



FEATURED PROJECT

Capital Seniors Housing of Glenview



Block Electric's successful completion this past May of the Capital Seniors Housing (CSH) Assisted Living Facility in Glenview has paved the way for the company to break ground and begin work on a second facility in Highland Park.

CSH of Glenview is an Assisted Living Facility with a Memory Care Wing for individuals facing the challenges of Alzheimer's disease, dementia and other types of memory care impairment. The facility features Studio, One Bedroom and Two Bedroom Apartments, as well as a restaurant, fitness center, sports lounge, physical therapy room, library and movie theatre.

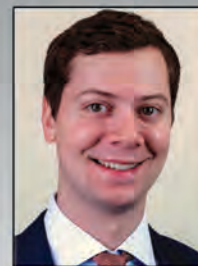
The building required a 3000A service with a

300kW backup generator located on the roof with card access, security, intercom and a wireless Nurse Call System and a Central Monitoring System on the Memory Care side.

Project Manager John Leyden, General Foreman Rick Madison and Foreman Nick Dickson led a crew of Block Electric workers, including Jesse Geiger and Brandon Gaddis (BIM Coordination) and Luke Simpson (Pre-Fabrication), and dealt with many owner revisions and late project changes. Despite the challenges they faced, they kept the 18 month project moving forward and on schedule.

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Vice President's Message



As we move into our Summer months, I'd like to look back on the progress we've made so far this year.

As you'll read about in this newsletter, we completed our first ever ground up senior living facility for Capital Seniors Housing. Overall, this project had its challenges, beginning with the preconstruction.

We typically haven't entered into much of a residential style construction market and this job was just that. Getting the estimate correct and executing with a budget at hand that we haven't seen before was not very comforting to say the least.

However, Project Manager John Leyden, General Foreman Rick Madison, Foreman Nick Dickson, and their crew did an outstanding job of adjusting to the conditions and thinking outside the box to help stay within our budget.

To overcome some of these challenges, Rick and his crew utilized a lot of prefab, including temporary power/lights, underground conduits, in-wall boxes, stub ups, and trim. In the end, they turned around a very successful project, which resulted in a delighted customer.

In fact, the management at Capital Seniors Housing in Glenview was so pleased with our work that they awarded us a second Capital Seniors Housing project in Highland Park.

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Vice President's Message

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The Capital Seniors Housing project in Highland Park has already broken ground and is almost identical to the Glenview facility.

Since the first quarter of this year, we have also added several significant size projects to our backlog. These jobs include a new Steppenwolf Theatre, Peoples Gas Central Shop, Morningside North Apartment Building (Life Safety improvements), Union Station Low Voltage system work, and Argonne National Labs Fire Alarm upgrades.

With as fast paced as the construction market is moving today, from code changes to technology, I don't want safety to take a back seat to productivity and completion. Job sites are becoming safer as we learn from our mistakes and implement new practices. However, we all must keep safety in the forefront of our minds and I can't stress this enough.

Safety is not someone else's responsibility; it's your responsibility. Safety is a culture and any one person's decision affects the entire company. That includes everything from the jobs we are able to bid and work on to making sure everyone goes home the same way they came to work. Do not forget to do your part and challenge yourself every day to make your job safer.

I hope everyone has a good and safe Summer.

— **SCOTT BLOCK**
Vice President, Block Electric



Spotlight On: Rick Madison GENERAL FOREMAN

Before beginning his career as an Electrician for Block Electric in 2000, General Forman Rick Madison was into the Automotive industry.

Rick became interested as an electrician from a friend who told him about the trade.

"The unique thing about being an electrician is that there are always challenges to deal with," said Rick.

Rick said the customer experience that he is most proud of is working with Jerry Martin at Shakespeare Theatre on the theatrical lighting system.

The most recent projects Rick worked on include Capital Seniors Housing of Glenview and the University of Chicago Lab School.

Rick grew up in Alsip, Illinois. He is married to his wife Kate and they have two children, Robert, 13 and Leah, 11.

"My family and I are currently dealing with a busy summer schedule ahead of us," Rick said, adding that when he is not busy he enjoys boating, music and traveling.

A fun fact about Rick that many people don't know is that he is in a band.



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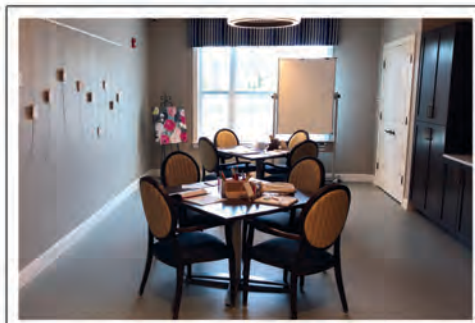
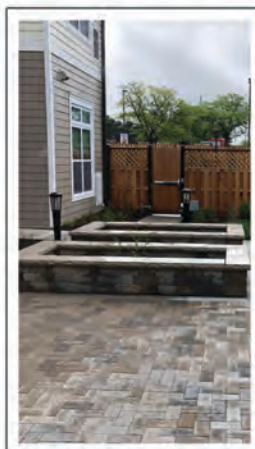
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Block was able to install a lot of systems below slab, which took a lot of pre-planning and coordination and was the difference in making this project successful.

"The General Contractor's Superintendent and project management team, along with the owners' rep, were extremely impressed with Rick and Nick's knowledge of the different systems and relied heavily on their opinions when taking on late project changes," Leyden said. "Rick, Nick and the other crew members did an outstanding job of keeping the job on schedule while attending to the many changes that were thrown at them."

The General Contractor for the project was Core Construction and the owner of the facility is Atria Senior Living Group. Block recently completed the renovation of an assisted living facility in Park Ridge in 2017 with this group and the strong working relationship they developed has led to the Highland Park project, which is a similar out of the ground assisted living project.

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Customer Delight

"I am the construction representative with USACE and I'm sure that you're not used to getting emails like this, but I feel it necessary. The work of Howie Ritter on the Hines Boiler Plant Project was well above average! I consider us all very lucky to have had Howie, with his knowledge and expertise, a part of this project. Howie is always calm and in control and very easy to work with! It was/is a challenging project and it is an understatement to say that without his participation, we would not have gotten to where we are. It would be a pleasure to work with Howie again and I will always be prepared to recommend Block Electric for any project that I will be a part of for the rest of my career! I look forward to that opportunity! Please let him know the appreciation the Corps of Engineers has for the high level of work that was performed."

Timothy R. Fox

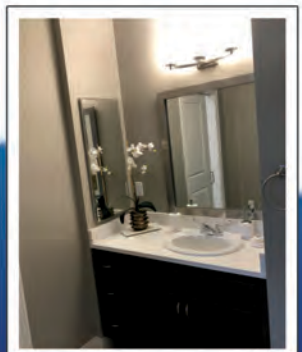
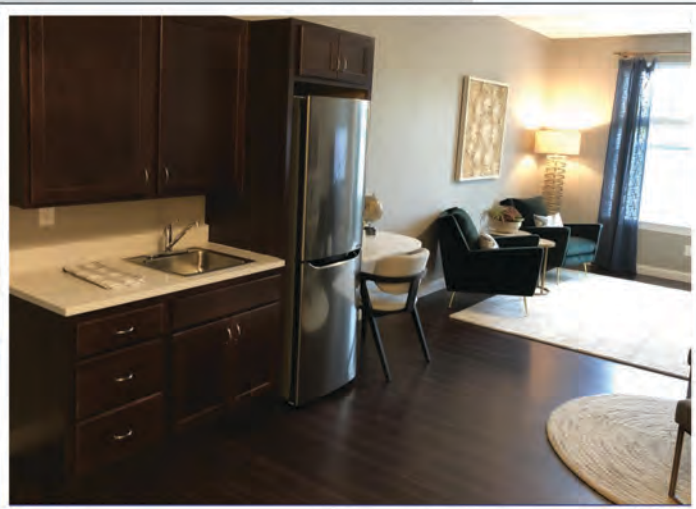
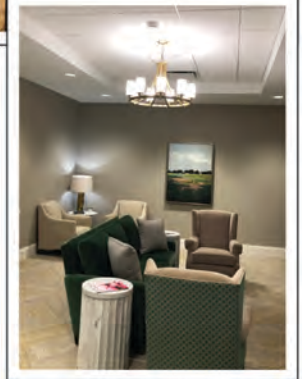
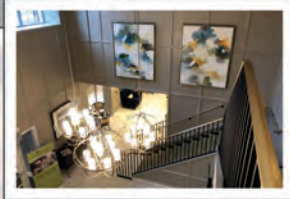
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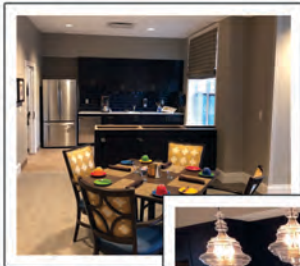
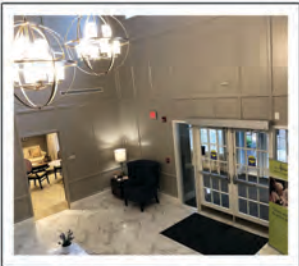
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Milestone Anniversaries

Block Employees Celebrate Milestone Anniversaries



Ronald Stefaniak



John Thatcher

Congratulations to the following employees who recently celebrated a milestone anniversary with Block Electric: Felix Dacpano celebrated 20 years on April 12; John Thatcher celebrated 20 years on April 23; Gerald Martin celebrated 25 years on April 28; Ronald Stefaniak celebrated 20 years on June 4; and Joseph Weiszhar celebrated 20 years on June 21.

Thank you for being part of our company's success over the years. We greatly appreciate and value your hard work and success. Happy Anniversary.

New Hires

Block Electric would like to welcome the following new employees to our team:

- Tristan Guzman, Truck Driver, Shorewood Office
- Mitchell Mahnke, Truck Driver, Shorewood Office
- Kim Schorr, Accountant, Shorewood Office.

New Journeymen

Congratulations to our new Journeymen:

- Kevin Kurdziel, who became a Journeyman on June 11, 2019.
- Kenneth Morrow, who became a Journeyman on June 11, 2019.

FOCUS ON SAFETY

The Little Things

by *SafetyTalkIdeas.com*

When planning work tasks for the day and addressing hazards it is easy to get caught up on the big hazards. We focus on issues such as falls from heights, electrocution, and chemical asphyxiation during a confined space entry when they are present.

While these hazards need to be taken serious and properly addressed, the bigger hazards can be responsible for taking almost all of the attention from the "little things".

When we say "the little things" we are referring to hazards such as a cord on the ground, a screw sticking out of a board, a slippery rung on the bottom of the ladder, or a hammer hanging off the top of a cabinet. These little issues can still pose great risk for injury to the employees working around them if they are not recognized and corrected.

The problem is we get used to seeing some of these little things around the worksite especially if there are bigger hazards at hand.

At some point though, one of these smaller

hazards may end up causing the next recordable injury on your worksite.

It is much more likely for a company to experience multiple trip incidents over a year's time that lead to injuries before they even have one fall from a height greater than six feet.

For example, according to the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, statistics show that 66% of falls happen on the same level resulting from slips and trips. The remaining 34% of falls occur from heights. An even smaller percentage of falls from that 34% occurs over six feet of height. Do you think more emphasis is placed on protecting 100 employees walking across a factory floor or one employee working at a height of over six feet?

The "little things" are the big things. While the big hazards need to be properly mitigated, we need to not lose focus on the small hazards. There is a much greater chance of a small hazard causing an injury or incident before a larger hazard causes a serious injury or a fatality.

Block Electric's Safety Policy

It is our policy to provide all employees with a safe, healthful, and hazard-free work place. The intent at all times is to comply with the provisions of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSHA).

Block Electric recognizes that accident prevention and efficient production are interrelated. We further recognize our responsibility to provide adequate training, safeguards and safety equipment for each employee. In turn each employee bears the responsibility to comply with all safety regulations and the use of required safety equipment. The safety and well being of our employees has been and will continue to be of primary importance.

Our EMR is .82 and our Contractor Score is 2390. Phil Casto is our safety director.

New Ideas Needed...Win A Visa Gift Card!

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We are looking for fresh and innovative ideas for new products, tools and ongoing prefab assemblies to feature in future issues of the Block Electric newsletter. In an effort to make our jobs run more efficiently, we are looking for your suggestions regarding which tools, materials, or pre-fab assemblies can be used in your day-to-day work to make your lives easier. There are no right or wrong answers. We're looking for any and all products and ideas to share with the team.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU? If your idea is featured in the Block Electric newsletter, you will receive up to a \$50.00 Visa gift card.

2019-2020 Block Electric Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our 2019-2020 Block Electric Scholarship Recipients. We wish you all the best of luck this year and in the future!



Melanie Jones.
Melanie
is attending
Eastern
Illinois
University.



Tiffany Kuta.
Tiffany
is attending
Arizona State
University.



William Kuta.
William
is attending
Iowa State
University.



Conner Quigley.
Conner
is attending
Bradley
University
in Peoria.



Zachary Van Dreese.
Zachary
is attending
University of
Wisconsin-
Madison.



Mark Vanderhyden.
Mark
is attending
University of
Michigan.

Eric Aponte. Eric will be attending the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Michael Monger. Michael will be attending Illinois State University.

Amanda Strege. Amanda will be attending University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Walk & Roll Chicago



Thank you for your participation and incredible fundraising efforts with Walk & Roll this year at Maggie Daley Park. Because of you, it was another great success. Block Electric raised over \$7,000 this year.

The American Cancer Society has been saving lives for more than 100 years.

Today, they are helping save more than 400 lives a day that would have otherwise been lost to cancer. The funds raised from Walk & Roll are helping to support life-saving research and local patient services for the American Cancer Society and the community members they serve. Without all of your support, this would not be possible.



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