



## NEW RRP RULE IN EFFECT

You may be happy to know that G.S. Jones is now certified as a “Lead Renovation Firm”, and that all of our Project Managers and Estimators (8 people total) have taken the necessary steps to become “Certified Renovators” in compliance with the new law.

Our team members have completed the eight hour training course, which includes two hours of hands-on learning, and have gained their certificates for their efforts. These certifications are valid for five years.

What this means is that our certified employees are capable of overseeing any project, and have the ability to train all individuals performing work that disturb painted surfaces on dated or lead-positive homes.

This also means that we are properly qualified to perform the work practice requirements of the new Rule, including the cleaning and post-renovation cleaning verification.

We here at G.S. Jones are doing our best to keep the costs of these projects at a minimum, and look forward to serving your needs in the future.



## GRILL SAFETY

As grilling season approaches, we here at G. S. Jones felt it necessary to recall the importance of grill safety. Every year grill fires/explosions cause approximately 10 deaths, 100 injuries, and an estimated \$37 million in residential property damages. Around 57% of these instances occur between May and August.

Before firing up the grill every year, a person should be sure to:

- Make sure there are no blockages in the tubes that lead into the burner. Check thoroughly for any insects, spiders, or food grease, which can be pushed through to the main burner with a pipe cleaner or wire. Also make sure to check the hoses for any cracks, brittleness, holes or leaks.
- Check and replace any gas tanks that have nicks or scratches, these may leak.
- Never try to repair a tank valve yourself, see a qualified appliance repair person.

32% of grill fires start on patios, terraces, screened-in porches, or courtyards!

- You should always have the grill at least 10 feet from your house or building before ignition, also be aware of awnings, roofing, or any overhead surface that may catch fire.
- A fire extinguisher should be easily accessible.
- Proper utensils are a must! This allows you to remain a safe distance from the flame while cooking.
- Be sure to turn off your valves when you are done using the grill.

Should the grill catch fire:

- If the grill portion seems “out of control” you should turn the burners off.
- If a hose is involved, and if you can safely reach, turn the tank valve off.
- If the tank is on fire, or the fire threatens your person or home, call the fire department immediately.

When using a charcoal grill many of the same rules apply, but you should also be aware of the CO fumes omitted from the briquettes while burning which may accumulate to toxic levels, therefore you should never grill in an enclosed area, make sure fire is completely extinguished before storing in such an area, and never re-apply lighter fluid after charcoal has been lit.

We here at G.S. Jones would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer!



## NEW FACES...



**Mike Travers**

### Estimator

Mike has joined our team here at G.S. Jones as an Estimator. He has a total of 18 years previous experience in the Restoration industry. Mike has attended courses at the University of Pittsburgh as a Construction Management major.



**Angela Gilley**

### Contents Cleaning Technician, Administrative Assistant

Angela joined the G.S. Jones team in 2009. Angela has made her capabilities at G.S. Jones widespread. Angela first started out as a contents cleaning technician but also works part time in the office. Angela has experience in packing out, inventory, and cleaning of all contents along with her experience of providing part time support for everyone in the office. You may have already spoken to her on the phone or received some paperwork from her. With Angela, the possibilities are endless.



### Kelly Rose Macsurak

Everyone here at G.S. Jones would like to congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Dan Jones on the arrival of their new Granddaughter. Born on March 29, 2010, at 11:34 pm, to their daughter Erin and her husband John, Kelly came into the world weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and 19" long. This little lady is Dan and Jan's first grandchild, great-niece of Mr. & Mrs. Scott Jones, and of course, the great-grandchild of Mr. & Mrs. George Jones. We are honored to share in such an exciting time with the Jones' family and send warm thoughts and wishes your way.

## DID YOU KNOW!!!

- The city of Portland, Oregon, was named after a coin toss in 1844. Heads was for Portland, tails was for Boston.
- WD-40 stands for Water Displacement, 40th try. Chemist Norm Larsen perfected the formula on his 40th attempt.
- When coffee is roasted and the beans begin to cool, they release about 700 chemical substances that give us the vaporizing aromas.
- It is believed the word golf originates from the Dutch word "kolf" or "kolve" which meant "club", later old Scottish dialect transformed the word into "gouf" or "golfe". An old myth states the word golf stands for "Gentlemen Only, Ladies Frobidden".



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