

UPCOMING EVENTS

2024 Summer Meeting

July 10th-12th, 2024

Orange Beach, AL

PWX -Public Works Expo

September 8th-11th, 2024

Atlanta, GA

Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament

September 19th, 2024

Calera, AL

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A NOTE FROM JEFF...

Greetings Public Works Professionals! You bring a tremendous amount of value to the lives of many who simply are not aware. Your impact is often unacknowledged until something major happens and the public is in need of serious help to safely navigate and enjoy their communities. You jump into action and shine as community heroes clearing the rubble and repairing public infrastructure after storms and other disasters. You are first responders and should be recognized in your communities. The Alabama chapter of APWA recognizes your professionalism and the value you bring.

In May, our organization represented Public Works professionals from around the state during a proclamation signing by Governor Kay Ivey, recognizing the talented people working within the profession during National Public Works Week. Additionally, the Alabama chapter hosted its annual Equipment Rodeo where several municipalities from across the state sent operators to Montgomery to compete head-to-head on mini-ex, backhoe, skid steer and bucket truck competitions. Congratulations to the overall winner, Alexander City for an impressive performance at this year's event. And a special thank you to the Montgomery Public Works Department and the city for hosting this year's event.

We have some exciting upcoming events that I hope to see you at. The joint APWA & ASCE annual summer conference is coming up July 10th – 12th at Perdido Beach Resort. Please check our website for registration information if you have not done so already. Additionally, we are excited to have the national PWX conference in nearby Atlanta this year on September 8th – 11th. This event draws public works professionals and vendors from all around the country and is a great experience for all within the profession.

Again, Thank you for all you do to impact our communities. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Respectfully,

Jeff Wilcox,
Alabama Chapter President



2024 ASCE/APWA Alabama Summer Meeting

July 10th – 12th, 2024

Orange Beach, AL

- The DRAFT 3-day agenda is now available [HERE!](#)
- The overflow hotel room block at the Hilton Garden Inn Orange Beach (\$319/night) will be available until Monday, June 17. Be sure to make your reservations before then if you want the group rate.
- A few exhibit spaces are still available, so be sure to register your company soon.
- Sponsors are still needed!
- On Wednesday night, a conference reception will be held in the Exhibit Hall with heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, entertainment and more.
- On Thursday night, the "Port Royal Boil" family dinner and kids activities will be held offsite at The Event Center at The Wharf in Orange Beach from 6-8 PM.
- The 1/2-day Younger Member Track will return again this year to complete the third and final portion of the training. The final date and details are still being finalized.
- There will NOT be a golf tournament this year.

Please join us for the 2024 Summer Meeting of the Alabama Section of ASCE and Alabama Chapter of APWA! We are returning to the enjoyable and family friendly Perdido Beach Resort for another great 3-day conference at the beach. The conference will open with lunch on Wednesday and end on Friday by lunch.

We have some exciting additions to the sponsor and exhibitor packages along with expanded social activities to ensure everyone has a great time interacting with the exhibitors and attendees from both organizations.

- \$475 Standard Registration: Ending 6/30/2024
- \$500 Late Registration: After 7/1/2024





APWA

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

PWX
PUBLIC WORKS EXPO
ATLANTA
GEORGIA WORLD CONGRESS CENTER
SEPTEMBER 8-11, 2024
#PWX2024

MAKE PLANS TO BE IN ATLANTA FOR APWA'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE

For more information visit:
www.apwa.org/pwx

PWX Atlanta

Sept 8th – 11th, 2024

Atlanta, GA

PWX provides a first-class multi-modal 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.

Attendees can also spend time on North America's largest exhibit floor for public works equipment and services—we've carved out generous portions of non-compete time, so you don't miss any sessions. Kick tires, talk about technology, or get the scoop on new products.

For more info, visit [PWX Conference](http://www.apwa.org/pwx)

Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament

On September 19th, 2024 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!

The American Public Works Association Alabama Chapter

proudly presents the



Bunny Sansom Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser Golf Tournament

September 19, 2024

\$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



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Calera, AL 35040

YOU COULD WIN

\$15,000 CASH

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SET OF CALLAWAY X SERIES IRONS

\$500 VISA GIFT CARD

To Register:

Visit alabama.apwa.net or contact

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OVERALL CHAMPION Jordan Smith

BACKHOE



2nd Place
Andrew Walker
City of Daphne

1st Place
Jordan Smith
Alexander City

3rd Place
Richard
Brazzell
Alexander City



SKID STEER



2nd Place
Jordan Smith
Alexander City

1st Place
Kyle Bollin
Montgomery

3rd Place
Michael Petty
Montgomery

MINI-EX



2nd Place
Justin Foster
City of Auburn

1st Place
Jordan Smith
Alexander City

3rd Place
Andrew Walker
City of Daphne

BUCKET TRUCK



2nd Place
Clint Saggus
City of Auburn

1st Place
Clint McCarley
Montgomery

3rd Place
Will Brown
Montgomery

TEAM WINNER Alexander City



Delegate Update

Please see the following updates from the APWA Alabama Chapter.

This year our chapter reached a milestone at the national APWA level. We were found to be eligible and have submitted our first Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) application for calendar year 2023 for consideration at the National level. This award is intended to recognize APWA chapters for contributions made to positively impact their membership, profession, and community. This award recognizes chapters that demonstrate this accomplishment in any given year.

APWA chapters with less than 500 members are eligible to submit a nomination for consideration when:

- All required fiscal year-end financial reporting was submitted by July 31 of the nomination time period of January 1 through December 31, (2023); AND 1099 information was submitted by January 15, of (2024);
- If chapter membership is 500 members or less, the chapter has submitted one national award nomination in any category. Our Chapter submitted the City of Auburn's Town Creek Inclusive Playground project for consideration. This project was featured in our last Chapter newsletter.

PACE award recipients are selected by a panel comprised of APWA's current President, President Elect, and three most recent Past Presidents.

Applications are evaluated on four (4) categories: Membership, Service to Chapter Members, Advancement of Public Works and Sustainability, and Service to the Community.

With PWX so close to home this year, we have our fingers crossed that the selection committee finds our application worthy of the PACE. If we are successful, the chapter receives a certificate and chapter banner patch and are recognized at the Awards Recognition Ceremony during PWX. Winning chapters are featured in future APWA publications.

I look forward to seeing many of you in July at the APWA/ASCE Summer Conference at Perdido and in September at PWX in Atlanta.

Thank you for all that you do.

Respectfully,

Larry Ingram, PE

APWA Alabama Chapter Delegate



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SPOTLIGHT – ELM STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

ATHENS, AL



The Elm Pedestrian Bridge, now complete, has been a wonderful addition to Athens. Please see the article below written by [J.R. Tidewell from The News Courier](#) that explained the need and process for this project.



Foot traffic on Elm Street has been an issue in Athens for some time. Many pedestrians like to traverse the area, either going to a local convenience store or crossing the highway to the Athens Sportsplex.

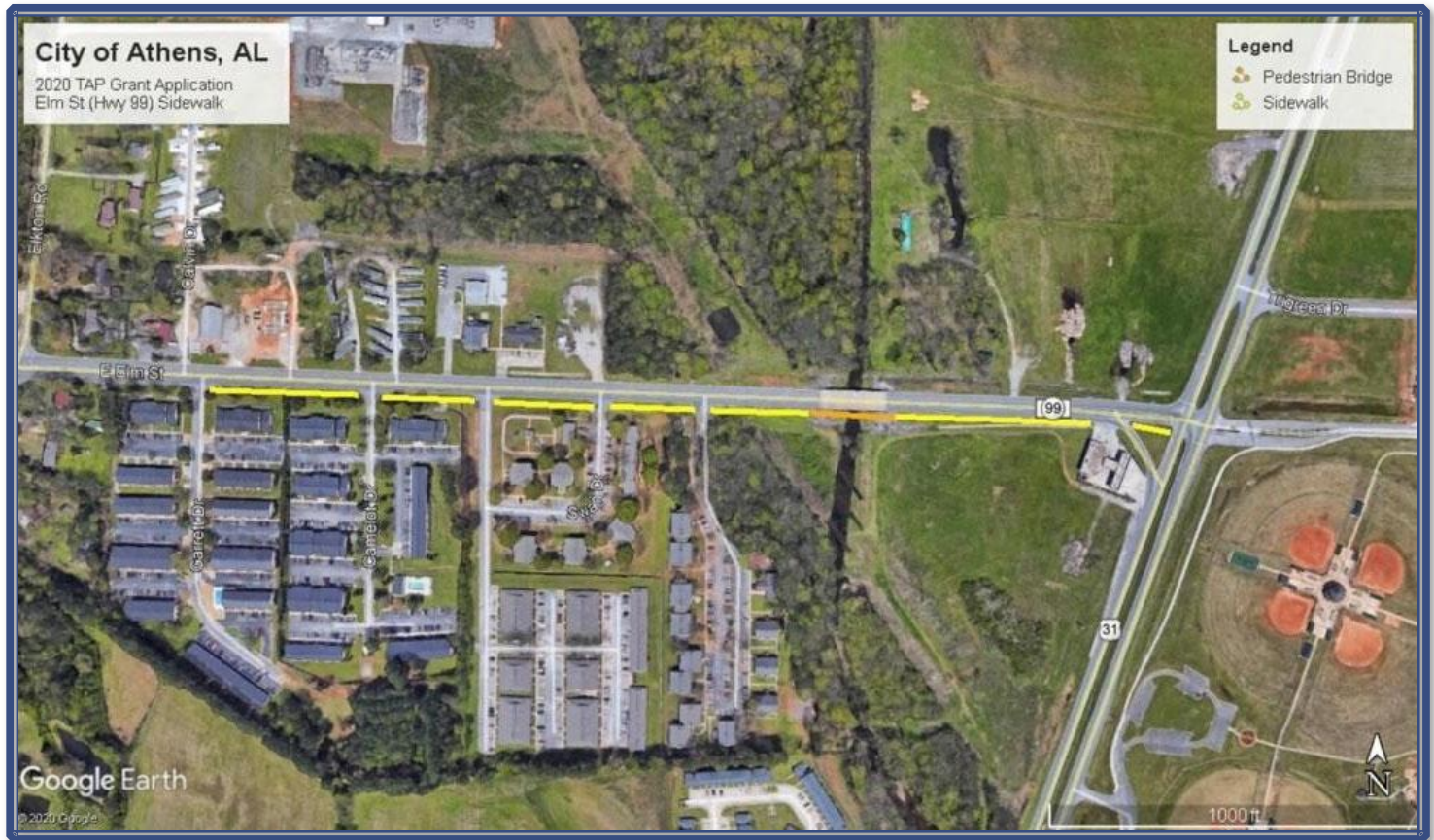
Thanks to a grant from the Alabama Department of Transportation, the safety issue for pedestrians will soon be solved. The City Council voted unanimously Monday to accept a \$640,000 grant from ALDOT to help build a sidewalk down Elm Street in between Garrett Drive and U.S. 31.

The city will contribute \$160,000 to the project in an 80-20 match for a total of \$800,000.

"In 2017, we had a fatality here with someone on a bicycle," Athens Mayor Ronnie Marks said. "Even before then, we knew this was a dangerous area. There are people that walk to a local store, and they have nowhere to walk."

Marks said Elm Street is now part of Alabama 99, which is a state highway. That meant the City of Athens was required to work with the state before a sidewalk could be put in.

The project will include a pedestrian bridge that spans Swan Creek, meaning pedestrians will no longer have to walk along the roadway to get across.



This aerial photo shows where the new Elm Street sidewalk project is planned. A pedestrian bridge will be built over a small creek to keep walkers from having to cross on the roadway.

There have been incidents involving people trying to cross the creek in the past as well.

"It is huge," said Capt. Anthony Pressnell with Athens Police Department. "We have kids that walk in this area that go to the high school. It will get them off the edge of the road onto a sidewalk, where they are a lot safer. We can't wait for this to get started and be completed."

Pressnell said Elm Street is one of the busiest roads in the city, and people walk along this stretch of it at all hours of the day. He said the 2017 fatality happened around 10 p.m.

According to APD, there have been 152 accidents in this area of Elm Street since 2007.

"ALDOT has been aware this is a dangerous area, and we want to thank them and Gov. (Kay) Ivey for their support," Marks said.

Public Works Director James Rich said going through the design, bidding and construction process should take about three years. According to the City of Athens, the sidewalk project will benefit more than 200 apartment units, including students who walk to school and clients of the Mental Health Center of North Alabama.

"This will help protect students who walk to Athens High and Athens Middle School and will make it safer for residents who walk to nearby stores," Marks said. "After this project, we can then look for grant funding to continue south on U.S. 31, to connect with our sidewalk project that runs in front of Athens High to Pryor Street."

Are You Willing To Help By Either Donating, Or Referring Someone To Donate?



Jeff Holliyan, retired Public Works Director for the City of Gardendale, **needs a kidney**. He has served on the Birmingham Area Municipal Administrators Association (BAMA Association) Board since inception and has been President at least three times. He also is a former American Public Works Association (APWA) Board Member. He currently attends Church of the Highlands Fultondale Campus. It **could take up to six years for a deceased donor kidney** to be available for Jeff, so the ask is for a live kidney donor who could drastically shorten the time for him to receive a new kidney.

What is generally required of a **live kidney donor**:

- * Age 18-65
- * Someone in generally good health
- * Willingness to be evaluated for suitability
- * Laproscopic surgery with typically quick recovery time
- * Can donate through "Paired Exchange" even if blood type is not the same

Please contact Jeff Brown at (205) 789-3600 or Jeff Holliyan at (205) 356-5762 to find out more or discuss how you can help.

In addition, below is the direct contact information for UAB:
uabmedicine.org/specialties/living-donor-program/ or (205) 975-9200.

Thanks for your time and consideration of this important initiative!

Silver Shovel Award

Throughout the spring months, Spire presents the Silver Shovel award to Alabama municipalities which had no at-fault damages to Spire's infrastructure over the past calendar year.

To be awarded, a municipality must be located within Spire's service territory, in good standing of Alabama 811, and have no at-fault damages to Spire's facilities in 2023. Spire's Damage Prevention and Right of Way teams created the Silver Shovel award in 2019 to encourage municipalities in the company's service territories to work safely when digging around natural gas facilities.

This year's winners are Montgomery, Weaver, Northport and Satsuma. The cities of Weaver and Satsuma are the only two in the state that have received the award for four consecutive years. Congratulations to the communities who won a 2023 Silver Shovel award!





**“I dig
here
all the
time.”**

You might not know the area as well as you think!

Even if you've excavated an area previously, erosion, settling ground and other factors can change the depth and location of utilities over time. **ALWAYS** contact 811 before putting your shovel to the ground!



Contact 811 before you dig.

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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.

Every year in the Spring, the Alabama Chapter of the American Public Works Association, in keeping with its objectives, will award up to three \$2000 scholarships. Scholarships are presented to deserving students striving to complete educational requirements for a career path in public works.

For more information, please visit <https://alabama.apwa.org/scholarships>