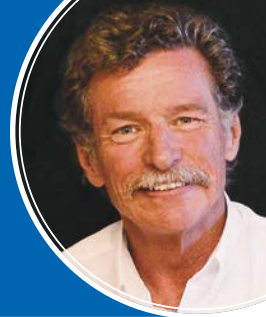




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## JHC Update

**W**ho could have ever imagined any of this—most of the country working from home all of a sudden? This time last year I would have said “You just can’t do that in construction.” Well, it can work! OK, it’s not perfect or ideal, but it can work!

JHC has been extremely fortunate as the world has abruptly changed around us. With 11 JHC teammates working from home and four of us at the office every day, business continues on as normal as possible. There is still plenty of work, just now with very few interruptions.

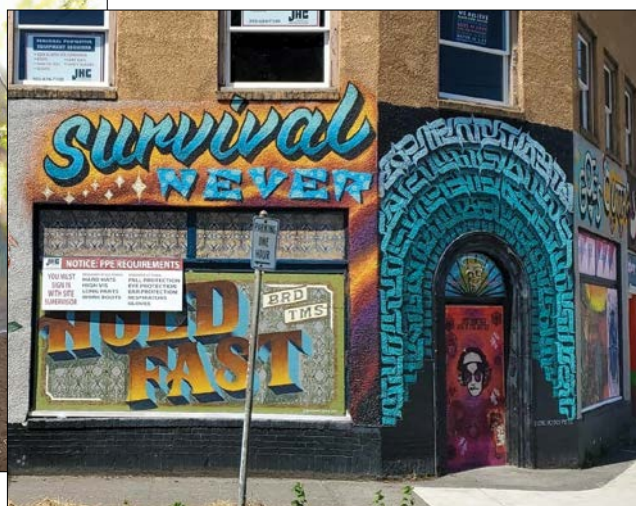
But, let me tell you—it is damn quiet around here! We miss the comforting sounds we are so accustomed to— talking, laughing, and storytelling up and down the halls. We miss people coming and going, having face-to-face conversations, and we definitely miss our furry friends who used to randomly surprise us at the office. Hmm...how come dogs are so distracting when we are working at home, but so enjoyable to have around in the office? I am thinking it’s because they aren’t mine...ha!

I really empathize with those working from home—working on kitchen tables or makeshift desks, the constant buzz of kids, family, and pets! We proactively chose to send our people home in March to help keep them safe and we think it is working! I am happy to report not a single soul in the JHC extended family has contracted COVID! We hope it stays that way, along with our job sites, which have remained virus-free as well.

Company-wide we implemented an immediate change to our standards, rigidly following the rules of social distancing, mandatory masks, hand washing, daily temperature checks, and contact questionnaires. Our recently installed bipolar ionization HVAC system at the JHC main office removes viruses and other contaminants so people will come back with confidence to a safer and healthier office environment.

So what are we building? A wide variety, as usual. In light of everything, it continues to be an exciting year!

## Current Works in Progress



*Pictured left: The Rotary Youth Center in the Parkrose neighborhood in Portland. Right: Mrs. Noble building rehabilitation in Southeast Portland.*

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# Making Things Go Right When Things Go Wrong

Things go wrong in life. That's all there is to it. And when they do, you must choose how to react. Based on university studies related to functional and dysfunctional marriages, as well as other professional research, there are ten proven ways to put your life in order.

- **Choose a positive disposition.** Right attitudes are the foundation stones of successful living. All that you are and do is the sum total of your thoughts and attitudes of yesterday.
- **Will to, whether you want to or not.** Once you *believe* you can change your attitude and learn to be content in any set of circumstances, then you must *decide* you will change. The fact is you can *will* yourself to change.
- **Act better than you feel.** One of the most effective ways to change hearts and minds is to change your behavior. You can act yourself into a way of being.
- **Use your compass when you're off course.** Goals bring

- harmony to your life. Don't allow yourself to be pulled away.
- **Don't kill today with yesterday.** Don't let yesterday's mistakes paralyze today's efforts and hinder tomorrow's achievements.
- **Cut your line when it's tangled.** Don't spend all of your time trying to untangle problems of the past so that you don't have energy left for the business of living today.
- **Keep cool, even when you're hot.** Anger shuts down an open mind. When you get angry, you're through solving problems.
- **Make your relationships right.** People and relationships are the only things that really matter in this life.
- **Go first anyway.** Good relations come from serving one another. Take the initiative even when the other person ought.
- **Live young, even when you're old.** Choose to stay young no matter how old you are. The happiness you feel ultimately rests on your own attitude. Get ready to change your life!

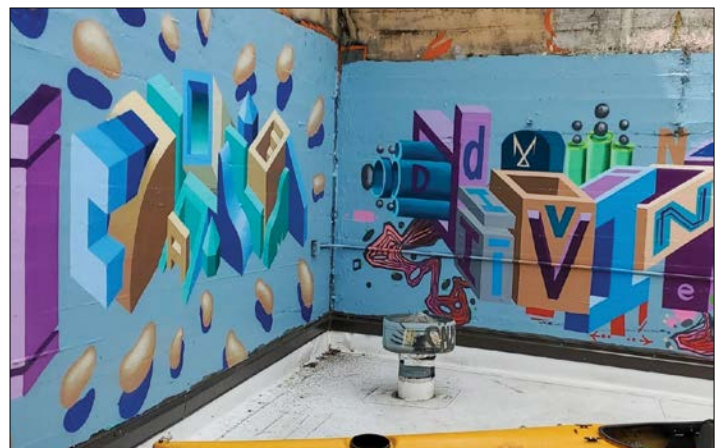
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*Pictured left: John's Marketplace in Southeast Portland. Right: Mrs. Noble building interior.*