

Library @ Centennial Hills

The new 45,555 SF Centennial Hills Library is being built on a seven-acre site located on Buffalo Drive at the intersection of Deer Springs Way, in a generally residential area. The library will be bounded on the east by the Centennial Hills Community Center and on the north by Centennial Hills Park. It will be an energy efficient, modern and durable building utilizing sustainable design and construction practices:

- ◆ 32,431 SF library
- ◆ 13,124 SF central operations center for materials processing
- ◆ 17,700 SF, 300-seat theatre will be designed for future development
- ◆ Seeking LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification
- ◆ Regional building materials and water efficient irrigation systems
- ◆ Efficient use of daylight to minimize the need for overhead or other lights
- ◆ State-of-the-art book and media management system

The project manager is John Dennin. Kirk Gilbert is the general foreman and John Spreitzer is the Carpenter Foremen.



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Dictionary

◆ General Contractor -

The person at the very top of the construction pyramid scheme

Some Upcoming Projects

- T-3 Central Plant
- Bozarth Elementary
- Crescent Real Estate
- Southwest Water Facility
- Clark County Water Reclamation
- Clark County Detention Center

Some Current or Final Stage Projects

- Wyndham Desert Blue
- Centennial Hills Library
- Target Store #2497
- Carey/Los Feliz High School
- Central Plant @ Echelon
- Apria Healthcare
- Solids Dewatering Facility

Quote

"Excellence can be attained if you care more than others thinks is wise, Risk more than others think is safe, Dream more than others think is practical, and Expect more than others think is possible." -Anon-



Company Spotlight: Kirk Gilbert

Kirk Gilbert is the General Foreman at the Centennial Hills Library project. He moved to Las Vegas in May of 1996 with his wife Marcy and 3 kids, Justin, Austin & Nicole and 3 days later started working at MHBS. He likes to go fishing when he has time. He has a great

sense of humor and likes to joke around. His wife Marcy used to work at MHBS, but now stays home to take care of their grand daughter Ali after the loss of their daughter Nicole due to cancer. Kirk now spends a lot of time keeping up on cancer research.



A Word from Ronnow:

Last year in our first newsletter I talked about the amount of work in the valley and the opportunities that this presented for MHBS in the near future. Lately, our people in the field see some of our larger jobs nearing completion and wonder what we have coming up that will allow all of us Life for anyone working in construction is precarious right now as we watch the economy in the United States go from bad to worse. We have never been through a full blown depression and have no idea what this means in relation to our jobs and our ability to put food on the table for our families. In the past few months we have seen some large projects in the Las Vegas market become vacant as owners pull back and prepare to wait out the financial crisis. We were fortunate that we were not involved in any of the projects that have stalled, which means that the work we have in front of us still has us hopeful for a good finish for the year 2008 and a good start on 2009.

With the housing market still not registering a heartbeat many of the non-union contractors that called home building

their bread and butter have now flooded the commercial and light commercial building market to generate enough revenue to stay afloat. This in simple terms means that where we used to compete against 3 or 4 competitors on a given bid day, now we see 13 or 14 additional bidders slugging it out for our same scope of work. We have been fortunate to be competitive enough in our bids to be awarded good projects that will help us stay busy in the future.

All of the news is not bad however, and I would like to touch on a few things I feel will be in our best interest in the near future.

M&H Building Specialties has a strategic plan for getting the work we feel we are best at doing. We have always been very successful on projects that deal with Public Works, (Schools, Hospitals, Airports and City and County projects) Hospitality, (Hotel/ Casino) Private, (Tahiti, Streamline, Can Cun, etc) and Tenant Improvement (the reason this company began doing business in 1979)

In over 33 years of in-

volvement in the Las Vegas construction market I have experienced a few recessions and watched small companies flood the market and take jobs for less than they can do them for. It was very concerning then as it is now, but I feel the result will be the same. Those companies will find out that just because they have work does not mean they can do it at the price they took it for and soon they will disappear and we will be back to the 3 or 4 who have the cash to with stand this crisis.

As we live and work through the struggles our country is experiencing right now, our concern is the welfare and success of the company we work for. If we continue to be competitive in our bids and leave quality work, we will be able to weather this crisis and live to see the Las Vegas construction market revive and offer each of us unlimited opportunities in the future.

-Ronnow Leavitt

Announcements / Upcoming Events

News Flash— Steve Fikes was elected for Homecoming Queen at Gorman High School. He has spent so much time at that job that he is now officially part of the student body.

Have any interesting ideas or events to share? Contact Cindy Dean at 702-992-9396 or email cdean@mhbsinc.com

Have you checked out M & H Building Specialties new website? If not, go to <http://www.mhbsinc.com> and let us know what you think.