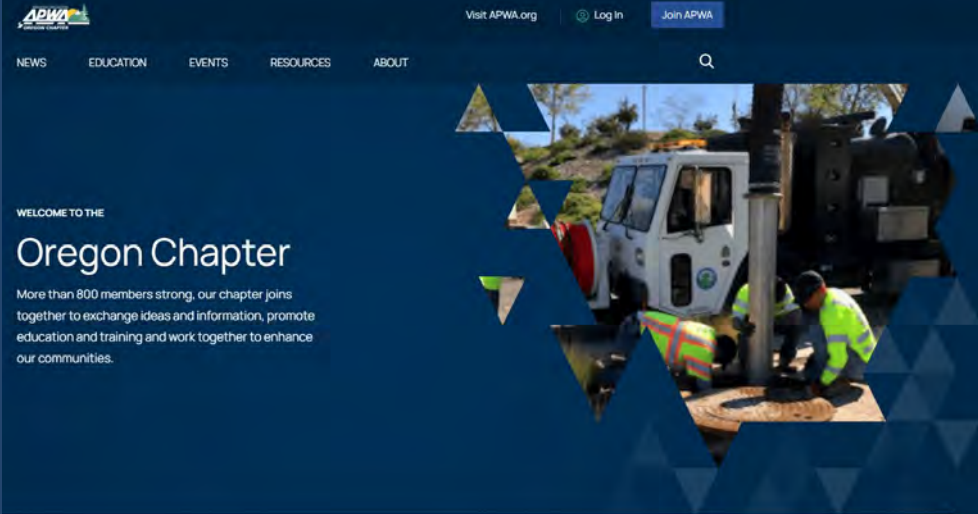


Oregon competes in National ROADeo competition.



Issue Highlights



New website is connecting the dots ...

- Back from San Diego with lots to report
- A new set of students receive scholarships
- Chapter and Foundation elections coming up
- 'Tis the season to manage leaves



It's that time of year—PSLs and leaf management*



President's Message

By Ashley Cantlon, City of Gresham

Fall is upon us! As we shift to what is personally my favorite season, not only because it coincides with the kickoff to jacket season but also because it brings opportunities for change and reflection. I want to acknowledge all of the activity that's been happening with our chapter this year. In addition to the hard work being done each day by our leaders to keep activities running and important information disseminated to our members, we've had a lot of fun coming together for conferences, trainings, and committee meetings. I am continually thankful for our dedicated volunteers and others within our organization that make all of this possible.

2023 Chapter Board Updates – Our Board continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss pressing issues for the chapter. In the past, we've posted all of our meeting minutes to the chapter website, and once we are up and running again with editing rights on the new platform we will resume this practice (including minutes from earlier this year). Since our last newsletter we have also successfully completed an audit of our finances and will be submitting our findings to National by the end of September. Thank you to **Shannon Williams**, our chapter Treasurer, and our Audit committee: **Peter Olsen**, **Darren Hippenstiel**, and **Krey Younger** for helping us complete this important task!

Chapter Elections – It's that time of year again, when we look forward to the succession of our chapter leaders, which includes nominating members to the open positions within the board of directors and Foundation board, as well as nominating current directors to open officer positions. This year, our nominating committee for the chapter board was chaired by immediate past president **John Lewis**, and included past presidents **Tony Roos**, **Mike Bisset**, **Jenifer Willer**, **Gordon Munro**, and **Russ Thomas**. I appreciate the time and consideration that our nominating committee takes to bring forth a slate of recommended candidates for each position. If you are interested in possible future involvement on our chapter board, please feel free to bring this to my (or any other board member's) attention, as we are always looking for folks who are interested in contributing to the success of our chapter.

Please keep an eye out for an email announcing the slate of candidates who are recommended for this year's election!

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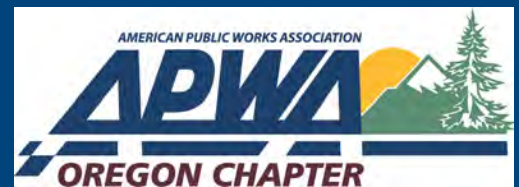
New Members

Marion Barnes, Public Affairs Manager, City of Eugene, mbarnes@eugene-or.gov

Aaron Collett, aaron.collett@gmail.com

Mike Dimmick, Public Works Director, City of Seaside, mdimmick@cityofseaside.us

Karla Keller, KKeller@acmsnw.com



President's Message, Continued

Chapter Website Updates – As many of you know by now, we have a new chapter website! Throughout the transition from our previous platform to the new version, National has been working with us to troubleshoot issues and provide website management training. They have also been integral in helping us send chapter-wide notifications to make sure we can continue communicating with our members. We are currently closing in on being able to do this again ourselves, but we appreciate your patience as we complete the transition. A big thank you, again, to **Andy Sheehan** and **Eric Jones**, among others, who have been persistent in communicating with National and making sure our needs are met during this time. <https://oregon.apwa.org/>

Oregon Chapter Events – Our Chapter Fall Conference is coming up quickly! Join us in Canyonville, OR at the Seven Feathers Casino from October 17-20. We have a great lineup of technical sessions planned along with our APWA signature golf tournament, awards presentations, chapter elections, another run for the Gizmo and more! For more information on this conference please visit <https://oregon.apwa.org/event/oregon-chapter-fall-conference/>

Other events on the horizon include:

Street Maintenance /Collection Systems Fall School
November 6-9 at Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond

Public Works Leadership
November 14-17 at Best Western in Hood River

2024 Chapter Spring Conference

April 1-4 at Seaside Convention Center in Seaside

Scholarships – Each year the Scholarship Foundation brings a list of recommended scholarship recipients to the Board for approval. In August our Foundation was approved to distribute \$34,000 in scholarships to 18 students this year! The Foundation relies solely on donations to fund these scholarships, which is why we are so proud of Gizmo's efforts to raise money over the years (nice work, Gizmo!) Thanks to all who have contributed in the past, and to those of you who have been saving up for the purchase of Gizmo points, your contributions to Matt MacRostie's Fall Conference campaign are much appreciated!

(Again) Remember our committees! - Our committees provide opportunities to stay connected to the Oregon Chapter throughout the year. They are always looking for great ideas on how we can better serve our membership. **Please take some time to consider joining one of our many committees.** You can reach out to our committee leaders on our committee page to find out more: <https://oregon.apwa.org/resources/committees/>

Finally, I am pleased to announce that our chapter was given the national Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) award for the 23rd consecutive year! A big thanks again to **Nancy Kraushaar**, **John Lewis**, **Eric Jones**, and *everyone* who provided input for helping to bring our application together this year.



PACE presentation at PWX San Diego in August (from left): Keith Pugh (2022-2023 National President), Jadene Stensland (Clean Water Services), Rachael Vaicunas (City of Eugene), Sasha Vartanian (Lane County), Ashley Cantlon (City of Gresham, 2023 Chapter President), Shannon Williams (Keller and Associates, Oregon APWA Treasurer), Doug Singer (City of Eugene, Oregon APWA Secretary), Dan Boss (Oregon APWA Chapter Delegate), Scott Grayson (APWA National CEO)

Chapter, Foundation Slate Elections

By John Lewis

2023 Immediate Past President

This fall, Oregon APWA Chapter members will be voting online to fill positions on the Chapter Board and the Scholastic Foundation Board, as well as on changes to the Chapter's bylaws. Online voting will be open from Oct. 11-18. Watch for an email with a link to the ballot on Oct. 11.

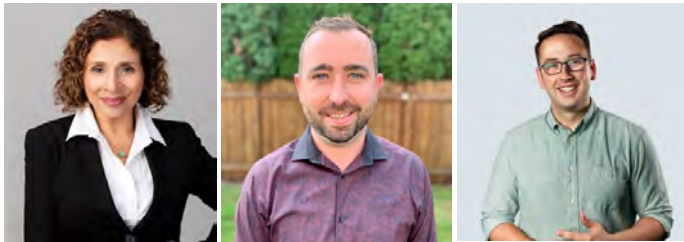
CHAPTER BOARD ELECTIONS

The Chapter Nominating Committee, consisting of Past Presidents Tony Roos, Jenifer Willer, Gordon Monroe, Russ Thomas and John Lewis, submitted the list of proposed nominees to the Oregon Chapter Board in July. Chapter bylaws also allow for self-nominations. For more information, contact John Lewis at jmlewis@orc.org by Oct. 9.

The following nominees are currently serving on the Board, and are proposed by the Nominating Committee to succeed to their next Board role or continue to their next term:

Tim Blackwood, 2024 President (1-year term, 2024)
Doug Singer, President Elect (1-year term, 2024)
Chase Welborn, Secretary (2-year term, 2024-2025)
Mark Willett, Director Position #3 (second 2-year term, 2024-2025)

The following nominees are proposed by the Nominating Committee for their first term on the Board:



Maureen White
Director Pos #1

Ryan Webb
Director Pos #2

Nick Polenske
Director Pos #5

The following Board members are continuing to serve on the Board and are not up for election:

Ashley Cantlon, 2024 Immediate Past President
Shannon Williams, Treasurer (2-year term, 2023-2024)
Krey Younger, Director Pos #4 (second term, 2023-2024)
Leslie Finnigan, Director Pos #6 (first term, 2023-2024)

2023 Immediate Past President John Lewis will depart from the board.

SCHOLASTIC FOUNDATION ELECTIONS

In addition to Oregon APWA Chapter election of officers and directors, the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation is also using this online voting opportunity to elect three directors to the Board of Trustees. All Oregon APWA members in good standing also maintain a membership on the Foundation and can vote for Foundation trustees in this election.

Nominated for appointment to three-year terms:

Delora Kerber, Public Works Director at the City of Wilsonville (incumbent)
Dayna Webb, P.E., City Engineer at the City of Oregon City (incumbent)
Preston Langeliers, Maintenance Supervisor at the City of Newberg, is recommended to fill the three-year position held by Dillon George, who is stepping down from the board.

Foundation (Chapter) members interested in future opportunities to serve on the Foundation Board should contact Foundation President [Gary Stockhoff](#). More information about the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation is available on the [foundation's website](#).

2023 OREGON APWA CHAPTER BYLAW CHANGES

This year the APWA Board is recommending two changes in the bylaws. The first change includes language to increase the number of chapter members on the audit committee from 2 people to 3 to align with requirements made by National APWA. The second change includes a reference to our (soon to be) operating procedures, needed to clarify that we have finance management rules in place that guide transactions, both with bank account checks and with the bank debit card. With the change we can demonstrate a process that reflects how we're meeting our fiduciary responsibilities. The Oregon Chapter Bylaws document is [available here](#).

To participate in online voting, you must have an active APWA membership and sign in to the APWA website at apwa.org. If you have forgotten your username, password or need to create a new account, go to APWA.org, click on the login button in the upper right corner and follow the instructions. For help, contact APWA's Member Services Team at (800) 848-2792, or memberservices@apwa.org.

PWX San Diego Recap

By Ashley Cantlon, Chapter President

The Oregon Chapter kept it classy at this year's National PWX event held August 26-30 in sunny San Diego, CA! Among the 400+ vendors, and over 6,200 participants, there were about 60 participants just from the Oregon Chapter who attended keynote presentations, technical sessions and tours, national committee meetings, and more. The event was a spectacle to behold, and a big celebration for the organization and public works professionals across the US and Canada and from around the world! Here are some highlights of the conference where our chapter continues to shine:



From left, Dan Boss, Shannon Williams, Ashley Cantlon, Rae Sorenson, Jaydene Stensland

Technical Presentations

Two of our chapter members presented technical sessions during the conference. Doug Singer and Emily Tritsch both received Jennings Randolph fellowships through APWA over the past couple of years and brought back insight that they each learned from their respective trips to Sweden!



Doug Singer with the City of Eugene focused on practices and implementation of resilient stormwater management systems through Ecosystem Services, and design and protection of urban nature. Compared with traditional practices in managing

stormwater in North America, Sweden has developed an approach to managing stormwater by integrating flood control and stormwater treatment into the streetscapes, parks, and other open spaces. Using these practices, there has also been an emphasis on understanding human health and ecosystem benefits related to preserving these natural



resource spaces, providing uncalculated benefits to the community.

Emily Tritsch from Tigard gave a presentation on Climate and Community in Infrastructure Planning: Lessons from Sweden, where she discussed the role that infrastructure serves to the community as a core service with acceptable levels of risk and cost, as well as how it coincides with values in both the near and long-term. "Through innovation, data, co-ownership, and collaboration, Swedish municipalities are offering new solutions to ensure community values and priorities are reflected in infrastructure investment."

Awards

PACE: Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence (PACE) is awarded by National to recognize chapters for their role in positively impacting their membership, profession, and community. During the awards ceremony, attendees from the Oregon Chapter accepted the PACE award for the 23rd year in a row! Congratulations to the chapter and thank you for all that you bring to our organization in Oregon.

ELA: Two of our chapter members completed their training in the Emerging Leaders Academy (ELA), which is a one-year intensive course focused on professional growth in leadership for new leaders and managers in the field of Public Works.

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PWX Recap, Continued

The training takes strong commitment to complete the work over the course of the year, and this year we congratulate **Rachael Vaicunas** with the City of Eugene and **Sasha Vartanian** with Lane County on their completion of the ELA!

National Committee Participation

In addition to their involvement in the Oregon Chapter, we have a number of members who have volunteered to participate in national committees. Thank you to the following Oregon members for your commitment to keeping us connected to our national committee counterparts:

- Shannon Williams: Water Resources Committee Chair, Project of the Year Committee
- Doug Singer: International Affairs Committee Chair
- Dan Boss: Oregon Chapter National Delegate
- Mark Gibson: Water Resources Committee member
- Peter Fernandez: Accreditation Council

In addition to these highlights, there is ongoing interest and respect for the Oregon Chapter's commitment to raising money for the scholastic foundation. As mentioned in the president's message, we were able to distribute over \$30,000 in scholarships to approximately 20 students this year! With our well-established foundation we expect to continue these contributions (and possibly more!) as long as our members continue to donate time and financial resources.

Above: Several Oregon Chapter members enjoy a social gathering at PWX (from left to right) Emerging Leader Rachael Vaicunas from City of Eugene, Emerging Leader Sasha Vartanian from Lane County, Rae Sorenson from Gresham, Katie Marwitz from City of Eugene, Oregon Chapter President Ashley Canton from City of Gresham, and Kris Boss

Middle: A highlight of PWX is the tons of equipment and hundreds of vendor booths on the show floor

Bottom: Contestants get ready for the National Backhoe Competition



Oregon Roadeo Competition



Oregon has been hosting a Chapter ROADEo for the past few years, bringing the spotlight on talented equipment operators from around the state! Each participant is challenged to complete multiple, timed tasks to test their skills. Points are awarded for completing each task (picking up and carefully placing objects in a predefined space, tracing rods through mazes, etc.) and standings are based on successful completion of those tasks in conjunction with speed. This year's Chapter equipment ROADEo was held in March 2023 as part of the Street Maintenance and Collections school.

Our chapter provided the first and second place Oregon ROADEo winners, **Dan Jones** with the City of Medford and **Bob Skinner** with Clackamas County WES, respectively (above right), with sponsorships to attend PWX and compete in the National ROADEo. Both Dan and Bob performed extremely well on the national stage and deserve a big shout out for competing against the best of the best in the country!



Mark Your Calendar!

Fall Conference Oct. 17-20

Registration for the 2023 Fall Conference is live! The conference will provide engaging keynote speakers, technical sessions, exhibits of some of the best products in the industry, New Product Showcase, Golf Tournament, Disc Golf, Food, Fun, and Entertainment! Visit [Home - 2023 APWA Oregon Chapter Fall Conference \(cvent.com\)](https://www.cvent.com) for more information and the registration link. See you there!



Street Maintenance and Collection Systems



Fall Short School November 7-9, 2023

Sponsored by



Eagle Crest Resort 1522 Cline Falls Road Redmond
 Reservations: 855-682-4786
 Cutoff Date: Oct. 7, 2023

[More information](#)

The Full Lineup

Oregon Chapter Fall Conference

October 17-20, 2023

Seven Feathers Casino Resort, Canyonville

[Registration Website](#)

Street Maintenance and Collection Systems Fall School

November 7-9, 2023

Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond

[Registration Website](#)

Public Works Leadership 2023

November 14-17, 2023

Best Western Hood River Inn, Hood River

[Registration Website](#)

Public Works Essentials 2023

December 5-8, 2023

Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond

[Registration Website](#) (registration is projected to open the first week of October)

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Scholarship Recipients Announced

The Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation has awarded almost \$500,000 in scholarships since 1981, including a total of \$34,500 in scholarships for 19 college students for the 2023-2024 school year. The Foundation Board of Directors approved the recommendations of the Chapter's Scholarship Committee at its July meeting. This year's Oregon APWA scholars include:

James Owen Johaneck, who received a \$750 Civil Engineering/Transfer/Drinking Water/ GIS Scholarship at Clackamas Community College. James is in his second term of the Water and Environmental Technology program at CCC. James has a GPA of 3.71 and feels confident in his choice to pursue a career in water treatment. His educational goal is to successfully complete the WET program by summer of 2024. Ultimately, James' goal is to be hired into an entry-level position in the water treatment industry.

John Ray Watts was selected to receive the \$1,000 Dan Boss Drinking Water or Wastewater Scholarship at Clackamas Community College. John has a GPA of 4.0. He works with local organizations on community clean-up days by removing invasive plants from water ways and planting native plants for stream bank rehabilitation and riparian improvement. John's long-term career aspirations are to help provide quality water sources for the residents of his community through either proper wastewater treatment or creation of safe, potable water.

Elizabeth Eastlick earned a \$3,000 Civil Engineering Scholarship at George Fox University. Elizabeth has a GPA of 3.89. She is interested in studying either water resources engineering or structural design in graduate school and wants to continue her education until she has earned a master's degree. She's always loved learning and plans to eventually become an educator at the high school level or above.

Serena Moha received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering Scholarship at Oregon Institute of Technology. Serena has a 4.0 GPA. Her main goals are to graduate with a Master's in civil engineering and to become a licensed engineer. Serena wants to remain in the pacific northwest to improve the communities she grew up in and would like to use her license in the area of design transportation infrastructure or to become a construction project manager.

Evald Kashkenov won the \$500 Dave Vargas Memorial Scholarship at Oregon Institute of Technology. Evald has a GPA of 3.75. His areas of study include environmental, structural, transportation, and water resources and his long-term educational goal is to master the transportation and structural components of civil engineering. This will help Evald develop and serve the communities in the U.S. He also wants to utilize his skills to help restore and improve the quality of life in his homeland, Ukraine.

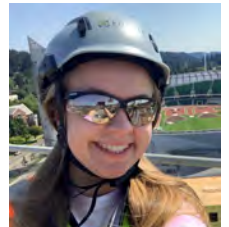
Brianna Yu received a \$2,000 Kurt Corey Tribute Scholarship at Oregon State University. Brianna maintains a GPA of 4.0. She is a historian for OSU's American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) chapter, as well as a member of the Steel Bridge competition team. Brianna is also a part of OSU's College of Engineering Leadership Academy and Grand Challenge Scholars program. Once she earns her degree, Brianna wants to pursue a career as a transportation engineer. "My goal is to become a licensed professional engineer with a focus in transportation. I look forward to engaging in an engineering career developing and improving public infrastructure through an equity lens."



Thomas Augee was awarded a \$1,500 Don and Cathy Schut Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering Scholarship at Oregon State University. Thomas has a GPA of 4.0. His long-term education goal is to get his B.S. in civil engineering and enter the workforce. Thomas wants to pass the FE before he graduates and obtain a PE license. He plans to work in water resources, which is his preferred discipline but enjoys all civil disciplines. His goal is to help design public infrastructure and keep our water supply clean and efficient.



Ashlyn Heusch received a \$1,500 Ron Polvi Civil Engineering/Sustainability Scholarship at Oregon State University. Ashlyn maintains a GPA of 3.96. After graduation in 2025, she plans to work for a general contractor. Double majoring in sustainability and construction engineering management, Ashlyn plans to incorporate her knowledge in sustainability to make the construction projects she's on more sustainable.



Flavio Davila won a \$750 Public Works Scholarship at Portland Community College. Flavio maintains a GPA of 4.0. His education goals are to graduate with a degree in Civil & Construction Engineering Technology. He has learned a lot while being a student at PCC. Flavio's taken classes in surveying, inspection, project management, and computer drafting. Currently, he's interested in computer drafting and design and would like to develop as a drafter. He sees himself succeeding professionally in that field since it excites him and pushes him to do more.

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Scholarships, Continued

Matthew Prak was awarded a \$2,000 Allen A. Alsing Civil Engineering Scholarship at Oregon State University. Matthew holds an overall GPA of 3.89. After finishing his undergraduate degree, Matthew plans on pursuing a master's degree in civil engineering with a specialization in transportation. He feels this path is a good opportunity for him to get further involved in research and learn more about the field in an academic setting before joining the industry. Regarding career goals, Matthew would like to work on projects related to sustainable transportation.



Jason Bernal Azamar received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering/Geomatics Scholarship at Oregon State University. Jason has a cumulative GPA of 3.32. Jason's area of study is focused on structural engineering. His long-term education goal is to be able to graduate with a B.S., and possibly his Master's degree. Jason loves the construction industry he will be a part of because it will allow him to give back to his community and improve it in many ways. He knows that as time advances, technology does too and with his degree, he wants to create a positive impact within his community, essentially in the world.

Emily Dahbura received a \$2,500 APAOEF/APWA Civil Engineering Scholarship at Oregon State University. Emily has a GPA of 3.97. Ever since she realized she enjoyed math's challenges, Emily has aspired to be a civil engineer. Beyond applying the effort she's taken to learn math and enhancing people's lives via infrastructure, Emily's aiming to strengthen the connections she's made along the way. Next year she'll be applying to CECOP to begin earning professionals' trust. OSU's IISE offers an FE review that Emily will enroll in junior year. After

passing the FE exam, she'll work on gaining experience under a licensed engineer until she can take the PE exam and earn her license.

Miranda Ashley Jones received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering /Geomatics/ Geotechnical Scholarship at Portland State University. Miranda is pursuing a degree in structural engineering and maintains an overall GPA of 3.61. She would like to continue and complete the master's program in structural engineering after completing her B.A. When she began this degree, Miranda was focused on new structures, buildings mostly, but now has a growing interest in bridges and how we can improve and strengthen the existing bridges throughout the northwest. She is also interested in seismic retrofitting and engineering of buildings and bridges.

Dawn Walter received a \$1,000 Michael Lindberg Scholarship at Portland State University. Dawn is pursuing a Master of Urban and Regional Planning and a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology at Portland State University. Her focus of study is transportation planning, specifically how to improve the pedestrian infrastructure and connect it better with public transit to improve accessibility for all users. After she graduates, Dawn's goal is to be a Pedestrian Coordinator for a major city.



Christopher Earl Gray received a \$750 Forestry, Natural Resources Scholarship at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Christopher has a cumulative GPA of 3.36. Christopher plans to transfer to OSU to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Forestry Management once he graduates from SWOCC. His goal is to obtain a position in forestry somewhere along the Oregon coast.

Branden Summers was awarded a \$1,500 Past Presidents Scholarship and a \$750 Civil Engineering Scholarship at Umpqua Community College. Branden has a GPA of 3.64. His long-term goals are to attain his B.S. in civil engineering and survey and to apply that to a career in land surveying. He would like to work for the Bureau of Land management to help establish and maintain our forestry boundaries and continue in the preservation of these lands for future generations.

Mia Greenshields received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering Scholarship at University of Portland. Mia has a GPA of 3.20. Mia is interested in the field of environmental and structural engineering. She wants to get a job where she can help people by designing and creating safe infrastructure that is environmentally friendly and cost efficient.

Simon DiRenzo earned a \$2,500 APAOEF/APWA Civil Engineering Scholarship at University of Portland. Simon has a GPA of 3.56. After graduating in spring 2024, Simon plans on going directly into the industry as a civil engineer. His plan is to obtain his PE licensure and use that to achieve a ranking position at a large firm. While it will be difficult to find work in a competitive job market, he is confident he will be able to differentiate himself through his work ethic and adaptability.

Learn More About Giving to Scholastic Foundation

One of the ways Oregon APWA Chapter members contribute to the Scholastic Foundation is by participating in the Chapter's semi-annual "Gizmo" competition. Tribute accounts allow contributors to honor themselves or others with a named scholarship. Learn more [online](#).

Mixed Approach to Managing Leaves



By Marion Barnes

Eugene Public Works

Marion is public affairs manager for the City of Eugene's Public Works Department. Prior to joining Eugene Public Works, she spent 20 years as a newspaper journalist before expanding to strategic communications and marketing for the past 12 years, working as director of communications at Western Oregon University and then at the Early Learning Division for the state of Oregon. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from UO, so she is a "Double Duck." Marion is also a member of the Oregon APWA Communications Committee.

The annual rite of autumn—leaf season—is nearly upon us again, and cities across the state have various methods for dealing with the beautiful-but-messy bounty from above.

For many public works agencies, managing a sudden deluge of slippery and dense foliage in paved streets is vital for a several reasons. First, large piles of leaves in the streets often clog storm drains, leading to localized flooding and added pollution in storm drains. Also, residents on bikes or other forms of alternate transportation run the risk of sliding and falling on the wet leaves.

The questions usually are: How do we prevent residents, landscaping companies and others from pushing leaves from their yards into the street, and what do we do with all the fallen foliage? Smaller cities, such as Pendleton and Ashland, opt for designated leaf drop-off days, usually one to three days maximum. In Jackson County, the air quality agency pairs people looking to get rid of leaves with people who want to receive leaves for mulch or compost, creating a match-making service that benefits all.

The state's largest cities take a mixed approach. Here's a look at how some of them meet the annual challenge.

City of Eugene

The Public Works has a three-prong approach involving multiple divisions. The first is a communications effort; the stormwater education and transportation planning teams target residents who live along bike paths to remind them not to put leaves in the street so as not to create a dangerous situation for riders. Postcards also go out to landscape companies, notifying them that their crews should not rake or blow leaves onto city streets.

Next, the city designates two leaf pickup periods, during which residents are allowed to put leaves in the street for city crews to pick up. These events generally occur in November and January, and multiple notifications go out in advance.

Finally, in answer to the question "what do we do with all these leaves?" the city offers a delivery of fallen leaves to requestors' homes—they use an online form to ask for a drop-off—that they usually use for mulch or compost.

You can learn more about Eugene's methods on its [Leaf Collection and Delivery Program](#) webpage.



Leaf Management, Continued

City of Salem

According to its website, the capital city of Salem also requires residents to take responsibility for leaves that fall on their property and within the right-of-way behind the curb. Salem does not pick up leaves; instead, it sponsors a leaf haul program in partnership with nearly two dozen service organizations and neighborhood associations. There is no cost to residents to drop off the leaves, and the equipment, crew and hauling costs are donated by the area garbage and recycling association.

Salem event dates are generally in November and December each year, and the city does not require residents to bag the leaves, though many do. The city website also encourages residents to put leaves in their yard debris bins or compost piles. Assistance with leaf collection and drop-off is available for city residents who are disabled and/or are senior citizens.

You can learn more about Salem's methods on its [Fall Leaf Haul](#) webpage.

City of Portland

In the state's largest city, there is a designated "leaf removal service area" within which residents pay a fee to support a leaf collection program. The Bureau of Transportation administers the fees, which range from \$5 for low-income residents to \$65 for commercial properties with a street frontage of 76 feet or greater. There is an application process for residents in the leaf removal service area to opt out of the fee—usually homeowners who

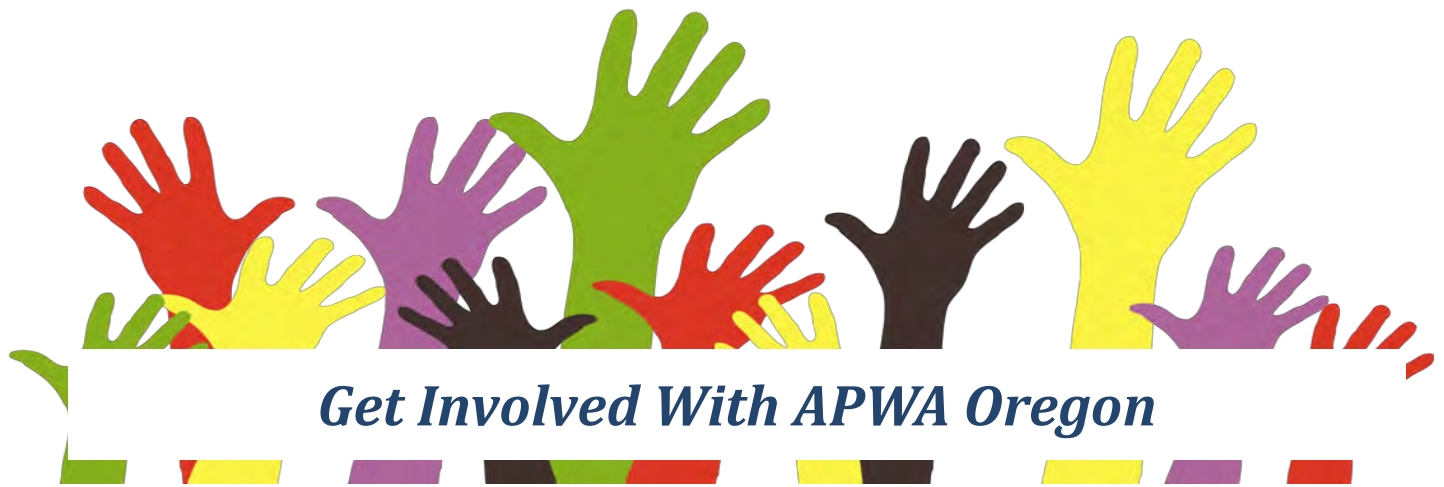
handle leaf cleanup themselves or those who don't have trees in their yards.

When it comes to actual leaf collection, the city's process mirrors Eugene's in that it designates "Leaf Days" when fallen foliage will be collected, usually November to December. Leaf Day brochures are sent via traditional mail and posted on the city website. The service covers 52 districts with the highest concentration of mature street trees and leaves, about a third of the city, according to its webpage.



Although Portland does not deliver collected leaves to residents who request it as Eugene does, the Bureau of Transportation composts more than 5,000 tons of leaves each year and makes the finished compost available for \$24 per cubic yard at the Sunderland Yard facility.

You can learn more about Portland's methods on its [Leaf Day](#) web page.



Get Involved With APWA Oregon

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 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.

Know someone who would exceptionally serve the Chapter? Nominate them for the Chapter Board. Contact John Lewis, former Chapter President, for more details (jmlewis@orc.org).

Have more questions?

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

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