

Cheers and Jeers for Springtime

You have survived the winter with your sanity intact and are looking forward to the spring. Fragrant flowers, lush green landscapes, freshly scented air and an overall feeling of optimism with summer just around the corner. With all the good things the spring season brings, some negative aspects often accompany the things we all look forward to.



Spring storms are often more damage creating than a winter snowfall. Excessive rain, high winds, and sometimes even hail can wreak havoc on your home inside and out.

Water damage is one of the most common problems that residents experience in their homes. Water seeping into roof and foundation holes can do a significant amount of structural damage to the home if not addressed immediately, damaging carpets, flooring, drywall, furniture and other household items. The longer the water sits, other problems can arise such as mold and mildew.

Wind is usually responsible for the majority of damage to a home during a storm. It can uproot trees, tear off siding, damage gutters and soffit. Wind also has the power to knock out or burst open windows and doors, rip off roof sheathing (decking) and destroy gable end walls.

G. S. Jones Proud to Partner with Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh

Saturday, April 27, 2013 was National Rebuilding Day and G. S. Jones was proud to partner with Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh to help provide a valuable service to residents in the city of Pittsburgh and surrounding area.



Photo of home before work started on the outside.

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh delivers no-cost home repairs to low-income seniors in Allegheny County. Pittsburgh and the surrounding area is home to the second largest senior population in America, with 60% of the homes having been built prior to 1940.

On National Rebuilding Day, volunteers joined local sponsors to repair and restore houses and nonprofit facilities, revitalizing entire communities and making a lasting impression on the families and individuals who are helped. 10+ employees from G. S. Jones dedicated their Saturday supporting those in need.

Rebuilding Together believes that everyone deserves to live in a safe and healthy home and focuses on providing critical repairs, accessibility modifications and energy efficient upgrades to low-income homes and community centers at no cost to service recipients. Rebuilding Together doesn't just benefit the Western Pennsylvania community. The impact extends beyond the vulnerable individuals served to revitalize and stabilize neighborhoods and

communities across the country.

For almost 25 years, Rebuilding Together has provided extensive home rehabilitation and modification services to homeowners in-need. Their network of almost 200 affiliated non-profits brings together 200,000 volunteers and completes nearly 10,000 projects each year. For every \$1 donated to Rebuilding Together, \$4 of value is delivered to our projects. Collectively that's over \$1.5 billion in market value reinvested to date into the communities served. With the help of everyday citizen volunteers, skilled tradespeople, the support of local business and major corporate partners, Rebuilding Together affiliates make life better for thousands of low-income homeowners every year. Each year, 10,000 homes and non-profit facilities will be rehabilitated with the help of over 200,000 volunteers.

Don Bair was one of the several G. S. Jones crew that put a fresh coat of paint on the interior of the house.



Rebuilding Together cont.



Elaine Sweitzer and Todd Rohal contributed with cleaning and minor repair work.

Rebuilding Together helps homeowners in need by bringing together and supporting a National Network of local Rebuilding Together Affiliates, corporate and individual donors, skilled trades individuals and associations, and almost 200,000 citizen volunteers each year. Rebuilding Together's National Office represents nearly 200 independent, grass roots non-profit housing organizations across the United States.

More information is available on Rebuilding Together, partnerships that make their mission possible and how you and your business can contribute to those in need, visit:

www.rebuildingtogether.org



Photo of the house with new landscaping.

Did You Know???

- **Whispering is more wearing on your voice than a normal speaking tone.**
- **You can't tickle yourself.**
- **False teeth are often minutely radioactive.**
- **Cherophobia is a fear of fun.**
- **A duck's quack doesn't echo.**

Cheers and Jeers cont.

Over-hanging eaves and gable end rakes, extended awnings, open porches, and other features that tend to trap air beneath them are particularly susceptible to being damaged or torn off the building during a hurricane. Wind-borne debris from neighboring buildings, including shingles and tiles, can break windows and damage roof coverings and walls.



About 4800 hailstorms strike the nation every year. Of these perhaps 500 to 700 produce hailstones large enough to cause damage or injury. **Hail** from hailstorms come in different shapes, sizes and velocities. When these rock hard ice pellets hit a home, numerous hail damage patterns can be formed. Severe hailstorms can cause granular bareness on shingles, holes in siding, or broken glass. In less volatile circumstances shingles may become softened, siding can become chipped, cracked or dented, and water leakage can form from compromised materials on the exterior of the home.

Unfortunately, wind, water and hail damage often occur at the same time. Calling an experienced professional immediately can help mitigate the damages of Mother Nature's Trifecta.

G. S. Jones has been involved in many restoration projects for damage due to devastating spring storms for both commercial and residential properties and while we would never wish for these type of devastating forces to affect anyone it is at the same time almost unavoidable. After the damage occurs you can depend on G. S. Jones to help restore your property to its pre-storm condition.

SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

At GS. Jones we value the safety of our workers and a safe work environment for all our restoration/ construction jobs. That is why we strive to be aware of all safety regulations as well as all aspects of our projects and the workers involved. Congratulations to our project managers, **Lee Ralph, Paul Plubell and Todd Rohal for completing 10 hours of OSHA safety training.**



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