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Important dates

- Birthdays

June 26 – Ethan Hoehn
August 10 – John Kotlarz
September 2 – Bill Vignocchi
September 5 – Mickey Bailey
September 16 – John Vignocchi
September 30 – Josh Laine

- Employment Anniversaries

June 14 – Ethan Hoehn (6 years)
July 19 – Gerry McCue (11 years)
August 2 – Joe Toms (9 years)
September 3 – Bill Decker (7 years)
September 8 – Mickey Bailey (7 years)

- Other Dates

July 4 – Independence Day
August 5 – LCCA Annual Golf Outing at Midlane Country Club
September 6 – Labor Day
September 23 – LCCA Dinner Meeting at Hawthorn Woods Country Club
October 11 – Columbus Day

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Project Updates

Marshall Metro Campus Park

Josh Laine and Mark Gennardo are leading the JKC team on this new 10.3 acre campus park renovation on Chicago's West Side. 5th Avenue and Monroe Street are being demolished in order to provide for a new synthetic turf football field, new running track, and a softball field. The remaining additional green space located on the south side will be complimented by an arboretum with ornamental lighting, fencing, benches, and trash receptacles.

Along with the site improvements, the existing parking lot at the north end of the school will be demolished and reconfigured for more efficient parking. The site will have an additional parking lot at the south end of the school.

With the majority of demolition, grading, and site utilities complete, the JKC team composed of Reginold "Big Red" Blakney, Orlando Shaw, Gerry McCue, Ross Blocker, Dave Moore, and Ernesto Vaca will be hard at work buttoning up our activities that will include installation of the synthetic field base, topsoil placement and paving.

JKC is proud to state that 100% of our subcontracted dollars are being spent with minority and/or woman owned business enterprises. We furthermore have maintained or exceeded all of our minority, woman, and community work force participation goals.

While JKC has worked for the Chicago Park District and the Chicago Department of Transportation in the past, this project represents a milestone marking our first project as a prequalified general contractor with the Public Building Commission of Chicago. The PBC team has been nothing but professional and courteous and we look forward to many more projects with them.

Ogden Replacement School

JKC has recently completed the mass excavation and backfill at this Chicago Public School located on Chicago's north side. The site is bordered by Dearborn, Oak, Walton, and State Streets and provided not only challenges associated with logistics and Chicago's CBD, but also differing site conditions. Jim Cote and Superintendent John Kotlarz overcame differing site conditions associated with the unstable and unsuitable soil conditions through the execution of 7 different proposed soil solutions. These solutions included the use of different aggregates, stabilization fabrics, and geo-grids, lime stabilization and fly ash stabilization.

Ultimately, the entire building sub grade was undercut approximately 2' and replaced with free draining granular materials. The solution also included over 4,200 lf of proposed under drain and over 7,000 square yards of geotechnical stabilization fabric.

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SAFETY CORNER!!

2010 brings in lots of safety changes and changes in the law that specifically effect you:

CELL PHONE CHANGES:

As of January 1, 2010, Illinois state law dictates that it is no illegal to talk, send or type text messages and/or emails on a cell phone while (1) driving in a school zone or (2) driving in a construction zone.

Please remember that it is also against the law to drive while talking on your cell phone in the City of Chicago without using a "hands free" device.

JULIE / DIGGER ONE-CALL CHANGES

In 2010, the reporting and documentation processes for the JULIE / Digger one call notification shave changed. Don't forget to dial "811" 48 hours prior to any excavation and take the time to download and read the excavator handbook at the following link:

www.illinois1call.com



WWW.JOHNKENO.COM

Pictured right: Ernesto Vaca receives congratulations from the O'Hare project safety director for his safety efforts and attention to airside details.

Over 8 JKC employees attended classes at the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council & Lake County Contractors Association to receive their OSHA 30-Hour Certifications!



Pictured left are JKC crews placing new aggregate for new tarmac at O'Hare International Airport. The project was performed outside Concourse K at Terminal 3 (airside) and entirely at night. Start to finish lasted approximately 12 weeks.



After winning a friendly lunch bet with Alan Osinkosky, Josh Laine enjoys his home made bologna sandwich, pretzels, grapes, and Mountain Dew lunch courtesy of Alan Osinkosky. Josh even read his own copy of the Sun Times during his lunch break.

JKC SAFETY - MAKE A QUICK \$50

JKC Participates in Online Excavation Competency Training

JKC is implementing another safety incentive for all employees. JKC will pay any current employee \$50 for completion of the Online Excavation & Safety training program that is available through the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council. The class is free and can be taken online in a matter of hours. In order to qualify for the incentive, an employee must complete the online coursework and submit a copy of the actual completion certificate to the office. The class is available by visiting the following website address:

www.buildsafe.org/excavation.htm



Everyone complains about the traffic in Chicago! Clean up & placement of granular sub base at Ogden Replacement School.



JKC was featured in Engineering News Record and Midwest Construction Magazines this past fall for our participation at the Joe & Rika Mansueto Library at the University of Chicago. The articles discussed the difficulties associated with the foundation design and challenges associated with excavation.



The articles can be read by clicking on the links below:

http://enr.ecnext.com/coms2/article_bucm091028ChicagoGlass

and

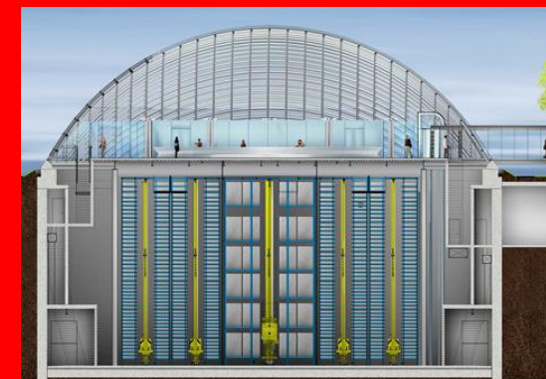
http://midwest.construction.com/features/archive/2009/1009_C_MansuetoLibrary.asp



400 CLUB The "Original" 400 Club members pictured left include Mark Gennardo, Johnny Winchman, Bruce Welch, Manny Suarez, and Scott Shannon (not pictured: Jim Cote & Ramiro Zavala).

Pictured to the right: Proposed rendition of the Mansueto Library showing the 56' deep section with automatic book retrieval system. Additional information can be found at the project's website:

<http://mansueto.lib.uchicago.edu>



Estimating

Congratulations to estimators on the following new starts:

STARTS / HITS

- Ogden Replacement Elementary School.....Chicago
- LASMA McCook Shaft.....Willow Springs
- Marshall Metro Campus Park.....Chicago
- Midlakes Comm Health Center...Round Lake Beach
- Stickney Sludge Lagoons.....Stickney
- Ravine Restoration.....Lake Forest

THE NUMBERS ARE IN!

Last December, Midwest Construction magazine published their top specialty contractors list. These lists are compiled through a survey McGraw-Hill Companies sends out to all contractors in the Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin areas and are based upon both overall and scope specific revenue.

JKC ranked as follows:

- 70th Top Specialty Contractors overall – throughout the Midwest region
- 41st Top Illinois Specialty Contractors
- 5th Top Excavation Contractors
- 2nd Top Landscape Contractors
- 7th Top Utility Contractors

You can view the list online by following the link below:

<http://www.midwestconstructionmag.com/people>

DO YOU KNOW?

The first employee that can identify the vegetable below will receive a JKC polo shirt. Responses must be sent via email to thedirt@johnkeno.com





Pictured Clockwise (starting upper left):

(1) Day 2 at Stickney Sludge Thickening Lagoons (2) Randy McBride moving pipe at Project 405, (3) Storm sewer crew installing drain tile outside greenhouse (4) John Callaghan, Sharif Safdary, Mark Gennardo, and Manny Suarez looking over their work at Mansueto, (5) Ross Blocker grading site with GPS D-61 PX dozer.



Operator Dave Moore placing granular backfill with a Komatsu PC400 at Ogden Elementary School Project



Pictured Clockwise Mansueto Library Sequencing (starting left):

(1) After completion of the slurry wall, JKC begins with first cut of primarily urban fill and sand, (2) Upon completion of sandy materials, JKC begins double handle of thick clay materials (3 & 4) JKC continues double handling of clay materials to perimeter and loading out with PC400 long front (5) base slab / mud mat is poured and JKC demobilizes.



Pictured Clockwise (starting above left):

(1) Marshall Metro Campus Park Crew (2) John Callaghan at LASMA McCook Shaft, (3) Frank Perez at Ogden Replacement School, (4) "The Scott" delivering the 36 ton ORT named "William" to the Marshall Campus Project in Chicago.



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PROJECTS (continued from front...)

Project challenges included the disposal of over 25,000 tons of special waste, placement of over 10,000 tons of imported aggregate, and a lot of coordination. We would like to thank all of the JKC employees involved in the project including Joey Caputo, Frank Perez, Timmy Tough, Jesse Montemayor, and John Callaghan. We also want to acknowledge the team at the PBC, Turner Construction, GSG Consultants and all of the other subcontractors on the project we have worked with., All of your hard work is greatly appreciated.

JKC again is very proud of our performance utilizing minority and woman owned business subcontractors and our workforce participation. Participation Highlights include the following percentages:

- 43.1% Minority Owned Business Participation
- 8% Woman Owned Business Participation
- 67% Chicago Residency Workforce
- 43% Minority Workforce
- 44% Community Workforce

LASMA McCook Shaft

John Callaghan and the JKC team has been working with McHugh in the excavation of a proposed 110' diameter shaft that will become part of the "Deep Tunnel Storm Water System" for the area. Our scope includes the excavation and hauling of approximately 35

vertical feet of overburden required to reach the existing Bedrock located below. Once the bedrock is reached, McHugh will begin their drilling and blasting process to remove the remaining 65,000 cubic yards.

405 Utilities Project

Under the direction and management of Mike Toniolo, the crew composes of Superintendent Gerry McCue, Randy McBride, Jesse Montemayor, Moises Hernandez, Ross Blocker, Joe Toms and Ernesto Vaca recently completed the utility package at this private residence in Highland Park, Illinois. The Project included sanitary, storm water, and domestic water services for the 20 acre site that will represent one of the first private homes to receive a LEED Certification. Highlights included over 3,000 lf of new water service piping and over 2,000 lf of directional boring.



Happy Acres Basin Modifications

Jim Cote and Superintendents Mark Gennardo and Gerry McCue recently punched out our Happy Acres Basin Modification project. We would specifically like to note a major company milestone / record that occurred last fall when Mark Gennardo, Manny Suarez, Scott Shannon, Bruce Welch, Johnny Winchman, Ramiro Zavala, and Jim Cote successfully loaded, hauled, received and placed 411 loads of clay in a single, 8 hour shift. Please congratulate each of them next time you see them! Well done, team!

Stickney Sludge Thickening

Day 1: Layout. Days 2-6: 1,730 loads out! We guess company records are meant for being broken! The team is Lead by John Vignocchi, Superintendent Alan Osinkosky, and composed of Ross Blocker, John Callaghan, John Garcia, Bill Decker, Jesse Montemayor, Joe Toms, Sharif Safdary & Esmerelda Velazquez. These first days of production have set the standard for structural excavation on this project - and to top it off, they have maintained an average daily output in excess of 360 loads! Job well done!



Companywide Happenings

◆ Congratulations to Mark Gennardo, Frank Perez, Alan Osinkosky, John Kotlarz, Jim Cote, Josh Laine, Tom Trenkle & Bill Vignocchi for obtaining their **30-hour OSHA Safety** certifications.

◆ JKC recently joined the **Builders Association of Greater Chicago** (BAGC). This organization will provide additional company resources, education, industry feedback and networking opportunities for JKC.

◆ This past winter, JKC met with **Waste Management** senior leadership in Scottsdale, AZ at a customer appreciation event. The 4 day event included discussions regarding future environmental sustainability as well as attendance to the infamous 16th hole at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The day before the event, JKC's Bill Vignocchi along with 3 others and PGA pro Matt Kuchar took second at the FBR / Xerox Pro Am that was played on the TPC Stadium Course.

◆ Football is coming! Please contact Josh Laine if you wish to participate in the 3rd annual **JKC Fantasy Football League**. jlaine@johnkeno.com

◆ JKC attended the 4th **Annual Turner Construction Charity Poker Event** held February 19th at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. The event raised enough money for 5 full scholarships over \$60,000 for the charity called Horizons for Youth. JKC represented 10 of the 420 participants and while none of your JKC cohorts made it to the final round or table, a good time was definitely had by all.

Pictures from the event can be viewed by clicking the link below: <http://alysmiserendino.smugmug.com/events>.

◆ JKC recently had our **corporate safety program** revised to remain compliant with 10 CFR 851 standards as required by the Department of Energy. Copies of the revised plan can be downloaded from the terminal server

◆ 8 JKC employees recently completed the **USACE Construction Quality Management** as certified by NAVFAC-SE. The class was held at Lake County Contractors Association in Waukegan. This class is a requirement to participate on ALL US NAVY and US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS projects.

◆ **New Company Record: 442 loads** out in a single 8 hour shift. The record was set July 16 at the Stickney Sludge Thickening Facility.

◆ It is important for all JKC employees to follow up on and make sure their **certifications are current**. Many of these certifications (HAZWOPER, NIMS, CPR, OSHA 30 HR, EXCAVATION COMPETENCY) allow you the opportunity to work on many jobsites.



◆ Is there an event, date, or project detail we have missed? Do you have a topic you would like to read about or have us feature? If so, please do not hesitate to contact us at thedirt@johnkeno.com.

WORK SMART. BE SAFE.



(Top) Mike Rohr, John Vignocchi & Mickey Bailey in Roselle, (Above) Superintendent Mark Gennardo & his father in Itasca.



(Above) Mike Toniolo, Frank Costabile Jr., and Jim Cote at an LCCA Event, (Right) John Kotlarz & Jesse Montemayor at Ogden School (Far Right) Joe Toms performing layout at 405.



“CAN DO. WILL DO.”