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## NEWSLETTER

### Ohio Chapter of American Public Works Association

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## Message from Ohio APWA President, Dr. Sonja Simpson



Greetings, Ohio Chapter members! Summer is winding and fall is fast approaching. Public Works professionals remain busy as projects move forward and program planning is in full swing. I hope that you have had an opportunity to enjoy the warm weather with family and friends.

Speaking of family and friends, social media is a great way to keep in touch. Social media is also a great way to stay in tune with news in public works. Did you know that APWA Ohio has a Facebook page? If you didn't, find it at [www.Facebook.com/APWAOhio](http://www.Facebook.com/APWAOhio) and "LIKE" the Ohio Chapter Facebook page. Start sharing the information you see with your friends and peers. It's a great way to network and stay up to date on what's going on around the state, region and world!

I would be remiss if I didn't make special note to congratulate the Ohio Chapter on being awarded the 2018 PACE Award. Not only is it phenomenal to be receiving a PACE Award, but it is also not our first – this is the FOURTH year in a row! Amazing, indeed! A contingent will be in Kansas City, MO for PWX to accept the PACE Award in person. I am super proud of our accomplishment and I hope to see you all in Kansas City in August!

Sincerely, Sonja Simpson, DBA

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2019 North American Snow Conference  
May 19-22, 2019  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Ohio Chapter Annual Meeting and Election  
October 10, 2018  
Columbus, Ohio

## In Memoriam

Douglas R. Davis, PE, PS, age 56, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Doug was a lifelong resident of Zanesville, Ohio. He was elected to the position of Muskingum County Engineer in 2004, and took office in 2005. In 2016 he was elected to his fourth term. He fought tirelessly to obtain grants and funding to benefit the residents of Muskingum County. Doug's efforts to improve construction methods brought him national recognition. Recently Doug received the Innovation Award from the National Steel Bridge Alliance for the new steel tub girder bridge in Muskingum County.



Doug is survived by his wife, Teresa (Ellwood) Davis, sons, Austin and Brandon Davis; and parents, Pauline and Ron Davis. Donations may be made to Bishop Rosecrans General fund or to the Special Olympics through La Fayette Lodge #79 in Doug's memory.



Joseph A. Bischof, age 94 died January 24, 2018. Joe worked for the City of Cincinnati for over 35 years and then retired as the City Engineer. Joe was a long time active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. He was also a member of APWA since December 1960. Joe was predeceased by his wife, Rita R. (Vorbach) Bischof. He survived by five children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2832 Rosebud Dr., Cincinnati OH 45238.

## Ohio APWA's Mission

The mission of Ohio APWA is to provide an essential delivery of up-to-date information on the latest public works technologies and management trends. The Chapter shall offer its members educational programs, public service activities, symposiums, equipment shows and the chance to network with fellow members in a professional setting.

## Welcome New Members

The following people have recently become new members of APWA.

Michael P. Allen, Enzos Cleaning Solutions  
 Mat Arnoto, American Road Machinery Co.  
 Amy Berente, City of Toledo  
 Collette Clinkscale, City of Cleveland Heights  
 Michael Fountain, Ohio Dept of Transportation  
 Paul R. Kiebler, PENGWYN  
 Matt Leach, City of Columbus  
 Karen M. Luken, Economic Environmental  
 Solutions International  
 Zack McNutt, City of Monroe Ohio  
 David A. Obrock, City of Toledo  
 Derek J. Stromski, City of Worthington  
 Andy Volenik, City of Columbus

## Workshop Re-caps

The Southwest Branch is hosting a variety of workshops this year. Here is a summary of some of them.

### CDL Updates

Ohio has updated its CDL laws and Jimmie Warner with Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles reviewed many of the changes. Under Federal law recreational vehicles are exempt from the CDL license. Agricultural vehicles are also exempt. Having airbrakes on a vehicle doesn't make it a CDL vehicle; it depends on the vehicle weight. Your driver's license lists the restrictions and endorsements on it. Whenever you get your license renewed, BE SURE it is correct before you leave the deputy registrar's office. Also, as a CDL holder, be sure the license is REAL ID compliant. This is a higher standard identification that can be used to 1) board an airplane or 2) enter a Federal facility. Applicants have to provide additional proof of their name and birth date, and address. The new license will be mailed to the applicant within about 10 days. Be sure the registrar returns your license to you for the interim. The temporary receipt won't be acceptable if the police ask to see your license.

To obtain a CDL license, a driver is tested in the truck/rig combination that s/he wants to drive. Mr. Warner recommended that drivers have the intrastate restriction (K) removed from their license so that they can drive into neighboring states. The new FMCSA rule, effective in February 2020, will require anyone pursuing a CDL license for the first time or any current CDL holder wishing to upgrade to a higher class or any current CDL holder wishing to add P, S, or H endorsements to first attend a certificate training program approved by the State. Presently the requirements are a written test and a skills test. Schooling will be an additional requirement in 2020. Government agencies may be able to their own certified classes. These are just a few of the new regulations. For more information, visit <http://bmv.ohio.gov/>

### Fernald Preserve Presentation and Tour

During the Cold War, the present Fernald Preserve was the site for the Feed Materials Production Center. It was a uranium processing facility that produced high-purity uranium metal products as the first step in America's nuclear weapons production cycle. The site's production mission began in 1951 and continued until 1989, when production operations ceased. During our tour, we learned about the people who worked at Fernald, the pride they took in being part of the defense of the U.S., and some of the unique working conditions they encountered. When production ended, the focus at Fernald shifted to environmental remediation and ecological restoration of the site, which was completed in 2006 at a cost of \$4.4 billion. This included the removal of equipment and material that was highly radioactive to safe long term storage facilities in the west. The remaining materials that had low-levels of radioactivity were entombed on-site in the mound that is visible from the Visitor's Center. The Fernald Preserve has been remediated and restored to create one of the largest man-made wetlands in Ohio, with open water, upland forests, a lengthy riparian corridor, and 385 acres of grassland, including tallgrass prairie and savanna. The preserve is open daily to the public to enjoy the miles of trails and observe the birds and wildlife, and the nature programs.

## First Responder materials available

APWA is proud to announce the creation of a national "Public Works First Responder" symbol.

The APWA Board of Directors approved the adoption of the symbol for use throughout North America to identify public works professionals and acknowledge their federally-mandated role as first responders. To ensure this logo has maximum exposure in as many settings as possible – such as on fleet vehicles, hard hats, letterhead, public buildings, etc. – APWA is making the symbol available to our local agencies.



The downloadable versions of the logo and guidelines are available for use at: <https://www.apwa.net/firstresponder>.

## Scholarship Winners

For the second time, the Northwest Ohio Branch awarded scholarships earlier this year. The Black Swamp Scholarship is for Engineering Core or Administrative students. The Green Stewardship Award is a scholarship for students engaged in the studies of Environmental impact and Water Quality. Both scholarships were in the amount of \$500.



**Emily Green, Black Swamp Scholarship Recipient, and Don Nichols, Scholarship Chair**

Emily Green was this year's recipient of the Black Swamp Scholarship. William Bloomfield was the Green Stewardship Recipient

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## 2018 NASC - Indianapolis

The Indiana Chapter of APWA did an outstanding job hosting the 2018 North American Snow Conference at Indianapolis in May. The educational sessions covered a wide range of subjects, from operations, to equipment and materials, to management. Because of the close proximity, many Ohio agencies were able to send personnel to gain valuable knowledge about the latest techniques and strategies in snow and ice control. Ohio expertise was well represented too as the following people presented or participated in ten sessions: John MacAdam, PE, Administrator, ODOT, Columbus; Stephanie Marik, PE, Engineering Analyst, ODOT; Darryl Syler, CFP, Director of Fleet Management, City of Dublin; Diane Watkins, Consultant, Road Solutions Inc.; and Frank Williams, Administrator, Division of Infrastructure, City of Columbus.

The 4-day conference also required a small army of volunteers to assist the speakers, verify CEU credits, register attendees, guide the tours, and myriad other duties. Here again, Ohioans stepped up to help our sister chapter, including Diana Clonch, DW Clonch; LLC, Jennifer Hale, City of Oxford; Alison Haskins, APWA Ohio; Steve Schwartz, City of Cincinnati; Diane Watkins, DW Clonch, LLC; Kevin Weaver, City of Westerville; and Angie Weber, Butler County Engineer's Office. No doubt they do it for the t-shirt. Everyone who attended learned new things to try in their own agency this winter. Continuous improvement is the goal.

## Ohio Public Works Expo - Toledo

On June 20th & 21st City of Toledo played host to the 2018 Ohio Public Works Expo, presented by the NW Branch Chapter of the Ohio Chapter of the American Public Works Association. The annual event is attended by Public Works officials and personnel from around the State.

The event was held at the Seagate Convention Centre and boasted 50,000 square feet of public works equipment as well informative educational sessions. The event also offered pre-Expo certificate courses in Embracing Diversity and a Snow & Ice Supervisors Course.



City of Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz kicked off the event by welcoming all the attendees to Toledo and the Expo. Following the Mayor was a presentation on Drive Ohio. DriveOhio is the State of Ohio lead agency for autonomous vehicles and smart transportation. The closing speaker was Ryan Wichman, Meteorologist from WTOL Channel Eleven.



The Expo rotates around the State of Ohio each year. The Ohio Chapter of APWA plans the event and relies heavy on local public works agencies to help pull it all off. This year's planning committee consisted of: Event Chair Dennis Boyle from the City of Toledo; Streets, Bridges & Harbor, Kim Roessner from ODOT District Two, Amy Wood from the City of Toledo, Bob Meyer from Kalida Truck and Kevin Aller from the City of Sylvania.



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sept ONLINE VOTING FOR 2019 OHIO CHAPTER BOARD

Sept 14 Ethics & Engineering Professional Development Workshop, Aurora <https://tinkerscreek.org/>

Sept 18-20 Farm Science Review, Columbus, OH <http://fsr.osu.edu/>

Sept 18 NAFA Tri-State Chapter Meeting, Go Carting, Indianapolis, IN [Click Here](#)

Sept 19-20 OKI Construction Career Days, Hamilton <https://www.okiconstructioncareerdays.com/>

Sept 20 Southeast Ohio Tree Care Conference, Athens OH <https://www.ohiochapterisa.org/Events/>

Sept 24-25 2018 Ohio GIS Conference, Columbus, OH <http://www.ceao.org/>

Sept 25 TRUCK SPECS WORKSHOP, Hamilton <http://ohio.apwa.net/>

Sept 26 APWA ENGINEERING ETHICS SEMINAR, Cardinal Sporting Clays Lodge, Marengo, OH [Click Here](#)

Sept 27 CALIBRATION CRUISE-IN, Dayton <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/16050>

Sept 29 - Oct 3 WEFTEC Technical Exhibition & Conference New Orleans, LA <http://www.weftec.org>

Oct 1-3 OTEC, Columbus, OH <http://www.dot.state.oh.us/engineering/OTEC>

Oct 10 CHAPTER BOARD/ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, Central Ohio

Oct 10 PWOSO Snow Plow Rodeo, Mason OH <http://ohio.apwa.net/EventDetails/16093>

Oct 16 Interchange Studies Columbus, OH <https://ltap.enrollware.com>

Oct 17-18 Superintendents & Mechanics Conference, Deer Creek St. Park <http://www.ceao.org/>

Oct 18 NE Collection Systems Hands-On Workshop, Canton, OH <https://www.ohiowea.org/>

Oct 25 NW Collection Systems Hands-On Workshop, Bowling Green, OH <https://www.ohiowea.org/>

Oct 30 OSWA Watershed Workshop, Columbus, OH <https://ohioswa.com/> [info@ohiowea.org](mailto:info@ohiowea.org)

Oct 31- Nov2 Ohio Municipal League Conference, Columbus, OH <http://www.omlohio.org/>

Nov1 SW Collection Systems Hands-On Workshop, Cincinnati OH <https://www.ohiowea.org/>

Nov 6 SE Collection Systems Hands-On Workshop, Columbus OH <https://www.ohiowea.org/>

Nov 9 Central/SE Ohio Concrete Fall Seminar <https://www.ohioconcrete.org/events/>

Nov 13 NE Ohio Concrete Fall Seminar <https://www.ohioconcrete.org/events/>

Nov 14 SW Ohio Concrete Fall Seminar <https://www.ohioconcrete.org/events/>

Nov 15 NW Ohio Concrete Fall Seminar <https://www.ohioconcrete.org/events/>

## National Preparedness Month September 2018

Get ready for National Preparedness Month (NPM) in September. You can use the month to focus on your preparedness efforts for disasters and emergencies that affect where you live, work, and visit.

The 2018 theme is “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.” The NPM social media toolkit provides graphics, hashtags, and content that can be customized to your needs. In addition to the theme for the month, the weekly themes highlight different preparedness actions.

Help promote preparedness this September with NPM’s web content and weekly themes:

- September 1-8: Make and Practice Your Plan
- September 9-15: Learn Life Saving Skills
- September 15: [National Day of Action](#)
- September 16-22: Check Your Insurance Coverage
- September 23-29: Save For an Emergency

Visit [www.ready.gov/september](http://www.ready.gov/september) for all the NPM materials.

# 2017 Northeast Ohio PWX Photo Album

100's of attendees and vendors, with snow & ice educational event speakers, tractor/mowing safety, NJPA information, snow plow rodeo, live demonstrations throughout the day, and plenty of time to learn and network.

