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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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ABC is aggressively working to finalize the negotiations for the construction of a 30,000 square foot steel and concrete structure in downtown Newport. The project will become a new 24 suite luxury hotel, with restaurant and lounge located where the old Christie's building stands. Demolition is scheduled for the beginning of January, with construction immediately following. This project, as with the majority of ABC projects, will have a very aggressive schedule, owner occupancy by the end of October, 2009.



**PORTSMOUTH ABBEY SCHOOL—CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**—The spire and the cross have been restored and set in place. The bronze cross was highly polished and sealed with a clear, baked-on finish. This work was done by Bill Mac of Mac Marine on Fish Road in Tiverton. These pictures were taken by Brother Joseph Byron from the Portsmouth Abbey and included in an article in last week's edition of the Sakonnet Times, written by Bruce Burdett. Although Advanced Building Concepts was not mentioned in this article, the article tells about the work being done on the inside of the church that ABC is doing, and about the new load of lumber that was just received. Anyone wishing to read the complete article can go to this link—[http://www.eastbayri.com/print\\_item.html?sub\\_id=81160](http://www.eastbayri.com/print_item.html?sub_id=81160)

## WORK IN PROGRESS BY JAY EDWARDS

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#### PORTSMOUTH ABBEY CHURCH

The Crucifix and the associated wires have started to be re-installed, as ABC worked to complete more of the exterior framing. Both the stained glass and the painter were right behind the newly installed framing, with caulking and storm window panels behind them. The last of the

wood is to be delivered to ABC, fresh from the kiln, so that the remaining exterior bays can be completed.

#### NEWPORT HEIGHTS

The binder coat of paving was placed the week before the holidays, and just before the first snow fall. The exterior of the buildings are being wrapped up by both ABC crews and the

various subcontractors, as other groups diligently work on the rough-ins and finishes on both the Rental and Ownership sides of the project.

#### BRADLEY SCHOOL

All that remains for the Bradley School kitchen renovation is for the final fire alarm test to be done and the Certificate of Occupancy to be issued.

## THIS MONTH IN SAFETY BY ANDREW BROOKS

### DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Over the past month the driving conditions have been getting progressively worse, so this month the safety meeting will be about defensive driving. Defensive driving is driving that save lives, time and money, in spite of the conditions around you or the actions of others. There are four major activities that many of us do on the roadway that, when not done, reduce accidents: Speeding, not knowing your right of way, driving left of center, and tailgating are sure fire ways to get yourself and possibly others into an accident.

When you are in your vehicle driving that should be only thing that you are doing, driving. You shouldn't be on the phone, eating, talking to passengers, or adjusting the radio and climate controls. If you are doing any of the above items then you are not paying attention to the roadway and are more prone to causing or being involved in an accident. You need to be aware of the road; how are the lighting, weather, work zones and workmen and traffic conditions?

Everyone be safe on the road, have a good new year and stay safe!

## ABC HAPPENINGS BY PAMELA DOUGLAS

As this edition of Advanced Monthly goes to print, 2008 is a very distinct memory. With the holidays behind us, and another couple of months of winter weather still ahead of us, the Activities Committee has scheduled a couple more monthly "cook-ins", as well as looking at some other activities for 2009. watch your "What's New" for more details.

From the reviews, a good time was had by all who attended the Christmas party at Aquidneck Restaurant. John Brooks was presented with his Christmas gifts, the most notable being a contribution toward the purchase of a flag pole for the front of the ABC property. The flag pole was not only a gift to John but , in 2009, a celebration of his 30 years in business.

Also for Christmas, ABC sponsored a family through Child and Family Services. Our contributions were gratefully accepted by CFS, and ABC made a less fortunate family happier for the holiday.

The 2009 United Way Campaign is well on its way—thank you to all of the new contributors, as well as those "not so new" who have continued their pledges.

Birthday Greetings for January go out to Paul Sheehan and Joe Roggero. Happy Birthday to you both.

## ... TO YOUR BENEFIT BY RAY DAUPLAISE

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION #2

Despite all our best efforts and our safety program, accidents occasionally happen and an employee may become injured on a jobsite. What should happen when there is an injury on a jobsite? The first thing is to notify the superintendent immediately, regardless of the severity of the injury. (For a number of reasons, the severity of an injury may not always be known right after the injury. Muscular injuries sometimes require an extended period of inactivity before the extent of the injury is realized. It always looks questionable if an employee reports an injury days after the fact.)

If an injury requires immediate medical attention, an employee should be taken to the closest medical facility or he/she may choose to see any doctor for treatment. Be sure to let any treatment facility know if an injury was work-related and that our insurance carrier is Beacon Mutual Insurance. The treatment facility will treat the injury and advise the employee of any restrictions that may be required, including the inability to work for a period of time, and follow-up instructions. Employees should provide a copy of the doctor's report to ABC for its personnel files.

As soon as possible after the injury occurs, the superintendent will contact our safety officer, Andrew Brooks, with

the details of the accident. Andrew will contact Beacon Mutual and file an injury report with them. They will assign a claim number that we can then provide to any service provider. All medical bills are paid by ABC or the insurance carrier; an employee should never have to pay any bill or provide health insurance information to the treatment facility for a job-related injury.

If an employee is unable to return to work, the insurance company will begin paying compensation to the employee after three full days from work. ABC always pays the employee for the full day the date of the injury and will pay the wages of any uncompensated time out of work, up to the three days not paid by insurance. It will usually take up to two weeks before Beacon will issue any benefits checks. Your doctor will continue to evaluate your healing process and determine when and under what conditions you can return to work. Your doctor will also send copies of the paperwork to Beacon to keep them abreast of your progress. If an injury requires an extended absence from work, the insurance carrier can require a second medical opinion from a physician of its choice. Failure to comply with this request can result in termination of benefits. Hopefully, an injured employee can return to work quickly and avoid all this!



We continue to see progress at Newport Heights— TOP LEFT: Looking down Parkside toward Beacon Street toward what will be similar to a town square with a gazebo in the center TOP RIGHT: Looking down Winslow toward Hillside, with Bldg. 18 and 19 on the right 17 and 21 on the left. Bldg. 21 is the red house with the wrap around porch. BOTTOM LEFT is a close up view of Bldg. 18. BOTTOM RIGHT is an interior view of Bldg. 18. Bldg. 18 has reached the point of substantial completion and a certificate of occupancy has been issued.

