



NEWS & VIEWS

. . . . what's happening at Wick

4th 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 Smith, Admin. Assistants*

The overall project is more than 70% complete, and manpower per day averages over 100 people from 15+ subcontractors. Ongoing and recently completed sitework items include baseball field warning track, fencing, mow strips, sidewalks, and planters. The building envelope is progressing with metal siding and glazing installation.



Outside Admin./Library Area – Planter in Foreground by Wick



12/21/04 - Permanent lighting activated in the Weight Rm., Area A.

Inside, the crews are working on drywall, painting, acoustical, ceramic tile, casework, mechanical and electrical systems. Even some 'finish' items like gym backboards & hoops are installed.



Mechanical Mezzanine, Area B – Impressive!

Issaquah 9th Grade Campus (Job 700)

*George Mason, Superintendent
Allan Beattie, Superintendent
Terry Lavin, Project Manager
Dave Pederson and Dave Proctor – Proj. Eng.
Karen Moon, Admin. Assistant*

Contract work has progressed to over 40% complete. The mason is just about finished with all structural block areas and is commencing the veneer in the SE wing. Fireproofing, exterior and interior framing are well underway.

By New Year's Day 2005 we expect large areas of the SE wing roofing to be completed, followed by a strong push towards finishing the erection of structural steel joist, decking, and then roofing over the NE wing to Commons areas. The last large holdout of steel erection and decking will be the Gymnasium and Library area.

(See next page.)

Issaquah 9th Grade Campus, continued



12/15/04 – Northwest Girders (Mirror image)

Although not completely caught up from the initial permit schedule delays, many gains have occurred and the building is now taking form.



Enclosing the Activity Wing

The existing school was demolished and construction on the new structure began in June of 2004. The new facility consists of 12,000 square feet of gym/assembly spaces, and 53,000 square feet of education and administrative areas. The Activities Wing will include an updated gym with hardwood floors, a large assembly/lunch area, kitchen, music room and stage.



12/15/04 – Dens Board and Metal Framing at SE Wing

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

North Hills Elementary is up and out of the ground with the building envelope being enclosed in the Activities Wing and framing starting in the Classroom Wings.



Setting Doors in the Activity Wing

The two-story class wing will include a library, updated electronics in each classroom and a new computer lab for the students. Improvements to the site include new soccer and baseball fields, a covered play area for those wet Seattle winters, new utilities and storm water management systems, and improved access for parking.

(Story & photos contributed by Ryan Rudolph.)

**Kent Middle School No. 7A, Kent, WA
(Job 702)**

*John Carlson, Superintendent
Duane Baker, Project Manager
Nathan Kirstein, Project Engineer
Kelly VanHooser & Nicole Smith, Admin. Assistant*

The work on this project is mainly concentrated in areas designated as Buildings C and A. Building C was two buildings, which are being joined by an addition under this contract – thus C-North, C-New, and C-South. Building A, a two-story structure, gets gutted and modernized, with a west side addition. Buildings D & B have minimal work involving Wick forces – mechanical/electrical upgrades, etc. Demolition is completed in Buildings C and A(except for west end) and is proceeding in Building D. Framing of walls is progressing in A & C, and a lot of exterior underground utility work is taking place on the site at this time. A major concern exists for the arrival of copper pipe next week, as this material has previously been dug up and stolen. Security measures are being discussed, but meanwhile progress is challenging.

Qwest Projects

Wick is currently working in the 1122 3rd Ave. Building replacing an aging 300 ton chiller with a new 400 ton energy efficient chiller and refrigerant monitoring system. Completion is scheduled for January 30, 2005.

Wick is also relocating a Computer Data center from the Terry Ave. building to a new location in the 120 Lenora building after converting the area from office environment to equipment space. This includes all new mechanical and electrical systems, a Vesda early warning smoke detection system, computer flooring and all new finishes. We are currently completing the demolition phase while the design is being finalized. Space ready date is March 30, 2005

Completing in early January is a diesel fuel tank replacement at the Enumclaw Central Office; also a project @ Bell Plaza preparing the 29th floor to receive new tenants relocated from the Terry Ave. building, a project which includes perimeter thermal insulation and finish restorations.

(Contributed by Dana True)

ACTIVITIES

The big event during this past quarter was the annual holiday party – and what a nice affair it was! All the advance planning and hard work by the Social Committee really paid off. It was held at the Lake Union Crew House on December 10, and here's a few photos.



Raffle ticket “winnings” from the fantasy casino (benefits Boys & Girls Club) tables were drawn for some very nice prizes including tickets to The Nutcracker, a Ski Resort gift certificate, and a Home Depot gift certificate.



We were entertained by ‘Elvis’ again – singing all the favorites!

Holiday party, continued



The white elephant gift exchange involved only a few repossessions. (Pink flamingo anyone?)

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

WICK ANNIVERSARIES

January:	Steve Hansen (Office) – 27 Years Doug Karvonen (701) – 1 Year Mike McCorvy (Office) – 2 Years
February:	Jack Seip (Office) – 22 Years Nate Kirstein (702 & Office) – 4 Years Kidder Anderson (697) – 2 Years Eric Dysert (697) – 2 Years
March:	Kit Bratlien (Office) – 28 Years Kathie Wood (Office) – 4 Years Randy Lisman (702) – 2 Years Ryan Rudolph (701 & Office) – 4 Years Dana True (Qwest) – 21 Years

SAFETY – WITH CHEMICALS

Although employees who must work with or around chemicals on the job receive training, we normally don't train our families to be safe with chemicals. Following are some do's and don'ts for chemicals around the house.

DO

- Perform a check of the chemicals under your sink or other locations to see what you have and what you may want to get rid of.
- Store cleaning products in a locked closet or cabinet, away from food, and not accessible to children.
- Store products in their original containers and never remove the product labels. Product instructions, precautions, and first aid instructions vary according to ingredients. It can be dangerous to use a product incorrectly or to follow the wrong emergency treatment guidelines.
- Schedule routine cleaning of surfaces and dish washing when there is a lull in activities, such as naptime or when children are not in the room.
- Put the product away immediately after removing the amount needed for the cleaning job at hand.
- Rinse measuring cups after each use to avoid accidentally mixing products.
- Be aware that some cleaning products – like oven or drain cleaners – present a significant hazard. Usually they are packaged in child-resistant packaging as required by law, but accidents can still occur if the container cap is not properly closed and if the product is not stored out of reach. Use these products with great care.
- Dispose of empty cleaning containers carefully. Use up all of the product. Follow label instructions for disposal of disinfectants. Replace the cap to protect children, pets, and garbage handlers.
- Discard containers in a trash can that has a secured lid.

DON'T

- Mix cleaning products. Products that are safe when used alone can sometimes become dangerous if mixed with other products.
- Mix chlorine bleach or any product containing chlorine bleach (some tub and tile cleaners, dishwashing detergent) with: ammonia or products containing ammonia (some hand, dish washing detergents or window cleaners) or acidic products (toilet bowl cleaners, rust removers); dangerous gases can be released.
- Allow distractions or interruptions when using household chemicals.
- Leave cleaning buckets containing even small amounts of liquid unattended. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission warns that young children can drown in very small amounts of water. Be sure to empty buckets after each use. Never allow unattended small children around buckets when in use.