

# New York Metropolitan Chapter American Public Works Association

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**2019 Chapter  
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**President**

Kevin Conklin  
Superintendent of Public Works  
Village of East Rockaway

**Vice President**

Jeffrey C. Coleman, P.E.  
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Town of Cortlandt

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Sr. Administrative Assistant  
Town of Orangetown Highway Department

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Village of Garden City (Retired)

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Harry Weed, Retired

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James Maxwell, CSM, PWLF  
Commissioner of Public Works  
City of New Rochelle, (Retired)

**Chapter Administrator**

Louis DiDomenico  
Village of Kings Point (Retired)

**Chapter Delegate**

Dominick Longobardi  
Town of Hempstead

**APWA Region II  
Director**

Charles Jones  
Great Valley Consultants

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**President's Message:**

***James Maxwell - APWA New York Metro Chapter***

First, let me thank the membership for allowing me to serve as the 2018 President of the New York Metropolitan Chapter of the American Public Works Association. This is my fourth year serving as an officer and sixth as a member of the Executive Board.

While our Chapter continues to meet its obligations with respect to implementing established Best Management Practices, our membership continues to shrink slightly each year as a result of retirements, changes in everyday job responsibilities and the demands placed upon our profession to do more with less.

Membership in professional organizations serves to increase one's body of knowledge through the ability to network with any number of individuals on a multitude of subjects. I urge the membership to seek out non-APWA members and inform them of the value-added aspects of APWA membership.

Our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Equipment, Products and Services Exposition, held at the Orangetown Highway Department was a great success. For the first time, we were able to present two training sessions, one with continuing education credits available through APWA and a second presented by the Cornell Local Roads Program. Between 27 and 30 individuals participated in each session. Many thanks to Jim Dean, Stephen Munno and the staff of the Town of Orangetown Highway Department for their continued support of Chapter efforts.

As the year draws to a close, we will continue to inform the membership of available training opportunities as well as legislation which will impact municipal operations including the environment, emergency management and transportation.

Best wishes to the incoming 2019 Executive Board.

*Jim Maxwell*  
**President**

***On the Cover:  
The Brooklyn Bridge, one of New  
York's most recognizable landmarks***

## New Members Since January 1, 2018

<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency/Company</b>
Matthew Backes	Johnson Controls
Barry Catherwood	Tech Products Inc.
Chris Fitzsimmons	Johnson Controls
Ms. Heli Howe	Able Equipment Rental Inc.
Ms. Sally Kramer	Northeastern University
Charles Sawicki	Village of Suffern
Ms. Jane Shrenkel	Hempstead Sanitation District # 6
Keith Wortman	Cummins Sales and Service
Fred Brinn	Town of Ramapo
Mike Dezago	Town of Ramapo
Christopher Stevens	Town of Ramapo
Azikiwe Rich	New York City Dept. of Transportation
Kirk Lombardi	Fab Tex
Thomas Cardile	City of Glen Cove
Joseph Jarrin	New York City Dept. of Transportation
Nicholas La Poma	Village of Nanuet
Dennis Letson	Town of Clarkstown
Michelle DeRosa-Armiento	Transpo Industries
Luke Weidlein	Tremco Roofing and Maintenance
James Hall	Stellar Services

### Consider Joining the American Public Works Association

If you are receiving this Newsletter complimentary, we ask that you consider joining the American Public Works Association.

The Long Island Branch which includes Nassau and Suffolk Counties meets 9 times a year for lunch and the Southeast New York Branch which includes Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Sullivan, Orange and Ulster Counties meets 4 times per year for lunch. These lunch meetings, in addition to the Association's routine business, provides an opportunity to network with other public works managers as well as private sector vendors and consultants. Training and education opportunities are provided at the annual Equipment and Products Exposition in May as well as stand alone training sessions sponsored in cooperation with other public works organizations.

Check out the American Public Works Association website at: [www.apwa.net/membership](http://www.apwa.net/membership)

**Stephen Munno**  
**Chapter Secretary**

## **GET CONNECTED**

One of the great benefits of joining APWA is connecting with your colleagues. APWA offers numerous opportunities and various ways for you to connect and network. Connect by interest or responsibility, through our social networks, through your local chapter, or through one of our national special interest groups.

### **Connect by interest or responsibility**

- Center for Sustainability
- Standing Committees, Program Committees, or Technical Committees
- Partnerships and Task Forces

### **Social networks**

- InfoNOW Communities and APWA Connect
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- YouTube Channel

### **Local chapter**

- Chapters
- Council of Chapters

### **Special Interest**

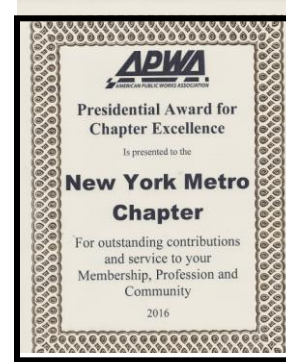
- Public Works Historical Society
- Canadian Public Works Association
- Young Professionals
- Emerging Leaders

## **Calendar of Events**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Contact /Information</b>	<b>Date</b>
2019 Snow Conference, Salt lake City, Utah	APWA	APWA Website	May 19-22, 2019
2019 PWX, Seattle Washington	APWA	APWA Website	September 8-11, 2019

## New York Metropolitan Chapter Recipient of 2018 PACE Award

For the 14<sup>th</sup> time in the last 16 years our Chapter has received the Presidential Award for Chapter Excellence. Chapter President Jim Maxwell along with Delegate Dominick Longobardi and Past President Harry Weed were present in Kansas City, Missouri to receive the award.

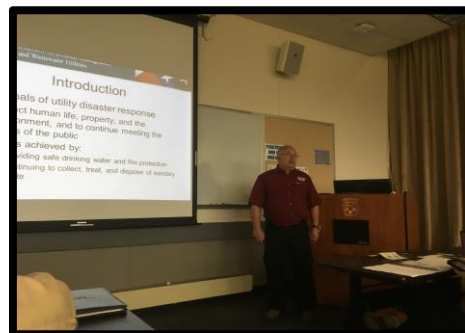


Left to Right – Past APWA President Bo Mills, Chapter President Jim Maxwell, Past President Harry Weed, Chapter Delegate Dominick Longobardi

## Chapter Members Participate in National Emergency Response Training

A 4 hour emergency management training session on Disaster Management for Water and Waste Water Utilities was held on September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Westchester County Fire Training Center in Valhalla, New York. The no cost program was provided by the Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) through the Westchester County Office of Emergency Services and the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services. Chapter members, as well as others from Public Works and various emergency management organizations worked together in multidisciplinary teams to apply the course information with their professional experience in a variety of hands-on, small group activities and disaster scenarios. The Chapter has requested additional Emergency Management courses from TEEX in 2019.

Instructor Ron Lavender makes a point at the beginning of the session.



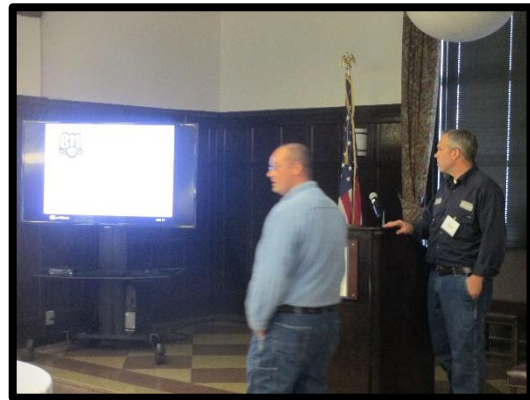
**New York Metro Chapter Joins with the Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators to provide Training**

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Westchester County Association of Municipal Public Works Administrators, with the support of the New York Metropolitan Chapter and Consolidated Edison of New York held a one day training event for public works foreman and crew leaders at Pace University in White Plains. The Pace University Michaelian Institute for Public Policy and Management lent its support to the training by providing the venue, audio visual equipment and a speaker on Employee Performance and Discipline from the University's Masters in Public Administration Program. Other sessions provided included Traffic Signs and Latest Advances, Risk Assessment of Underground Vaults, Invasive and Prohibited Plants and Spotted Lanternfly, Electric and Gas Safety, Difficult Claims and Worker Safety. Seven New York Metro Chapter municipalities had staff in attendance. Completed questionnaires provided by attendees indicated a need for a wide range of public works related subjects for future training sessions.



Glen Abrams from Glenco Supply Inc. discusses the latest changes in Traffic Control Signs, Signals and Pavement Markings.

Representatives of Consolidated Edison of New York discuss precautionary measures to be taken when working at gas and electric installations and emergencies.



**New York Metro Chapter joins with the New York Chapter to support the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials**

The New York Metro Chapter, along with colleagues from the New York Chapter met at the New York Conference of Mayors and Municipal Officials in Lake Placid in October in support of NYCOM's Public Works Fall Training School. Past President Harry Weed provided an all day training session on the Transportation Information Management System (TIMS)



**Annual Chapter Dinner held at the Sand Castle, Franklin Square, New York**

The New York Metropolitan Chapters Annual Dinner and Awards Night was held on October 24, 2018 at the Sand Castle in Franklin Square, New York and was hosted by the Long Island Branch. There were 60 members and guests present for the dinner which included a 1 hour cocktail reception. Past President and Master of Ceremonies Dominick Longobardi kept the evening's program moving which included Chapter business, swearing in of the 2019 slate of officers and the awards ceremony. Incoming President Kevin Conklin was sworn in by his father Harry Conklin, former Superintendent of Public Works, Village of East Rockaway. Region II Director Charles Jones swore in the remaining officers and spoke about the new "First Responder" Placard. Outgoing President Jim Maxwell, received a Certificate of Appreciation from our National organization which was presented by incoming President Kevin Conklin, Village of East Rockaway. Past President Harry Weed recognized the Past Presidents in attendance. Next year's Annual Dinner and Awards Night will be held in the Southeast New York branch area.



Harry Conklin swears in President – elect Kevin Conklin



Region II Director Charlie Jones swears in Officers and Executive Board members



President elect Kevin Conklin gives his acceptance remarks



President Jim Maxwell receives a Certificate of Appreciation from Region II Director Charlie Jones and President elect Kevin Conklin.

### **New York Metro Chapter continues its membership on the Westchester Community College Perkins Grant Advisory Board**

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 is a principal source of federal funding to states and discretionary grantees for the improvement of secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs across the nation. At the November 14<sup>th</sup> Advisory Committee meeting, Board Member and New York Metro Chapter President Jim Maxwell discussed assisting students about to enter the workforce in areas such as preparation of resumes and job interviews for public sector positions in public works. A program will be set up in conjunction with the college's placement system to assist engineering and public works technology students seeking internships as well as how to navigate civil service testing.

### **Village of Tuckahoe holds its Second "Get Acquainted With Your DPW Day, Open House"**

The Village of Tuckahoe held its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual, "Get Acquainted with your DPW Day" on Saturday October 13, 2018. The program included facility tours, trolley tours of the Village, a recycling forum and demonstrations on the "Love em and Leave em Program". Portions of the day were videoed with discussions lead by Mayor Steven Ecklund and Superintendent of Public Works Frank DiMarco. The program may be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/y3c6ir6R98U>.

### **Training for Bucket Truck Operators held in Cortlandt and Yonkers**

Training for bucket truck operators was held on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the Town of Cortlandt and City of Yonkers respectively. Participants could either provide there own vehicle and safety equipment or use the host municipality's equipment.





City of Yonkers Equipment Operator reviews bucket operating pcedures with city equipment



Town of Cortlandt Equipment Operator secures safety harnesses

## **2018 New York Metropolitan Chapter Awards**

### **The Floyd F. Wilcox Award:**

Acknowledges the excellence of performance of Public Works personnel up to and including the title of foreman/supervisor/superintendent, depending on the individual’s function. Floyd F. Wilcox held all positions in the chapter and on his retirement was made treasurer emeritus. He remained active in chapter activities until his passing. To qualify, the person must have a minimum of 10 years employment in public works activities and be recommended by an American Public Works Association member.

### **Recipients:**

Ronald Chisolm, MEO, Village of East Rockaway  
Scott Hickham, Laborer, Village of Easr Rockaway  
Frank Lima, Supervisor, Sanitary District # 6  
Michael Makar, Supervisor, Sanitary District # 6  
Augie Metzger, MEO, Village of East Rockaway

### **George A. Jacob Award:**

In 1999, the New York Metropolitan Chapter of the APWA established the George A. Jacob Award to acknowledge the excellence of performance of public works office personnel up to and including the title of supervisor, principal clerk, administrative assistant, etc. To qualify, a minimum of ten years of employment in a public works activity is required. American public works association membership is not required but an award recommendation must be by a current APWA member.

### **Recipient:**

George Romanello Sanitary District No. 6

## **2019 Long Island and Southeast New York Branch Officers/Executive Board**

### Southeastern New York Branch

President: John Munroe, Rockland County Highway Department

Vice President: Stephen Munno, Town of Orangetown Highway Department

Secretary: Louis Guerra, Rockland County Highway Department

Treasurer: Larry Brissing, Town of Stony Point

Director: James Statini, County of Westchester

Director: Jeffrey Coleman, P.E., Town of Cortlandt

### Long Island Branch

President: Kevin Ginnane, Village of Floral Park

Vice President: Theresa Gaffney, Village of East Rockaway

Treasurer - Dave O'Brien, Village of Garden City - Retired

Secretary - Tom Rini, Village of Mineola

Director: Mike Petrocelli, Town of Hempstead - Sanitary Dist. No. 6

Director: Dan Faust, Town of Hempstead - Sanitary Dist. No. 7

### **SENY Branch Annual Meeting**

The Southeastern Branch of our chapter held its annual meeting along with the election of and swearing in of the 2019 officers on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Orangeburg Firehouse. A 30 minute information session, presented by Gerhardt Rodenberger, Product Development Manager, EN-TECH Corp. on underground conveyance pipes was followed by lunch.

Shown left to right are Chapter President Jim Maxwell, 2019 officers Treasurer Larry Brissing, Town of Stony Point, Secretary Louise Guerra, Rockland County Highway Department, Director Jeffrey Coleman, Town of Cortlandt, Vice President Stephen Munno, Town of Orangetown Highway Department and President John Munroe, Rockland County Highway Department



### **Long Island Branch Holds Annual Toys for Tots Meeting**

The Long Island Branch held their annual Christmas meeting and Toys for tots drive at Captain Bill's Restaurant in Bayshore on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is held in conjunction with Nassau County Firefighters to provide toys for needy children at Christmas time.

Shown are over 200 toys  
donated by the Long Island  
Branch



## **National Awards Applications Period Now Open**

The window for submitting applications for National Awards is now open. Members may submit an application for consideration in areas such as;

### **Awards**

Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year  
Public Works Project of the Year  
Public Works Project of the Year for Small Cities/Rural Communities

### **Professional Awards**

Commendation for Exemplary Service to Public Works  
Excellence in Snow and Ice Control (**Closed**)  
Exceptional Performance Awards (6 categories)  
Management Innovation Award  
Technical Innovation Award

### **Members Awards**

Chapter Membership Achievement Award  
Community Involvement Award  
Distinguished Service to Public Works Award  
Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education  
Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service  
International Service Award  
Professional Manager of the Year Award (9 categories)  
(all categories use same Nomination Form and same Submit Online site)

- Administrative Management
- Engineering and Technology
- Facilities and Grounds
- Public Fleet

- Public Right of Way
- Public Works Emergency Management
- Solid Waste
- Transportation
- Water Resources

Myron Calkins Young Leader of the Year Award

Information on Award criteria, submission forms and submission procedures may be found on the APWA Website <http://www.apwa.net>. On the main page go to the right side of the tool bar and click “About”. Then click on Awards. Be sure to check the specific awards for when they need to be submitted by. Any questions, feel free to contact Jim Maxwell at [Jimax153@optonline.net](mailto:Jimax153@optonline.net)

### **FEMA Releases PrepTalk on Public Works and Emergency Management: Restoring Lifeline Services**

*from Emergency InfoNow*

Today FEMA released Philip R. Mann’s PrepTalk “Public Works & Emergency Management: Restoring Lifeline Services,” the fourth PrepTalk release from the Sept. 6, 2018 symposium.

Mann is the Public Works Director for Gainesville, Florida. He is the past Chair of the American Public Works Association’s (APWA) Emergency Management Committee and is APWA’s representative to the Public Safety Advisory Committee working on the FirstNet project.

In his PrepTalk, Mann shares a career’s worth of public works experience, including response and recovery from many disasters. Mann explains that the lifelines managed by a public works department are essential to “allow the community to survive” before and after a disaster. These systems include transportation; supporting utilities to restore power and communications; water for homes, businesses, and fire suppression; waste and stormwater management; and solid waste management including debris removal.

Mann’s PrepTalk discussion guide, and additional reference materials are available at <https://www.fema.gov/preptalks/mann>. Additional PrepTalks from the Sept. 6 symposium held in Washington, D.C. will be released in the coming months.

PrepTalks are a partnership between FEMA, the International Association of Emergency Managers, the National Emergency Management Association, the National Homeland Security Consortium, and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

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