



# NEWS & VIEWS

... what's happening at Wick

1st Quarter, 2006

## CURRENT PROJECTS

### **Kingston High School, Kingston, WA (Job 704)**

*George Mason, Superintendent  
Steve Hansen, Project Manager  
Nathan Kirstein, Project Engineer  
Karen Moon, Administration*

This facility is divided into two buildings. The North Building contains the Classrooms, Kitchen, Administration and Commons. The South Building will house the Gymnasium. The aerial photo below taken on 03/30/06 shows progress to that date.



### **Kennydale Elementary School, Renton, WA (Job 705)**

*Dana Malek, Superintendent  
Terry Lavin, Project Manager  
David Proctor, Project Engineer  
Kristin Betancourt, Administration*

Architectural components are really starting to take shape at Kennydale Elementary. Siding is being placed on the exterior, with gutters and downspouts to follow in the coming weeks. The windows and storefronts are up, including both curtain walls. The landscaper is anticipated to be on site this month to begin beautifying the grounds.



Storefronts at Library – Kennydale Elementary

At the interior of the school, drywall is nearly complete at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor, and 90% complete at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Acoustical grid is going up in the classroom wings. The tile subcontractor has arrived on site and we already have placement of tile in the restrooms, with the kitchen tile to follow shortly.



Kennydale Elementary, continued

Touches of color are being added by the painter, and cabinets are going in at the classroom wing.



Many of the smaller items are arriving on site, including decorative bollards, play equipment, site furnishings, etc., as we begin to pull everything together to present a finished project to the owner and the community on time.

(Thanks to Kristin Betancourt for this article & photos!)

## **Consulting Projects:**

### ***New Orleans News***

As the rebuilding process continues in New Orleans from the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Wick Constructors has been on-site as construction consultant at a number of locations. We are currently assisting with four major projects, which we hope to bring to closure before the *next* season of natural disasters is upon us.

**Lowes Hotel** – A 21 story high end hotel located downtown that sustained major damage to rooms because of broken and blown out windows. Work has included restoring rooms to pre-hurricane condition, with special attention to keeping the hotel in operation during ongoing construction.

(Thanks to Ryan Rudolph for this update.)

View from one of the Lowes Hotel rooms.



- **Quest Diagnostics** – This 2 story building located west of New Orleans lost its roof during the storms and suffered water intrusion on both floors. Work has included gutting the entire building and upgrading it to current ADA standards.

- **Oakwood Mall** – The major shopping center located in Gretna, just west of downtown and over the Mississippi river, sustained major damage from looters who burnt approximately ¼ of the building, causing smoke and water damage to the remainder of the mall area.



- **World Trade Center** – This 33 story office building located downtown on the banks of the Mississippi River sustained damage from windows being blown out. Floors that sustained the most damage included the top floors that house restaurants and clubs.

## WICK ANNIVERSARIES

April: Terry Lavin (Office) – 22 Years  
Dale King (Office) – 15 Years

May: David Proctor (Office/705) – 4 Years  
Laura Rupert (Office) – 5 Years

June: Bruce Myers (Office) – 28 Years  
Andy Martinsen (Office) – 10 Years

## NEW STAFF MEMBER

Angela Meyer is our new Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. She's the intelligent voice answering our phones and is quickly growing in her ability to handle administrative work. Please introduce yourself when calling or passing through the office.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### Reduce Your Risk of Becoming A Carjacking Victim

Incidences of carjacking and other auto-related crimes have appeared regularly in news stories. Despite the danger, there are measures you can take to guard against crime when you are behind the wheel or walking to your vehicle. The National Safety Council suggests the following techniques to reduce the chances of becoming a carjacking victim.

#### Be alert while driving.

Before leaving, plan a route to avoid dangerous areas. If you need to drive in unfamiliar areas, try not to drive alone. Always drive with your windows up and car doors locked. Regularly check your mirrors and scan ahead for potentially dangerous situations.

Be conscious of escape routes while driving. Always leave room to maneuver out of the area when you come to a stop, keeping enough distance ahead so that you can see the rear tires of the vehicle in front of you touch the pavement.

Carjackers sometimes hit a car from behind and then pull a weapon when the victim gets out to investigate. If you think you have been bumped intentionally, don't leave your car. Motion to the other driver to follow you to the nearest police station. If confronted by a person with a weapon, give up your car.

If your vehicle breaks down, pull as far as possible away from moving traffic, tie a white handkerchief around the antenna, close the windows and lock the doors. If anyone approaches to offer assistance, open the window slightly and ask the person to call the police or towing service. Ask uniformed personnel to show identification.

#### Parking your vehicle.

Use caution when you enter or leave a parking lot. Park in well lit areas where you can see and be seen by others. When getting in or out of your vehicle always be aware of what is going on around you.

When returning to your vehicle, approach with caution. Have your keys ready, glance underneath the vehicle and check the front and rear floors. If someone is loitering near your car, avoid them and walk to a place of safety such as a lighted store, house or other building. Call the police.

As in every situation, the foremost concern is your personal safety. If you are confronted by a carjacker, don't resist. Hand over your keys and step back from the assailant. Remember: a car can be replaced but your life cannot.