

New York Metropolitan Chapter American Public Works Association

Chapter Happenings

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Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge viewed from the Westchester County shoreline. Winner of the 2020 Project of the Year Award, over \$75 million.

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***Michal Nowak – APWA New York Metro Chapter
President***

My Fellow Chapter Members:

Welcome to the New York Metropolitan Chapter of the APWA. It is a pleasure to greet our members, new members, potential members, and guests.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as the President of this Chapter and of an organization which promotes the importance of Public Works to our residents and our communities. From my time joining the APWA association as Secretary to President, the APWA has provided me with a solid foundation of knowledge, training, and peer to peer support that is crucial for both day-to-day problem solving and chaotic emergency response situations. The support, passion, and unity we share for our profession is second to none.

We have and continue to face numerous challenges. Mother Nature has thrown Hurricanes, Floods, Blizzards, and Pandemics our way. As a group, we did not falter or bow down to these challenges. We faced them head on with cool, collective, and decisive action learned from the many trainings APWA offers, and from peer-to-peer experiences. Many departments and agencies went through a Paradigm Shift in that they had to change their usual way of thinking and replaced it with a new or different way. This is only one of the capabilities that makes Public Works a rewarding and life changing career.

The Chapter offers many avenues for its members to become involved, and I encourage new members and existing to take an active role by joining a committee, attending conferences or helping with events and training. It is through these opportunities that we can mentor one another, expose new up and coming public works professionals to the vast resources APWA offers and to promote the profession. It is a small ask, and a small dedication in time that can reap exponential dividends. If you are not a member and are thinking about joining, feel free to contact me at MNowak@Ryebrook.org. It would be my pleasure to further discuss all of the member benefits. Our Chapter has a proud and successful history. It gives us a sense of identity and purpose; it helps set our goals and overcome our challenges. Our Chapter and APWA defines us as Public Works Professionals.

I need to Thank all of my fellow board members, coworkers and peers who took the time to expose me to APWA and assisted me throughout my career in Public Works and my growth within the Association. Every one of you have impacted my life, provided mentorship, friendship, and support. It was this unselfish act of teaching the “new guy the ropes” that has made me the professional I am today.

Thank you for your trust and support and for the opportunity to serve as your Chapter President. I hope to see you at one of our many events.

Michal

New/Returning Members Since January 1, 2023

| Name | Agency/Company |
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| Steven Carioto | Suffolk County Department of Public Works |
| John Flick | Village of Southampton |
| Corey Swezey | Village of Southampton |
| John Barreto | Town of Mamaroneck |
| Charles Buxton | Town of Ramapo |
| Robert Gamble | Town of Ramapo |
| Michael Lepori | Town of Ramapo |
| Brian Spillman | Town of Ramapo |
| James Meehan | |

As of 6/30/23. 221 Chapter Members

Consider Joining the American Public Works Association

If you are receiving this Newsletter complimentary, we ask that you consider joining the American Public Works Association.

The Long Island Branch which includes Nassau and Suffolk Counties meets 9 times a year for lunch and the Southeast New York Branch which includes Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Sullivan, Orange and Ulster Counties meets 4 times per year for lunch. These lunch meetings, in addition to the Association's routine business, provides an opportunity to network with other public works managers as well as private sector vendors and consultants. Training and education opportunities are provided at the annual Equipment and Products Exposition in May as well as standalone training sessions sponsored in cooperation with other public works organizations. Check out the American Public Works Association website at www.apwa.org/membership

GET CONNECTED

One of the great benefits of joining APWA is connecting with your colleagues. APWA offers numerous opportunities and various ways for you to connect and network. Connect by interest or responsibility, through our social networks, through your local chapter, or through one of our national special interest groups.

Connect by interest or responsibility

- Center for Sustainability
- Standing Committees, Program Committees, or Technical Committees
- Partnerships and Task Forces

Social networks

- *InfoNOW* Communities and APWA Connect
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- YouTube Channel

Local chapter

- Chapters
- Council of Chapters

2022 Fall Newsletter Questionnaire Results

Always wanting to keep up with the education and training needs of our public works and highway department colleagues, below are the programs selected by 24 responses to our 2022 Fall Newsletter in order of importance that would like to be seen.

Supervision
Stormwater
Safety /OSHA
Emergency Management
Fleet Management

Getting Training and Education Programs Underway

With the coming of Spring, Local and Regional Public Works and Highway Department organization training and education programs are underway. The Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators kicked off their lineup with a half day three session program hosted by Chapter Director and Superintendent of Public Works Jeffrey Coleman, P.E. at the Village of Scarsdale Public Library. The program got underway following registration and breakfast at 9:00 AM. Session subject matter included Employee Performance and Discipline, Underground Infrastructure Technology and Maintenance and a Fleet Mechanic / Equipment Roundtable. Opportunities were provided at the end of each session for questions and discussion. Lunch and distribution of Certificates of Attendance ended the program. 48 individuals representing 16 municipalities were in attendance including 10 APWA New York Metro Chapter municipalities.



Jim Lounsbery, Vice President, National Watermain Cleaning Company discusses a major sanitary sewer project and related technology and maintenance needs completed in The Bronx, New York

Group Photo including attendees, speakers and Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators staff.



Southeast Branch of the New York Metro Chapter Awards Scholarship

The SENY Branch has awarded one scholarship for 2023 to a Yonkers student currently attending Iona Preparatory Upper School in New Rochelle. The \$1,500 award will be used for tuition, housing, books and supplies beginning with the Fall Semester at the Manhattan College School of Civil Engineering.

Rockland County Receives American Society of Civil Engineers Lower Hudson Valley Branch Award

The Rockland County Highway Department's New Highway Maintenance Facility Project was selected as the recipient of the annual "Tappan Zee Award" (Large Project of the Year Award) by the American Society of Civil Engineers Lower Hudson Valley Branch. This award is given to a major and complex civil engineering project in the Lower Hudson Valley.



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| Project Designers: | DYAMI Architecture, PC McLaren Engineering Group Ola Consulting Engineers, PC STV Incorporated |
| Contactor: | Worth Construction |
| Construction Manager: | Helmer Cronin Construction, Inc. |
| County's Construction Manager: | Andrew Connors, Deputy Superintendent of Highways |

40 Year Attendance Award New York State Annual Highway School

The Association of Towns of the State of New York and the Cornell University Local Roads Program (LTAP) conferred its 40 Year Attendance Award on **Rockland County Highway Superintendent Charles "Skip" Vezzetti** at its Annual Meeting on June 7, 2023. The School held in Ithaca, New York, brings together Highway Superintendents and other Public Works Professionals from across New York State for 3 days of classes and exhibits designed to maintain up to date standards and technology for municipal staff.

Public Works Week 2023

The City of Yonkers recognized National Public Works Week with the placement of 2 signs outside the Public Works Operations Facility



Yonkers celebrates National Public Works Week with a display of big rigs at the Patricia A. DiChiro School.

Watch the days activities on the link below:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/138mrnAkdD02enTM6pE_KGUyWPK2FcApm/view?usp=share_link



David Paganelli, Town of Yorktown Highway Superintendent, explains to a group of Brookside Elementary students during a Community Day outing on May 18th the many responsibilities of the Town Highway Department in keeping their community safe. Presentations were also provided by Yorktown's Police and Fire Departments as well as the Ambulance Corps.

Town of Mount Pleasant Highway Department staff pose for a photo during National Public Works Week in front of their newly renovated operations facility. *Public Works – Connecting the World*



The Town of Orangetown Highway Department in Rockland County celebrated their 27th Annual National Public Works Week Open House on May 20, 2023. Superintendent of Highways Jim Dean welcomed a large crowd of residents interested in learning about what the Highway Department does as well as the specialized services they provide.

33rd Annual Equipment and Products Exposition held in Orangetown

The New York Metropolitan Chapter of the American Public Works Association held their 33rd Annual Equipment and Products Exposition at the Town of Orangetown Highway Department in Rockland County. The day's program included a one-hour training session by Michal Nowak, Superintendent of Public Works for the Village of Rye Brook and Circuit Rider for the Cornell University Local Roads Program titled, "Reducing Liability for Highway and Public Works Departments (Introduction)".

Twenty-one individuals were in attendance from six municipal agencies. Forty-nine exhibitors provided a variety of products, equipment, supplies and services for inspection and discussion. The day concluded with a presentation and reading of proclamations recognizing, National Public Works Week, "*Connecting the World Through Public Works*". One Hundred ninety individuals were in attendance.



Superintendent Michal Nowak making a point concerning legal liability and written notice of a defect.

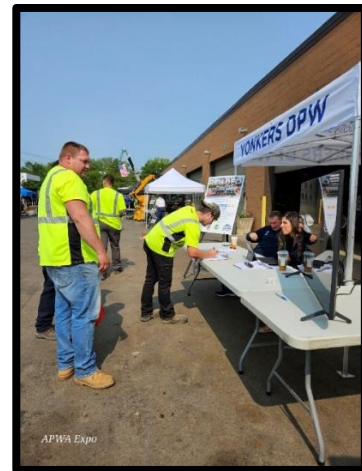
Trius Inc. brought a large sales contingent to show the equipment and answer any inquiries.





Chapter President Michal Nowak and Past President Stephen Munno get the formal portion of the days program underway

Show visitors sign up to get information about the City of Yonkers Rodeo scheduled for early June.



Standing before the “Public Works Fallen Heroes Display” are shown left to right, Chapter Vice President Thomas Meier, Chapter President Michal Nowak, Andrew DeMeola, nephew of Gerald V. DeMeola, Town of Orangetown worker killed on December 3, 1974, Chapter Director Stephen Munno, Chapter Director Jeffrey Coleman and Chapter Delegate Peter Sciliano.

**Thank you to those organizations who attended and supported the
May 24, 2023 Annual Equipment and Products Exposition
at the
Town of Orangetown Highway Department in Orangeburg, New York**

including:

ABSOLUTE AUCTIONS & REALTY, INC.
ACTION RUBBER & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY INC.
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AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULICS
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TRUIS, INC.
VASSO WASTE SYSTEMS
VIKING CIVES USA
VUE ROBOTICS
WESTCHESTER TRACTOR INC.
YONKERS PAVING

National Public Works Week Proclamations Presented
at the 2023 Equipment Show

New York State Senate, Senator Bill Weber, 38th Senate District
New York State Assembly, Assemblyman John W. McGowan, 97th Assembly District
County of Rockland, County Executive Edwin J. Day
Westchester County Board of Legislators, Legislator James Nolan, 15th Legislative District
Town of Orangetown, Supervisor Teresa M. Kenny
Town of Mount Pleasant, Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi
Village of Rye Brook, Deputy Mayor David Heiser

Agency Accreditation

The purpose of the accreditation program is to provide a means of formally verifying and recognizing public works agencies for compliance with the recommended practices set forth in the *Public Works Management Practices Manual*. It is a voluntary, self-motivated approach to objectively evaluate, verify and recognize compliance with the recommended management practices.

Purchase the Public Works Management Practices Manual, 10th Ed. and Self-Assessment Software from the APWA Store

Accreditation Process

Agencies pursuing accreditation go through a five-phase process:

1. Self-Assessment
2. Application
3. Improvement
4. Evaluation
5. Accreditation