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APWA KC Metro Chapter Newsletter



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President's Perspective

By Alysen Abel

Spring has sprung, and I can't believe it is May already. Along with it is the absolute madness of Spring events. Everyone tries to cram five weeks worth of meetings, events and other activities into the first three weeks of the month. I lovingly refer to this magical time of year as May-cember. It is just like the month of December, with the abundance of activities and holiday festivities, along with the rush to get everything before the holiday at the end of the month. The never-ending events in May include dance recitals, sports practices and games, musical programs, graduation ceremonies, family picnics, religious rites of passage like First Communion...on top of everything else that happens in a typical month. I am exhausted even thinking about it.



May also includes National Public Works Week, which will be celebrated May 15-21. This is a week specially designed to honor all of the contributions of our Public Works employees. This includes ALL OF YOU. Everyone works hard each day to make the world a better place, from designers to field staff. Thank you for your contribution to Public Works!

During National Public Works Week, our K-12 School Outreach committee presents to local elementary school students about the importance of Public Works, and our contributions to their lives each day. I encourage all of our members to promote Public Works year-round, but especially during National Public Works Week. Sign a proclamation in your community, host a Touch-a-Truck event, present at a local school or host a luncheon to recognize your local superheroes in Public Works.

We have several events during the month of May. For more information about these events, go to the KC Metro website at www.kcmetroapwa.net.

- **May 11** - The Young Professionals committee will host a Happy Hour on Wednesday, May 11 at Limitless Brewery. This event is for any young member, or those who are young at heart.
- **May 14** - The Community Service committee will host a Service Day on Saturday, May 14. Contact Jack Renfro (jrenfro@hntb.com) if you are interested in volunteering.
- **May 18** - The NPWW committee will host a National Public Works Week celebration on Wednesday, May 18 at Corrigan Station Rooftop. The event will honor chapter award winners and scholarship recipients. There will be food trucks, adult beverages and live entertainment.

Just know that as we roll into one of the busiest times of year, APWA is always here to help. We have a variety of programs and events that fit your interests. APWA committee chairs and volunteers continue to plan valuable events and programs for our members, both locally and nationally. At least there is one positive benefit to COVID, APWA has in-person and virtual programs available to provide flexibility to our members.

We want to hear more from our members on how we can customize our activities to better fit the ever-changing lifestyles of our members. Feel free to reach out to me directly with any feedback at aabel@parkvillemo.gov. I would love to hear from you.

Delegate Details

By Bill Stogsdill

“Spring” is here! Funny though, when I was growing up, I remember spring having less days with highs in the 30-s.

This is the time of year though that a lot of people associate with Public Works. They see crews out mowing, landscaping and general spring type maintenance. It is also the time of year when construction really starts to ramp up in intensity. As we all know, Public Works is a 24/7/365 job.



PWX 2022 Charlotte, NC

Registration is open for the 2022 PWX. The event is scheduled August 28-31 in Charlotte, NC. PWX is always a great place to get hours of training and networking with thousands of Public Works colleagues. Event Details can be found here: <https://www.apwa.net/PWX/Home/PWX/Home.aspx>

National Public Works Week

This year National Public Works Week is May 15-21, 2022 and the theme is “Ready and Resilient”. I can’t think of a better description of Public Works. We are always at the ready for whatever problem needs solved.

How is your organization celebrating this year? Will you have a proclamation read aloud at your next board meeting? If you would like some example proclamations, or need any event ideas, APWA has a lot of resources available at: <https://npww.apwa.net/>

Emerging Leader Academy

Applications are open and due Friday July 9, 2021. Admission is competitive. The academy provides intensive leadership and management training to professionals within their first ten years in public works or the first three years of their first career leadership role.

Public Works as First Responders

On April 13, I made a presentation at the Public Works Institute on Public Works role in Emergency Management. Larry Frevert and I were speaking prior to my presentation, and he informed me that one of the class members had one of their governing body members tell him that Public Works wasn’t a first responder and that they should remove the first responder patch from his shirt.



Public Works is a lot of things, but one thing we constantly fail at is publicity. We have never been very good at patting ourselves on the back or being front and center when the TV crews show up. We have to do better. APWA started a campaign in 2017 to help get us recognized as a first responder. To find out more about that and the First responder logo click here: <https://www.apwa.net/firstresponder>

If anyone in your organization needs clarification, documentation or proof that Public Works are recognized as a first responder, please direct them to Homeland Security Presidential Directive-8 (HSPD-8) which can be found here: <https://irp.fas.org/offdocs/nspd/hspd-8.html> or on a google search. HSPD-8 came out of the George W. Bush White House in 2003. In the definitions section of HSPD-8 it defines first responders as:

(d) The term "first responder" refers to those individuals who in the early stages of an incident are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment,

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including emergency response providers as defined in section 2 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 101), as well as emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works, and other skilled support personnel (such as equipment operators) that provide immediate support services during prevention, response, and recovery operations.

Public Works will be on the scene long after the event has subsided restoring lifelines like street access, storm water, debris removal, etc. and helping the community get back to normal. Just remember, your work is VITAL during emergency management.

APWA Accreditation

Registration is open for a Self-Assessment Workshop on May 26, 2022 if you would like to learn more about accreditation, benefits of the program and get instruction on getting started and keeping staff motivated and on track. Registration can be found here: https://www.apwa.net/MyApwa/Events/Event_Display.aspx?EventKey=LME2028

Upcoming Events in May

Chapter Events

- 5/11/22- Young Professionals Happy Hour
- 5/14/22- Community Service Committee Demo Day
- 5/18/22- NPWW Event
- 5/25/22- UPROW Committee Meeting

To sign up for any of these events, or to get more information, please visit: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/AllEventList>

National Events

- 5/19/2022 – Climate Change Considerations for Asset Management
- 5/26/2022 – Self-Assessment Workshop

To sign up for any of these events, or to get more information, please visit: [APWA Education and Events Calendar](#)

And if you have any other APWA questions please contact Becky Bonebrake or myself and if we are not able to answer the question we will find the right people that can.

April is Safe Dig Month

**Spire reminds customers to 'Call Before You Dig'
During Safe Digging Month in April**

Call 811 before putting a shovel in the ground for spring projects



Kansas City, MO (March 30, 2022) — Spring is in full bloom, and more people are heading outdoors to do projects that involve digging, such as planting a tree, building a deck or installing a mailbox. That's why Spire and utilities across the country encourage residents during National Safe Digging Month in April to call 811 before digging to help prevent accidents involving utility pipelines.

April is Safe Dig Month — cont.

“If you’re putting a shovel in the ground at any depth, you need to call 811,” said Alan Meyer, Spire manager of damage prevention. “When you place the free call to 811 a locator will mark the utilities within the requested area saving you time, money, and even lives. It is also important to remember to wait the appropriate time for utilities to respond before beginning your excavation.”

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, if someone calls 811 before they dig, [they have a 99% chance of avoiding contact with a utility pipeline](#), which can lead to injury, death or harm to the environment. Whether a bush is being planted or a foundation is being laid, calling 811 at the beginning of a project can help keep an entire neighborhood stay safe.



That’s why Spire recommends four steps for safe digging:

1. Dial 811 to request a site be marked. The call and the locating services are free.
2. Call at least three days before digging. A locator will mark lines that could be impacted by your project.
3. Spire lines will be marked with yellow flags and/or spray paint.
4. Be careful when digging around the markers to avoid accidentally damaging buried natural gas or other utility lines.

Meyer said that even when individuals follow rules and regulations closely, accidents can still happen. If a pipeline is ever damaged:

- Never try to stop or slow down the flow of natural gas
- Move to a safe distance upwind of the damage
- Keep others away from the area
- Never try to move equipment from the area
- Call 911
- Call Spire
- Call 811, a nationwide toll-free number, to report the damage

“At Spire, safety is our top priority, and we encourage customers with questions to contact us,” said Meyer.

“We always do whatever we can to help people protect themselves, their communities and the environment.”

For more information about safe digging and excavation, visit spireenergy.com/811 or contact Spire’s Damage Prevention Department at Alan.Meyer@spireenergy.com.

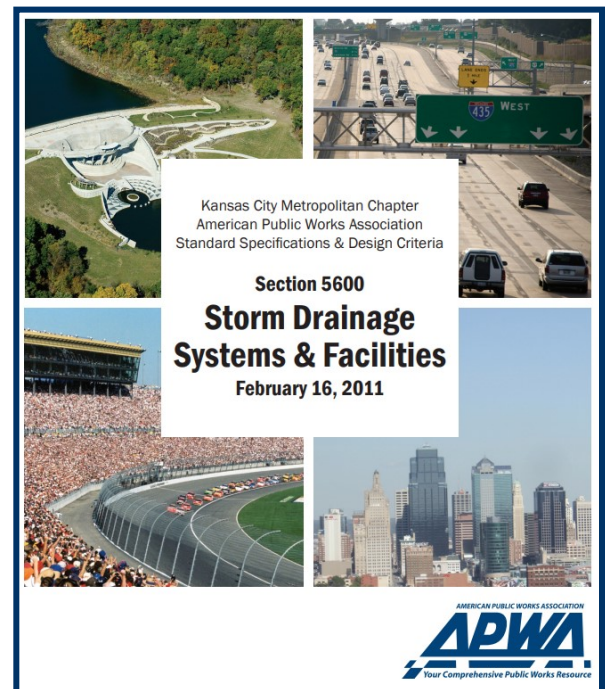
KC Metro Standards Section 5600 Update

The APWA Executive Committee approved the process to update regional stormwater design standards and the MARC/APWA BMP manual in October 2021, upon the recommendation of the Sustainable Stormwater Task Force. The process will launch this summer and is expected to take approximately two years to complete. To date, twenty communities have pledged financial support for the effort.

The Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) will facilitate and administer the process, which will include the development of a request for proposals, selection of a consultant team, management of the consultant contract through to final acceptance by APWA KC Metro Chapter, and the facilitation of community and stakeholder participation. The selected consultant team will be managed by a steering team made up of APWA KC Metro Chapter municipal representatives and appropriate community stakeholders.

Local stormwater infrastructure design standards were last updated in 2003. A compelling need exists to update regional stormwater standards to be more resilient and adaptive, in part by linking stormwater quantity and quality. The scope of work, which will be refined by the project steering committee, is expected to:

- Create a set of stormwater standards that are more adaptable
- Combine water quantity and quality design standards
- Include development and redevelopment standards
- Address resiliency and sustainability by promoting more holistic system evaluations
- Update rainfall standards and other appropriate hydrology methods
- Increase the level of hydrology and hydraulic evaluation requirements
- Reduce the existing subjectivity in technical assumptions
- Provide more natural system design criteria, and
- Improve the evaluation of stormwater detention requirements for increased value.



If you would like more information about this process, please contact Tom Jacobs at tjacobs@marc.org or 816-701-8352.

Annual Partnership Program

KC Metro Chapter is inviting our supporters to be part of the Annual Partnership Program. This program was started in 2013 with two objectives:

- Promote the support of our local agencies and companies at chapter activities throughout the year
- Simplify and limit the collection of event partnership costs into one payment

The Annual Partnership Program provides a convenient and cost-effective way for your agency/company to show your support for all major KC Metro Chapter events on an annual basis. Annual partnerships, while providing excellent recognition and exposure for your agency/company, also provide support for the events that require additional financial support, such as the National Public Works Week event, Membership BBQ, Chapter Golf Event, Young Professional Event, and the Holiday Party. To promote flexibility and reduce confusion, the annual partnership does NOT include any registration for the events. Registration will be handled directly with each event and additional requests for sponsorship will not be requested. Our Annual Partners will be promoted at all events with programs/signage.

We look forward to your continued support of the Kansas City Metro Chapter of APWA. To become an Annual Partner, please contact Ben Will bwill@hntb.com for more information.



Past Events

Public Works Institute April 12-14, 2022



Spring 2022 Public Works Institute attendees along with Chapter President Alysen Abel and PWI Director Larry Frevert

The Kansas City Metro Chapter held its 18th Public Works Institute (PWI) *Public Works Supervision Skills* on April 12-14 at the Lodge at Ironwoods, Leawood, KS. Thanks to Dennis Banka, Leawood Public Works Superintendent and other Leawood staff for making this facility available at no charge to the chapter. This allowed us to keep the registration fee at \$250 again this year.

The class was welcomed to the PWI training on the first morning by Chapter President Alysen Abel and to Leawood by the Honorable Peggy Dunn, Mayor of Leawood.

85 individuals, our largest ever attendance, for the three-day training and presentations by many of the region's public works directors and senior public works staff. This attendance brought us to a total of 331 public works professionals who have attended at least one three-day PWI since the chapter began the program in 2011. Through 2021, the chapter had graduated 188 professionals from our PWI (which requires attending all four of the three-day training modules). Six more persons (shown in the photo below) completed the requirements for graduation in this latest PWI and will be recognized as 2022 graduates.

This spring's attendees came from 33 municipalities (12 Missouri and 11 Kansas), as well as Jackson County, MO and UGWYCOCK. We also had 10 out of region attendees from Jefferson City and Warrensburg, MO and Hutchison, KS. This spring's PWI attendance included 27 people attending their first PWI.

PWI Module III – *Public Works Management Fundamentals* is planned for October 2022. Watch for advance details on the event on the chapter's website as early as August with registration beginning September 1.

Past Events— cont.

Photos taken by Cindy DeShazo of Lee’s Summit Public Works Department during the recent Public Works Institute included:



Chapter President Alysen Abel, Spring 2022 attendees completing their fourth three-day PWI training: William McCloskey (Jackson Co.), Sally Wachtel (Overland Park), Tyler Naughton (Shawnee), Joe Huggenberger (Shawnee), Steve Degner (Lenexa) and Michael Coca (Kansas City) along with PWI Director Larry Frevert



Chapter President Alysen Abel, PE, Parkville Public Works Director (and a graduate herself of the PWI Program) presented a topic on innovations and Emerging Technologies in Public Works



Michael Schaller, Lenexa Street Superintendent reported to the entire attendance the results of his table members’ discussion of a challenging question from a presenter



A “Maintenance Managers’ Panel Discussion was led by Joshua Welge, PE, Overland Park’s Maintenance Division Manager, Norm Buescher, Riverside’s Assistant Public Works Director, Monte Johnson, Grandview’s Fleet Manager and Trey Whittaker, Edgerton’s Public Works Superintendent (Norm, Monte and Trey are all graduates of our PWI Program)



Nick Parks, UGWYCOCK Operations Superintendent-WPC had a question for the members of the Maintenance Managers’ Panel



Joe Carley, Raytown’s Engineering Technician answered a table exercise question on behalf of his tablemates

Past Events — cont.



Michael Shaw, Kansas City's Public Works Director challenged the attendees to be more sustainable in their management of what many consider to be waste materials



Tony Hofmann, PMP always delivers presentations with enthusiasm and great content, here he explains the important aspects of budgeting and finance



Joe Kramer (Lee's Summit's Operations Supervisor), Jordan Dillard (Olathe's Stormwater Infrastructure Supervisor), Bradley Kleffner (Jefferson City's WWTP Supervisor) and Kenny Khongmaly (Shawnee's Street Program Manager) discuss a table top exercise



Again this spring, as a precaution against potential Covid infections, food was served to the attendees. Here, Andrew Smith of Leawood, Tyler Naughton of Shawnee and Alec Brown of Lenexa are on the "front line" while Matthew Hunt of Leawood is preparing food on the "second line"



Larry thanked the Leawood "Site Hosts" and the volunteers who helped serve food. Right of Larry are Matthew Hunt, Leawood, Tyler Naughton, Shawnee, Kristen Love, Leawood, Andrew Smith, Leawood, Alec Brown, Lenexa, Ybair Duin, Overland Park and John Westbrook, Leawood



Larry thanked Lee's Summit's Cindy DeShazo for again serving as our "official photographer"

Upcoming Events

APWA Young Professionals Happy Hour

Wednesday May 11, 2022 5:00-7:00 PM

Limitless Brewing
9765 Widmer Road
Lenexa, KS 66215

Calling all APWA Young Professionals!!! Your Young Professionals Committee is hosting a Happy Hour to provide an opportunity for Public Works professionals in the metro to meet each other and have some fun! We're hoping for good weather to allow some yard games and fun. If not, we'll move inside and still have a great time! Your registration (\$10) includes a drink or two as well as some pizza! Come out and make some new friends over a nice cold beer!



Register Now: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=28807>

APWA Demo Day

Saturday May 14, 2022 8:00 AM—5:00 PM

536 S Hickory
Gardner KS 66030

The APWA Community Service Committee is hosting a Demolition Day on Saturday May 14. Bring your sledgehammer and work gloves for a fun day of demolition and giving back to our community!

Task: To demolish a couple of walls, move appliances, and remove bathtubs, toilets, cabinets, and more as part of a remodel

Notes:

- Meals will be provided
- please bring any tools that could possibly help with demolition.

Contact: Jack Renfro Email: jrenfro@hntb.com phone: 816-686-8302

Register Now: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=28807>

Upcoming Events



CELEBRATION EVENT



ON SALE NOW!

MAY 18
4:30-7pm

APWA – KC METRO CHAPTER  **Corrigan Station Rooftop**
1828 Walnut St, KCMO 64108

We're back and this time we're headed downtown! If you missed out last year, now's your chance to experience the all new National Public Works Week event. Join us for an after-hours social event celebrating this year's chapter award winners and scholarship recipients. Registration will provide event access with food truck catering, beverage options from local breweries, live entertainment during the initial social hour, followed by awards and announcements.

Tickets to this event will be limited – Purchase yours today!

Visit the event website for more information and to purchase tickets

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/apwakcmetrochapter/633111>

Upcoming Events

17th Annual APWA BBQ Challenge and Membership Drive

June 3, 2022 5:00-7:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Park

19699 Shawnee Mission Pkwy

Shawnee, KS 66218



The membership dinner is planned to begin at at 6pm. The contest awards presentation will be held at approximately 7pm, or after conclusion of the membership dinner.

Entries for the contest meat categories will be required to be turned in on the following schedule:

4:30 — Sausage

5:10 — Ribs

4:50 — Chicken

5:30 — Pork

Dinner & Drink wristbands are \$10 for Members & Guests. Kids under 10 eat free. Wristbands will be required for park entry and dinner after 1pm.

Team Entry Deadline May 13, 2022

More information or to enter a team in the competition: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net/EventDetails?id=28985>

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SAVE THE DATE

APWA KC METRO ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

TOPGOLF OVERLAND PARK

12-5 PM



Chapter Leadership

APWA 2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Audit & Budget - Bryan Blizzard
 Awards - Nathan Hladky & Becky Bonebrake
 By-Laws - Kyle Dieckmann
 Chapter Meetings - Thomas Renfro
 Communications and Publicity - Allison Bruner
 Community Service - Jack Renfro
 Diversity and Inclusion - Sheila Shockey
 Education & Training - Zach Matteo & Blake Moris
 Emergency Management - Trey Whitaker & Alysén Abel
 Engineering & Technology - Michael Haake
 Facilities & Grounds - Dan Brown
 Fleet Services - Mark Stinson & Josh Wood
 Golf Tournament - Taylor Smith & Tawn Nugent
 Governmental Affairs - Trey Whitaker & Kati Horner
 Historical - Ernie Longoria
 Holiday Party - Brandon Kuehl
 K-12 Student Outreach - David Smalling
 Leadership & Management - Ted Semadeni
 Membership - Scott Cogan
 Membership BBQ & Steak Fry - Brian Ladd
 MidAmX - Patty Hilderbrand
 MO-KAN Street Superintendents - Bill Billings
 Myron D. Calkins Scholarship - Phil Herrman & Erik Troy
 Myron Calkins Symposium - Shawn Graff
 National Public Works Week - Sabrina Parker and Nicole Woods
 Snow & Equipment Training Expo - Paul Dunn & Jody Malone
 Standards & Specifications - Michael Anderson & Mark Montgomery
 Student Chapter - Levi Cole & Lewis Muriithi
 Sustainable Infrastructure - Carla Anderson
 Transportation - Linda Rottinghaus
 Utility & Public Right-of-Way - Jeffrey Mains & Brent Berry
 Water Resources Management - Andrew Smith
 Webmaster - Tiffany Cartwright & Allison Dobie
 Young Professionals - Leslie Donnelly

For contact information, visit: <http://kcmetro.apwa.net>

Appointments, Liaisons, Coordinators, and Task Forces

Asset Management Task Force - Brandon Grover
 Calendar/Events Coordinator - Alysén Abel
 MCIB/KCMMB - Todd LaTorella
 Public Works Institute - Larry Frevert
 Solid Waste Management - **Vacant**

KC APWA 2022 OFFICERS

President - Alysén Abel
 Vice President - Ben Will
 Secretary - Nick Arena
 Treasurer - Tawn Nugent
 Past President - Kyle Dieckmann
 Director (2nd Year) - Patty Hilderbrand
 Director (2nd Year) - John Cooper
 Director (1st Year) - Mark Stinson
 Director (1st Year) - Phil Herrman
 Director-At-Large - Bill Billings
 Delegate - Bill Stogsdill
 Alternate Delegate - Becky Bonebrake



New Members

Perry Allen, City of Lee's Summit

Susan Barry, City of Lee's Summit

James Burgess, City of Blue Springs

Nikia Chapman-Freiberger, City of Lee's Summit

Jason Fredricks, Affinis

Matt Glikbarg, City of Lee's Summit

Jose Lopez, Affinis

Thankam Mathew, City of Lee's Summit

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Mark Trosen, City of Grain Valley

Justin Watson, City of Garden City



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- Outside agencies, educational institutions, and not-for-profit organizations may utilize the Chapter's website for dissemination of approved items that are considered beneficial to our membership.
- Approval of these items may be granted by the Chapter President, the Newsletter Editor and the Website Committee. When requested, announcements from other organizations may be posted on the Chapter's website under "News" if the Newsletter/Communications Committee is provided electronic announcements in a format that can be posted without modification or editing.
- The Newsletter/Communications Committee may use the chapter's electronic mailing list for announcements to KC Metro Chapter members when the topic is related to an APWA activity or event. However, an announcement will not be sent before the Chapter event has been posted on the KC Metro Chapter website.

This policy was approved by the Executive Committee on November 19, 2008.

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The Pub News staff welcomes announcements, news articles, photos and suggestions. A new issue will be published in July. The deadline for the next issue will be Friday, July 1, 2022. Deadlines will be strictly enforced. Electronic formats are preferred, but not required. Send your stories to Allison Bruner via email at abruner@trekkdesigngroup.com.

