

NHPWA Public Works Association

President's Message:

Farewell Dave and Welcome Kürt!

I would like to extend my appreciation to Dave Lent, Merrimack, for his service to the New Hampshire Public Works Association and to the public works community. Dave has been actively involved in a number of our associations' programs. In particular, he has been a key player in the annual snow plow rally. Dave is retiring from the Town of Merrimack but he is moving to another phase of his career. He is not leaving the public works community but will be involved with the private sector side of our profession. Dave - I want to wish you the best.

I want to thank the board for their confidence in allowing me to serve out Dave's term. The association has a number of exciting events coming up. September 22nd will be the Ken Ward Snow Plow Rally at the Hopkinton Fair Grounds where we will crown the State champion snow plow team. November 19th at the LGC Conference in Manchester we will be holding a number of important technical sessions along with our NHPWA Annual Meeting scheduled for October 28th. Please put these dates on your calendar.

The challenges are great in our communities. Working together we can provide the critical services that our communities need. So if you are in the water, wastewater, transportation, or solid waste fields, I encourage you all to think about serving on the board or on one of our sub-committees. I look forward to seeing you around at the various public works activities.

Sincerely,

Kürt Blomquist
President, NHPWA
Public Works Director, Keene



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If you're interested in volunteering, contact Kürt Blomquist, kblomquist@ci.keene.nh.us

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Community Profile: Claremont

Submitted by: Jennifer Perry, Public Works Director, Town of Exeter



Town Hall, Claremont, retrieved from: <http://www.clarmontnh.com/>

Claremont, founded in 1764, is located in western New Hampshire along the banks of the Sugar River that flows from Lake Sunapee to the Connecticut River. Early settlers traveled to Claremont from Connecticut and Massachusetts via the Connecticut River valley, which was like a highway compared to the heavily wooded wilderness. For settlers seeking opportunity in new territory, Claremont offered fertile floodplains for farming and the potential to harness the smaller Sugar River to power grist and saw mills.

Monadnock Mills (textile) and Sullivan/Joy Manufacturing (mining and drilling machinery) were the economic engines during the Industrial Revolution and subsequent years. Decline of the mills through the latter half of 20th century were tough on the community. However, recognition and preservation of Claremont's rich history and reconstruction of Routes 12 and 103 leading into the city by NHDOT over the last few years has helped to revitalize the downtown area. The City of Claremont's current population tips the scales at 13,000.

The Claremont Public Works Department is responsible for 120 miles of roadway (20 of which are gravel), 80 miles of sanitary sewer, 70 miles of water main, a 3 MGD water treatment plant, a 3 MGD wastewater treatment plant, 3 dams, solid waste and transfer station, and cemeteries. The Department employs 32 people; the water and wastewater treatment plants are operated under contract with United Water. Some recent major projects include completion of a \$4 million WTP upgrade with replacement of filters and pumps and new storage tank and \$2.5 million WWTP upgrade with mechanical and electrical improvements.

Bruce Temple, Claremont Public Works Director, says the biggest challenges facing the Department are the road surface management program and the new stormwater regulations.

Bruce is entering his fifth year with the Department. A long-time resident and former City Councilor, he came to Claremont with 25 years of experience in highway and heavy construction in New Hampshire, Vermont, Pennsylvania and Florida. He has his BSCE from the University of Vermont and Masters in Engineering from the University of Florida.

NHPWA Awards \$2,000 in Scholarships

Submitted by: Jennifer Perry, PW Director, Town of Exeter

New Hampshire Public Works Association usually awards two annual scholarships, \$1,000 each, for two students who show promise of becoming civil engineering and technology leaders of the future.

The recipients of the 2009 NHPWA Scholarships are Monica J. Plante, a junior in the Civil Engineering program at UNH, and Kylee Fryklund Lindsay, who is in her second year in the Civil Technology Program at the Thompson School at UNH.

The NHPWA Board of Directors congratulates both Monica Plante and Kylee Fryklund Lindsay, deserving recipients of the 2009 NHPWA Scholarships. We encourage them to continue their hard work and wish them success in the pursuit of their degrees and civil engineering and technology careers.

4th Annual 2009 Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally Winners

Submitted by: Catherine Schoenenberger, Stay Safe Traffic Products, Inc.



From left to right: Carl Quiram, Goffstown & Plow Rally coordinator, with Plow Rally Winners: Ben Gelinas and Art Laro, NHDOT.

The 4th Annual Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally Competition took place at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds on September 24, 2009. There were 20 municipal pairs competing for the New Hampshire Municipal Title. By just fractions of a second, the 2009 Municipal Champions were Steve Perry and Moses Delphia, from the Town of Hanover, beating out second place finishers Eric Allen and Bob Harrington, from the Town of New London.

Perry and Delphia then competed for the State Champions title, going up against the NH DOT Champions Art Laro and Ben Gelinas (Mechanical Services). Proving to be yet another tight competition, it was Laro and Gelinas who prevailed and were crowned as New Hampshire 2009 Snow Plow Rally State Champions. In November, they represented NH and competed with other states at the Regional Snow Plow Rally Competition, sponsored by New England Chapter of the APWA, and THEY WON FIRST PLACE!

The Dana Wright Memorial Backhoe Competition was also very busy this year. With more than 20 individuals competing for the number one slot, it finished with Don Class, from the Town of Winchester in the number one position with a perfect score. Second place went to Dave Thompson from the Town of Campton...just one point less than perfect!

Thank you to all of the competitors, sponsors, and volunteers, and congratulations to all of the winners!

The 5th Annual (2010) Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally Competition will be held on Wednesday, September 22nd. Expect to see flyer and registration form in late August.

Ken Ward Memorial Snow Plow Rally Competition is sponsored by NH Public Works Association, NH Local Government Center, and the generosity of numerous Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors. Without our sponsors this event would not be free to all who attend.

Email Listserv Created for NHPWA Members

Kathryn Myers, UNH T² Ctr. Program Manager & NHPWA Board Rep.

Dear New Hampshire Public Works Association members,

By now you have received an email from me welcoming you to the email listserv for NHPWA members only. Use this listserv to send email to other NHPWA members or to the Board of Directors with questions regarding membership/dues etc. The Board will also use this listserv as a way to communicate with members with any special announcements. The fee to use this list is included in your annual membership dues. Any member who does not pay their annual membership fee to NHPWA, will be removed.

Enjoy using the list!

Any questions, please contact me: Kathryn Myers, k.myers@unh.edu

NH Construction Career Days - 2010



New Hampshire's second Construction Career Days (CCD) event takes place on Thursday, September 23rd and Friday, September 24th, at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds, Hopkinton, NH. It is expected that up to 600 high school students, per day, will be in attendance from throughout the Granite State.

Construction Career Day events are workforce development tools which introduce high school students to the transportation construction industry and support the pipeline that will provide the professionals of tomorrow. The CCD events have successfully promoted the transportation construction industry and the careers it offers.

- The construction industry employs more than 7.7 million people in the U.S.
- The average age of workers in the skilled trades nationwide is 48
- Baby boomers (born 1945-1950) will start retiring in 2010-2015
- There will be 1 million new jobs in the construction industry by 2016

Since 1999, 337,743 students have participated in CCD events. At the core, CCD events promote hands on activities, safety, diversity, partnerships and teamwork, continuous improvement and follow up for and to all of the students participating.

For more information or how you can get involved in NH CCD, see <http://sites.google.com/site/constructioncareerdaysnh/> or contact Catherine Schoenberg-er, CCD Chair, at staysafetraffic@aol.com.

The New Hampshire Construction Career Day events are organized and sponsored by members of Granite State Chapter #218 of the National Association of Women in Construction, NH Public Works Association, NH Road Agents Association, NH Board of Education, NH Department of Labor, NH Department of Transportation, The Associated Builders and Contractors, Manchester Community College, as well as many other public and private entities.

Press Release - May 17, 2010



New Hampshire Public Works Summit Update

Submitted by: Dave Danielson, Foresee Advocacy, LLC.

Since Wednesday, July 22, 2009, six groups representing the public works profession in NH have been meeting to discuss issues of common interest.

The participating groups include the NH Public Works Association, the NH Road Agents Association, the NH Water Pollution Control Association, the NH Public Works Mutual Aid Program, the NH Water Works Association, and the NH Public Works Standards & Training Council. This is the first time all of these groups have formed a coalition. As one participant noted "This is the first time we've ever all sat down with each other."

Some of the topics that have been discussed include public works as a profession, being recognized as "first responders", creating a unified response by all Public Works departments, legislative advocacy, regionalization to address costs, increased communication between the professional groups, overcoming complicated and costly policies and procedures, educating the public on what public works "does", and creating a clear identity for the profession.

We will report on this group as they progress. Stay tuned!

2010 APWA International Public Works Congress and Exposition

Submitted by: Ashley Benson, Project Assistant, UNH T² Ctr.



The 2010 American Public Works Association (APWA) Congress and Exposition will be held in Boston, Massachusetts from August 15th through August 18th at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

APWA Congress expects over 8,000 attendees from the U.S. and other countries. There will be 125 education sessions, tailored for public works, with a focus on technical and professional development this year. The education sessions include classroom lecture, interactive demonstrations, and “live” learning labs. In addition, attendees can earn CEUs and PDHs for these education sessions. There will also be over 600 exhibitors displaying the latest products, services, and technologies in public works, including solid waste equipment and products.

The 2010 APWA Congress will be particularly useful to directors, managers, and engineers in public works, construction, stormwater, transportation, sustainability, city planning, emergency management, and many more fields.

Over-size/Over-weight Permits

Kathryn Myers, UNH T² Ctr. Program Manager & NHPWA Board Rep.

Many communities have been receiving calls from trucking companies recently requesting Over-size/Over-weight Permits. The NHDOT has begun using new software in their Bridge Overweight Permit Review (BOPR) process. They are now providing Trucking Companies with their BOPR/Google Earth software to input truck specifications and indicate which bridges they want to cross. BOPR/Google Earth then provides a report (with data and a map) informing them of which bridges are “okay to cross,” “NHDOT review required,” or “Municipal Review Required.” Since, the trucking companies are now made aware of whom the proper permit should be approved from, and could face a fine if crossing without a proper permit; they are now asking municipalities for permits to cross bridges that they have not been requesting permits for in the past.

What can a municipality do when receiving such a request?

1. Designate one point of contact for permits, and ensure everyone knows who this person is.
2. Ask NHDOT for help. Call 603-271-3734.
3. Tell them to seek alternate bridge-free routes.
4. Require the permittee to have an engineering study done.
5. Deny the permit.



When NHDOT issues a permit it includes:

A date; an expiration date (5 or 10 days); a specific route; a description of the load; axle weights and spacings; manufacturer’s capacities for truck, trailer, axles and tires; plate number; VIN; name and contact information of the permit holder; signature of the driver; about a page of attentions, requirements and provisions; height, length, and width; return trip if planned; and other things. The NHDOT permit is an electronic permit; a paper copy has to be in the truck during the move. Having a written permit will help protect the municipality and the driver.

It is currently being discussed if municipalities can enter their data into the NHDOT’s BOPR/Google Earth system. NHPWA has established a workgroup to tackle this issue. We will report further as this workgroup has progress. Stay tuned!

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**Mark
These
Dates:**

Calendar

- NH Good Roads Show – July 30, Loudon
- APWA Congress – August 15 – 18, Boston MA
- T² Road Managers Mtg, August 20, Claremont
- Snow Plow Rally – September 22, Hopkinton
- Construction Career Days – September 23 & 24, Hopkinton
- NHPWA Annual Mtg. – October 28, Concord
- LGC Conference, November 17 – 19, Manchester
- New England Pavement Preservation Conf, November 17 – 19, Location TBD

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Individual Membership: \$25.00

Group Membership: \$100.00 (up to 5 people)

***Membership term expires June 30, 2011.**

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