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## ABC MISSION STATEMENT

### *Relationships Built On Ethics, Integrity And Trust*

*Advanced Building Concepts is a full service family of quality-committed employees, contractors and suppliers dedicated to providing the finest construction services to a select group of residential, industrial and commercial clients in our service area. We are committed to providing and maintaining our personalized style of hands-on management on every construction project to produce satisfaction and profit for all. As a result of our determination to pursue continuing education, we create a safe working environment for our loyal family of employees to benefit from. We prove our excellence one repeat customer at a time and our reputation is maintained one project at a time.*

*John Brooks, President*

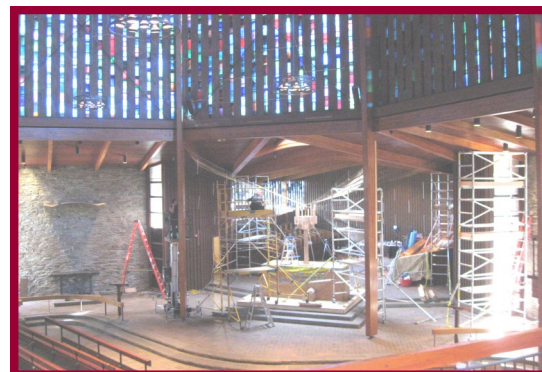
## FUTURE PROJECTS

BY JOHN BROOKS

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Advanced Building Concepts has been awarded the office building renovation project in East Greenwich. Other work off-island includes the Hamden Hall Pool Building. This work will be starting up in the next week or so. On the island we will soon be starting the home renovation project on the Ocean Drive.

We have not been too successful at winning the public projects that we have recently bid on, as there is a lot of competition on the public work. We have been much more successful on the private projects. Also on the island, ABC submitted a proposal for a new maintenance building. We are awaiting approval on that.



**SHOWN ABOVE:** All that remains of the staging at the Church of St. Gregory is for the work being completed on the sculpture of "The Trinity". The wooden framing around the sculpture shown in the left photo will be removed once the rest of the gold wire is installed. See back for additional pictures.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

BY JAY EDWARDS

### PORTSMOUTH ABBEY CHURCH

ABC is wrapping up the clerestory roof, while all of the interior and exterior staging is removed. The last of the storm glass panels have arrived and will be installed before the end of the month. The pews have been returned to the site and will be installed for the coming Holy Week and Easter Services. ABC continues to demobilize from the site as this project nears completion.

### NEWPORT HEIGHTS

The punch list is being completed on the Ownership side.

As spring arrives, the site work is being wrapped up. On the Rental side, work continues on the finishes from Building One at the corner of Beacon and Winslow, to Building Thirteen. The porch decking and railings are being completed by Joe Duffy and the rest of the ABC crew at the site. Now that winter is finally over, the site work is resuming on the Rental side. With the warmer weather, the remainder of the buildings will have the sheetrock installed and the buildings will be completed in order.

### EAST GREENWICH OFFICE

The East Greenwich Office project started this month, with the interior demolition being done, and the rough framing nearing completion. This interior fit-up job in East Greenwich is scheduled to be complete by the end of May.

### RICTA

The demolition is nearly complete at the RICTA project in Pawtucket. The walls are partially framed and the rough wiring and underground electrical are going in. The ductwork has also started.

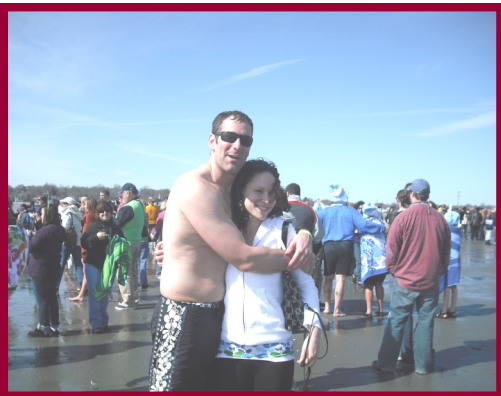
## THIS MONTH IN SAFETY BY ANDREW BROOKS

### JOBSITE CLEANUP

One way to increase productivity and safety on a jobsite is by simple housekeeping techniques. Cleaning up throughout the project rather than just at the end will keep everyone safer. Beacon Mutual Insurance suggests a few general rules to help in the process:

- ◆ Lumber with nails protruding should be kept separate from other debris.
- ◆ Such nails should be removed or bent over on lumber.
- ◆ Debris should be kept in neat piles around the site, and when possible put into containers such as dumpsters and trash cans.
- ◆ Store materials in designated areas.
- ◆ Trash cans should be available for food removal.
- ◆ Tools and equipment should be neatly put away.
- ◆ Walkways should be clear of extension cords and cords should never go through doorways.

By being aware of the environment, neatness and organization can prevent minor injuries such as cuts or punctures. These techniques also keep compliance inspectors from visiting the jobsite and when they do, can minimize inspection time. Such a simple process can really go a long way for everyone's benefit.



## ... TO YOUR BENEFIT BY RAY DAUPLAISE

### TAX LAW CHANGES

There have been many tax law changes in the President's stimulus plan. Here is some information about a few that might interest you. Be sure to contact a competent tax advisor before acting on any of these changes.

If you have not filed your 2008 tax return yet, be aware that E-file is now free for the federal return. You can do this on the IRS website or any common tax software like Turbo Tax.

There is a Work Pay credit for 2009 giving a \$400 credit to all workers; this is already reducing the amount of taxes withheld from your pay each week.

There is a new first-time homebuyer credit of up to \$8,000 if you buy a home; you only have to keep the house a few years to keep the credit. Even though it's called a credit for first-time buyers if you have not owned a home for some time, you may still be eligible.

For 2009, you can also deduct the sales tax you pay for the purchase of a new vehicle, within limits. You don't even have to itemize deductions to take this deduction!

The first \$2,400 of unemployment compensation is exempt from federal income taxes in 2009.

Some of these credits and deductions get phased out if your income exceeds certain limits. See your tax accountant for more information.

## ABC HAPPENINGS BY PAMELA DOUGLAS

### ABC HAPPENINGS

The 2nd Annual Special Olympics Torch Run Plunge was a huge success with over \$32,000 being raised and a great time had by all.

St. Patrick's Day is history for another year— Jay marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade with all of his fellow senators and representatives. The weather was great and there were reports of record crowds this year.

In case you did not see the notice, the antibiotics offer at Stop and Shop has been extended until July 11, 2009, and it is probably a good thing—there are still so many people sick with colds and viruses—take advantage of this offer if you can.

Updates to your 401k can be made this month. Even with the stock market still on a roller coaster ride, the retirement clock still keeps ticking.

Congratulations to Rachel Goisman (and David Lapointe) on their engagement. Although we have not heard that a date has been set yet, plans are in the works.

Birthday greetings for the month of April go out to Jay Edwards—Happy Birthday, Jay!

If anyone has any "news" like births, engagements, or other things of interest, please let me know so I can publish them.

**ON LEFT: Rob Wegener and Rachel Goisman at the Torch Run Plunge.**

**BELOW: Church of St. Gregory the Great—The staging is down, the stain glass is done, the floors have been refinished and the pews are back, as the school makes preparation for Holy Week and Easter Services.**

