



2023 November Newsletter

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## APWA AZ November Message from the President



Public Works Week in May is when we traditionally thank all our public works professionals who keep our communities strong by providing an infrastructure of exemplary services in transportation; flood control; air and water quality; natural and cultural resources; parks and sports grounds; public buildings and open spaces; right-of-way management; water and wastewater management. We take the time, not often given, to recognize that public works professionals are superheroes that serve our community and exemplify grit, perseverance and resilience when encountering work challenges each day.

November is also a month where we can take some time to recognize and thank our colleagues who work hard all year long. I'd like to thank all of you, who not only work daily in the public works arena, but also take the time to volunteer in this organization. It is this dedication to the profession that allows us to share information, collaborate on ideas, explore new technologies, and find out what we can learn from each other. It may take some effort to be a part of an all-volunteer organization – but it is certainly time well spent from both an individual and a professional perspective.

This year I've volunteered on the state conference committee, helping to make this a special event that not only is our main fundraiser, but also provides many opportunities for

training and networking. I've also been thankful to be involved in the recent Public Works Institute, teaching a room full of dedicated public works staff interested in taking on new responsibilities and learning more about the profession. I was encouraged to see the great scholarship applications, and thankful that our organization continues to prioritize supporting the future of public works. I'm especially thankful to have traveled to the APWA PWX conference in San Diego – representing the Arizona Chapter, meeting with the national technical committee for Leadership & Management, attending relevant educational sessions – especially about building strong teams, and seeing our local chapter win two projects of the year awards.

I'd like to encourage each of you to participate in recognizing and thanking people over the next couple of months:

1. Yearly APWA State and National Award applications are posted. Please take the time to consider not only the great projects you know about – but the talented public works professionals who you work with. There are many opportunities to recognize talent, from someone deserving a Top Ten Public Works Leader of the Year Award, to Professionals in several categories including Engineering & Technology, Facilities & Grounds, Fleet Management, Emergency Management, Transportation, Solid Waste or Water Resources. Chances are good you know someone in one of these areas who deserves thanks & recognition. See the full list here <https://www.apwa.org/resources/apwa-awards/> and forms posted on our state website <https://arizona.apwa.org/news/2023-chapter-awards/>

2. Make plans to attend our annual Holiday Event, this December 7th. This year we continue to focus on raising funds for the St. Mary's Foodbank and have even added a "bring a can" component to the night. Have a fun night out with your favorite public works professionals, donate to a worthy cause, and maybe play some reindeer games at Culinary Dropout! As always, we look to sponsors to help make these events special, so stay tuned for more information!

Thanks to all of you for your efforts, and please take the time to thank those around you.

Nancy Cole, APWA Arizona Chapter President

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Presenters for the ASU Senior class "Career Expectations" 10/30 by the APWA DEI committee.

Left to Right:

Andrew Shroads; Civiltec Engineering

Shahir Safi; City of Mesa

Nicole Calabrese; Entellus

Juan Valles; Paradigm Design

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **APWA Arizona November Meeting**

## **Joint Program with ASCE**

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

**11:30am - 1:00pm Lunch and Program**

**Phoenix Airport Hilton**

**2435 S. 47th Street, Phoenix AZ**

## **Parks and Playgrounds**



**Steven Brinkerhoff**

# Preconstruction Manager, Hunter Contracting

Parks provide intrinsic environmental, aesthetic, and recreation benefits to our cities and communities. They are also a source of positive economic benefits. They enhance property values, increase municipal revenue, bring in homebuyers and workers, and attract retirees. Steven will take the time to discuss the multitude of park amenities, features and park use and will include discussion of park planning, design, procurement, with a particular focus on park preconstruction and construction utilizing construction manager at risk (CMAR) contract methods.

## Agenda

10:00am APWA Arizona Board of Directors Meeting (Open to all Members)

11:30:am Registration and Networking

11:50am Welcome by APWA President Nancy Cole

12:00pm Update on projects from municipalities

12:10pm Program

1:00pm Adjourn

## Monthly Meeting Sponsored By



Registration Fees Includes Lunch:  
\$35/Members and \$45/Non Members

We have some complimentary registrations for Public Agency Members. Contact us at [apwaaz@gmail.com](mailto:apwaaz@gmail.com) to request.

One Professional Development Hours will be provided.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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# **COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

**Event Committee**

**Communications Committee**

**History Committee**

**Professional Development Committee**

**Membership Committee**

# 'TIS THE ★ SEASON ★ of GIVING

**Bring a canned food donation to receive an extra raffle ticket.**



**JOIN US FOR REINDEER GAMES & NETWORKING**



**THE CULINARY DROPOUT**  
5632 N. 7TH STREET

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

**5PM TO 7PM**

**Cost: \$40 for Members/\$45 for Non-members - includes  
Appetizers, 2 drink tickets and a raffle ticket.**

Additional Raffle tickets will be available for purchase. Proceeds go to St. Mary's Food Bank and will be matched by the APWA Board. Look for the Board-donated raffle baskets!

Thank you to our Title Sponsor!



Food and Drink Sponsors & Door Prize Donations wanted!  
Contact Nicole Moon at [Nicole.Moon@wsp.com](mailto:Nicole.Moon@wsp.com) for info.

Register at: <https://arizona.apwa.org>



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## **American Public Works Association – Arizona Chapter**

### **2024 State Awards: Call for Nominations**

**Deadline: February 5, 2024, by Noon**

The Arizona Chapter of APWA is calling for nominations for the 2024 State Awards program. These awards recognize outstanding projects and public works staff across Arizona. The awards will be presented at the Annual Conference in Oro Valley, AZ in July.

The award categories include:

- Professional Managers of the Year (multiple categories)
- Young Professional of the Year
- Small Cities/Rural Communities Projects of the Year
- Public Works Projects of the Year:
  - Structures: Public structure rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, bridges, etc.



- Transportation: Roads, bridges, sidewalks, bicycle paths, mass transit, etc.
- Environment: Treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation, water and sanitary sewer projects, etc.
- Historical Restoration and Preservation: Restoration and adaptive reuse of existing buildings and facilities, etc.
- Disaster or Emergency Reconstruction or Repair: Flood recovery, drought remediation, storm cleanup, etc.

Awards criteria and nomination form may be found at:

<https://arizona.apwa.org> under the News tab.

Please email nominations to:

[apwaaz@gmail.com](mailto:apwaaz@gmail.com)

Attention: AZAPWA Awards Committee.

Questions may be directed to Chris Ewell at [chris.ewell@phoenix.gov](mailto:chris.ewell@phoenix.gov)

A photograph of a white water tower with 'GILBERT' written on it, set against a blue sky with palm trees in the foreground.

## Gilbert Water Treatment Plant **Tour**



*SCAN ME*

### **TIME**

Tuesday, November 21,  
2023 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

### **PLACE**

700 N Higley Rd,  
Gilbert, AZ

Lunch will be provided.

**REGISTER ABOVE**



<https://arizona.apwa.org/event/town-of-gilbert-wastewater-treatment-plant-tour/>

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# *Ninyo & Moore*

Geotechnical and Environmental Sciences Consultants

