

TYPE: Proclamation

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DEPARTMENT: Public Works

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DESCRIPTION: Proclamation: 2026 National Public Works Week

COMMITTEE ACTION:

DATE:

BACKGROUND: Public Works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives. The Village of Bensenville Department of Public Works supplies the Village with quality drinking water, excellent wastewater treatment facilities, an extensive local road system, and an award-winning forestry program.

Since 1960, APWA (American Public Works Association) has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across North America, our more than 28,000 members in the US and Canada use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and building the quality of life.

APWA is proud to announce the theme "Rooted in Service, Powered by Community" for the 2026 National Public Works Week poster. The theme acknowledges that the roots of service run deep in public works. It's what has propelled public works innovations that have helped our communities evolve into places where people can lead lives of purpose and possibility. Some work—like building roads and bridges—is highly visible, while other public works contributions—like maintaining water and sewer systems—are sometimes hidden from view. Together, these efforts form the foundation of thriving communities, reminding us that every project, seen or unseen, powers the connection between service and the people it supports.

KEY ISSUES: National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May. Through NPWW and other efforts, APWA seeks to raise the public's awareness of public works issues and to increase confidence in public works employees who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

To coincide with National Public Works Week, our annual Public Works Open House event will take place Thursday, May 21 from 3:30 PM to 7:00 PM.

ALTERNATIVES: Discretion of the Village Board.

BUDGET IMPACT: N / A

ACTION REQUIRED: N / A

ATTACHMENTS:

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