

Village of Hines Creek Council Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting:	Regular Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	May 8, 2018
Originated By:	Leanne Walmsley, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
Title:	New Business – National Public Works Week May 20-26, 2018 “The Power of Public Works”.
File:	0401

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

National Public Works Week is observed each year during the third full week of May and this is the 58th year. NPWW (National Public Works Week) calls attention to the importance of public works in community life and seeks to acknowledge the efforts of tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain civil infrastructure and services. NPWW also allows Councils to remind the public of the 24/7 services that they are responsible for and are proud of. Many Councils and Public Works departments make this an annual celebration in their communities.

The APWA encourages public works agencies and professionals to take the opportunity to celebrate the week by parades, displays of public works equipment, high school essay contests, open houses, programs for civic organizations and media events. The occasion is marked each year with scores of resolutions and proclamations from Mayors and Premiers and raises the public’s awareness of public works issues and increase confidence in public works agencies like ours who are dedicated to improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

Open House or Tour

An open house or tour offers participants a new perspective on public works and gives professionals an opportunity to discuss the daily operation at their facility. It also is a good time to gather community member’s opinions of public works projects and services.

Thought starters:

- Plan the open house in conjunction with a dedication ceremony, an anniversary, or a celebration of a completed project.
- Select employees to serve as ambassadors or tour guides.
- Provide a forum for citizens to learn about various departments and their functions.
- Develop a survey to gather attendees’ opinions about a public works project or service of importance to our organization.

Employees Appreciation Day

Acknowledge the many accomplishments public works employees contribute throughout the year with a special recognition event.

Thought starters:

- Sponsor a banquet to recognize outstanding performance, special achievements, safety records and attendance. Award honorees with a gift registration to a seminar, an engraved plaque, a special proclamation or a cash award.
- Include family members of honorees.
- Invite elected officials
- Hold our event in a public works facility. For example, host a barbecue in an equipment garage.

Sporting Event

Healthy people are happy people. Promote healthful living by sponsoring a sporting event.

Thought starters:

- Plan the route of a race to end at a facility or project you believe deserves attention.
- Sponsor a golf tournament and arrange for the proceeds to be dedicated to a public works project, such as the purchase of playground equipment in a community park.
- Sponsor a public works night at an organized or professional sporting event. Arrange for a message about public works to be announced during the game.

PROCLAMATION
"Public Works Connects Us"
PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
May 20-26, 2018.

WHEREAS: public works infrastructure, facilities and services are vital to the health, safety and well-being of the residents of the Village of Hines Creek; and

WHEREAS: such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers and administrator who are responsible for building, operating and maintaining the public works systems that serve our citizens; and

WHEREAS: the Public Works Association instituted Public Works Week as a public education campaign "to inform communities and their leaders on the importance of our nation's public infrastructure and public works services", and

WHEREAS: it is in the public interest of citizens and civic leaders to gain knowledge of the public works needs and programs of their respective communities;

WHEREAS: Public Works Week also recognizes the contributions of public works professionals.

NOW THEREFORE:I, Hazel Reintjes, Mayor of the Village of Hines Creek do hereby proclaim the week of May 20-26, 2018, as Public Works Week in the Village of Hines Creek.

Dates this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Hazel Reintjes, Mayor

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES

COSTS/SOURCE OF FUNDING (if applicable)

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That this Council declare May 20-26, 2018 Public Works Week within the Village of Hines Creek.

Initials show support- Reviewed by:	Manager:	C.A.O. <i>AW</i>
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