



NEWS & VIEWS

. . . . what's happening at Wick

3rd Quarter, 2004

CURRENT PROJECTS

Graham-Kapowsin High School, Graham, WA (Job 697)

*Steve Hansen, Sr. Project Manager
Dana Malek, Superintendent
Brett Bennett, Proj. Engineer
Karen Moon & Nicole Batchelor, Admin. Assistants*

This project is more than 60% complete. The roof is on and caulking, gutters & downspouts are being installed to make it watertight for interior finish work that is proceeding. Building Areas A & B are about 75% complete with window installation. The mason is almost done with all veneer work and the south parking lot is paved, with curbs being installed. The football field has been seeded (a priority for the owner) and fencing is proceeding to allow other athletic fields to be seeded as well.



The first floor Administration and second floor Library are currently being sided and windows installed in order to start interior finishes.

Issaquah 9th Grade Campus (Job 700)

*George Mason, Superintendent
Allan Beattie, Superintendent
Terry Lavin, Project Manager
Dave Pederson and Dave Proctor – Proj. Eng.
Colin Rogers, On-Site A.A./Intern
Karen Moon, Admin. Assistant*

Work is now progressing full steam ahead. Gym & Auxiliary Gym slabs were poured recently, site footings & foundations are over 50% complete, and masonry and steel work is starting. By mid-October, field areas will be ready for hydroseeding. This project is under pressure to catch up on delays caused by permit and unforeseen right-of-way issues, so crews are working six 10-hour days per week.

(See next page for photos.)



A follow up shot of Mt. Rainier was promised when this project first started. You can see it here behind the Gymnasium.

Issaquah 9th Grade Campus Photos -



Slab on grade pour at the Gym.



Michael Adcock & Dave Bratlien setting footing forms to grade.



Robert Fischer plugging snap tie holes at boiler room retaining wall.

**North Hill Elementary School, Des Moines, WA
(Job 701)**

*Les O'Dell, Superintendent
Steve Norman, Project Manager
Ryan Rudolph, Project Engineer
Kelly VanHooser, Admin. Assistant*

Site earthwork is almost completed and we're on track with concrete work. The Activity Wing and South Classroom Wing slabs are poured and masonry & erection activities are underway.



First delivery of structural steel with Activity Wing in the background.



Inside the Activity Wing – topping out CMU walls.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

Hazen High School – Phase 3A, Renton, WA (Job 699)

*Duane Baker, Project Manager
John Carlson, Superintendent
Kelly VanHooser, Admin. Assistant*

Substantial completion was achieved on 08/20/04, as scheduled – a \$2 million+ contract in two-months.

North Seattle Community College – Arts & Sciences 1st Floor Remodel (Job 696)

*Steve Hansen, Sr. Project Manager
Nathan Kirstein, Project Engineer
Rico Andrade, Completion Superintendent
Karen Moon & Nicole Batchelor, Admin. Assistants*

Substantial completion on this \$5 million+ contract was accomplished 08/09/04 and the students are now using their beautiful new classrooms.

Qwest Projects

As Qwest switches to sending more and more of their jobs out to bid, our estimating department has been kept busy, but current contracted Qwest work has mainly been small maintenance and repair jobs, completed by our own forces and/or one or two subcontractors. This leaves the talented Qwest workforce available for other things – such as the new job, below.

ANOTHER NEW JOB!

First we were second and the project was over budget, then, the low bidder dropped out but the project was going to be re-bid, and finally, on Wednesday, 09/22/04, the Kent School District awarded their **Kent Middle School No. 7A** project to Wick Constructors. Congratulations to Jack Seip, and our new estimator, Rob Lang, for their work on this one!

ACTIVITIES

A lot has happened since the last issue.

The summer picnic was held Saturday, July 17, 11:00 to 5:00 at Idylwood Park on Lake Sammamish. All had a good time – including a few canine guests (Kelly's dogs).

The annual Wick golf tournament, organized by Dave Pederson, was held Sunday, 09/12/04. Twenty participants competed for big money and lavish prizes – well, at least the sun shined that afternoon – a lucky break for a wet September!

Winning Group: Craig Papke, Laura Rupert,
Dave Pederson, George Walker

Longest Drive Winners: Terry Lavin, Dave Pederson

Closest to the Pin Winners:

Bruce Myers, Brett Bennett

Social Committee Members: Laura Rupert, Nate Kirstein, Kristin Betancourt, Ryan Rudolph, Dave Pederson and Mike McCorvy.

WICK GIVING

Annual United Way Day of Caring

Kristin Betancourt, Steve Hansen, Andy Martinsen, Mike McCorvy, and Kelly VanHooser spent their day on Friday, 09/17/04, building a play area for the children at the Northwest Child & Development Center. They really accomplished a lot and say the experience is something they'd like to participate in next year. Here's the crew:



PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS!

Xuan Le, who handles accounts payable in the main office, was married to Long Nguyen on Saturday, September 25. They will be honeymooning later, as relatives visiting from far away places needed to be shown the Seattle area!

BIRTHDAYS

October:

10/05 Colin Rogers (700)

Nov: 11/05 Kathie Wood (Office)
11/19 Robert Huizinga (701)

Dec.: 12/08 Xuan Le (Office)
12/10 Dana True (Qwest)
12/13 Michael Norton (700)
12/16 Jeff White (697)

WICK ANNIVERSARIES

October: Duane Baker (Office) – 6 Years
Nicole Batchelor (Office) – 4 Years
Jeff White (697) – 5 Years
Xuan Le (Office) – 2 Years
John Carlson (699/700) – 8 Years

Nov: Allen Drake (700) – 13 Years
Brent Buzard (Office) – 3 Years

Dec: Jacob Robinson (701) – 1 Year

SAFETY

Why All The Fuss About Accident Prevention?

You've heard lots of talk, read lots of words, about working safely on our projects. Sure it's "old stuff" - and important stuff.

There are lots at stake for YOU in working without injury or damage. You have much to gain by keeping fit and unhurt. One reason has a big dollar sign in front of it. But, there are other important reasons - other people who count on you for happiness, and perhaps for financial support - they also have a big stake in your safety as a construction worker.

And there are other things - like what you want most out of life. Maybe it's a top-favorite hobby like fishing, hunting, a boat, a new set of wheels, a trip to far-off places, entering or finishing up school, early retirement, or a healthy bank account to fall back on. Keeping uninjured and steadily on the payroll has a lot to do with winning your important goals in life.

Think of all the things you're able to do now that give you earning power; then think of trying to do these same things if you were minus a hand...or arm...or leg...or your eyesight. It's much harder - if not impossible - for a disabled worker to reach all his major personal goals.

So don't think about safe work practices and rules as "hemming you in" or "cutting down on your individual freedom;" think about them as positive things, designed to help you keep your freedom and your abilities, so that you have a better chance of getting what you want most out of life.

A risky habit or dangerous condition on the job is a threat to your freedom and your future. Working efficiently and without injury is the safest avenue leading from where you are to where you want to be in life.

That's why accident prevention is worth fussing about!