

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Lunch & Learn  
Speaker: Tod Green, P.E.  
Contech Engineered Solutions  
Lunch Provided – No Cost  
Registration required:  
[ebriwell@smeinc.com](mailto:ebriwell@smeinc.com)  
Huntsville Engineering Conf Rm  
11:30am – 1:00pm  
February 22, 2018  
Huntsville, AL
- BAMA Association Annual  
Equipment Products and  
Services Exposition  
March 1, 2018  
Gardendale, AL
- Alabama League of  
Municipalities 2018 Annual  
Convention & EXPO  
May 19 - 22, 2018  
Montgomery, AL
- National Public Works Week  
May 21 – 27, 2018
- APWA/ASCE Summer  
Conference  
July 16 - 18, 2018  
Orange Beach, AL
- PWX – Public Works Expo  
August 26 - 29, 2018  
Kansas City, MO
- Alabama Chapter Annual  
Scholarship Fundraiser Golf  
Tournament & Vendor Expo  
Highland Park Golf Course  
September 27, 2018  
Birmingham, AL

## A NOTE FROM LARRY...

2017 ended and 2018 has started off as a busy time for Public Works professionals across our state. The recent snows in December and January that impacted almost every corner of the state have helped to demonstrate the importance of Public Works departments as “first responders” to emergency conditions.

Public Works professionals are called upon in all types of inclement weather to make certain that infrastructure, of all types, is functioning and operable. For all those who perform these tasks, often with no fanfare or thanks from the community or its leaders, let me say that I am thankful for each and everyone of you and for the service that you render to your communities.

As Public Works professionals, we all need to be advocates for our profession as well staying educated on the latest means and methods for performing those duties. One way to do that is to become involved with the Chapter and support its events and activities. Another way is to broaden our footprint by helping to recruit more professionals to our organization.

Your Executive Committee has set great many goals to improve our outreach and involvement with the members of the chapter, and we are working hard to improve on what we do and how we do it. One of the newest additions to the Chapter is a social media presence. To help with our outreach efforts, we have added a new Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/APWA.Alabama/>) to help promote awareness of Public Works issues and help keep our chapter members informed about events and other notable items.

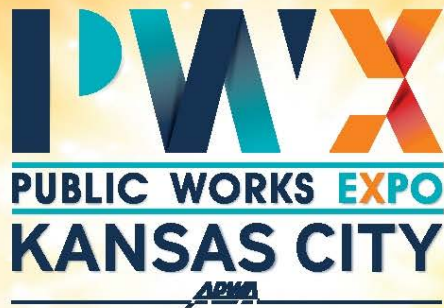
Thank you again for all that you do.

Respectfully,

Larry W. Ingram, P.E.  
Alabama Chapter President



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KANSAS CITY CONVENTION CENTER  
AUGUST 26-29, 2018

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## *APWA Reporter*

Did you know the APWA Reporter is available ONLINE!

Be sure to check out current and past issues.

Issues can be downloaded to your mobile device for reading at any time [here](#).

Click the article below to check out the January 2018 APWA Reporter.

### **Houston Public Works: the life of Hurricane Harvey in the eyes of public works**

**Eric K. Dargan**  
Deputy Director  
City of Houston  
President, APWA Texas Chapter

**W**hen people hear the term first responder, the image of police, fire and emergency medical services usually comes to mind, but at Houston Public Works more than 500 dedicated staff work as a partner to those agencies to keep the community safe, especially during storms like Hurricane Harvey.

**FACT:** Public works was added as a first response agency in 2005 by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

#### **Houston Public Works as First Responders**

Forty-eight hours before the storm hit, Houston Public Works first responders



**\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\***

**APWA – Alabama Chapter**

**Golf Tournament**

**Scholarship Fundraiser**

**Vendor Expo**

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

**Highland Park Golf Course**

**Birmingham, Alabama**

**Hope to see you there!**



## SPOTLIGHT – AUBURN PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR RETIRES

On January 31, 2018, Jeffery L. Ramsey, P.E., retired from the City of



Auburn as Public Works Director/City Engineer with over thirty years of public service to the Auburn community. Jeff earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Auburn University in 1985, then began his career with the City as the Assistant City Engineer in 1985, became the City Engineer in 1996 and has served as the Public Works Director/City Engineer since 1997. Jeff joined APWA in 1998, served many years on the Alabama Chapter Executive Committee, also serving as Chapter President in 2005. He was also actively involved in APWA National, serving as a member of APWA's National Safety Subcommittee and Transportation Liaison for the Alabama Chapter. We would like to thank Jeff for his many years of service on the local, state and national level. Best wishes to Jeff and his wife, Pam, for a Happy Retirement!



*Jeff Ramsey*

### Want to recognize a Public Works project or employee?

Contact anyone on the Executive Committee with information regarding a project, employee or anything positive related to Public Works in Alabama and it could be featured in an upcoming newsletter. We want to shine a positive light on Public Works!

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### Executive Committee Members Needed!

Our chapter currently has **three (3)** openings on its Executive Committee. Members who are interested, please contact Chapter President, Larry Ingram at [larrywayneingram@yahoo.com](mailto:larrywayneingram@yahoo.com) or any current member of the Executive Committee.

#### APWA Mission Statement:

*To be an active, unified Public Works organization, providing leadership, education, training, direction and support on Public Works issues to its members, elected officials, and the public, every day, as well as during times of natural disaster.*

*We welcome your feedback! Please send ideas or suggestions to any member of the Executive Committee.*