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# President's Message

By Tony Roos / Kittelson & Associates

What a ride 2021 has been. This is my last newsletter as Chapter President and I am proud to hand the reins over to John Lewis in January. Thank you to the board and committee members who have made the last year a true pleasure. Serving on the board these past 10 years has drawn me closer to public works and reaffirmed that we truly are Stronger Together.

By now you've heard all about the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act coming from Washington DC. This legislation is incredible, allowing us to preserve, repair, and expand our critical infrastructure; repairs are long overdue and our infrastructure is suffering greatly from deferred and delayed maintenance. This should also be a call to action by all of us to grow the next generation of public works professionals. There is an incredible need now for talented staff in all fields of public works, and the need will only get stronger as this IJA funding comes online. I ask all of you to talk to students, neighbors, friends, and family about joining our forces. Be a strong advocate equally for STEM as well as skilled trades.

After this crazy last couple years, I hope you can spend some precious time with family and friends this holiday season. Take some time to reflect on all the good things you've done this year and set some positive goals for 2022.

It's been my pleasure to serve. Essayons!

Tony

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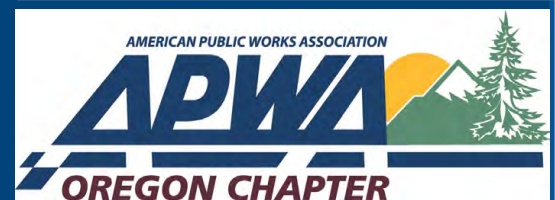
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# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Boosts Hiring in Oregon

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*By Melody Finnemore  
December 02 2021*

Oregon trade associations representing engineers, general contractors, asphalt pavers and others in the design and construction sectors say the federal infrastructure bill passed in early November already is generating a surge in hiring as companies prepare to bid on more than \$5 billion worth of projects over the next five years.

American Council of Engineering Companies Oregon (ACEC) said its member firms provide engineering and other professional services that span the full spectrum of infrastructure projects funded by Congress, including all modes of transportation, electrification, communications technology, and water and sewer systems.

"We are hired by the agencies that receive these federal funds to help them deliver projects that benefit the public. The added funding will spur hiring and provide good-paying jobs for more people," said Alison Davis, ACEC Oregon executive director. "This is a great time for engineers and other technical professionals. There are many exciting projects to work on and the result will be safer, healthier and more efficient infrastructure."

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed Nov. 5, allocates \$5.4 billion of the \$1.2 trillion in federal funding to Oregon. This includes \$1.2 billion for the Oregon Department of Transportation, though the act does not specify which projects must be funded.

A fact sheet issued by the White House breaks Oregon's allocation down as \$747 million in public transit investments; \$268 million for bridge replacement and repairs; \$211 million for airport investments; and \$52 million to expand the state's electric vehicle charging station network.

Another \$529 million is designated to improve access to safe drinking water; \$100 million for internet broadband expansion; \$39 million to help protect against wildfires; and \$15 million to protect against cyber attacks. The bill also reauthorizes the existing federal Highway Trust Fund, which is expected to generate \$3.4 billion for road projects over five years.

The White House fact sheet states that Oregon can also compete for the \$12.5 billion Bridge Investment Program for economically significant bridges, and nearly \$16 billion in national funding in the bill dedicated for major projects that will deliver substantial economic benefits to communities.



*Newberg's Public Works Department has plenty of infrastructure work for its crews*

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## LOCAL ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES ADD JOBS WITH EYE ON INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Davis said that while some firms took a wait-and-see approach to hiring, others had already started to increase staff.

"Now that the bill has been signed into law, there will be more hiring in all sectors of infrastructure," Davis said.

ACEC Oregon Director Tina Adams, president of Casso Consulting Inc., said she is among the business owners who will be directly impacted by the investments. "As a small woman- and minority-owned company, we are thrilled at the growth opportunity the infrastructure bill provides while making our state and local communities better for everyone."

John Hickey, executive director of the Asphalt Paving Association of Oregon, said the bill's passage is overwhelmingly positive in ensuring Oregon's highway infrastructure, which supports a large segment of the state's economy, remains competitive. However, many details about how the federal funding will be allocated for road projects still need to be worked out.

"Exactly where the money gets spent is hugely important," he said, noting Oregon's pavement conditions are declining, pavement preservation projects require minimal permitting and design, and smoother highways reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Hickey added that "pavement preservation funding has been very low in recent years due to an emphasis on urban projects."

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*Tony Roos, President Oregon APWA*

Tony Roos, president of the American Public Works Association's Oregon chapter, said the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials works closely with APWA National and in late August analyzed the infrastructure bill's benefits to Oregon.

"The majority of ODOT's 2,700 bridges are more than 50 years old, the age at which they should be heading toward retirement, so Oregon's bridges are reaching a point of rapid deterioration," said Roos, principal engineer with Kittelson & Associates' Portland office.

Also of interest to the APWA Oregon chapter is the provision of \$65 billion in funding for broadband investment, which has specific language to support rural areas. The infrastructure package also funds a new grant program, Safe Streets for All, which is specifically for state and local projects and aligns with Road to Zero goals.

The funding will allow public agencies to address safety issues, build community connections through trails, paths, and bicycle facilities, and improve water and wastewater infrastructure that has long been underfunded, Roos added.

"The topic of funding is a regular topic of discussion within our association, usually on how far the funding is being stretched," he said. "For the IIJA, we were hoping it would pass, but couldn't count on the funding. We are excited to deliver the infrastructure and jobs that the IIJA provides for."

Jason Tell, ACEC Oregon president and vice president of WSP USA, offered his appreciation to Congressman Peter DeFazio, Congressman Earl Blumenauer and Senator Ron Wyden.

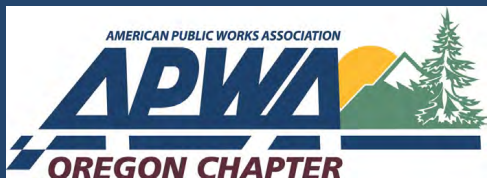
"They were instrumental in passing this historic infrastructure bill. I can't wait to see all of the great projects that will result from this important bipartisan legislation," Tell said.

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# 2022 Chapter Board Leaders

Starting January 2022, the Chapter will have a new President and President-Elect. These positions set the Chapter's strategic direction and focus for the year and serve as the face of Oregon APWA. They are individuals who advocate for public works professionals and are dedicated to serving the Chapter's members. Many of them have been serving on committees or active within the Chapter for years.

More information on the Chapter Board can be found on the Chapter's website: [link](#)



## ***President***

*John Lewis, Public Works Director, City of Oregon City*

Serving on the OAPWA Board has meant serving with other professionals and actively setting policy, developing programming, participating in fundraising, and assisting in planning for an organization that does such important work for the betterment of the public works profession and communities across the great state of Oregon.



## ***President-Elect***

*Ashley Cantlon, Senior Water Resources Manage/Project Manager, Otak*

After having been involved as chair of the Water Resources and YP committees for a few years I made the decision to join the board as a way to do more. This organization has helped me to grow personally and professionally, and I wholly appreciate its mission to create and facilitate education and networking opportunities for its constituents. Over the years I have found APWA to be a supportive community that aims to provide these services in a welcoming environment and I wanted to be a part of that. I look forward to taking on the role as President-Elect to help carry forward APWA's momentum as it strives toward its mission while finding new and creative ways to reach the goals and needs of an evolving industry.



## ***New 2022 Board Member***

*Mark Willret, Director of Public Works, City of Klamath Falls*

I look forward to this role with APWA. It's an honor to participate in a group that is at the forefront in training, leadership, scholarships and more for the Public Works field.

***Learn about the benefits and how to get involved with APWA Oregon.***



# Scholastic Foundation News

## New Directors Elected to Foundation Board

Peter Olsen and Gary Stockhoff have been elected to serve on the board of the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation starting January 1, 2022. The two were elected to three-year terms at the Chapter's fall meeting in October.

Olsen is Project Manager for Keller Associates in Salem and has been a chapter member since 2010.

Stockhoff is Public Works Director for Benton County. He has been a member of APWA since 1996, and over the past decade has served as chapter historian and as a member of the chapter's Government Affairs and Engineering and Technology committees.

Stepping down from the Foundation board at the end of the year are Terry Song and Todd Watkins. Song, Principal Engineer at Murraysmith, has been a member of the Foundation board since 2014 and has served as board president for the past three years.



*Peter Olsen*

Watkins, Operations and Maintenance Manager for Washington County, has served on the board in a variety of roles since 2015.

Other board members include Matt MacRostie of Century West, retired civil engineer Sue Nelson, retired public affairs manager Eric Jones,



*Gary Stockhoff*

Dillon George of KPFF, Delora Kerber of City of Wilsonville, Ken Stoneman of David Evans & Associates, Dayna Webb of City of Oregon City, Tony Roos of Kittelson & Associates, retired development director Mike Bisset, and Scholarship Committee Chair Laurie Allen of ACMS Northwest.



### ***Olivia Edwards*** ***Oregon State University*** ***Kurt Corey Scholarship***

I would like to start off by saying thank you to APWA, I cannot express how grateful I am to have been selected for this scholarship!

I am a non-traditional transfer student, going into the junior year of my Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. When I first decided to go to school, I was a teenage mother living in a small town. I am happy to say that I have come a long way since then. My future is becoming much brighter than I ever would've imagined possible, and thanks to APWA that

future is more obtainable.

Once I am an engineer, one of my goals is to donate my time, to organizations like Habitat for Humanity and Engineers Without Borders. I would also be interested in perusing a career with ODOT; I think I would enjoy working in the public sector. I want to be a source of positive growth in my community and this scholarship is going to help me accomplish that goal.

Outside of my academics, I enjoy hiking, biking, climbing, and kayaking. I also enjoy bicycle mechanics and chocolate cake.

# More Scholarship Stories

Here are the stories of several students, told in their own words, who received APWA scholarships in the 2021-2022 school year. For more information visit the Scholastic Foundation online: [link](#).

## ***Matthew Hagen George Fox University Civil Engineering Scholarship***

I am going into my senior year at George Fox University studying civil engineering. First of all, I would like to thank APWA for this incredible opportunity and their generosity to help pay for tuition.

I have always had a strong interest in civil engineering and seen that come to realization when working for the Department of Transportation and interacting with public works agencies throughout my summer internships. I enjoy the work that I can be a part of but even more I love to be able to

serve the community in a practical way to improve quality of life and make a meaningful impact. I hope to work in the transportation engineering industry in the future being able to create a safer and more reliable transportation network around the country.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy helping run our spikeball club on campus as well as intramurals, hiking, and anything outdoor exploring.

I'm excited for my senior year and for what is to come afterward. Thank you for the scholarship and for the opportunity to be connected with APWA.



## ***Cayn Osborn Oregon State University Civil Engineering Scholarship***

I am honored to be receiving a scholarship from the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation. I appreciate the work that the APWA performs to support communities and those that work hard to protect them.

I grew up in Baker City, a small Eastern Oregon town. I have excelled in academics and sports in Baker and I remain an active member of my community when I return home from school. My favorite things to do are get my friends together to play basketball or go golfing.

After high school I have spent my free time assisting in coaching young

athletes. During the summers I was employed at the Public Works Department for the City of Baker. During my seasonal position, I worked on projects to improve the daily life of those around me. Most recently, I received and worked an internship with the Public Works Department in the City of LaGrande where I worked with a new pavement management system to improve street maintenance in the city.

I am studying civil engineering at Oregon State University where I plan to obtain my Bachelor's degree. From there I plan to continue my education and get into a graduate program. When finished with school I intend to become professionally licensed and return home to pursue my engineering career locally.

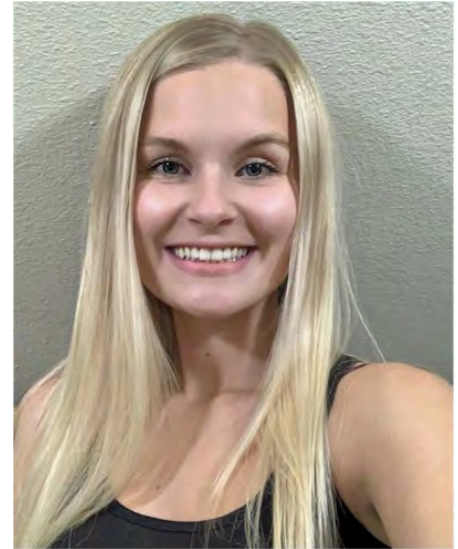
# More Scholarship Stories

**Sophia Ditterick**  
**Oregon State University**  
**Environmental Engineering**  
**Schut Scholarship**

I would like to thank the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation for selecting me for this scholarship. It will help me reach my overall goal of graduating Oregon State University in June of 2022. I would also like to thank my dad for introducing me to the world of engineering. He is an engineer, and without seeing what he does on a day-to-day basis I may have never thought to become an engineer. Thanks to my dad, I took engineering-related classes throughout middle school and high school. When I graduated from Sprague High School in 2018 I was fully confident and ready to pursue a degree in civil engineering, following in my dad's footsteps.

After graduating high school in 2018, I attended Chemeketa Community College. During my two years at Chemeketa I earned an Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree (AAOT) and an Engineering Transfer Degree. I completed my junior year at Oregon State University in 2020. I will complete my bachelor's degree in civil engineering in the spring of 2022.

In the summer of 2020, I had the opportunity to work with the United States Department of Agriculture through a federal internship. I worked directly under a PE Civil Engineer and was in charge of creating drawings on Autodesk AutoCAD. I also worked in the field at project sites, including surveying, mapping and taking measurements. I currently have another summer internship with the Department of Transportation Federal Highways Division out of Vancouver Washington. Due to COVID19 I am teleworking out of the quality assurance branch. I have been tasked with reviewing plans, specifications, engineers' estimates, and other supporting documents that must be checked and approved before being sent to and signed off by the Chief of Engineers. I have really enjoyed what I have been doing with the Federal Highways and I have worked on some large projects, including rehabilitation or new construction in Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, Yosemite, Washington, Wyoming, and North and South Dakota. These projects were reviewed by myself and a few other members of the group in the quality assurance branch. We take pride in our work and make sure only the best version of each document is sent



forward to the Chief of Engineers.

During my free time and on long weekends I enjoy riding quads on the sand dunes with my family and friends. I also enjoy going to the beach and playing with my two new puppies.

I would once again like to thank Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation for providing me with this scholarship to help me complete my education and start my career post-graduation. I appreciate the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation and all of the opportunities that come along with the scholarship.



**Kara Klietz**  
**Southwestern Oregon**  
**Community College**  
**Natural Resources Scholarship**

I am a natural resources student at Southwestern Oregon Community College. I am extremely passionate about the outdoors and conserving the beautiful land that we live on. I believe that the natural resources major is going to be one of the most important areas of study for my generation and future generations to invest in.

After receiving my associates degree, I plan on transferring to a university where I will continue my education. I look forward to conquering any challenge that presents itself and continuing to better myself and the environment in the process.

*I believe that the natural resources major is going to be one of the most important areas of study for my generation*



# Welcome New Members

In the period September through November, Oregon APWA gained 29 new members including 12 scholarship recipients (one of the benefits of Oregon APWA scholarships is an APWA student membership). For more information about the benefits of membership, contact Oregon Chapter Membership Committee Chair [Leslie Finnigan](#).

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# Education and Enjoyment

## FALL CONFERENCE, SHORT SCHOOL DRAW HUNDREDS OF VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

By Peggy McCormick

Cameo Management Solutions

The past 18+ months have been anything but normal for APWA educational events. Moving into 2021, we were able to resume offering the Chapter Conference and the Street



Maintenance and Collection Systems Schools...virtually.

Although it was different, camaraderie was alive and well .

The first week of October we held the Fall Chapter Conference with 210 delegate attendees, including 26 sponsor attendees, and two scholarship recipients. For the first time in two years, we offered an in-person golf tournament with 35 golfers. None of this could be possible without the continued support of our sponsors - 21 in all. A big thank you! Whether in person or virtually, the generosity of conference attendees never fails. We raised well over \$10,000 for the Scholastic Foundation through the Gizmo auctions and shenanigans!

The fall training season wrapped up with the Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Fall School, held virtually October 26 - 28. With the support of three

sponsors and the specialized committee, we were able to offer 1.4 CEUs to meet the education requirements for 134 boots-on-the-ground public employees.

We are looking forward to returning to in-person events in 2022. We are currently finalizing many details, so bookmark the [APWA Training page](#) for event dates, locations, and information as it becomes available.



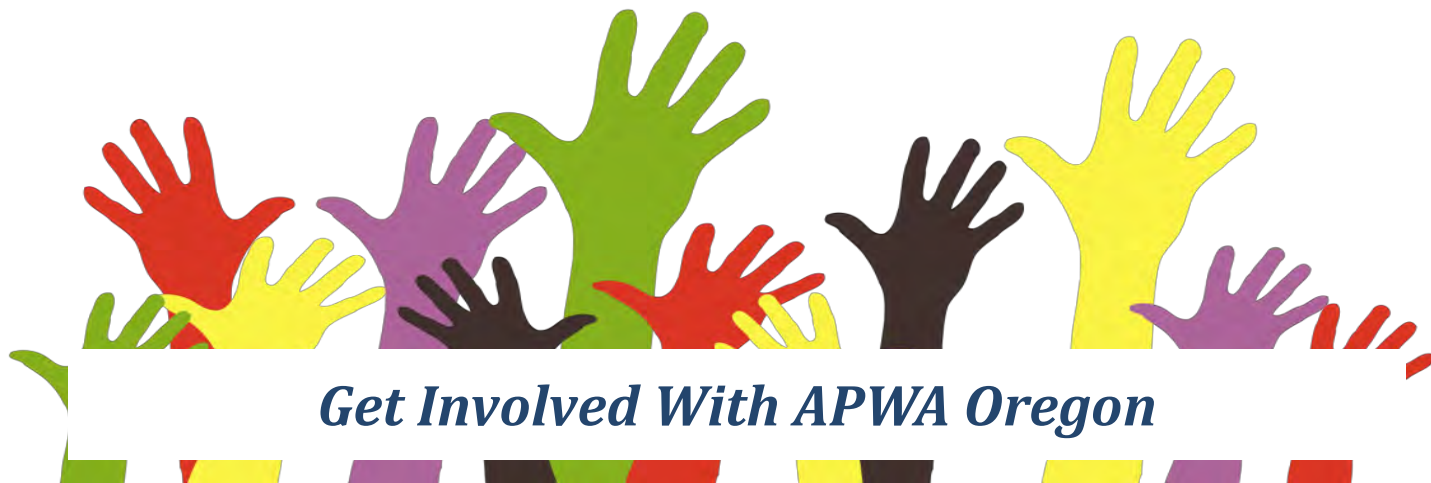
Honored attendees at the fall conference included APWA Region IX Director Tina Nelson and National APWA President-elect Dan Hartman



### 'Gizzy' Loves It at Pali Consulting

Tara Landau, marketing coordinator for Pali Consulting ,reports that "Pali Consulting is proud to have Gizmo staying with us for a few months. As you can see from the photo, Sue is having difficulties letting go. Luckily Tim is excited to foster Gizmo for as long as needed."

Photo: Previous Gizmo honoree Sue Nelson and current holder Tim Blackwood appear to have a difference of opinion regarding "Go Beavs".



The Oregon Chapter is an association of more than 800 professional engineers, technicians, operations staff, public works directors, business people, contractors, consultants and many others who join together to exchange ideas and information, promote education and training, and work as a team to meet professional and community needs.

The Chapter is run almost entirely by volunteers. To keep doing the great things our chapter does — events/ luncheons, newsletters, announcements, contributing to specifications standards, etc. — volunteers work together to plan and execute.

### *Ways to Get Involved*

**Step 1.** Become an APWA member. More information on becoming a member is on the [Chapter website](#).

**Step 2.** Find the right spot to plug in. What’s your passion? What’s your level of availability? There’s a spot for you! Here are some options:

**Join a Committee!** Check out Committee Central webpage ([link](#)) to see all the Chapter’s committees. Contact the Chair to get plugged in.

#### **Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Schools** need you!

APWA Oregon Chapter offers Street Maintenance & Collection Systems Schools twice a year; one in the spring and one in the fall. The spring school includes an Equipment ROADeo. Our “School Committee” strives to put together a technical program that offers a minimum of 2.0 CEUs for full attendance at each of the schools. These schools utilize a 20- to 25-member committee for all three disciplines that help in recruiting appropriate speakers and topics for the schools. ODOT T2 is a huge support for these schools and offers Roads Scholars programs for one of the tracks.

We currently have some committee member spots to fill; specifically for the “streets” and “safety” committee. If you are interested or know someone who would be a great asset for us, consider sending them our way! If you need additional information, please email Maggie Vohs, APWA Events Director, at [cameomag@gmail.com](mailto:cameomag@gmail.com).

**Know someone who would exceptionally serve the Chapter?** Nominate them for the Chapter Board. Contact Tony Roos, Chapter President, for more details ([troos@kittelson.com](mailto:troos@kittelson.com)).

### *Have more questions?*

Contact Leslie Finnigan ([lfinnigan@ufsrw.com](mailto:lfinnigan@ufsrw.com)) to find out more about joining APWA and getting involved.

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# Upcoming Events

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Check out the events webpage ([link](#)) or follow Oregon APWA on Facebook to keep up to date on upcoming events.



### March 2022

**March 14-18:** Street Maintenance Spring Extended School and ROADeo (Riverhouse, Bend, OR) More information: [link](#)

**March 29-April 1:** The Developing Leader (Sunriver Resort, Bend, OR) More information: [link](#)

### April 2022

**April 18-20:** Oregon Chapter Spring Conference (Seaside Convention Center, Seaside, OR) More information: [link](#)

Dates are subject to change. Please check the Chapter's website for the latest information about upcoming events.



# *2021 Awards Winners*

## *Special Edition*



*Oregon APWA recognizes the hard work performed by the women and men throughout Oregon who are designing, building, maintaining and operating the public works infrastructure and facilities that are vital to the success of our communities.*

***Congratulations to the 2021 award winners!***

# OUTSTANDING SERVICES AWARD

**KREY YOUNGER**

*Principal Engineer*

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The Awards Committee wants to honor and thank Krey Younger for his 4 years of service in planning, managing and hosting the APWA Oregon Awards. His dedication, passion and time are being honored with an Outstanding Service Award. Thank you Krey!



# 2021 EVERYDAY HERO AWARD

## CITY OF BEAVERTON WATER OPERATIONS STAFF



This past year and a half have been incredibly challenging for water operation staff due to COVID, wildfires, and ice storms. Operation schedules were originally reduced due to COVID, making staff resources tight. At the same time the number of projects the City of Beaverton has been juggling has spiked in recent years due to a combination of its population growth and increased maintenance and rehabilitation needs for its aging infrastructure. The Water Operations Staff have risen to the occasion, despite challenges, to communicate, support adjacent city's with water, and deliver the City of Beaverton's residents with safe drinking water.

Read the full application here: [link](#).

# 2021 EVERYDAY HERO AWARD

**DIANA BRACAMONTE**

*Admin Support Supervisor*

*City of Hillsboro*



Diana worked in the City's offices every day during the pandemic and managed the office alone as other administrative support staff covered different offices or worked from home. She amazingly managed the large volume of daily phone calls on her own for those 12 months and ensured everyone was helped or connected to the correct person working remotely. She remained calm under pressure and demonstrated absolute true professionalism despite the circumstances.

Read the full application here: [link](#).



# 2021 EVERYDAY HERO AWARD

## RICK CASTLE

*Engineering Tech III*

*City of Roseburg*



The City received a grant to make improvements to Beulah Park, one of Roseburg's oldest neighborhood parks. The overall project included the addition of new play equipment, access paths, sidewalks, landscaping, shade trees, and a new surface on the basketball court.

Knowing that the grant would only fund approximately 60% of the project, the City elected to manage the project and to self-perform as much of the work as possible. Rick designed the project and either performed or coordinated all phases of the project. Beulah Park would not be what it is without Rick's efforts.

Read the full application here: [link](#).

# 2021 COMMUNICATION AWARD

AKA THE “BULLDOG” AWARD

**DEVON ASHBRIDGE**

*Public Information Officer*

*Lane County*



On Labor Day 2020, a devastating wildfire moved swiftly through the McKenzie River Valley. In close coordination with the local Office of Emergency Management, Devon worked to issue a rapid series of Level 1, 2 & 3 notices to evacuate over 5,000 residents.

In the wake of the fire, Devon faced countless obstacles in developing effective communications with survivors who were sheltered in 17 different hotels. Outreach was further hampered because survivors' contact information wasn't shared by the Red Cross until late December, the Post Office burned down, large gatherings were restricted by the pandemic, and internet service was lost throughout the valley. Despite this, Devon developed numerous communications pathways that provided clear and updated messaging as well as opportunities for residents to seek answers from agencies and elected officials.

Read the full application here: [link](#).



# *Projects of the Year*

The Project of the Year Award was established to promote excellence in the management and administration of public works projects by recognizing the alliance between the managing agency, the consultant/architect/engineer, and the contractor who, working together, complete public works projects. Although it has evolved over time, awards are currently given in four divisions:

- Projects less than \$5 million
- Projects of \$5 million, but less than \$25 million
- Projects of \$25 million to \$75 million
- Projects more than \$75 million

And five categories:

- Structures—to include public structure preservation/rehabilitation, municipal buildings, parks, etc.
- Transportation—to include roads, bridges, mass transit, etc.
- Environment—to include treatment and recycling facilities, landfill reclamation projects, sewer projects, etc.
- Historical Restoration/Preservation—to include historical restoration, preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, structures, and facilities, etc.
- Disaster or Emergency Construction/Repair—to include the techniques and timing for safety, community relations, environmental protection, adverse conditions and additional considerations.

# 2021 PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Structures

Less than \$5M



## City of North Plains North Plains Veterans Park

On veteran's Day 2020 the North Plains Veterans Park opened to celebrate our nation's heroes. The 11,000 square foot park features a 100-foot, flagpole with a 50X30-foot flag, commemorative plaques, benches, the town's first EV charging station, an American Legion flag disposal box, a bike rack and repair station.

The project was designed pro-bono lead by Kittelison with the help of GRI, 3J, and Otak.

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# 2021 PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Structures

\$5M to Less than \$25M



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## City of Portland Bureau of Parks & Recreation Gateway Green

Portland's newest urban bike park is a 25-acre island that has eleven lanes of traffic, four entrance and exit ramps, the TriMet Red Line, Union Pacific freight train tracks, and the I-205 multi-use path. The park features single track trails traversing forest and meadow habitats, an ADA accessible gravel "spine" traversing the length of the park, two gravity lines for beginner to expert, an asphalt pump track, a restroom and access to drinking water.

Read the full application here: [link](#)

# 2021 PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Transportation  
Less than \$5M



## City of Silverton McClaine Street Improvements

The wildfires, ice storm or bedrock excavation didn't stop the completion of this project. The City of Silverton's goal was to improve the historic McClaine Street to a vibrant, multi-modal urban corridor that enhances walking, biking, and motoring, and improves business access, utilities, and drainage. All the copper pipe removed was recycled and funds were used to cater a community barbecue for McClaine Street residents.

Read the full application here: [link](#)

# 2021 PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Transportation

\$5M to Less than \$25M



DAVID EVANS  
AND ASSOCIATES INC.



## ODOT / City of Rainier A Street Rail Safety Improvements

A Street in the City of Rainier is home to restaurants, a café, a bank, the post office, marine-related businesses, and other services. This eight-block span of roadway supports multiple modes of transportation including heavy rail, pedestrian, bike, and vehicle traffic on both sides of the tracks. After 20 years of planning and design local, state and the railroad stakeholders came together to improve the street's safety and mobility. In addition, the City simultaneously upgraded and separated storm and sanitary sewer lines.

Read the full application here: [link](#)

# 2021 PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Environmental

\$5M to Less than \$25M



## City of Salem Public Works Mill Creek Corporate Center Open Space

The City of Salem and State of Oregon partnered together on the master plan of the Mill Creek Corporate Center, which would bring 650-acres of state-owned property to market and make it shovel ready. The vision was to transition the area from its institutional and open agricultural character to a new employment, recreation, and natural resource district as part of the Salem urban area. The plan included 100 acres of open space set aside to minimize impacts to the on-site wetlands and additional mitigation for wetlands and regional stormwater.

Read the full application here: [link](#)