

ACHEN-GARDNER CONSTRUCTION

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



Dan Spitz, PE, VMA
President

I'm excited to share that February 2024 marks a significant milestone in the history of Achen-Gardner Construction as we celebrate 35 years of providing high-quality pre-construction and construction services. Since our modest beginnings in 1989 we have completed thousands of projects and built countless relationships in the public and private sectors, and we are honored to be an integral part of the growth of Arizona.

This also happens to be our five-year anniversary of being an employee-owned company and a member of the Emery Sapp & Sons family of companies which includes Rummel Construction. Consistent with our core values, which we call the 5 Ps: People, Purpose, Partnership, Passion, and Performance, we will be including stories throughout the year from our most tenured employee owners celebrating our history and our clients. I would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of our employees, clients, partners, and friends for all that you have done in making our first 35 years successful. [Visit our website for more Achen-Gardner Anniversary information.](#)



Core Values - The 5 Ps

PEOPLE It starts with us.

PURPOSE We transform communities.

PARTNERSHIP Relationships are everything.

PASSION We take pride in our work.

PERFORMANCE Quality matters.

To learn more about our core values, visit our website.

Decades of Dedication

In the heart of our company's history lies a testament to dedication and loyalty—John Broderick, project superintendent, our longest-tenured employee-owner. Having been an integral part of our company for 32 remarkable years, John has witnessed the evolution and growth of Achen-Gardner. Reflecting on his time, John shared with us that one of his most memorable projects was the **Bell Road Improvements (28th Street to 56th Street) Design-Bid-Build project for the City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department** which was completed in 1997. This project required the accelerated widening of Bell Road, including the improvement of five major signalized intersections at 32nd, 40th, 48th, 56th Streets, and Tatum Boulevard ahead of the completion of ADOT's Loop 101 in the same area. We utilized our grading, paving, and underground crews as well as the newly established concrete flatwork and structures crews.



"I take a lot of pride in what I do here, and I'd like to think I have had a part in creating Achen-Gardner's reputation for completing complex high-quality projects."

John Broderick, Project Superintendent, 32 Years



New Construction

Optima Gravity Sewer CMAR

We recently started installing more than 11,000 LF of large diameter sewer line and 64 manholes in a high-profile area of north Scottsdale. We are excited to provide additional capacity for Optima’s planned McDowell Mountain Village and other future developments in this area. This project located between Scottsdale Road, the Loop 101, Hayden Road, and TPC includes critical milestones, deep excavations, and critical stakeholder coordination to maintain access and promote a positive experience. Throughout the project corridor our ability to self-perform most of this work and our experience on similar projects will provide best value and ensure the project is completed safely and on time. [Visit our website for more project information and photos.](#)

Where the Sidewalk Ends

Street Transportation Department General Construction JOC

Our crews are working on the west side of 15th Avenue between Earll Drive and Catalina Drive to construct a new continuous sidewalk for the City of Phoenix. The project will also include the removal and replacement of existing driveways, asphalt patching, slurry seal, relocation of water meters to the back of sidewalk, and other ADA improvements. [Visit our website for more project information and photos.](#)



Change of Pace

A group of Achen-Gardner employee-owners went the extra mile by participating in the Run For World Water 5K on February 24th. This event is hosted annually by the Water for People Arizona Committee with support from the AZ Water Commission. Registrations contributed to the Water for People nonprofit organization to support access to clean water in developing countries. We were excited to win the Corporate Challenge Champions award for registering the most participants. Also, nine people from our team placed in the top three of their age groups. This event was located at Arizona Falls in the City of Phoenix and Achen-Gardner constructed the facility in 2004. [Visit our website for more project information.](#)

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Barbeque Festival Sponsor

We are a stage sponsor at the Downtown Chandler Barbecue Festival, this Saturday, March 2nd and Sunday, March 3rd at Dr. A.J. Chandler Park. There will be live music all day, featuring local beer, craft cocktails, BBQ, and games. We hope to see you there!

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