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The National Association of Women in Construction Houston Chapter #3 Monthly Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NAWIC National Convention was terrific! Region 7 does rock! Sandy Field was installed as National Treasurer; Judy DeWeese, San Antonio, was installed as National President; Gracie Narey, Fort Worth was installed as Region 7 Director. The seminars were excellent, and, of course, fun was had by all. I always come back from national and regional meetings with a new enthusiasm for NAWIC. We truly have some very inspiring members.

If you were not able to attend National Convention, please try to attend our Annual Planning Conference in Austin on October 21 – 22. Registration and hotel rates are very reasonable. We are all open to sharing rooms and carpooling so please try to attend. I guarantee that you will be glad you did.

Make sure that you save April 13 – 15, 2012. Your Houston chapter will be hosting Forum, our spring Regional meeting. It is time to let Beckye Manzel and Kelley Stewart know what committee you would like to work on. It is our time to shine; be a Hollywood star!

Remember that your NAWIC renewal is due to the NAWIC office before October 1st. It cannot be postmarked October 1st; it must be received in the NAWIC office by October 1st. Don't put it off and forget – send it in today!

I would like to thank all of you for making my year as your President memorable and fun. All of you stepped up to the plate to help with Block Kids and our other events. Our meeting attendance has improved, our membership has grown to 42 members, and you supported the ways and means projects so that we actually have money in the bank!

I had so much help from a great board of directors and involved committee chairman. Thank you all for all the times you stayed late to take care of business and for going above and beyond what you "had" to do. Thank you to all the committee chairs who came to the board meetings when you didn't have to and always pitched in to help with the extra tasks.

I know 2011 – 2012 will be a fantastic year. Beckye and your new Board of Directors have lots of ideas and with your support, this year will be even better.

Remember: *None of us are as good as all of us.*

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NAWIC PLEDGE

As Material for the
Construction of our Building,
I Pledge the Agility of my
Hands, the Ability of My Mind
and the Integrity of My Heart

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
VICTIMS OF THE TEXAS
WILDFIRES 2011



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 13 – General Membership Meeting
September 27 – Board of Directors Meeting
October 01 – Membership Renewals Due
October 01 – The Bridge Walk
October 11 – General Membership Meeting
October 21/22 – APC Austin
October 25 – Board of Directors Meeting
April 13/15 – FORUM in Houston, Texas

Thank you!

Our Chapter Sponsors



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month - The Bridge Over Troubled Waters will host its

6th Annual Men's Walk Against Violence

(The whole family is invited!)

October 1, 2011

8:30 a.m. — 12 p.m.

The walk will last approximately 20 minutes, followed by fun activities for the family! We're still in the planning process, but we are intending on having a moonwalk, face painting, hot dogs, soda and more. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your family while showing your children & our community we can unite as one to take a stand against domestic violence. One step at a time, we can influence the norms that allow domestic violence to occur.

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Business card ads are available for \$35
½ page for \$50
Full page for \$75

Any option will appear for one full year

Please remember the families at the Bridge this weekend while you are doing your weekend shopping. **They need Pampers-size 3 and all sizes too. If you have any samples of toiletries you get from your travels please bring them too as they are appreciated as well.**

Please see me if you would like a receipt for your donations as they are tax deductible. I usually save my donation receipts and get a receipt from them at the end of the year.

The mission of The Bridge is to offer support, provide safety, and prevent domestic and sexual violence."

Enjoy your weekend - Rose

Daily Safety Focus

Tellepsen Achieves Extraordinary Safety Milestone

Houston, Texas—August 30, 2011

[Tellepsen](#), a leader in commercial and industrial construction, is pleased to announce the achievement of a significant [safety](#) milestone. The company has worked over 8 years and 6 million man-hours without a lost-time accident.

Tellepsen's path to this accomplishment started with a carefully developed strategy that engages every employee with a spirit of ownership for safety. "At Tellepsen, safety is everyone's responsibility," says Susan Phillips, Tellepsen's Director of Safety. "It's not just a catchphrase; it's our way of life! We encourage and expect employees to report any potential safety issues immediately."

Phillips attributes the overwhelming success of Tellepsen's Safety Program to several factors, including monthly safety operations meetings, weekly departmental safety meetings, and the continuous improvement program carried out with Predictive Solutions, a proactive behavior-based safety system the company uses to analyze and mitigate risks. Tellepsen also recognizes and rewards individuals, departments, and the entire workforce when exceptional safety efforts are made.

Safety is a core value and an integral part of the Tellepsen culture. Howard T. Tellepsen, Jr., Tellepsen's Chairman and CEO, noted, "At Tellepsen, keeping our people safe is a continuous and relentless mission. This is truly a [team](#) effort; every level of the organization deserves credit for their contribution to the safety of our people. We are proud of our industry-leading safety performance that has contributed to our designation by the National Associated General Contractors as "[Safest in the Nation](#)" for two consecutive periods."

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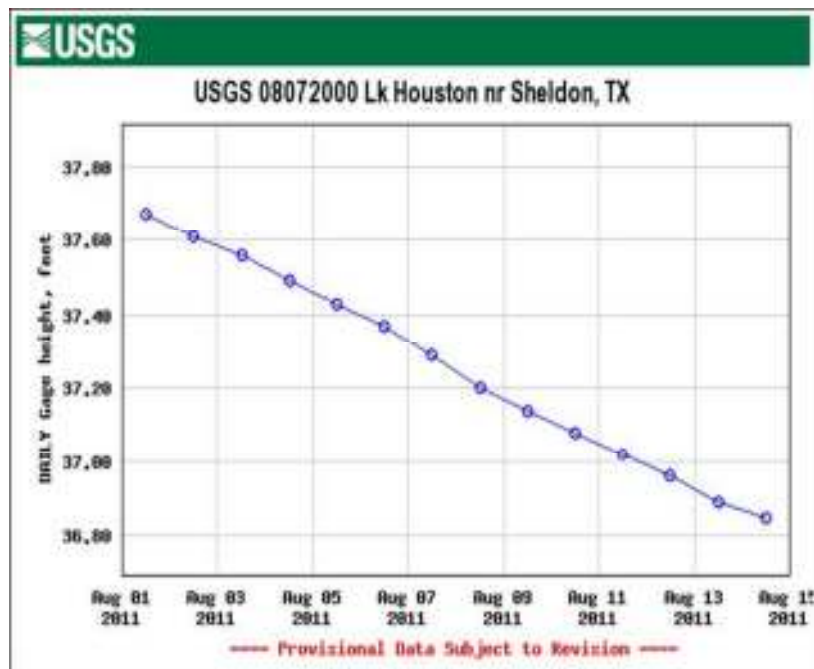
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Mayor Parker Orders Mandatory Water Conservation Measures

Due to persistent drought conditions and continuously decreasing water levels in Lake Houston, Mayor Annise Parker today mandated the implementation of the City of Houston Stage Two Water Conservation Measures in accordance with the procedures outlined in Chapter 47 in the [Code of Ordinances](#).

The graphic below illustrates the water levels of Lake Houston as monitored since the beginning of the month:



During Stage Two of the conservation plan, customers are required to:

- Repair all detectable leaks within 72 hours of discovery and
- Limit outdoor irrigation to the hours between 8:00 p.m. and 10 a.m. on NO more than two days per week according to the following schedule:
 - **Sundays and Thursdays for customers with even-numbered street addresses**
 - **Saturdays and Wednesdays for customers with odd-numbered street addresses**

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Failure to follow requirements may result in fines.

"While these restrictions are mandatory, we will begin with warnings and an informational campaign because the goal is voluntary compliance," said Mayor Parker. "For those who insist on not being good neighbors, citations will follow."

The City itself will also take internal water conservation measures, such as:

- Suspension of any scheduled window washing
- Suspension of any scheduled power washing of buildings, sidewalks and parking areas
- Discontinue washing city vehicles or equipment except for health, safety or critical maintenance reasons
- Order an audit of all irrigation systems for leaks to ensure proper operation of timers and sprinkler heads.



The [Public Works Department website](#) has a [Daily Water Supply Monitor](#) and continues to encourage residents to use water wisely, which will reduce the large demand on the City's water system. Using water wisely can not only save water, but also reduce water bills.

Ways to conserve water:

- Keep showers under five minutes
- Turn water off while brushing your teeth
- Wash only full loads of dishes or clothes
- Replace older model showerheads and faucet aerators with new low-flow models and install low water use toilets
- Inspect toilets for silent leaks by putting food coloring in the toilet tank. If colored water leaks into the toilet bowl before flushing, water is being lost due to a worn flapper
- Refrain from washing any vehicle or motorbike unless the dirt poses a driving hazard
- Refrain from washing down any sidewalk, walkway, driveway, parking lot or any other hard-surfaced area
- Refrain from filling, refilling or adding water to any indoor or outdoor swimming pool, spa or whirlpool.

<http://www.publicworks.houstontx.gov/utilities/conservation.html>

56th Annual NAWIC Convention in St. Louis, Missouri





NAWIC National convention was hosted by the great city of St. Louis this year. St. Louis has so many attractions we could have spent days exploring and had a great time doing it. Union Station has 22 exhibits that have been mounted on railings inside the station, as well as shopping; dining and fun events like free movie nights. We were able to visit the Gateway Arch and its underground museum, the City Garden, a Cardinals baseball game at Busch Stadium, the Lumiere Place Casino & Hotel and the Courthouse where the famous Dred Scott case was tried. During the day we spent our time in the many informative NAWIC seminars and workshops. Some of the seminars included:

- How Today's Trends Are Impacting the Construction Industry and You
- What Every Construction Industry Professional Needs to Know About Lawsuit Protection, Tax Reduction and Estate Planning
- New Energy Technologies
- Bridging the Employment Gap
- Walk, Talk and Negotiate Like a CEO
- Time Management: Achieving Your Highest Priorities
- Four Generations Working Under the Same Roof
- PowerShift
- Press Release: Tips, Tricks and How-To
- Threshold Thinking: Breakthrough to the Place Success is Possible

In addition to the seminars, each attendee had the opportunity to attend leadership and NAWIC related workshops. A few examples are:

- NEF Construction Industry Technician Study Session
- Forum Hostess Chapter Meeting
- WIC Week
- Strategic Thinking and Planning
- Parliamentary Procedures
- Membership Workshops
- Secretary's, and Treasurer's workshops
- Construction Profession and Education
- Safety and Health Awareness
- Public Relations & Marketing
- Establishing a TEAM

During our time at convention we also had the pleasure of seeing our own Sandy Field installed as the new National Treasurer at the Installation luncheon, attended the Crystal Vision Awards Dinner and had a "ball" at the baseball themed welcome party.

There was no way to attend this year's convention and not leave feeling inspired, excited and ready to tackle any of the many challenges we face today at work and within our chapters.

Thank you to the National Board and to St. Louis for another great convention.

