

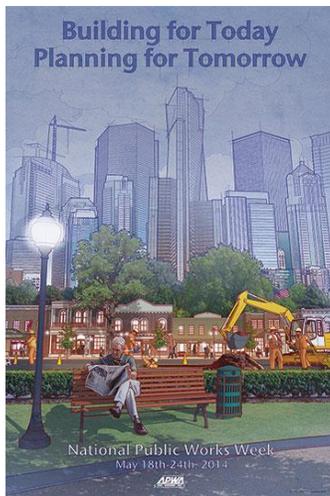


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National Public Works Week – May 18 to 24
“Building for Today, Planning for Tomorrow”

KANSAS CITY, MO. – The American Public Works Association (APWA), a nonprofit organization with more than 28,500-members, announced today the declaration of National Public Works Week, May 18-24, 2014, to honor public works professionals in the U.S. and Canada. The celebration of the week draws attention to the important contributions of public works professionals to citizens’ daily lives, including the planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities – its infrastructure.



Since 1960, APWA has celebrated National Public Works Week (NPWW) each May to raise awareness of these vitally important contributions of public works professionals and the crucial role that infrastructure, facilities and services play in the quality of life in our communities across North America. “Public works professionals are often unsung heroes of society, and this week honors those who serve the public good everyday with dedication,” said APWA Executive Director, Peter B. King.

Recognizing the Crucial Role of Public Works Contributions

“Every year, NPWW recognizes the tens of thousands of men and women public works professionals who are key to ensure that building infrastructure today is vital to a sustainable and vibrant tomorrow, so that future generations will enjoy a higher quality of life,” said King. “We celebrate the week to honor the enormous contributions that these public works professionals make in serving our communities everyday by

providing and maintaining our transportation systems, clean water, utilities, emergency response operations and other essential infrastructure and services,” King said.

In both the U.S. and Canada, the NPWW celebrations, events and activities are marked by resolutions and proclamations by government leaders. The local celebrations have included observances of many kinds, including open houses, displays of public works equipment, programs for civic organizations and media events.

The APWA Top Ten Public Works Leaders awardees of exceptional public works professionals of North America has also been a cornerstone of NPWW since it began. The program has identified more than 540 men and women who reflect the highest standards of professional conduct for public works officials. These honorees are recognized for career-long responsibilities in connection to the design, construction, maintenance and/or operation of major public works projects and activities in large and small municipalities throughout North America.

To download the 2014 NPWW artwork, visit the APWA website link at: www.apwa.net/npww. For more information about APWA’s National Public Works Week, visit the website at <http://www.apwa.net/discover/National-Public-Works-Week>, or contact APWA Media Relations and Communications Manager, Laura Bynum, M.A. at 202.218.6736, or lbynum@apwa.net, or Jon Dilley at jdilley@apwa.net.

About APWA:

The American Public Works Association (www.apwa.net) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C., along with 63 chapters across North America.

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