



# TRIKO Valley News

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## From Our President...



Hello ASHE!

Our TRIKO Valley Section has been busy over the last few weeks with the highway cleanup on April 15<sup>th</sup> and the Lloyd Wallace Memorial golf outing on May 11<sup>th</sup>. We hope you were able to join in on some of the activities. Many thanks to Dan Ficker for leading the community service committee, to Brian Rhodes for heading up the golf outing, and to our memberships for participating and supporting these events. We continue to impact our community in very important ways.

As most know, the golf outing funds our scholarship program, and this year we received a great response to our call for scholarship applications. Samantha Poehner and her committee are currently reviewing the applications and will be announcing the recipients soon. Thanks to Sam and her team for their work and to Jurgensen Companies for co-sponsoring! And thank you to Shawn Mason for his efforts with student engagement. Back on April 14<sup>th</sup>, Shawn and I were able to present ASHE to University of Cincinnati Civil Engineering students. Please encourage your co-ops and interns to get active with ASHE TRIKO Valley.

In March, we met with the Ohio Contractor's Association for the CIP presentations. It was great to see many of our members at this evening meeting. Coming up next, we have our last general membership meeting of the year on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Original Montgomery Inn. Advance Drainage Systems will be presenting its recycling and sustainability program. And we hope to have some of our members attend the ASHE National Conference which is set for June 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta.

The current ASHE TRIKO Valley Board of Directors continues to look for our next First-Year Director. Please consider volunteering and serving on the board. Our membership is strong because of this group and we need good leaders to help keep it that way. Please reach out to any board member, current or past, for more information.

While things are winding down for me as Section President, I will be keeping active at ASHE, within our TRIKO Valley Section and at the Great Lakes Region. I am excited for things to come and I thank you all for another great year.

Sincerely,

Katie Dillenburger  
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# ASHE-TRIKO VALLEY SECTION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN, MONTGOMERY, OH

On March 14, 2023, the ASHE Triko Valley Section joined the Ohio Contractors Association (OCA) at their meeting. During the meeting, OCA allowed ASHE Triko Valley President Katie Dillenburger to make announcements including the items listed below:

1. Spring highway clean up is set for Saturday, April 15, 2023. We will meet at 10 AM at Montgomery Inn back parking lot.
2. The scholarship committee is finalizing details. Applications will be due soon. Please continue to check our website for more information and be sure to share with your co-op students and interns.
3. The 2023 ASHE TRIKO Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at Glenview Golf Course. You can register to participate as a golfer, sponsor, or volunteer, online or by mail (forms provided).
4. ASHE TRIKO Valley is looking for a First-Year Director. Please reach out to any board member with questions.

Katie introduced Todd Gadbury, committee chair of the Schramm Awards. The following project winners were announced with plaques to be presented during the next ASHE Triko Valley Section General Membership meeting (in May):

1. Project winner for \$5 million and under – Five Points Roundabout – Butler County Engineer’s Office, owner, Strand Associates, designer, and Rack and Ballauer Excavating Co., contractor.
2. Project winner for over \$5 million – Graves Road Interchange – Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, owner, Palmer Engineering, designer, Eaton Asphalt, contractor.

Katie thanked OCA for the opportunity to join their meeting and to make these announcements. OCA then introduced the various Work Forecast Program speakers including Greg Wilkens, Butler County Engineer, Todd Gadbury, Hamilton County Engineer’s Office, Doug Royer, Clermont County Engineer’s Office, Paul Maravy, ODOT District 9, Carrie Koesters, ODOT District 7, and Tammy Campbell, ODOT District 8.



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# ASHE PIN Report – May 2023

The HB 23 Transportation Budget Bill was signed into law to take effect on July 1, 2023. The two-year transportation bill includes the following provisions:

- House language requiring state infrastructure bank loans to small cities to be zero-interest loans
- The hybrid plug-in fee is reduced \$150
- Allows the sale of the Cincinnati Southern Railway with new guardrails on passing it at the ballot
- \$30 million over two years will be directed to support development of workforce for transportation.
- To develop a highway interchange on I-71 between Medina and Cuyahoga Counties.
- The Safe Routes to School Funding has been increased to \$5 million per year, doubling the amount of the funding for this program.
- The House approved a one-time \$1 billion allocation to fast-track the construction of highway development projects in non-urban counties that had previously been approved by the state Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC).
- The limit for local direct contracts has been increased to \$75,000.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PROGRAM

Our next general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 11:30 am, at the Original Montgomery Inn with Advanced Drainage Systems presenting about their recycling and sustainability efforts. For future meeting presentations and tour ideas, please contact program chair, Steve Mary.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCHOLARSHIP

The call for applications for the 2023 ASHE Triko Valley scholarships is now closed. The committee is currently reviewing submissions and will announce recipients by May 30, 2023. Thank you, students, for a great response!

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to all those who volunteered for the spring cleanup at our adopted interchange, the I-71 SB entrance ramp to Ronald Reagan Highway (Route 126) on Saturday, April 15, 2023. Our next cleanup date will be held this fall.

### GOLF OUTING

Thank you to those who attended and sponsored the 2023 ASHE Triko Valley Section LloydWallace Golf Outing that was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at Glenview Golf Course. Please provide feedback to committee chair, Brian Rhodes, or any board member so that we can make improvements to this very important event that supports our scholarship fund.

## ASHE TRIKO VALLEY MEETING

### General Membership Meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023, 11:30 AM | THE ORIGINAL MONTGOMERY INN

Please join us for the last meeting of the season where Advance Drainage Systems will present its recycling and sustainability program.

### ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES!

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\$150/year for newsletter ad and corporate link  
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## ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

On April 15, 2023, members of ASHE Triko Valley cleaned up our Adopt-a-Highway location at the SR 126 and I-71 interchange.

We had a great turnout and the rain held off too.

Thanks to Dennis Jennings, Craig Jacob, Tara Campbell, David Westendorf, and Aaron and Caleb Muck for participating.

Stay tuned for future cleanup dates later this summer and fall.



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## GOLF OUTING

The 2023 ASHE Triko Valley Section Lloyd Wallace Memorial Golf Outing was held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at Glenview Golf Course. We had a beautiful day of golf and fun with a great group of golfers and sponsors that supported our scholarship fund.

Congratulations to our winners and participants!

And a special thank you to our sponsors:

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