



# UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Newsletter of SMJ Inc. Construction Services

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## Breaking New Ground

### Harleysville National Bank

On Thursday, May 15, SMJ broke ground for its construction of a new 3,300 square foot branch that will reposition Harleysville National Bank in the marketplace. Located at 1520 E. High St., Pottstown, PA, the new facility will have expanded drive-up capabilities including at least 3 lanes. The added traffic from the adjacent Wawa will also be ideal.



*Celebrating the ground breaking are (from left to right): David Garner, Esq., President of Pottstown Borough Council; Fred C. Reim, Jr., Regional President, Harleysville National Bank; The Honorable Thomas Quigley, PA State Representative; Carol Dempsey, AVP and HNB East End Branch Manager; Jody Rhoads, Pottstown Borough Councilman and Ward Leader; Deb Takes, President and CEO of Harleysville National Bank; Tim Phelps, President, Tri-county Area Chamber of Commerce; Stan Fonder, President, SMJ Construction, Inc. and Ray Lopez, Pottstown Borough Manager.*

### Helping the Community with Genesis Housing

SMJ has broken ground and started construction on Warren Homes, a project for Genesis Housing Corporation.

Genesis Housing Corporation is a non-profit organization doing wonderful things for Montgomery County. They are an organization dedicated to the development of affordable housing and the education of consumers on housing and financial issues.

Genesis has worked with government agencies, other non-profit agencies and private housing developers to create affordable housing and is certified Counseling Agency for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Fannie Mae and PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA).

Warren Homes is developed by Warren Housing Development Corporation, a partnership of Genesis Housing Corporation and ACLAMO Family Centers. ACLAMO Family Centers is the only full service Bilingual (Spanish/English) Community Service Agency in Montgomery County, PA.

The development was made possible by support of the Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Development HOME Investment Partnership Program and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

The homes are being offered at \$113,600 for first time low income home buyers. The homes have an appraised value of approximately \$142,000.

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Stanley A. Fonder, *President (R)*  
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## PROMOTIONS

### Jack Ayres to Vice President

Jack has been with us for over 5 years and has had experience in this industry for over 34 years. Jack is looking forward to overseeing our operations and making sure everything is running smoothly and on time for our clients.

### John Brooks to Project Coordinator

John has been here for over 5 years as well. John has worked his way up through the trade. John's promotion utilizes many years of field experience and now includes more office responsibilities for project oversight in insurance, fire restoration and residential construction.

## NEW HIRES

### John Michel

John has been hired as estimator and project manager. John has had prior experience in the private sector in both commercial, institutional and residential construction.

### Janet Gilbert

Janet has been hired as our new office manager. She previously spent 15 years working for a specialty general contractor and the past 7 years for Brubacher, a large excavating company, located in Lancaster. Janet is a resident of Douglassville and is thrilled to be a part of the SMJ team.

### Jeff Csuway

Jeff is an excellent finish carpenter. He has prior experience with fire and storm restoration which makes him a perfect fit for SMJ.

### Mike Scott

Mike has been hired as a carpenters helper and is excited to join our team and put his prior skills to work as well as learn more about our restoration specialty.

## Satisfying Current Needs at PMMC

Pottstown Memorial Medical Center continues to expand, most recently on their second floor. A testament to PMMC's satisfaction with SMJ is that we have been helping the hospital with their renovations for over 20 years.

# Breaking New Ground (continued from page 1)

## Victory Bank

On April 15, SMJ broke ground on the 6,500 sq. foot corporate headquarters and banking facility for Victory Bank.

Victory is a brand new start up bank with corporate offices located in Limerick to conveniently serve the busy Route 422 corridor.



Artist rendering generated by Architectural Concepts.

Amongst the ground breakers are Joe Major – CEO (10th from right with shovel), Rick Graver – President & Chief lending officer (9th from left with shovel), Jamie Wendel – Executive VP Retail Banking (8th from right holding banner), James Cherry (4th from right) and Dave Krisiewicz (9th from right) both of Architectural Concepts.

## Another Job Well Done!

### Creative Health Services sends a positive note

In May, SMJ received this letter from Creative Health Services, Inc. expressing their overall satisfaction and pleasure with the partnership.

They state that SMJ has "exceeded expectations" and they won't hesitate to recommend SMJ and also hope to work with us again in the future.

SMJ takes all feedback seriously and is always pleased to hear that a client is completely satisfied.



May 14, 2008

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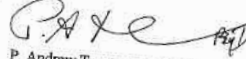
Dear Stan,

I just wanted to send a note of thanks for the excellent work your company has been doing for us. In Creative Health's 50 plus years of existence, the development of 11 Robinson Street is by far our largest undertaking. So much so that problems in the construction phase could have caused us great difficulty. With SMJ, the process has been easy, straightforward, and pain-free.

I have been particularly impressed with the quality and craftsmanship of your staff and that of the subcontractors you selected. Keith and Jack have been particularly professional, courteous, patient and committed to the project. We feel lucky to have them assigned to our job. Our relationship with you seems very much a partnership and we could not be more pleased.

Whether the measure is job cost, timeliness of completion, or quality craftsmanship, SMJ has exceeded our expectations. We can recommend you without any hesitation and hope to work with you again. Please feel free to give my contact information to any who request a reference.

Sincerely,

  
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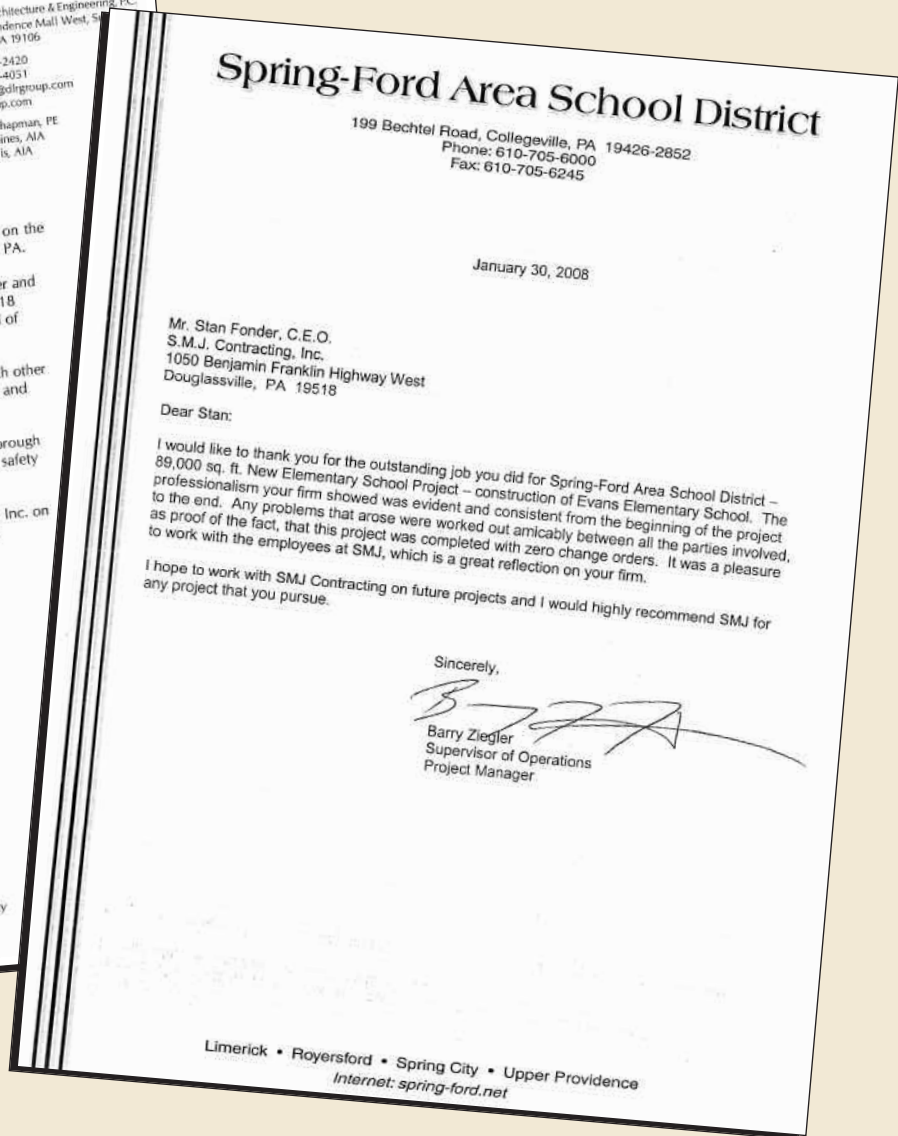
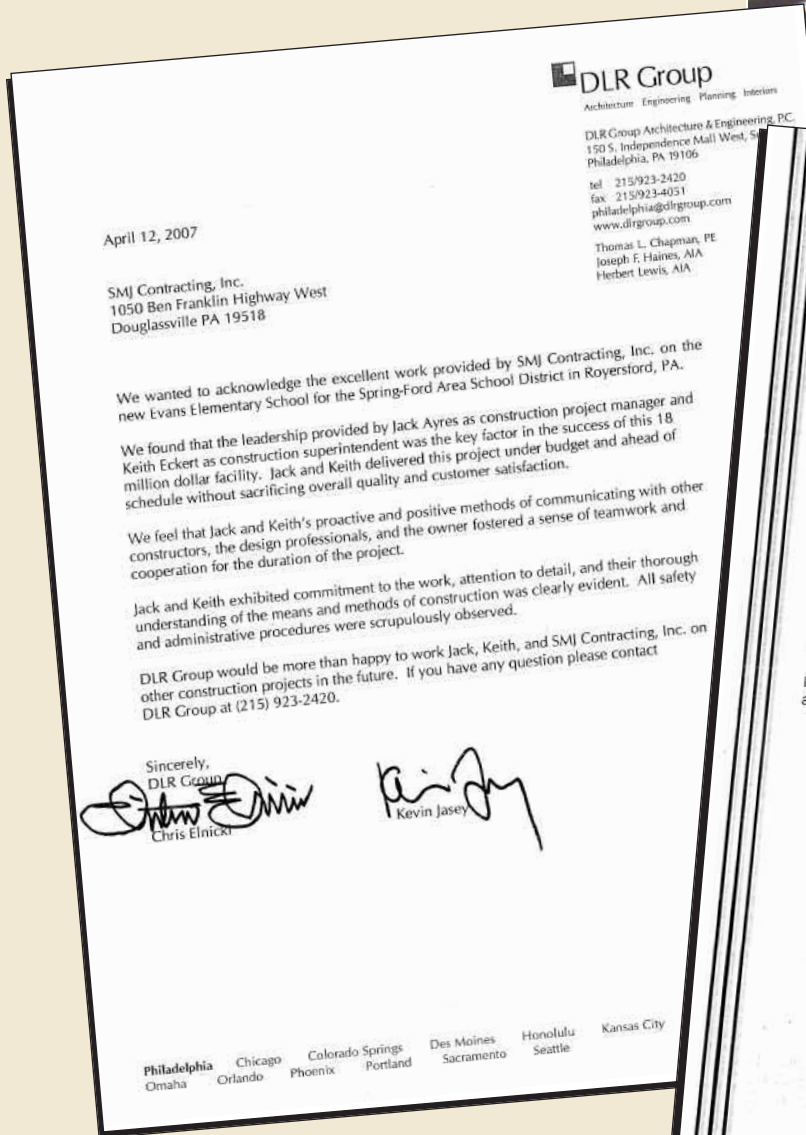
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Working Toward a Brighter Tomorrow

# Accolades from Spring-Ford

## Construction of Evans Elementary School is completed

The construction of Evans Elementary School in the Spring-Ford school district is complete and was a total success. Located on Sunset Road in Limerick, Pennsylvania, the school is an 89,000 square foot combination one and two story structure. The project ran smoothly from beginning to end and has received many accolades since its completion. Below are two examples of recognition, from DLR Group and Spring-Ford Area School District.



**SMJ** Inc.

**Committed to Safety**



As part of our commitment to providing a safe work environment, all employees are certified with CPR and First Aid, Project supervisors are required to complete a 10-hour O.S.H.A. certification course.



Although SMJ has since expanded, we have maintained a strong focus on the root of our beginnings...  
**our Fire and Disaster Restoration Division.**

## Our Website – A Useful Tool

### Accomplishing tasks has never been easier

Our current website has become a very useful tool for subcontractors. They are able to access bid documents which include addendums, bulletins, SK drawings and extensions. Subcontractors can also request to be put on our bid list by submitting a prequalification form.

It's also a wonderful resource for the homeowner that has experienced a disaster and would like to research all of our capabilities. They are able to read testimonials of prior customers which speaks volumes about our quality of work and our commitment to getting you back in your home as quickly as possible.

Looking for work? We also have employment applications available online for your convenience. Fill one out today, we are busy and always looking for people with the right job skills and attitude!

**Visit us at [smjconstruction.com](http://smjconstruction.com) today!**

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A special thank you to the following area fire companies  
for their dedication and trust placed in SMJ, Inc.:

Phillies Fire Co. • Norco Fire Co. • North End Fire Co.  
Pottsgrove Fire Co. • Ringing Hill Fire Co.

## Recently Completed Projects

We are excited to report that all of our projects have been completed on time or ahead of schedule!

- Evans Elementary School
- 8th Grade Center in the Spring Ford School District
- Harleysville Nation Bank – The Flourtown Branch
- Public Works Building in Lower Moreland Township
- PMMC – Numerous Projects
- National Penn Bank – Numerous Projects



Completed project, Public Works Building in Lower Moreland Township.