

UPCOMING EVENTS

PWX -Public Works Expo
August 27-30, 2023
San Diego Convention Center
San Diego, CA

Scholarship Fundraiser Golf
Tournament
September 21, 2023
Timberline Golf Club
Calera, AL

North American Snow
Conference
April 28th – May 1st, 2024
Kansas City, MS

PUBLIC WORKS

FIRST RESPONDER



A NOTE FROM JEFF...

First, I would like to thank you all for everything you do for our communities to ensure the public is safe and able to enjoy everything that our communities offer. You are a vital part of what keeps Alabama moving forward! It has been a few months since our last newsletter, so I wanted to update you on some recent events and to make sure you are aware of networking opportunities and learning events coming soon.

In July, the Alabama Chapter of APWA partnered with the Alabama ASCE in our annual Summer Conference at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama. There was a great turnout with many representatives from vendors, ALDOT, counties and municipalities from around the state. Stay tuned for announcements regarding the 2024 Summer Conference! Make sure you register for our annual golf tournament at Timberline Golf Club in Calera on September 21, 2023. This is a great event to network with vendors and other public works professionals. I look forward to seeing you there! Lastly, the national APWA PWX 2023 Conference is from 8/27 to 8/30 in San Diego, CA and it offers a wealth of information, training, and networking opportunities with public works professionals from around the nation.

Thank you all again for everything you do to support our communities. What you do is recognized and appreciated. I look forward to meeting you at our upcoming events!

Respectfully,

Jeff Wilcox,
Alabama Chapter President





Public Works EXPO!

The 2023 PXW will take place on August 27-30, 2023 at the San Diego Convention Center

Exhibit highlights:

- 145 educational sessions
- APWA Connect Live!
- Best booth awards
- Exhibitor solutions theater
- Asset management space
- Prize drawings
- And much, much more!

Check out the five ways to attend PWX!

Please visit [PWX Conference - American Public Works Association \(apwa.org\)](https://www.apwa.org) for more information.

Don't miss out!

PWX provides a first-class multimodal learning experience designed for professionals at all levels and across the entire spectrum of public works. Come prepared to see, hear, touch, and discuss in a variety of traditional and interactive sessions, seminars, workshops, and networking opportunities. Join more than 5,000 public works colleagues from around the globe, and take advantage of everything PWX has to offer!

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PWX—THE 2023 CONFERENCE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

Be sure to download the PWX 2023 mobile app for the latest PWX conference information!

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The American Public Works Association Alabama Chapter

proudly presents the



Bunny Sansom Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament

September 21, 2023

\$100 Individual Player

\$500 Team + Hole Sponsor

Team Mulligans available

Both registration options include
lunch

7:00am - Registration Begins

8:00am—Shotgun Start

Lunch served after your round

Four person scramble format



To Register:

Visit alabama.apwa.net or contact

Jeff Zissette: (205) 245-5031 jzissette@clantonal.gov

TIMBERLINE

Timberline Golf Club

300 Timberline Trail

Calera, AL 35040

YOU COULD WIN

\$15,000 CASH

50" 4K ULTRA HD SMART TV

SET OF CALLAWAY X SERIES

IRONS

\$500 VISA GIFT CARD

Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament

On September 21st, 2023 APWA Alabama Chapter will be holding their annual golf tournament at Timberline Golf Club!

- \$100 Individual Player
- \$500 Team + Hole Sponsor

You could win big prizes, including:

- \$15,000 CASH
- 50" 4K Ultra HD Smart TV
- Set of Callaway X Series Irons
- \$500 Visa gift card

To register, please contact Jeff Zissette at jzissette@clantonal.gov or call (205) 245-5031. Hope to see you there!

APWA 2023 Scholarship Winners!

APWA Alabama recently announced their 2023 Scholarship winners. Scholarships are presented to deserving students striving to complete educational requirements for a career path in public works. Congratulations to this year's winners!

EDDIE RODRIGUEZ, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA: \$2000 APWA Scholarship

Eddie is from Gulf Shores AL. He currently holds a 3.77 GPA studying for a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering with a Mathematics minor. He is involved in and held officer positions in the Society for Sustainable Engineering, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Latin American Student Organization. He is also in the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, a Solid Waste Sustainability Hub Ambassador, and Engineering Ambassador. He is first-generation student and has embraced every opportunity that came his way, securing two internships while actively engaging in leadership roles and networking with my community.

JACOB HURST, AUBURN UNIVERSITY: \$2000 APWA Scholarship

Jacob is from Homewood, AL and is currently attending Auburn University (4.00 GPA) pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering with minors in Materials Engineering and Mathematics. He has always aspired to be an involved person and make an impact on the community around him, but was truthfully far too shy to fully put himself out there. It took arriving at the incredible Auburn University to get out of his comfort zone and find his voice. The two organizations that have been crucial to growing his confidence are the Auburn University Marching Band and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity. He will be graduating in the Spring of 2026 and is determined to maintain his path towards one day contributing to a safer infrastructure.

ROBERT HASSLER, AUBURN UNIVERSITY: \$2000 APWA Scholarship

Robert is from Helena, AL and is currently attending Auburn University (3.95 GPA) pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Civil Engineering with a specialty in Structural Engineering. He will be finishing his degree Fall 2023 semester and pursuing a master's degree in Structural Engineering Spring 2024. He was the former president of Auburn's Tennis Club. He is a current student member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and Chi Epsilon at Auburn. He has received the honor of Dean's list every semester at Auburn. He is also excited to be a teaching assistant for Mechanics of Materials this Fall.

SPOTLIGHT – MUNICIPAL PARKING DECK MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR PROJECT



A critical component of the necessary continuum of responsible ownership of municipal capital projects and infrastructure are the less-glamorous maintenance and repair programs that ensure the long-term useful life of these public assets. With that in mind, this issue's Spotlight goes to the City of Auburn's Gay Street Municipal Parking Deck Maintenance and Repair Project. This parking deck occupies a critical space within the core block of downtown Auburn, and provides 250 parking spaces for residents, visitors, and City staff. The deck was constructed in 1986, consists of three levels (one at-grade and two supported), and includes a structural system of precast concrete beams and columns supporting precast concrete double-tee decks. The current restorative maintenance and repair work includes various repairs to the precast structural elements, extensive waterproofing (including traffic coating membrane over top deck and on stair tower floors), cleaning of the drainage system, and re-stripping of the second and third levels.



Delegate Update

Please see the following January 2023 – Present updates of the APWA Alabama Chapter. Delegate notes are taken by Larry Ingram.

- Current Membership is approximately 200 members in all classifications.
- Founded in 1947 the Alabama Chapter recently celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 2022.
- In January, the Board accepted the resignation of President Elect, Justin Barrett.
- Mr. Ronnie Huskey, Director, was sworn into the vacant Vice-president's position.
- The Board is still on the look-out for dedicated Public Works professionals to help fill two (2) current Director Vacancies and a pending third vacancy that will be created when the vacant President-Elect position is filled.
- To help increase public awareness, honor front-line professionals, and perform outreach, the Chapter held its 2nd Annual Equipment Rodeo on May 25, 2023, at Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, AL. Nine (9) jurisdictions and utilities participated in the rodeo, and several others attended as spectators.
- Membership, outreach, and involvement are the key issues that the Chapter and the Board continue to focus on. The pandemic and budget concerns among municipalities and organizations have certainly impacted our efforts for outreach and involvement and by default membership has been impacted. Additionally, many of our longtime members are at or near retirement.
- There is continued interest and discussion among the Board about planning Regional after-hours events, to include, but not limited to, corn-hole events, meet and greets, etc. Many of these discussions center on who will organize in the region and the potential need for private sector sponsors to offset costs for members and potential members.
- The Chapter held its joint summer conference with ASCE at Perdido Beach resort on July 12-14. As part of this conference, there were two (2) educational tracks that attendees could pursue. One track focused on Engineering specific topics and the second one focused on Public Works related topics.

Want to recognize a Public Works project or employee?

Contact anyone on the Executive Committee with information regarding a project, employee or anything positive related to Public Works in Alabama and it could be featured in an upcoming newsletter. We want to shine a positive light on Public Works!

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We welcome your feedback! Please send ideas or suggestions to any member of the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Members Needed!

Our chapter currently has **two (2)** openings on its Executive Committee. Members who are interested, please contact Chapter President, Jeff Wilcox at Jeff.Wilcox@SpireEnergy.com or any current member of the Executive Committee.

APWA Mission Statement:

To be an active, unified Public Works organization, providing leadership, education, training, direction and support on Public Works issues to its members, elected officials, and the public, every day, as well as during times of natural disaster.