



New Photo Inventory System

GS Jones has developed a computerized inventory system to track the pack out, cleaning, and location of homeowner and business contents. G.S. Jones' Andrea Smarsh, Contents Supervisor, and Scott Jones developed a system that prior to pack out, enables the documentation of the existing condition of content items, locations in the home or office, box numbers in which items are stored, all along with a photographic record. A lap top is brought out to the job location along with a digital camera.

With quick search tools utilized in the program, a passport was able to be located in the G.S. Jones warehouse and shipped to a client within 15 minutes of his request. Utilization of this inventory system assists the Insurance Company and property owner to quickly identify contents that require attention and helps to place value on the item. It also allows a realistic assessment of whether an item is worth cleaning.

According to Jones "This photo inventory system provides peace of mind to the homeowner knowing where their belongings are and assists the Insurance Company in a timely and cost efficient way." For more information on this system contact Scott Jones. sjones@gsjonesandsons.com



Lizzy Smarsh inventories contents at a fire damaged home

High Winds Damage Science Center



Damage to the Science Center



Board up completed by G.S. Jones

On August 9, 2007 a micro burst storm hit parts of the City of Pittsburgh damaging the Science Center on the North Side. Fortunately, there were no injuries reported but extensive damage to the exterior of the building. G.S. Jones personnel, Gary Baker, Paul Plubell and Steve Zeppelin arrived at the center within 20 minutes of receiving the call.

Upon meeting with Science Center Officials, G.S. Jones immediately responded with a team to handle emergencies and assess the damage.

Damage was extensive to the exterior of the building and required immediate board up to protect it from further damage due to rain and wind. The building components on the west side sustained damage to over 3,000 square feet and to a height of 60 feet.

There was damage to several other areas of the building as well. Damage to the south side and east side of the building consisted of missing aluminum panels. Holes were found through out other areas of the EIFS system as well as to the theatre roof, and signature Emotion Sculpture.

Large glass windows were shattered and debris strode throughout the property and adjacent football stadium.

The center's immediate need was to reopen to the public as soon as possible. G.S. Jones dispatched cranes and operators to the site in order to remove the wind torn fabric of the Emotion Sculpture, and to board up and protect the exterior of the building. A team of over 20 workers were dispatched to the site within 2 hours of the initial call. The crew cleaned up all the strewn debris on the grounds and began the board up to all areas of the EIFS system. The center remained closed the following day so that external repairs could be completed without risking injury to patrons. The center was reopened and ready for Patrons on August 13th.

Currently, the final repairs to the structure are awaiting approval from both the Science Center and insurance company.



Ominous clouds swirl above the Emotion Sculpture August 9th

New Faces



Jeremy Martincic

Jeremy has joined G.S. Jones as a project manager. He has previous experience with a large commercial contractor in the Pittsburgh area. He also serves as an assistant football coach on week-ends and evenings with a local school district.

Name Trivia

Oprah is actually a typo. Her parents wanted to use the biblical name Orpah, but the midwife couldn't spell so it became Oprah.

Nintendo is easily the world's oldest game developer. Originally founded in 1889 under the name Nintendo Koppai and manufactured playing cards.

The "L.L." in L.L. Bean stands for Leon Leonwood.

Adolf Hitler's birth name is Schickelgruber.

GS Jones Restores Manufacturing Facility in NY

G.S. Jones received a call from an Insurance company to assist a manufacturing company in New York. The 100,000sf warehouse and production buildings were damaged when the Susquehanna River flooded its banks.

The initial call was received on a Friday afternoon in July. The manufacturer requested a meeting with G.S. Jones because there were no contractors in the Oneonta NY area available due to the wide spread damage. That night Don Bair, Consultant and Estimator, along with 18 crew members, drove 7 hours to Oneonta, NY to meet with the manufacturer the next day at 8am.

The first priority was to mitigate damage to the production buildings and warehouse. All contaminated debris from the cafeteria and conference room were removed. These areas would be set up as temporary offices while offices and the Laboratories were restored.

The next priority was to clean areas next to the production lines so that when the equipment was operational, plant employees would be able to work without interference.

Water levels had reached 4 feet throughout the plant. All interior walls and insulation were removed to a height of the flood level. Most of the furniture throughout the building could not be salvaged because of flood contaminates and were discarded.

All structural surfaces affected were cleaned and sanitized. Plant managers and Insurance representatives were impressed with G.S. Jones timely handling of the emergency response and damage assessment, and requested G.S. Jones to rebuild and complete all necessary repairs to the plant and offices.

G.S. Jones rented 2 homes for crews to stay during the reconstruction. This housing saved the Insurance company the high cost of a hotel stay. An average crew of 22 worked 12 hour days 7 days a week throughout the summer until the job was completed. The overtime was necessary because the loss of income far exceeded the expense.

Construction priorities were established and a timeline set for repairs and reconstruction. The goal was to have the plant up and running as soon as possible. The laboratory, rear conference room, offices and bathrooms were first to be restored.

Next, repairs and construction of the tool room, repair shop, loading docks, storage rooms and remaining buildings were completed.

Lastly, the outer skin of the building was removed and all insulation replaced to a height of 4 feet. All repairs and construction were completed in 3 months. This resulted in great savings for the insurance company and customer satisfaction.



Offices damaged in Oneonta NY



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