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HIGHLIGHTS:

St. Louis Branch APWA Luncheon

Thursday, March 21, 2024

**“National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency & John Cochran VA Hospital
Project Updates “**

**At Orlando's in Maryland Heights
Networking starting at 11:30 am.
Lunch at noon.**

Register by Friday, March 15, 2024 at 4 pm!

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APWA NEWS

LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP

Dear APWA Missouri Chapter Members and Friends,

What an unusual winter we've experienced here in the St. Louis area! For the first time ever, Olivette Public Works has not needed to plow or salt our roads throughout November and December. Meanwhile, at home, our tulips sprouting and shrubs beginning to bud, a good sign that spring is on the way. Let's hope Mother Nature doesn't have a deep freeze in store for us anytime soon.

As many of you are aware, APWA National initiated a website and other technology services upgrade last July, marking the beginning of an 8-month-long process. Unfortunately, the journey hasn't been without its bumps and hurdles. However, we're pleased to announce that we now have editing access to the website and have been diligently adding content since late December. We encourage you to visit the site and provide feedback on what additional content or features you believe would be beneficial. Additionally, this month, we were granted some access to the registration application. Membership reports are still unavailable and emails to membership must be coordinated by national. Your patience and understanding during this transition period are greatly appreciated as we navigate this new territory.

The upcoming spring conference will take place at Margaritaville in the Lake of the Ozarks from May 1st to 3rd. Notably, this marks the second consecutive conference scheduled during the week, following positive feedback from attendees at last fall's event. The planning committee has been hard at work crafting another engaging and informative conference program. If you're considering attending, we encourage you to also contemplate volunteering to assist the committee in their efforts. Your participation will be greatly appreciated and be any important part to make this conference a success.

The Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) will begin offering an online training program developed by Hard Hat, a leading developer of construction focused education curriculums. LTAP has also added additional virtual training content to their website. We are currently working with LTAP staff to develop new in person classes.

The street superintendent roundtable is scheduled for March 19th, and we are also scheduling a, introduction to plan reading class late this spring. Please contact me if you would like to host a training class or other educational needs.

Volunteers are the key to the Missouri Chapter, and I encourage everyone to take time to contribute to our continued success whether on a committee, board position or event. If you're interested in joining the Education and Training committee or any other group, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly at bmcgregor@OlivetteMO.com. Your involvement is invaluable to us, and together, we can make a meaningful difference in our communities.

Regards,

Bruce McGregor
Education and Training
Missouri Chapter of APWA
BMcGregor@OlivetteMO.com
314-994-2451

APWA NEWS

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

St. Louis Branch Meeting Agenda February 22, 2024

Chair Derek Koestel called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and released everyone to lunch starting with the head table. Chair Koestel welcomed the group and made the following announcements:

- The calendar for the year is included in the February newsletter.
- Thank you to everyone that attended Engineering Day at the Capitol. It was a great day with many connections with elected officials.
- There are plenty of spots available on committees. If you are interested in participating please reach out to the committee chair or any of the officers.
- We are still looking for a historian/photographer. If you are interested, please reach out to one of the officers.
- We are also looking for a City to run the Rodeo at the BBQ. Don't let a lack of equipment or obstacles stop you, we have those available. We just need someone to organize the event and do the scoring.
- Please email [Derek Koesel](#) for anyone that may still be having registrations issues

Continuing Education and Training

Rick Brown reported a Director's Roundtable is scheduled for March and another roundtable later in the year.

Special Events and Activities

Jeff Banderet reported the first activity of the year will be laser tag and will be on Wednesday, March 6th at 6 p.m. at 8 North Central in O'Fallon MO. There are 22 spots. If you would like to RSVP please contact [Jeff Banderet](#) or [Steve Stirnemann](#).

Ken Yost Golf Tournament

Matt Malick reported the date for the 16th Annual Ken Yost Golf Tournament is tentatively set for September 16th.

Advocacy and Outreach

Travis Helmkamp reported the first prize drawing of the year will be at our May Picnic. An email will be coming out soon regarding donations.

Awards and Historical Committee (Missouri Chapter)

Scholarships

Steve Stumpf reported the 2024 scholarship award winners will be recognized at the June meeting. Nominations are due to Steve by April 1, 2024.

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FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES (CONT.)

Missouri Chapter

Tricia Bohler reported that registration for the Spring Conference at Margaritaville May 1-3 will be on the website next week. Information will also be in next month's newsletter. Please book your hotel early as there are multiple conferences at that time.

Communications

Please contact Jacque Knight for any email announcements or job postings. Contact Kelley Davis for anything to be added to the newsletter.

Guests:

- Stephanie Leon Streeter St. Louis County
- Blake Hansen Olssen
- Jennifer Balsly

Prize winners:

- Andrea Davis
- Krystina Swartz

Speaker

Vice Chair Jon Loos introduced Alexis Jaegers, Public Assistance Specialist with the City of O'Fallon, MO spoke about O'Fallon's Community Foundation and Project HOME (Helping O'Fallon Maintain Excellence).

Since 2004, Project HOME has provided assistance to low-income homeowners who need home repairs and special assistance to low-income residents with disabilities. Every year the Project HOME Golf Tournament helps raise over \$20,000 in funding that goes to the O'Fallon Community Foundation, founded in 1998. The next Project HOME Golf Tournament will be Friday, September 13th at the Linx of Darden in O'Fallon.

Vice Chair Loos presented Alexis with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card.

Chair Koestel announced the next meeting of the APWA St. Louis Branch will be a joint meeting with SAME on March 21, 2024 at Orlando's. The Speaker will be from the Kansas City Corps of Engineers, speaking about Updates on the NGA project and the John Cochran VA hospital.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:47 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by David Stewart, Secretary

APWA NEWS

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

As you all know, we haven't been able to give a shout out to new members since the new website was rolled out last summer. APWA National has assured us that we will have access to membership information starting March 1st. They rolled out the new program to a pilot group on February 1st. We are excited to finally be able to recognize all of our new members!!\

If you have not received your renewal notice from APWA, please contact memberservices@apwa.org. Your membership in the Missouri Chapter is free with national membership, and the St. Louis Branch no longer charges a membership fee. Your organization can most likely save by purchasing a group membership rather than individual membership. For more details on membership types please visit <https://www.apwa.org/about-apwa/membership/>. If all goes well, next month's newsletter will include a long list of new members since July 1, 2023!



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MO CHAPTER APWA SPONSORSHIP

Dear Potential Sponsor,

The American Public Works Association (APWA) exists to develop and support the people, agencies, and organizations that plan, build, maintain, and improve our communities. Just as communities count on their public works professionals, APWA strives to be the organization those professionals know they can count on.

We invite you to become a 2024 sponsor of the APWA Missouri Chapter and partner with our organization to further our mutual goals.

The APWA Missouri Chapter, established in 1958, engages in the same educational, networking and public service activities as our national parent organization, but we do so close to home where members can easily take advantage of our programs. The Missouri Chapter offers members various opportunities to attend educational programs, biannual conferences, and equipment shows as well as chances to network with their colleagues and peers in a professional setting. Missouri Chapter members represent every discipline in the public works field including public works directors and engineers, contractors, engineering consultants, material and equipment suppliers, public works street superintendents, project managers, stormwater professionals, and many others.

Missouri Chapter APWA is offering your organization an opportunity to share in our mission and success through sponsorship. Annual sponsorships for 2024 offer a wide range of opportunities to fit every company's marketing budget. Your sponsorship promotes and enables the educational mission and goals of the Missouri Chapter, and can also enable enhanced relationships with existing clients, facilitate new relationships with potential clients and strengthen your visibility in the state-wide public works industry.

Please take a moment to review the following sponsorship information, including the benefits of sponsorship, and consider choosing a level that best fits your abilities and company's budget. The benefits will be applied for the entire calendar year of 2024.

Silver Level: \$150 - \$499

Special recognition at Chapter conferences in the spring and fall
Sponsor's name printed on Chapter conference agendas in the spring and fall
Special recognition on APWA Missouri Chapter website and monthly newsletters

Gold Level: \$500 - \$999

All benefits of Silver Level Sponsor, plus:
Opportunity to write an article for the Chapter newsletter once per year

Platinum Level: \$1,000+

All benefits of Gold Level Sponsor, plus:
One conference registration and vendor booth for the 2024 spring or fall Chapter conference

To sponsor Missouri Chapter APWA for 2024, use the following link where payment method can be selected which includes check or credit card: ([PAYMENT LINK](#)). The APWA Missouri Chapter is a division of the APWA national organization, which is a not-for-profit, 510 (c) (3) organization. APWA's Federal Tax Identification Number 36-2202880

If you have any questions, please contact me at (573) 592-3160 or via e-mail at CityEngineer@fulton.org.

Thank you for considering a 2024 sponsorship of the APWA Missouri Chapter!

Kindest Regards,

Kyle Bruemmer
City of Fulton
2024 Vice-President
APWA Missouri Chapter

APWA NEWS

MO CHAPTER APWA SPONSORS - 2024

The **Missouri Chapter APWA** appreciates the generosity of our sponsors in helping support the educational opportunities made possible to our members!

PLATINUM LEVEL



Gold Level \$500+



Silver Level \$150+



APWA NEWS

APWA MO CHAPTER ADVOCACY UPDATE

For questions, comments or additional information contact Chris Linneman at cdlinneman@efkmoen.com

National Public Works Week - May 19-25, 2024

The Missouri Chapter of the APWA recognizes the importance of National Public Works Week in promotion of the public works profession, and those activities related to the profession. To encourage members in promoting National Public Works Week, the Chapter will provide members a variety of items for use in hosting Public Works Week promotional events and activities.



The funding limit per agency is \$200.

The cost and quantity of available per item are listed on the [Order Form](#).

All items will be shipped for delivery directly to your agency contact.

To order promotional items, complete the Order Form and send it to:

Chris Linneman at cdlinneman@efkmoen.com

Orders need to be received by Friday April 5, 2024

The items available include Stickers, Workbooks, Balloons, Pencils, Comic Books, Temporary Tattoos, Posters and the latest Missouri Proclamation. You can view these items [on-line in the store](#) of the National APWA website at www.apwa.org

Please let us know what activities that your organization promoted during National Public Works Week. We will post the events on the chapter website.

APWA NEWS

APWA MO CHAPTER OUTREACH

Volunteers Needed for 8th Grade Mentoring Program!!!

Goal - To introduce the engineering field to under-resourced communities.

You can't be what you can't see. - Marian Wright Edelman

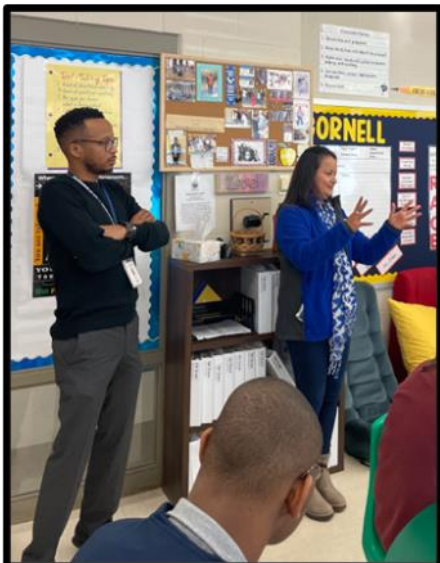
Last school year, a group of APWA members started a program to visit 8th graders in under-resourced communities to explain what infrastructure engineering is and work through an example of a problem that normally occurs in our field. This was a success!!! We were asked to come back this year. Below are the dates that we will be visiting the schools. We have a couple of presentations that are already made, or you can revise it to your experiences.

Please contact Amy Touchette Brown @ atouchettebrown@cdgengineers.com if you are interested.

UPCOMING APWA PRESENTATIONS:

Apr. 11th - Marian Middle School

May 2nd - Northside Middle School



CALENDAR

AT A GLANCE

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location
March	Training & Superintendent Roundtable	Wildwood Community Center
3/21/2024	Luncheon with SAME / PW Director Roundtable	Orlando's
3/6/2024	Laser Tag	iCombat in O'Fallon
4/1/2024	Scholarship Apps Due	
4/28-5/1/2024	North American Snow Conference	Kansas City, MO
4/25/2024	Luncheon / Super Roundtable	Orlando's
5/1/2024	Vince Tallo Noms Due	
May	Picnic/BBQ	TBD
5/19-5/25/2024	Public Works Week	Various
May 1-3	Spring Conference	Lake of the Ozarks
6/27/2024	Luncheon	Orlando's
6/27/2024	Happy Hour	TBD
7/18/2024	Luncheon	Orlando's
July	Pickleball	TBD
August	Food Bank	TBD
8/22/2024	Luncheon	Orlando's
9/8-9/11/2024	PWX 2024	Atlanta, GA
9/16/2024	Golf Tournament	Paradise Valley
9/25/2024	Luncheon with APA /PW Director Roundtable	Orlando's
10/31/2024	Luncheon with SITE / Super Roundtable	Orlando's
November	Little Bit What's Next Career Fair	TBD
November	Fall Conference	Springfield
November	Social Event	TBD
12/12/2024	Holiday luncheon	Hollywood Casino

CALENDAR

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Veterans Employment and Training Services (VETS) – How They Can Help in Your Workforce Development Needs

The Workforce Development Committee is partnering with the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) to provide an overview of the VETS program and the opportunities for hiring veterans in Public Works Departments and Local Governments across the country.

Critical and key public works roles could be filled with this group of potential employees. Join us to learn more about this important opportunity to meet your workforce development needs.

After completing this course, participants will be better able to:

- a. Identify the benefits of hiring veterans.
- b. Describe opportunities ranging from on-the-job training to apprenticeship programs to internships and sponsored work placement.
- c. Identify resources provided by VETS to employ veterans, service members, and military spouses.

This program offers 0.1 CEU credits.

This program is sponsored by the APWA Workforce Development Committee.

Registration: Members \$35; Nonmembers \$50

Registration information: <https://www.apwa.org/event/veterans-employment-and-training-services-vets-how-they-can-help-in-your-workforce-development-needs/>

LAST DAY TO REGISTER: Noon CT March 13, 2024

Instructions for joining the webinar will be emailed to you the day of the event.

A recording of this program will be available through the APWA Resource Center 10-15 days following the live program.

Questions? Contact us at (800) 848-2792 option 2, or education@apwa.org

CALENDAR

iCOMBAT LASER TAG



MARCH 6TH @ 6 PM

18 NORTH CENTRAL IN O'FALLON, MO

REGISTRATION REQUIRED,
22 SPOTS AVAILABLE

RSVP TO STEVE STIRNEMANN AT
SS@ENGDESIGNSOURCE.COM
SUBJECT: LASER TAG

iCOMBAT

TACTICAL LASER TAG

WEAR ATHLETIC SHOES AND LIGHTWEIGHT DARK CLOTHES, DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET!

March 6, 2024
@ 6 PM
iCombat Laser Tag
18 N Central Dr.
O'Fallon, MO 63366

RSVP to SS@ENGDESIGNSOURCE.COM with the subject LASER TAG

CALENDAR

EWRI SPRING SYMPOSIUM



ENVIRONMENTAL &
WATER RESOURCES
INSTITUTE
St. Louis Chapter

WATER
INSTITUTE
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

EWRI of ASCE - St. Louis Chapter
2024 Environmental & Water Resources Institute Spring Symposium

WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE

You are invited to attend a full-day educational symposium and workshop for professional development and to learn about water-related technical topics.

Friday, March 8, 2024

Technical Program 8AM to 4:30PM, Registration/Breakfast starts at 7:30AM

Location:

Pere Marquette Gallery at
DuBourg Hall
Saint Louis University
221 N Grand Blvd, St.
Louis, MO 63103

Cost:

Students \$10
ASCE Members \$90
Non-Members \$120

Registration will include:

6 PDHs
Continental Breakfast
Lunch
Free Parking at Laclede Garage

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

<http://tinyurl.com/mr2zhd9e>



PRESENTATION TOPICS INCLUDE:

Floodplain mapping
in St. Louis County

MSD Specification Updates
Stormwater and Wastewater Rate

Levee Safety Guidelines

401/404 Permitting

Flood Misconceptions

Local Case Studies on Flood
Reduction and Wastewater
Treatment

For more information, please contact:

Jiamao Xu, PE, ENV SP, PMP
ASCE-EWRI St. Louis Chapter, Chair
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CALENDAR

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Procuring and Contracting for Solid Waste and Recycling Services

Since solid waste and recycling contracts are typically long term, solid waste and recycling professionals often have limited experience with procuring and drafting contracts for these services. A successful procurement and contract can facilitate a long-term partnership that provides a reliable and quality service within the community. The discussion will include overview of key technical provisions, considerations to reduce cost of service, and much more.

After completing this course, participants will be better able to:

- Describe key solid waste and recycling contract technical provisions.
- Identify ways to reduce solid waste and recycling cost of service via the procurement and contracting process.
- Describe an overview of the procurement process and schedule for solid waste and recycling services.

This program offers 0.1 CEU credits for the one hour presentation portion of the program. The final half hour, discussions in the lounge area is optional.

This program is sponsored by the APWA Solid Waste Management Committee.

Instructions for joining the webinar will be emailed to you the day of the event.

Registration information: <https://www.apwa.org/event/procuring-and-contracting-for-solid-waste-and-recycling-services/>

A recording of this program will be available through the APWA Resource Center 10-15 days following the live program.

Click, Listen and Learn Contact Information Questions: (800) 848-2792, education@apwa.org

LAST DAY TO REGISTER: 12 Noon Central Time March 20, 2024

Free for Members

CALENDAR

ST. LOUIS BRANCH APWA LUNCHEON

St. Louis Branch APWA Luncheon

Thursday, March 21, 2024

Networking starting at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch at Noon
Cost is \$25

Location: Orlando's

2050 Dorsett Village Drive

Maryland Heights, MO 63043

“National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency & John Cochran VA Hospital Project Updates ”

Speaker: US Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Kansas City District

Credit Card Payment in Advance is highly encouraged, and will result in express check-in. Payment at the door will be accepted by cash or check. Credit Cards **cannot** be accepted at the door.

Register here: <https://missouri.apwa.org/event/st-louis-branch-luncheon-kansas-city-corps-of-engineers/>

In order to register for an event, sign in to your APWA National account. The Sign In tab is located in the upper right corner of the page. Click *Sign In* and enter your username and password. Once you enter your username and password, click Register Now and you will be directed to the registration page for that event. There is NO COST to create an account and you are NOT required to be a member of APWA.

CALENDAR

APWA MO SPRING CONFERENCE

* Hotel Registration is Now Open:

<https://irm.margaritavilleresortlakeoftheozarks.com/irmng/index.html?g=APWA>

* Conference Registration is Open
on Missouri Chapter APWA Website

MISSOURI APWA

SPRING CONFERENCE 2024

5/1 – 5/3, 2024
(W – F)

Margaritaville
Lake of the Ozarks



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Amy Touchette-Brown

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EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



City of Arnold

Public Works Maintenance Worker (3 positions)

\$20.00 to 25.20/hr

Must possess a valid Missouri CDL Driver's license or the ability to obtain one within six months. Good driving record to be maintained during period of employment. Primary responsibilities will consist of physical/manual labor outdoors in varied weather conditions, performing tasks such as asphalt and concrete repair, snow removal, and storm water work. This position requires the ability to speak effectively and interact with the general public. The preferred candidate would have a minimum 2 years of experience in street maintenance and/or public works operations or related fields.

For full description, requirements, and application information, please visit:

[Employment Opportunities - The City of Arnold, Missouri \(arnoldmo.org\)](http://arnoldmo.org)



City of Arnold

Mechanic

\$23.00 to 30.00/hr

Must possess a valid Missouri CDL Driver's license or the ability to obtain one within six months. Good driving record to be maintained during period of employment. Performs semi-skilled and skilled work in maintaining the vehicles and mechanical equipment of various city departments. The preferred candidate would have a minimum 4 years of experience.

For full description, requirements, and application information, please visit:

[Employment Opportunities - The City of Arnold, Missouri \(arnoldmo.org\)](http://arnoldmo.org)

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



City of St. Peters

Civil Engineer

\$39.50/hr. (\$82,160.00)

Under general direction, performs responsible office and field engineering work in the planning, development, design, and inspection of engineering projects.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully authorized alien worker.
- Undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering or related field with Engineer in Training (EIT) or Engineering Intern (EI) Certification.
- Must possess a Motor Vehicle Operator's license valid in the state of Missouri.
- Ability to lift and handle a minimum of 75 lbs

This position is responsible for the oversight and management of City projects and reviewing development plans to ensure they comply with City standards. Seeking a candidate with excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must be able to read blueprints and have computer experience with Microsoft products. Experience with mapping systems (ArcGIS) and databases is a plus but not required. Work will include project management of City infrastructure projects, the review of plans for utility installations within the right-of-way, and for new development and redevelopment of sites. Project management will include the review of plans, negotiating easement and right-of-way acquisitions, creating bid documents, project construction oversight, and the review and payment of invoices. Please see the attached job description for a more detailed list of the job duties.

www.stpetersmo.net/jobs



City of St. Peters

Project Engineer

\$39.50/hr. (\$82,160.00)

Under general direction, performs responsible office and field engineering work in the planning, development, design, and inspection of budgeted capital improvement projects.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully authorized alien worker.
- Undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering or related field, from an accredited college or university, with Engineer in Training (EIT) or Engineering Intern (EI) Certification.
- Motor Vehicle Operator's license valid in the state of Missouri.
- Ability to lift and handle a minimum of 75 lbs

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EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



City of St. Peters

Utilities Engineer

\$42.63/hr. (\$88,670.40)

Under general direction, performs responsible office and field engineering work in the development, operations, maintenance, and repair of City water and wastewater treatment facilities, water distribution, sanitary sewer collection systems, stormwater management, conveyance systems, and flood protection systems.

Minimum Requirements:

Must be a U.S. citizen or lawfully authorized alien worker.

Undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering or related field, from an accredited college or university, with Engineer in Training (EIT) or Engineering Intern (EI) Certification and five (5)-years of responsible engineering experience or any equivalent combination of education and experience.

Motor Vehicle Operator's license valid in the state of Missouri.

Ability to lift and handle a minimum of 75 lbs.

Working knowledge of word processing, spreadsheet, and database computer application programs.

The City of St. Peters is looking for a motivated engineer to join our Utilities Department to become involved in general civil engineering project work immediately. The Utilities Engineer will hit the ground running, working alongside other engineers in the office and some field engineering work on projects such as: engineering support/construction oversight of water distribution & wastewater collection system improvements (water main extension projects, sanitary pump stations, plant upgrades); stormwater management projects (field investigation & resolution of stormwater concerns, conveyance and flood protection projects); easement negotiations and acquisition; and contract management. We are looking for an engineer with a minimum of 5 years of experience, a positive attitude, team-oriented, excellent communication and project management skills, and a desire to work on a variety of small and large municipal projects.

www.stpetersmo.net/jobs

OTHER

WOMEN'T HISTORY MONTH

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month. This is a time to recognize and celebrate the remarkable contributions of women throughout history.

Why Women's History Month?

Women's History Month is a dedicated time to reflect on the often-overlooked achievements of women in U.S. history. From Abigail Adams advocating for women's rights during the American Revolution to Susan B. Anthony's tireless fight for suffrage, the timeline of women's milestones stretches back to the founding of our nation. The celebration itself emerged from a weeklong event organized by the Sonoma, California school district in 1978. Over time, it evolved into a national celebration, with President Jimmy Carter declaring the week of March 8 as National Women's History Week in 1980. The U.S. Congress later expanded it to the entire month of March 1.

Trailblazers and Pioneers

Women's history is rich with trailblazers who shattered barriers:

- Sojourner Truth: A powerful abolitionist and women's rights advocate.
- Rosa Parks: Her refusal to give up her bus seat sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton: A driving force behind the suffrage movement.
- Katherine Johnson: The brilliant mathematician who played a crucial role in NASA's space missions.
- Maya Angelou: A poet, author, and civil rights activist whose words continue to inspire.



International Women's Day On March 8, we also celebrate International Women's Day, recognizing women's economic, political, and social achievements globally. It's a day to honor their impact on peace, progress, and human rights. Let's continue to uplift and empower women in all spheres of life 1.

How Can You Participate?

Learn: Dive into women's stories, read their biographies, and explore their legacies.

Amplify Voices: Share inspiring quotes, highlight women in your field, and celebrate their accomplishments.

Advocate: Use available platforms to address gender equality, support women-owned businesses, and mentor the next generation.

Let's make Women's History Month a time of reflection, inspiration, and action. Together, we honor the past, celebrate progress, and pave the way for a more equitable future!

Additional Resources:

- [National Women's History Month Website](https://www.nwhm.org/)
- [National Women's History Museum](https://www.nwhm.org/museum/)
- [National Women's History Alliance](https://www.nwha.org/)