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**LOCAL FIRM CELEBRATES 75 YEARS OF WISCONSIN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT** *Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. is celebrating its 75th anniversary this month.*

**[WAUKESHA, KENOSHA, MADISON]** – Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. (R/M), a local leader in the development of Wisconsin’s municipal infrastructure, is celebrating its 75th year of service to municipalities and organizations throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest.  
  
R/M’s roots in Southeastern Wisconsin run deep. You may not know R/M by name, but if you’ve ever looked up at the smiley face water tower in Eagle, visited Thiensville’s new Village Park boat launch, walked along the now-restored Wildcat Creek in Greenfield, or enjoyed the newly paved section of the Ice Age Trail in Slinger, then you know their work.

In fact, it would be hard to go very many places in Southeastern Wisconsin without finding yourself close to one of R/M’s projects, even though many of them exist underground.

The firm was established in 1946 by John Mielke and Frank Ruekert, Sr., who met after John returned from his service in the Army Corps and was hired to work alongside Frank as an engineer for the City of Waukesha.

Driven from the post WWII housing market boom, John and Frank began their early partnership moonlighting as subdivision designers, working from their kitchen tables after their full-time jobs late into the evenings. Not long after, John and Frank’s first big break arrived when the City of Pewaukee enlisted R/M to design the City’s first sewage treatment plant.

The firm grew rapidly from that point on, as R/M secured the water, wastewater, roads, and other infrastructure projects necessary to meet the increasing demands brought on by the rapid suburbanization of Waukesha County.

R/M designed much of the first-generation infrastructure for many communities in Southeastern Wisconsin, including the Village of Menomonee Falls, the City of Pewaukee, the City of Brookfield, the Village of Elm Grove, the Village of Sussex, the Village of Hartland, the City of New Berlin, and the City of Muskego. They also designed some of the area’s first business parks, subdivisions, and municipal swimming pools, including those in Hartford, Evansville, Waukesha, and Sun Prairie.

The company is now on its third generation of ownership. In 1995, R/M transferred 30 percent of the company’s stock to the employees, and in 2015 the firm became 100% employee-owned. The benefits of employee ownership have paid off, and R/M has been named one of Wisconsin’s Top Workplaces for four consecutive years and counting.

R/M President Stan Sudgen said, “As a 100% employee-owned firm, our staff is the core of our company. We know that the success and happiness of our clients is directly linked to the success and happiness of our team. Our ability to celebrate 75 years of service to Wisconsin communities and organizations is owed to the dedication and tenacity of R/M’s employee-owners.”

While the firm is excited to honor 75 years of accomplishments, R/M remains focused on the future. Their engineers, environmental specialists, and support staff are dedicated to helping Wisconsin’s municipalities build a more sustainable future through economic development, environmental services, and resilient infrastructure.

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**About Ruekert & Mielke, Inc.**

Ruekert & Mielke, Inc. is a 100% employee-owned civil engineering firm celebrating its 75th year of service to Wisconsin communities and organizations. R/M's engineers, environmental specialists, and technology experts work together with their clients to provide unparalleled planning, design, and construction management services while focusing on building a more sustainable future. Their areas of expertise include water, wastewater, storm water, roads, environmental services, SCADA, construction review, drone services, pavement management, municipal finance, land development, GIS, and more.