponsor (Spring Conference, Fall Conference)	\$500/event	Poster display at the conference as an event sponsor; conference program and website acknowledgement 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 acknowledgement for up to two months after the conference. Other sponsorship opportunities included on 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 included on sponsorship enrollment form.
Special Events (YP events, Chapter Dinner at PWX, etc.)	Specific to event	Recognition at 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 2023-2024 sponsor, please go to the Chapter website at <http://wisconsin.apwa.net> and click on the Sponsors link under the “About Us” headline section. You can also contact **Lee Igl**, Wisconsin APWA Chapter Treasurer at lee.igl@mcfarland.wi.us.

In addition to these sponsorship opportunities, the Chapter sells exhibit space at the Spring Con-

ference separately. The 2024 Spring Conference in Madison will feature both indoor and outdoor exhibit space with varying booth sizes with room for standard tabletop booths to large equipment area.

For more information, contact the conference committee chair **Eric Dundee** at ericd@madsewer.org.

2023 Spring Conference Shows Splendor of Eau Claire and Altoona

By Rick Eilertson, 2023 Spring Conference Planning Chair

Now that another conference is in the rear view mirror, I'd like to provide some of the highlights shared by the bumper crop of attendees. The Cities of Eau Claire and Altoona were exceptional hosts for this conference and provided wonderful weather for us all to enjoy since the minute we arrived.

The **golf outing** started bright and early Wednesday morning with tee times from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Wild Ridge Golf Course. Special thanks go to Gary Blazek for organizing and orchestrating the golf outing.



Rachel Lang, Kamron Nash, John Edlebeck, and Jason Atchison teeing off at the Wild Ridge Golf Course.

Bike Tour 1 wheeled away at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday from The Lismore with Altoona City Administrator Mike Golat leading ten bikers on a nine-mile excursion to and through the River Prairie Center in Altoona. Retired Eau Claire City Manager Dale Peters supplemented the tour with highlights of coordination between the two cities on the brown-field redevelopment and trail building to connect the communities and provide commuting and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

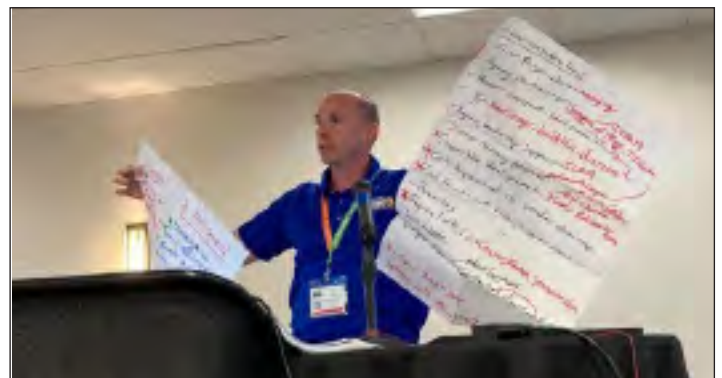
The Technical Tour of the Eau Claire Public Library and City Hall Renovation Projects was led by Dave Solberg (Deputy City Manager/Engineering Director/City Engineer), Rodney Bonesteel (Engineering Dept. Building Project Manager), Leah Ness (Deputy City Engineer), and Nancy Kerr (Library Director).



Mike Golat leading Bike Tour 1 past the Little Susie Sculpture en route to and from Altoona's River Prairie Center.



Dave Solberg introduces Rodney Bonesteel who managed the renovation projects for the Public Library and City Hall Reconstruction.



Eric Dundee displaying the notes from the Chapter Strategic Planning Retreat during the Opening General Session.

Throughout the Conference, JONAH Justice (Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope) <<https://jonahjustice.org>> was able to join our registration table to help tell the story of JONAH's good work in the Eau Claire Area. Conference attendees were able to donate either online or in person to help support JONAH as our chosen social awareness organization for the conference which provided hundreds of dollars towards the program as well as a heightened awareness of how JONAH is working to make the Eau Claire Area a healthier, safer and better place to live and work.

I'd like to thank all the members of the Conference Planning Committee for their outstanding efforts preparing for and delivering an incredible conference: **Nathan Wachtendonk** (Conference Program Chair), **Jeff Mazanec** (Whova App/Registration

Host), **Gary Blazek** (Golf Outing Coordinator), **Ela Lodzinski** (YP Chair), **Cory Horton** (CEU Coordinator), **Gareth Shambeau**, **Jason Atchison**, **Rick Eilertson** (2023 Spring Conference Planning Chair), and **Eric Dundee**. Please remember to thank these wonderful volunteers when you get a chance. Hope to see you all at the 2023 Fall Conference in Lake Geneva, if not before. Have a great summer!👋



Some APWA Wisconsin members stayed so late at the Reboot Social that they had well-developed facial hair by the time they left.



Thursday's Vendor Show included 37 exhibit spaces which sold out two weeks prior to the conference.

Coordinator), **Dana Crosson** (Visit Eau Claire), **Dave Solberg**, **Leah Ness**, and **Renae Casper** (City of Eau Claire Hosts), **Dave Walter** (City of Altoona



Yance Marti (City of Milwaukee) describes ASCE's Centennial Year Celebration Thursday afternoon.



It was all "fun & games" at the Reboot Social Thursday evening, sponsored by the Young Professionals Committee.



Duck Pin Bowling at the Reboot Social.



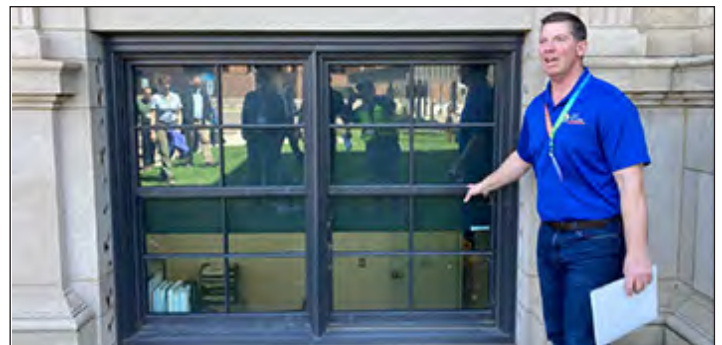
Mike Golat describing the planning, design, and construction of Altoona's River Prairie Center.



Plaque R Mile Mark 0 of Old Abe Trail and Chippewa River Trail honoring Brian Amundeson (past APWA Wisconsin Chapter President and long-time member).



Reboot Social's arcade offered APWA members a chance to relive their childhood.



Dave shows where the bars were removed from the windows in the basement of City Hall, which previously served as a jail.



Wednesday evening Get Acquainted Party at the River Prairie Center.



Allison Madison, Chris Johnson, Tony Tietzer, and Howard Crofoot participate in a panel discussion on Show & Ice Control Policies and Procedures, moderated by Terry during one of Friday morning's concurrent sessions.

Snowplow Rodeo (Cont.'d from page 3)

to display their vehicles and equipment at the Fox Cities Stadium to help us sponsor this year's event. As



Accommodations are available at the Hilton Paper Valley Hotel, 333 W. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54911, (920) 733-2828.

an Exhibitor or Sponsor, you will be helping to make this year's event unforgettable for all participants. Registration deadline is August 1, 2023. The prices remain the same as last year's event! Don't miss this opportunity to show off your equipment and services to DPW staff and employees from across the state.

- 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. 17, 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 over 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. @Fox Cities Stadium A buffet-style lunch will be catered and served by the Timber Rattlers 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.

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2023 CALENDAR

July 19	YP Cubs-Brewers Baseball Game		
July 26	Summer Golf Outing & Scholarship Fundraiser	The Oaks Cottage Grove	Aaron Jahncke
August 16-17	Snowplow Rodeo/Winter Maintenance Supervisor Certificate Training	Appleton, WI	Tom Zembruski
August 27-30	APWA PWX	San Diego, CA	
August 29	APWA Wisconsin Chapter Dinner at PWX	Fleming's, San Diego	Kamron Nash
September 28	Southeast Wisconsin 8th Annual Public Works Expo	Greenfield, WI	
November 1-3	Fall Conference	Lake Geneva Grand Geneva	Shelly Billingsley

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