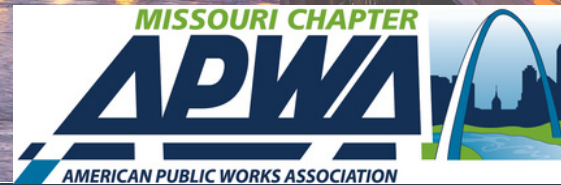


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AMERICAN PUBLIC WORKS ASSOCIATION
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Please click the below to submit your Newsletter content at least one week prior to the end of the month.
Thank you for helping us stay on schedule!

SUBMIT NOW

KELLEY DAVIS - NEWSLETTER EDITOR
HDR

APWA NEWS

LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP

Dear APWA Missouri Chapter Members,

Greetings from the Missouri Chapter! We hope that everyone is staying safe, healthy, and dry as the spring rains will hopefully bring sunny summer skies. With summer travel plans and vacations right around the corner and with it, the opportunity to get outdoors and enjoy more activities.

We want to take this opportunity to take a look back and ahead at the fun planned for 2025. Thus far we have been fortunate to host an event in Springfield at our annual Springfield Cardinals baseball game. As this year's Activity Director, I wanted to send an in-depth look at the events so far and send an update on upcoming events.

Our annual event was the Springfield Cardinals Game against the Amarillo Sod-Poodles, Arizona Diamondbacks Double-A Affiliate, on May 16th. It was a hard-fought game that unfortunately ended in a loss. However, it was a family-fun event with 20 people total. It was a fun night that ended with Friday Night Fireworks!

Our other event of the year will be our fifth annual Mizzou Tigers Tailgate, prior to a matchup between the Mizzou Tigers and KU Jayhawks on September 6th. This family-friendly event is a great opportunity to mingle with your fellow APWA members and root for the Tigers. Tailgate will start three hours in advance of kick-off. A lunch spread, complete with beverages, will be provided. Tailgate location will be announced two weeks before the game, so stay tuned for more information. The game has a start time of 2:30 pm, be on the lookout for more information.

Finally, thanks to all our dedicated members for what you do and the talents you bring to the Chapter. If you have any ideas for future Chapter Events, please let me know. If you would like to get involved with helping plan and implement these events, please consider reaching out and joining the activities committee.

Respectfully,



Jonathan Peitz
Director of Special Events/Activities
Missouri Chapter of APWA
jpeitz@olsson.com
417-885-1763

APWA NEWS

PWX MISSOURI CHAPTER DINNER

Dear APWA Missouri Chapter Members,

This year Missouri Chapter of APWA will hold their Chapter Dinner on Tuesday August 19th beginning promptly at 6:05 pm. That is exactly 1 hour prior to game time for the Cubs game vs Brewers.

The address is 1032 W. Waveland on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:05 There are no tickets, we will send Wrigley Rooftops a list of names and they will check us off upon arrival. Gates open at 6:05 so be there early, you can go the Wrigley Rooftop website and search by address above to get pics of the space and views and the interior as well as the food. In the event that it rains we will go indoors and socialize for 4 hours that will have begun at 6:05.

Prices will be \$40 per member and \$60 for spouse/guest. We have invited the Illinois Chapter to join us as the event holds 150 people and Missouri Chapter has reserved 70 tickets. The Missouri Chapter in its contract with the venue has the option to purchase more tickets at the original price should there be overwhelming interest. This should be a great time for everyone involved. Registration will be up on the website soon!

[Wrigley Rooftops - The Premier Rooftop Destination](#)

Sincerely,

Michael E. Teel PE
APWA Missouri Vice President
Great River Engineering
Client Liaison/ Business Development
mteel@greatriv.com
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APWA NEWS

MAY 2025 MEETING MINUTES

St. Louis Branch Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2025

Chair Loos called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and then lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Loos welcomed, and thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the City of Kirkwood for hosting us, thanked McCoy for providing the food, and thanked David Stewart for coordinating.

Chair Announcements

Chair Loos reminded everyone to buy raffle tickets to support St. Louis Crisis Nursery. The drawing will be after everyone is done eating.

Chair Loos announced the Ken Yost Golf Tournament is in four weeks, June 9th at Forest Park. Register your foursome online, and reach out to Jim Klein or Matt Malick with any questions.

Chair Loos stated the next Branch meeting is the annual awards lunch, on June 26, at Orlando's. We will recognize the Vince Tallo Award winners as well as the scholarship winners. He then remaindered the following meeting, on July 24th, will be the intern lunch. Please bring your summer interns to introduce them to APWA; there is no cost for them to attend.

Chair Loos reminded everyone to sign up the Chapter Dinner at PWX. We have 77 tickets that will be for sale for the rooftop Cubs game on Tuesday, Aug 19th. There has been some confusion (possible mis-information) about the date of the event. Our event is **NOT** on Monday.

Chair Loos announced Eric Landwehr was selected as one of this year's Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year. Congratulations to him!

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Theresa Goetz, Secretary.

APWA NEWS

2025 SPIRE SILVER SHOVEL AWARD WINNERS

On Tuesday, April 29, Spire gave its Silver Shovel award to municipalities with no at-fault damages to Spire's infrastructure over the past year. At two breakfast events across the state, including one in Ballwin, Spire recognized more than 30 Missouri municipalities that have practiced safe excavation.

"Presenting the Silver Shovel award is our way to say thank you to these municipalities for making the decision to put safety first," said Alan Meyer, Spire damage prevention manager. "By making the free phone call to 811 before starting a digging project, these municipalities protect their employees and residents."

To be awarded, a municipality must be located within Spire's service territory, a member in good standing of Missouri One Call and have no at-fault damages to Spire's facilities in 2024. Spire's Damage Prevention and Right of Way teams created the Silver Shovel award in 2019 to recognize the municipalities that dig our around its facilities and lines safely.

Congratulations to the communities who won a 2025 Silver Shovel award! First-time winners in the Missouri East region include Pacific, O'Fallon, Arnold and Washington.

Missouri East region winners:

Arnold
Ballwin
St. Peters
Florissant
St. Charles
University City
Clayton
Festus
Lake St. Louis
Maryland Heights
Poplar Bluff
St. Louis Forestry Division
Sullivan
Des Peres
Webster Groves
Pacific
O'Fallon
Washington



APWA NEWS

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 2025 sponsor of the APWA Missouri Chapter and partner with our organization to further our mutual goals. Please note that by Sponsoring the Chapter, you are also sponsoring the St. Louis Branch of APWA. There are many events that the Chapter pays the branch to support branch activities.

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 2025 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 2025.

Silver Level: \$150

- 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

- 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 2025 spring or fall Chapter conference

To sponsor Missouri Chapter APWA for 2025, 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 (660) 349-5757 or via e-mail at mteel@greatriv.com.

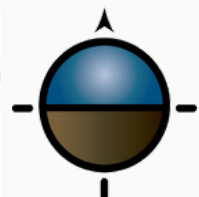
Thank you for considering a 2025 sponsorship of the APWA Missouri Chapter!

Kindest Regards,
APWA Missouri Vice President
Michael Teel
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Email: mteel@greatriv.com

APWA NEWS

2025 MO CHAPTER APWA SPONSORS

PLATINUM SPONSORS



GOLD SPONSORS



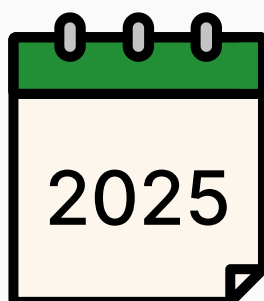
SILVER SPONSORS



CALENDAR

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
June 9, 2025	Ken Yost Memorial Golf Tournament	Courses at Forest Park - St. Louis, MO
June 26, 2025	June Tallo Awards Luncheon	Orlando's - Maryland Heights, MO
July 24, 2025	July Luncheon - Bring Your Intern!	Orlando's - Maryland Heights, MO
August 4, 2025	Ken Stumpf Memorial Golf Classic	Tanglewood Golf Course - Fulton, MO
August 28, 2025	August APA Joint Luncheon	Orlando's - Maryland Heights, MO
August 17-20, 2025	PWX 2025	McCormick Place - Chicago, IL
August 19, 2025	Missouri PWX Chapter Dinner	Wrigley Rooftops - Chicago, IL
September 18, 2025	September Luncheon	Orlando's - Maryland Heights, MO
October 23, 2025	October SITE Joint Luncheon	Orlando's - Maryland Heights, MO
December 11, 2025	December Holiday Party	TBD



CALENDAR

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Introduction to Basic Stormwater Concepts

Date: June 30, 2025 12:00AM-11:59PM

Location: Virtual



Topic: This self-paced eCourse provides the foundational concepts of stormwater management, ideal for those new to the field of stormwater including operator and maintenance staff, managers, and public works directors. The program will provide a basic understanding of common terminology, regulatory requirements and framework including MS4 requirements, and common challenges encountered within stormwater management.

Registration: \$75 for members; \$99 for nonmembers

<https://www.apwa.org/event/introduction-to-basic-stormwater-concepts-2/>

CALENDAR

APWA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS HAPPY HOUR



APWA YP HAPPY HOUR AT WINE DOWN CAFE

**Come join us for an evening of fun
networking with fellow YPs sponsored by
APWA!**

Thursday, June 12th
5 PM to 7 PM

Wine Down Cafe
7529 Michigan Ave
St. Louis, MO 63111



Scan to RSVP! For questions,
please contact Hannah Sullens
hsullens@gbateam.com

CALENDAR

APWA MISSOURI JUNE LUNCHEON

St. Louis Branch APWA Luncheon
Thursday, May 22, 2025

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

Location: Orlando's
2050 Dorsett Village
Maryland Heights, Missouri

Celebrating Vince Tallo Award Recipients
(Award information and list of recipients on Page 12)



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

REGISTER HERE



<https://missouri.apwa.org/event/june-lunch-celebrating-vince-tallo-award-recipients/>

Please register by June 20, 2025, at 4 PM!

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

2025 VINCENT TALLO AWARDS



The Vincent Tallo Service Award is presented by the Missouri Chapter APWA to employees of member organizations, municipalities, or firms who have completed thirty or more years of service to the public with a single organization, municipality or firm.

The Tallo Service Awards are named after Vince Tallo who was a long-time employee of Laclede Gas Company, and longtime active member of the APWA and strong supporter of public works. Vince worked at Laclede Gas from 1958 to 2001. In the 43 years he worked at Laclede, he held a number of positions throughout his career including the position of Manager of Right of Way. In this position, Vince was the company's liaison with the 90 municipalities, City, County and State Officials and Highway Departments in the St. Louis Metropolitan area. He was the ultimate professional in his approach on everything he did and worked tirelessly in promoting fellowship with everybody he met.

Vince was an active member in the APWA for over 17 years. He first became a member in 1985 and became the St. Louis Branch Chairman in 1990, was the Missouri Chapter President in 1998 and remained active in the APWA up to his retirement. Vince passed away shortly after his retirement from Laclede in 2002.

Eligibility Requirements:

Nominees must be employees of an APWA member organization, municipality, or firm.

Nominee must have served for a minimum of 30 years with the same organization, municipality, or firm.

The organization, municipality or firm must be a member of the Missouri Chapter at the time the nomination is made, but does not have to have been a member for the entire 30-year award period.

Selection Criteria:

30 years service with a single member organization, municipality, or firm.

Nomination Process:

Organization, municipality, or firm must send a letter nominating eligible employees stating employees name, current position, and term of service to the Chairman or to a member of the Chapter Awards Committee.

2025 Tallo Award Winners:

- Scott O. Kolkmeier, PE - BAX Engineering Company
- Ronnie Box - City of Springfield, MO
- Sean Dronick - City of Springfield, MO
- Joe Payne - City of Springfield, MO
- Randy Reed - City of Springfield, MO
- Richard Lancaster - St. Louis County Dept. Of Transportation & Public Works
- Suzanne Mariam - St. Louis County Dept. Of Transportation & Public Works
- Laurie Hogan - St. Louis County Dept. Of Transportation & Public Works
- Allan Erdman - Horner & Shifrin Consulting Engineers
- Rob Atkinson - Spire Energy
- Rich Bradley, PE - City of St. Louis Board of Public Service
- Jim Heines, PE - City of Creve Coeur



CALENDAR

KEN YOST MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

MISSOURI APWA KEN YOST MEMORIAL *Tournament*

17th

New
location



Monday, June 9, 2025

4-Person Scramble

Registration 9am, Shotgun Start 10am

Courses at Forest Park
6141 Lagoon Dr
Saint Louis, MO 63112

Presented by



Registration

Before 5/30.....\$140/person
Mulligans.....\$20/team
Skins.....\$20/team

Sponsorship Opportunities

Hole Sponsor*.....\$150
Beverage Sponsor*.....\$300
Lunch Sponsor*.....\$300
Tent Sponsor.....\$600

*includes signage at event

**Includes lunch, dinner, drinks,
prizes, & 50/50 benefiting the
Little Bit Foundation**

**Click here to
Register!**

Space limited to first 36 teams

Email for more info:
mmalick@claytonmo.gov or jklein@f-w.com

Benefits MO APWA Scholarship Fund
50/50 Benefits Little Bit Foundation

CALENDAR

KEN STUMPF MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC

**2025 Ken Stumpf Memorial
APWA Mid-MO Golf Classic**

Ken Stumpf was a lifetime member of APWA and was dedicated to the betterment of the association and education of its members. Ken was a special person that influenced many people during his lifetime. He passed away somewhat unexpectedly in 2015. Tournament proceeds will go towards organizations that Ken was involved with and important to him.



Monday, August 4, 2025

Registration - 11:00 am

Shotgun Start - 12:00 pm

Tanglewood Golf Course, Fulton, MO

**Greens Fees, Range Balls, Cart, Lunch, & Drinks are Included
Scramble Format ~ Two Putt Rule**

**\$400 per foursome team
\$50 per team Mulligans
\$200 Hole Sponsorships
\$350 Drink Sponsorships
\$350 Lunch Sponsorships
\$350 Driving Range Sponsorships**

All participants and sponsors MUST register online. Payment may be made online by credit card or by check mailed to Eric Landwehr, Cole County Public Works, 5055 Monticello Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Registration Deadline is Friday, August 1, 2025

**Please contact Eric Landwehr for registration and payment information:
elandwehr@colecouny.org
(573) 619-4551**

CALENDAR

PWX 2025 - CHICAGO



JOIN US AT PWX 2025!!

August 17-20, 2025

**McCormick Place – Lakeside Center
2301 S. Lake Shore Dr.
Chicago, IL 60616**

**Conference information can be found here:
<https://www.apwa.org/events/pwx-conference/>**

**Chapter Dinner to be held Monday night August 18th at
Wrigley Rooftops for Cubs versus Brewers - Registration
Link Coming**



CALENDAR

PWX 2025 MISSOURI CHAPTER DINNER

Tuesday August 19th
at



1032 W. Waveland
Chicago, IL



VS



\$40 for members - \$60 for spouses/guests

This is an all-inclusive event starting promptly at 6:05 PM so get there early! See Page 3 for additional information.

Registration link will be up on the website soon!

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



JOB POSTING - CITY OF DES PERES

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

\$64,863 - \$90,808

The City of Des Peres is looking for a motivated and capable individual to join our team as a hybrid Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. This dynamic position offers a unique opportunity to engage in both technical inspections and regulatory compliance activities within our vibrant community. Whether you're an experienced professional or new to the field, we welcome your application and are committed to providing comprehensive training and mentorship.

This position is designed to adapt to various levels of experience, offering valuable hands-on training from our seasoned Building Official, while experienced candidates can take on significant and impactful projects. Your role will be vital in promoting public safety, ensuring compliance with municipal codes, and fostering responsible development across the city.

Join us in this exciting role that offers personal growth, professional development, and a chance to make a meaningful impact in our community's infrastructure and safety standards.

[Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer](#)

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



JOB POSTING - CITY OF CREVE COEUR Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

\$125,000+/-

The City of Creve Coeur seeks a strategic and experienced Director of Public Works / City Engineer to lead a high-performing department responsible for streets, stormwater, fleet, facilities, engineering, and sanitation services. This leadership opportunity comes as our long-serving director retires after 36 years of outstanding service. The Director oversees a \$5.3M department operating budget, a \$42.6M 5-year Capital Improvement Program (Capital, Parks & Stormwater), and manages a team of 20+ staff across four divisions. This position is part of the City's executive leadership team and reports directly to the City Administrator. Full job posting: [Creve Coeur Director of Public Works Job Posting](#)

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering, Public Works, or related field; Master's preferred.
- Registered PE in Missouri.
- 10+ years of progressive experience in public works or engineering, including supervisory duties.
- Valid Missouri driver license; CDL preferred.
- Proficiency with engineering software, GIS, and municipal budgeting.
- Strong communication, leadership, and project management skills.

To Apply

Send cover letter, resume, salary history, and four professional references to hr@crevecoeurmo.gov or submit online at www.crevecoeurmo.gov/jobs.

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



JOB POSTING - CITY OF SAINT CHARLES

Assistant Public Works Director

\$123,392 - \$172,749

Under the general direction of the Director of Public Works, the Assistant Director will be responsible for the oversight of operating divisions of Public Works including the streets division, utilities division and facilities division. This position oversees a wide variety of infrastructure work, including road repair and reconstruction, snow removal, traffic control for special events, traffic signal repair, water treatment and distribution, storm water collection and drainage, sanitary sewer collection and contracted sanitary sewer treatment, building and facilities improvements, and fleet maintenance and repair.

The Assistant Director of Public Works prepares and manages the Department budget; develops budget requests for construction and maintenance, including materials, labor, and equipment needs for Public Works functions; approves expenditures; and prepares cost estimates, recommendations, and requests for authorization and funding

The Assistant Director of Public Works coordinates and acts as a City representative on special projects involving consulting services and construction. They approve bid recommendations; prepare various reports and recommendations regarding Public Works matters; and identify capital improvement projects for consideration. This position acts as a Department liaison with the City Council, the general public and responds to claims against the City, which may involve testifying in court and answering interrogatories.

<https://stcharlescitemo.applicantpro.com/jobs/>

EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



JOB POSTING - CITY SAINT CHARLES

Director of Public Works

\$149,984.47- \$209,978.25

The Director of Public Works is a key member of the executive leadership team, responsible for the overall planning, direction, and management of public infrastructure and municipal services. This position plays a vital role in ensuring the efficient delivery of essential services such as transportation systems, storm water management, water treatment and distribution, transit services, snow removal, fleet maintenance, and facility operations.

Reporting directly to the Assistant City Administrator, the Director oversees a multidisciplinary team and a range of capital improvement projects that impact the community's daily life and long-term development. The Director of Public Works is expected to be a strategic thinker, a skilled communicator, and an experienced manager capable of leading a large department through complex infrastructure challenges, regulatory compliance, and fiscal responsibility.

The Director of Public Works prepares and manages the Department budget; develops budget requests for construction and maintenance, including materials, labor, and equipment needs for Public Works functions; approves expenditures; and prepares cost estimates, recommendations, and request for authorization and funding.

The ideal candidate is a forward-thinking leader with a strong background in public works, public administration, engineering or a related field, and a passion for serving the public through innovation, efficiency, and sustainability in infrastructure and municipal operations.

<https://stcharlescitymo.applicantpro.com/jobs/>

OTHER

ST. LOUIS AREA TORNADO RELIEF

STANDING STRONG AFTER THE STORM: HOW PUBLIC WORKS PROFESSIONALS CAN HELP WITH ST. LOUIS TORNADO RELIEF

In the wake of the recent tornadoes that swept through the St. Louis region, our thoughts are with the families, neighbors, and communities facing damage, displacement, and disruption. Events like these remind us just how critical public works is—not just in infrastructure, but in community resilience.

As public works professionals, we are uniquely positioned to offer both technical expertise and compassionate support. From assessing damaged infrastructure to restoring safe mobility and public spaces, our work helps pave the path to recovery—literally and figuratively.

Here's how we can help:

- **Support Local Response Efforts** – Coordinate with local agencies or volunteer through mutual aid programs to assist with cleanup, damage assessment, or resource distribution.
 - City of St. Louis - <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/recovery/tornado-2025/help/index.cfm>
 - Action St. Louis - <https://actionstl.org/tornado>
- **Donate or Organize Drives** – Consider donating to reputable relief organizations like the United Way of Greater St. Louis or the St. Louis Community Foundation, or organize supply drives for essential items like bottled water, tarps, tools, or non-perishable food.
 - United Way - <https://helpingpeople.org/blog/united-way-of-greater-st-louis-storm-response-helping-affected-neighbors-in-need/>
 - St. Louis Community Foundation - <https://stlgives.org/resources/>
- **Check on Colleagues and Crews** – Many of our peers may be responding directly—or personally impacted. A simple check-in can go a long way.

Let's continue to show the strength of our profession not just in what we build, but how we care. St. Louis has weathered many storms—and together, we'll help it rise again. St. Louis Strong!

**DISASTER
RELIEF**

OTHER

JUNE OBSERVANCES

Pride Month

Pride Month is a celebration of how public works and civic infrastructure can uplift all members of our communities. It's a moment to highlight the importance of designing safe and welcoming public spaces—from trails and parks to restrooms and shelters—that support the full tapestry of human experience. When we prioritize accessible design and thoughtful planning, we intentionally amplify voices that have too often been overlooked.

Public works professionals ensure that essential systems—transport, lighting, water, safety—serve every resident. During Pride Month, we can reaffirm our commitment to fair access and respect by engaging with all members of the community, using inclusive materials, and removing physical and social barriers. That builds trust and fosters civic pride—because when everyone sees themselves reflected in our streets, bridges, and gathering places, we all move forward together.



Juneteenth

Juneteenth is a powerful reflection of resilience, freedom, and the ongoing journey toward full participation in American life. For public works professionals, it's a timely reminder that our role goes far beyond concrete and steel—we shape the physical foundations of justice and opportunity. From infrastructure investments in historically underserved neighborhoods to community-centered planning that honors cultural heritage, our work can help bridge gaps and build a more connected, fairer future.

As we mark Juneteenth, we recognize the importance of equitable access to safe, reliable infrastructure—whether it's clean drinking water, smooth roadways, or welcoming public spaces. These aren't just amenities; they are essentials that contribute to health, dignity, and mobility. By listening to community needs and delivering services with care and consistency, public works becomes a tool for unity and trust. The story of Juneteenth reminds us that freedom is not just a historical milestone—it's a living ideal we advance through service every day.

