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Hot In Place Recycling took place recently in Scituate and Coventry

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93 Small Fox Trail
West Kingston, RI 02892



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For our full list of events and more info please
visit www.ripwa.org/events
and click on Full T2 Calendar

11/17 **Flagger Certification**, Pawtucket Visit our website for more info.

11/18 **Bucket Truck Training**, Coventry Visit our website for more info.

12/8-12/9..... **OSHA 10-Hour Construction Training** (2-day event) This training program has been developed for the transportation construction industry and is focused on the problems and hazards faced by roadway construction workers. It will be held at the Easton Beach Rotunda, Newport

Topics

- Introduction to OSHA • Personal Protective Equipment
- Electrical Safety • Fall Prevention and Protection
- Roadway Work Zones • Mechanized Equipment
- Excavations and Trenching

3/16 **Annual Indoor Expo**, Wright's Farm Restaurant, Burrillville, RI. More information on pages 15-16.

Classes available by request!

Please visit our website www.ripwa.org/training_request

What Has Your Department Built?

Narragansett

Stephen Daignault Jr., Deputy Director for Narragansett DPW build this compactor carrier (photo on right) to make work a bit "lighter" in Narragansett. To share your pics email: erin@ripwa.org

North Kingstown

In order to upgrade the electrical system and install new strobe lights to their 1964 CAT Grader, mechanic Bob Briggs came up with a very creative idea. Without space available around the steering wheel to mount the new switches he re purposed an old, metal first aid kit.

Strobe lights and a new cab fan were purchased while using wiring and the metal box they had on hand. The entire electrical upgrade cost only \$200.



TRAININGS & CLASSES

**Visit our website for details on
our classes and workshops at no cost
to RI Public Works employees**

www.ripwa.org (as long as funding is available).

"Preparing For Winter" workshop instructor, Paul Brown, discussed sand and salt application rates, anti icing materials, the benefits of sending the trucks out before the storm to apply material to the roads, levels of service and types of equipment. Paul also showed the group how to calibrate a sander for proper material spreading. Photos below.



Instructor Jay Wheeler recently trained members of South Kingstown, North Kingstown and Exeter DPW during a "Chainsaw Safety Class." Our most recent "Wood Chipper Training" was instructed by Mike St.Peter. Photos below



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MEMBER NEWS



Coventry

"It's like getting a new iPhone!" Coventry has upgraded and purchased a new Elgin Broom Bear sweeper from CN Wood. The short wheelbase and large brooms make it ideal for sweeping in tight cul-de-sacs. It has completely digitalized controls, and is considered one of the most durable and efficient sweepers on the market today! It includes many options they did not previously have and has dramatically decreased the amount of time needed for sweeping. Coventry DPW is thrilled with the progress they have made on their roadways with this new purchase.



East Greenwich

East Greenwich DPW has a new piece of equipment! Purchased from HP Fairfield in Columbia CT, it is a 2015 Falcon 2 Ton Truck Mounted Portable Hot Box. The Hot Box will be used to transport and keep hot mix hot all day. It also has the ability to keep the mix hot overnight. It can also be used to heat and re-heat cold patch to make it more workable. The unit features a 105,000BTU diesel burner with a controllable thermostat, triple wall insulated construction, adjustable/metering material door, and an adjustable shoveling apron. With this unit the Town hopes to improve its pavement maintenance capabilities.



Exeter

Work and vehicle maintenance just got a lot easier and more efficient for the mechanics at Exeter DPW. Under a state bid, the department was able to purchase four new portable column lifts. They are Mohawk, and each one has an 18,000 pound weight limit.



2015 EQUIPMENT SHOW & DEMONSTRATION



Congratulations Are In Order!

Former Interim Director of Public Works, Michael DiCicco was recently appointed as Narragansett's official Director of Public Works by the town council with a unanimous vote. Stephen Daignault was also appointed unanimously to a newly created position of Deputy Public Works Director. Members of the town council highly praised and commended both over the past year, stating that the two men work well together and that they believe they could keep the department going strong. Both men have worked for Narragansett DPW for many years and have climbed through the ranks. Congratulations Michael and Stephen, keep up the good work! Check Narragansett Times for full story.

Winners Circle

Snow Plow Rhodexo Results (see page 7 for photos)
16 teams - 13 municipal, 3 RIDOT

Safety Quiz

- 1 - Middletown - John Peckham & Elliot Marshall (photo 1)
- 2 - Narragansett - Jason Teolis & Mike Nally (photo 7)
- 3 - Narragansett - Peter Russo & Shawn Robinson (photo 5)

Backing with Compressor

- 1 - Portsmouth - Joel Kosengarten & Neil Belliveau (photo 2)
- 2 - Middletown - John Peckham & Elliot Marshall (photo 1)
- 3 - Providence - Anthony Ciprino & Adam Almeida (photo 3)

Plow Slalom

- 1 - Portsmouth - Joel Kosengarten & Neil Belliveau (photo 2)
- 2 - Coventry - Greg Foster & John Sundelin (photo 4)
- 3 - North Kingstown - Kyle Wicker & Mike Mann (photo 6)

2015 SNOW PLOW & BACKHOE RHODEOS'

Held during our 2015 Equipment Show, these annual events are a great way to brush up on your training and safety.

- The Backhoe Rhodexo has four obstacles including sinking a basketball in a hoop,
- Three events make up the Snow Plow Rhodexo - a written safety quiz, backing with a compressor and snow plow slalom. The overall winning team for the Snow Plow Rhodexo this year (combined score from all 3 snow plow events) received a scholarship to attend and represent RI at the APWA Snow & Ice Conference & National Snow Rhodexo (photos on page 12)

Both Rhodexos include refreshments, lunch and prizes. Photo explanations on page 6.



Overall Winner - (Combined score of three events)
This was a very close competition!
Middletown - John Peckham & Elliot Marshall



Backhoe Rhodexo
15 participants
(all municipal)

Overall Winner - Danny Lacy - Warren DPW (photo below left)
Runner Up - Neil Belliveau - Portsmouth DPW (photo below right)



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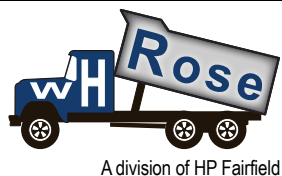


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Build a Better Mousetrap Competition

Our “Build A Better Mousetrap Competition” took place during this years Equipment Show & Demonstration. This competition highlights innovative solutions to everyday problems and issues that local public works departments encounter. Entries can include tools and equipment developed by a department, equipment modifications, and/or processes that increase safety, reduce cost and improve efficiency. This year’s winner was Rick Smith from Exeter DPW. Rick build several tools. One was to form asphalt curb (photo on right), another a tool with an active jaw to clean debris from catch basins and pipes and the last to easily lift and move heavy trash containers (photo below).

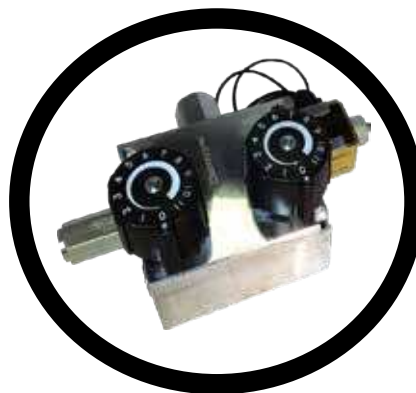


Other Mousetrap entrants included Narragansett for building a plow lift mounted asphalt compactor carrier (photo on right), Portsmouth for building a two man device to lift a catch basin frame (photo bottom right) and Scituate for building a multi-purpose truck (photo below).



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MEMBER NEWS

City of Providence Snow Plow Rhodéo

The City of Providence held its Snow Plow Rhodéo at Roger Williams Park on September 9th. They had six teams that competed in a plow slalom with the overall score being a combination of two runs (each team member had to drive). Dave Capelle from Highway Rehab Corp. and Tim Ledogar from C.N. Wood Company were the lead judges.

Continued below...



Providence DPW Director Russell Knight (rose colored shirt) addresses participants prior to event.



Judges conduct the walk through prior to the start of the Rhodéo.



L to R Alex Moreta, Dave Mambro, 1st Place
 Anthony Ciprino, Mike Heaton, Runner Up



Providence DPW Director announces the winners

Continued from above.....

Alex Moreta and Dave Mambro finished in first place. Anthony Ciprino and Mike Heaton were runner-up. The two teams represented Providence in our own statewide Snow Plow Rhodéo that took place on September 16th. (See page 6 & 7)

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COLORADO SNOW & ICE

The winners of this year’s RIPWA Snowplow Rhodéo, John Peckham and Elliot Marshall of the Middletown DPW, represented Rhode Island at the national competition in Colorado on a RIPWA scholarship. (Picture below, right)

The national Snowplow Rodeo was part of the APWA’s Annual Snow & Ice Conference. Out of 120 teams, John and Elliot finished 35th. Not only did they participate in the Rhodéo but were able to take advantage of the many classes and presentations that were offered between Wednesday and Friday. Visit www.westernsnowandice.com/brochure to see all the great options. They also earned “winter maintenance supervisor certificates” for completing a supervisor workshop that will help to further their career as well as helping their town and department.



L to R: Marc Valenti Highway, Equipment and Drains Superintendent Elliot Marshall, Middletown RI, Steve Mattschuck DPW Director Exeter RI and RIPWA Treasurer, John Peckham, Middletown RI Chris Bouchard Becket MA Highway Superintendent John Lyford and Jamie Boyer West Stockbridge MA 2014 New England APWA Snow Plow Rodeo Champions. Sponsored by NEAPWA, Mike Curtain Jr. and Mike Picanzo 2015 Massachusetts Highway Association Snow Plow Rodeo Champions. Sponsored by the MHA. Timothy Ledogar, C.N. Wood
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Registration is also available on our website: www.ripwa.org

Wednesday, March 16th, 2016

Snow Date: March 23

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wright's Farm Restaurant, Burrillville, RI

Main Event to be held in the Carriage Room

- ◆ Displays are 8' x 10' and include a draped table and chairs. Electrical outlets are available. Cost of each display is \$400, which includes up to five meal tickets.
- ◆ Coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning, and Wright's Farm's famous Family-Style-Dinner will be served for lunch
- ◆ Raffle will be held at 1:00 PM
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- ◆ Please be sure to bring your tickets as we will be collecting them at the door



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Total Enclosed: _____

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Questions? Contact Jeff Cathcart at 401-368-4850 or jcici@cox.net



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◆ Coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning, and Wright's Farm's famous Family-Style-Dinner will be served at noon. Don't forget your tickets! (They will be used as your meal ticket).

◆ Raffle will be held at 1:00 PM

◆ Please be sure to bring your ticket and a can of food as we will be collecting for our annual Rhode Island food bank drive.

◆ For vendor registration please visit: www.ripwa.org



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