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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

The final three buildings have been completed and punched out, scheduled to be turned over for occupancy September 18th. All that is remaining is demobilization. We should be cleared out by the end of September.

EAST GREENWICH OFFICE

After a long permitting delay, the first floor renovations are well under way, rough inspections complete and drywall is under way. The historic district commission approved the window modifications so the tower windows can now be replaced. Finishes will be installed through the next month.

RICTA

All work is complete, final inspections are under way, a certificate of occupancy is anticipated well in advance of the start of classes in early October.

NEWPORT HOSPITAL

Permit drawings are complete and under review at the fire department. Demolition of the first and second floor suites should begin in late September.

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

At the Jamestown and South Kingstown residences the exterior trim modifications projects are under way. This work will all be done in time to have the exterior painting completed before the weather changes.



NEWPORT HEIGHTS—ALMOST DONE ... Pictured on the left—the Gazebo at Veteran's Circle; on the right Bldg. #10—Owner Unit.

FUTURE PROJECTS BY JAY EDWARDS

We have been very busy the past two months bidding several larger projects and a few smaller projects closer to home. We have been successful getting onto the select bid list for a number of projects where we are one of five or six versus being one of fifteen or twenty as the competition has increased on all projects. The one major issue with bidding these projects is that

they are private openings and we don't know how we did until the Owner and Architect have analyzed all of the bids and call the low bidders.

We continue to make connections with area architects and engineers so that we are included in the select bid list for their projects that will be coming out for bid. There are several that are on the books cur-

rently and others that will be coming out to bid in the coming months. We are also continuing to look for work in our niche areas; housing, health care, hospitality and private institutional. With the increase in funds from the stimulus, the public housing market has been very busy to date and looks to continue for the next quarter at least.

THIS MONTH IN SAFETY

BY ANDREW BROOKS

SWINE FLU

This year's flu season is fast approaching and much more dangerous than previous years. This is because of the potential of contracting swine flu, also known as H1N1 virus. The four "at risk" categories of people for swine flu include healthcare providers, pregnant women, people aged 6 months to 24 years old and those with chronic health conditions. The seasonal flu can also be a health risk, so great care should be taken in prevention measures. Good hand washing will be the number one practice in preventing the spread of any flu virus. Talk to your health care provider regarding information on receiving the seasonal flu and/or swine flu vaccine. Take care of yourself as well, and stay home if you have a fever or flu-like symptoms. With proper preparation and consideration, we can beat the flu this season.

... TO YOUR BENEFIT

BY BILLY STOCKTON

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Advanced Building Concepts continues to offer its employees a full range of benefits, which consistently grows and evolves. Within the next few months we will be offering Direct Deposit. This benefit puts your net paycheck electronically into the checking or savings account of your choice. You will still receive a pay stub, but not a negotiable check. Your funds will be available immediately in the designed bank account. You do not have to go to the bank, and your funds will still be there even if you are on vacation or otherwise not able to get your paycheck. ABC will absorb the cost and is not transferring the cost of this new benefit to its employees. Studies show that each direct deposit saves the individual employees approximately \$7.45 (adjusted for inflation) in soft costs versus getting a paper

check. These soft costs include travel and wait times and gas. Direct Deposit also significantly decreases the risk of identity theft due to the reduction of paper in the process. It is environmentally friendly as it reduces the amount of greenhouse gases released due to the reduction of transporting the paper.

Information to enroll in this new benefit will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. At the appropriate time you will be asked for a voided check or deposit slip for either a checking or savings account.

United Health Care (UHC) is offering vaccinations for the H1N1 virus (A.K.A. the Swine Flu) free of charge to its covered members. Please contact your UHC health care provider for details on receiving this vaccination.

ABC HAPPENINGS

BY PAMELA DOUGLAS

Do you feel that ??? That chill in the air ... I'm hoping for an Indian Summer, however inevitably fall is "officially" here. With that comes the end of daylight savings time which is Sunday, November 1st, so we'll need to set the clocks ahead on Halloween night, October 31st. "They say" that you get an extra hour's sleep that night, but for some reason my body clock never seems to get that message. And of course, with the fall coming, along come the holidays. Watch your "What's New" for up-to-date news.

On a different note, we have just submitted our application for an Excellence In Construction Award for the Portsmouth Abbey Church project. Local awards will be given out at the monthly ABC (Associated Builders and Contractors - the "other" ABC) meeting on October 14th. If we get an award for this project, this will make us eligible to apply for the national award. Those applications need to be submitted by November 13, 2009 and will be awarded in February.

And speaking of awards, we have been notified by Portsmouth Abbey that the Church of St. Gregory the Great has received the Preservation Project Award from the Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission of Rhode Island.

Congratulations to Mike and Stephanie Williams on the birth of their son, Sean Liam Williams. Sean was born on Wednesday, September 23rd at 4:14 AM - 9 lbs 11 oz and 20 ¼" long. Caleb has a new brother and Kevin is a Great Uncle AGAIN!

Just some reminders:

Free antibiotics program is still going on at Stop and Shop

401(k) changes can be made during October

United Way campaign will be starting in October.

Belated birthday greetings for September go out to David Kirchner and Pam Douglas, October birthday greetings go out to Kevin Chamberlin and November birthday greetings to Jon Magnus, Mike Williams and Tony Freitas. Happy Birthday, everyone! This way there will not be belated birthday greetings in December's edition.



PHOTOGRAPHY BY

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Some of the pictures of the Church of St. Gregory the Great at Portsmouth Abbey that were part of the Excellence in Construction Award Application.



GREEN BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

BY JOHN BROOKS

GREEN CERTIFICATION "LEED"

As time goes on, a greater percentage of new construction projects are desired if not required to be designed and built to some kind of Green Building Standard. Many of the commercial projects we are working on with designers and clients are targeting a "Green" certification known as LEED, (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design). It is not just the design and the systems that new buildings will require it is also the construction processes that is rapidly changing, new strict guidelines will need to be followed. In articles to come, we will be providing you with more specific information in some of the areas that will directly affect ABC employees. ABC employees will need to be trained on several topics to allow them to work on these projects. Some of these topics will be on; Building Reuse, Construction Waste Management, Regional Materials, Construction Indoor Air Quality Management Plans, and Low-Emitting Materials.