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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*

## WORK IN PROGRESS BY JOHN BROOKS



**NEWPORT HEIGHTS - GAZEBO IN THE CENTER OF VETERAN'S CIRCLE**

### **NEWPORT HEIGHTS**

Only five buildings remain to turn over, final certificates of occupancy for buildings 3 and 7 are scheduled for the end of July, certificates of occupancy for buildings 14, 15, and 16 are scheduled for mid-August. The landscaping is looking good, the site is turning green, and we have some ornamental fence to finish up on Beacon Street, and some seeding around the last 5 buildings.

### **EAST GREENWICH OFFICE**

The fire marshal has approved the first floor renovations. This has held up the project for a month, and we need to make a couple minor adjustments to the fire alarm systems, then we will submit to the building department for permitting.

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### **RICTA**

Doors, acoustical ceilings, finish plumbing, and light fixtures are being installed. The area the school is taking up should be ready for final inspection by mid-August.

### **CHARTIER CIRCLE**

A certificate of occupancy has been issued and the client is moving in. Quite an improvement from what it was when we started the project.

### **BRICK MARKET**

Most of the incidental work has been completed. Coordinating the work with the many owners can be difficult. Items yet to be accomplished are door closers, deck refinishing, deck screening, and painting.

### **NEWPORT HOSPITAL**

We have completed the schematic design for the two new out patient suites. Permit drawings should be complete the second week of August which should allow a mid-August start.

## FUTURE PROJECTS BY JAY EDWARDS

Pricing on the projects that we have been bidding is still very low with what we are sure is low to no profit being included by the low bidders. We have been bidding bigger projects this month with a couple very interesting prospects. Everything we are looking at is in Rhode Island and most of it is in Newport County.

The architects and engineers are continuing to pick up work from a variety of sources and in different fields of work. Even though some projects are coming out for fall starts, more projects are coming out for bid as compared with even two months ago. The work we put in to get on some bid lists this past spring is starting to reap rewards.

We continue to look for work in our major niche areas; healthcare, hospitality and private institutional. With all of the stimulus money coming from Washington, we have also been bidding on weatherization of public housing and some new ground up public housing projects.

## THIS MONTH IN SAFETY

BY ANDREW BROOKS

### HOUSEKEEPING ON CONSTRUCTION SITES

Picture your construction site in your mind. Construction sites can be busy and hectic with many workers and multiple contractors carrying on different yet simultaneous operations. What would happen if these groups never cleaned up after themselves? Trash and debris would pile up to become one large hazardous obstacle course. A construction site with poor housekeeping is not productive, nor is it a safe working environment. It is every worker's responsibility to know and follow the site safety plan, practice good housekeeping, follow recommended work practices, and promptly report and/or correct hazards at the worksite.

If you are a construction site worker, you must do your part to keep the worksite free of unnecessary clutter and debris that could cause an injury or accident. As you go about your daily work, place trash and debris in the proper receptacles located conveniently throughout the job site. Keep form and scrap lumber with protruding nails cleared away from work areas, passageways, and stairs. Remove or bend over protruding nails prior to disposal and storage. You can do your part to keep the worksite a safer place for yourself and your coworkers, if you just remember to clean up as you go and at the end of each shift.

## ABC HAPPENINGS

BY PAMELA DOUGLAS

### ABC HAPPENINGS

FINALLY, it seems that summer has arrived. Everything is so green, but with all of the rain that we have had, now we have to hope that the plants in the garden do not float or rot away. The news the other day said that Rhode Island broke a record for rainfall—no doubt about it.

Although Ray has moved on to Alteris Renewables, he has been in the office at least once a week in the last month, the last two weeks he has been here to work with and train Billy Stockton who is now in the CFO seat. Billy comes to ABC with many years of construction knowledge and we welcome him to the ABC family. If you haven't met Billy yet, when you are in the office, stop and introduce yourself.

Birthday wishes for August go out to Bob Ford and Paul Gordon—Happy Birthday, gentlemen!

If anyone has any news to share, let me know so that I can get it into the "Monthly". Enjoy the rest of your summer.

## ... TO YOUR BENEFIT

### FULL TIME EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION PACKAGE

Advanced Building Concepts is intent on providing its full-time employees with a fair and comprehensive compensation package. The desire is to attract and retain good employees and to minimize or eliminate employee turnover. The following narrative should help you realize how much ABC provides and offers to you.

ABC provides a number of benefits intended to satisfy its employees' financial and physical needs, to provide a degree of financial security and help foster good physical and mental health. In order to provide a fair wage, the company periodically reviews wage surveys of the industry to determine average wages. Individual wages are reviewed annually and adjusted based on employee attendance and performance during the past year. The company also provides holidays, vacations and sick time to employees under varying conditions. ABC provides health insurance at competitive rates; the management is always searching for the best health care alternatives in a very difficult environment. The company also provides the opportunity to employees to prepare for the future through its 401(k) plan, to which the company contributes each year based on current profits.

Additionally, Advanced Building offers its employee additional benefits at rates that the employees might not be able to match on their own. These include health care coverage for family members, dental insurance for the employees and their families, as well as life, disability and cancer insurance through AFLAC. The list of benefits also includes tools and equipment, shop space, training, social events, e-mail access and Christmas gifts. Hopefully, this gives you a better idea of the value ABC places on its employees and the importance it places on a comprehensive compensation package.

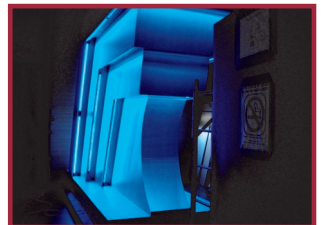
### PAWTUCKET BRIDGE MOCKUP

A task force appointed by Pawtucket Mayor James E. Doyle spent a year working on a design for the new I-95 bridge over the Pawtucket River. Many people including the RI DOT and four consultants, including Newport Collaborative Architects and Abernathy Lighting Design, Inc. worked with ABC to develop a mockup of a bridge buttress.

Inspiration for the bridge design came from other structures in Pawtucket built during the Great Depression, including City Hall, McCoy Stadium and Shea High School. Each shows elements of the period's Arts Deco style. The new bridge's four pillars will feature representations of Art Deco wings on the eagles chiseled atop the tower at City Hall.



Seen from the river, the bridge, made of metalized steel and illuminated at night with colored LED (light-emitting diode) lighting, will display a graceful silvery arch over



the water. Subcommittee are continuing, signage and sculptures, to com-

Pictured side to Wooden mockup mockup with blue of mockup as it will tucket River



mittees of the task ing work on landscap- local art, such as plement the span.

side from the top, built in the ABC shop; LED lighting; rendering appear on the Paw- Bridge; mockup being



loaded by ABC person- nel on to trailer to be delivered to the RI Department of Transportation; mockup loaded up and ready for delivery.

