



GS Jones supports St. Clair Hospital Foundation

Each year the golf committee for the St. Clair Hospital Foundation works to coordinate a dinner and golf outing at St. Clair Country Club. The funds are used for a necessary project or improvement to the hospital. This year, G.S. Jones is on the committee. This year's funds are being raised to supplement the expansion of the emergency department. If you would like to contribute or golf please call Scott Jones at (412) 766-6886

Prevent Kitchen Tear Outs

Granite countertops, custom woodwork cabinets, elaborate moldings, all are costly elements of today's kitchens.



Drying technology has progressed to the point where timely response can eliminate costly tear outs. Please contact G.S. Jones for more information.

Learning From Hurricane Ivan 2004



Point State Park During.....



.....and after Ivan 2004

Many of us remember Hurricane Ivan and the havoc it wreaked on our lives. Whether you were affected personally or your business sustained damage; it was an event most of us will never forget. President Bush made a trip to one of the regions hardest hit areas, Millvale. Many roads were closed forcing unwanted detours on our daily commutes. Many businesses located across Allegheny county were forced to evacuate their employees due to the rising creeks, only to return to work Monday to see four feet of water in their facility. If you were one of the very unfortunate you suffered a personal and total loss of your home without the benefit of insurance coverage.

What lessons have we learned? Many businesses and homes now have flood insurance through the federal government. Facilities have incorporated business continuity plans to include data

backup stored at secondary locations. The Pittsburgh Coalition for homeland security, www.pittsburghcoalitionforsecurity.org has been developed to serve businesses in the 13 county region of Pittsburgh during times of widespread disaster. Specifically, a business to business partnering to exchange goods and services has been formulated – “member 2 member”, a database of private assets for region responders “PARR”, and finally business oriented communications for widespread notification of an event “BECON” GS Jones is a contributing sponsor of the Pittsburgh coalition for homeland security and its three signature programs. “Member 2 Member” “PARR” and “BECON” we encourage all businesses to become active members in this valuable regional asset that has gained lessons...

...lessons

National recognition as a model for other regions to develop.

GS Jones also learned valuable experience and has plans in place to ramp up our resources – labor equipment and material, during widespread catastrophic events. One of the most important things a business owner can do is to plan ahead, contact a reputable disaster restoration contractor to discuss emergency services, answer questions such as does your agent or insurance company have objections with a particular contractor, will union labor be required, what pricing will be utilized. Review certificates of Insurance ahead of time. Answering these questions and lining up help before you need it is the key to a quick and cost saving response for your business.

HUMOR



How do you improve the aerodynamics of a trombonist's car?

Take the Domino's Pizza sign off the roof

What's a tuba for?

1 1/2" by 3 1/2" unless you request "full cut."

Note: in the USA, a 2 x 4 is a two-inch by four-inch piece of wood, which actually measures 1 1/2 inches by 3 1/2 inches.

That Didn't Happen. Did It?

Honey have you seen my screwdriver?

A woman in Florida filed a lawsuit in June against a dentist over the death of her father last year during procedures to secure his dentures with implants. During the October 2006 visit, The Dentist had accidentally dropped a screwdriver down the patient's throat, which required a colonoscopy to remove. The man returned the following year for



dental services and during that procedure, the dentist accidentally dropped a torque wrench down his throat, creating prob-

lems that ultimately led to his death.

Clean up on the "Ranch"

An Ohio EPA official said creamy ranch dressing mixed with sewage and storm runoff flooded the basements of at least 10 Columbus homes. Sewage from a Columbus-based salad dressing maker, overwhelmed the Columbus storm sewer system during heavy rains last week.



The EPA suspects that the factory's pipes merge with nearby homes, but aren't wide enough to handle extra water during a storm.



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