



# Event Center Project Newsletter

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## We have come so far!

by Washington County Project Manager, Geoffrey Kavulya

As we approach the one year project anniversary since groundbreaking, we would like to acknowledge our Board of County Commissioners, City of Hillsboro officials, County leadership as well as other key stakeholders for taking time to visit the site late August to see firsthand what's happening on the project. We appreciate their insightful comments and vote of confidence with the project team.

As of end of August, we have 63-person crew working on various aspects of the project and so far, chalked up 18,000 person-hours with no injuries. As always, safety is a top priority and we do celebrate the fact the project site has remained safe since groundbreaking.

Additionally, leveraging the design concepts we shared at the June 25th work session and July 16th Board meeting, we have made substantial progress on the signage package for the newly named Wingspan Event and Conference Center. The signage package consists of plaza monument signs for Wingspan Event and Conference Center as well as Westside Commons, corner pylon sign at the intersection of NE Cornell Road and NE 34th Street, and building and parking signs. Key items under consideration include feasibility, size and placement, style, clarity, total signage square footage, unique perceptual identity, orientation cues, memorability and visual character. Equally important, we have engaged our signage sub-contractor to assist with constructability issues.

We are working collaboratively with City of Hillsboro to secure signage permit.

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September 2018 at the Groundbreaking.  
Right- the project as of August 30th, 2019



# Spotlight on....



## Team Spotlight: John Ciepiela Project Manager, Swinerton Builders

By LRS Staff

From Albuquerque, NM, John graduated from Gonzaga School of Engineering in 2010 and later with a Finance MBA from Gonzaga in 2011 while working part-time as a laborer. After graduation, John hired on with Kiewit Infrastructure West working as a field engineer and later became a superintendent. John worked with Kiewit on heavy civil and technical bridge projects such as the DFW Connector Interchange in Dallas, TX, the Honolulu Light Rail Project on Oahu, Hawaii, and the Tilikum Crossing in Portland, OR.



John Ciepiela.  
Project Manager  
Swinerton

John joined Swinerton's Portland, OR office in 2015. With Swinerton, John has been a superintendent and a project manager, helping the Swinerton team deliver projects such as the Ilani Casino and NW La Center Interchange, the First Tech Credit Union Corporate Office and later the First Tech Parking Structure on the same corporate campus in Hillsboro.

John and his wife enjoy most everything the Pacific Northwest has to offer: winter sports, wine country, the Portland food scene, river fun, golf, hiking, and cold craft beers. As a new father, all that has taken a back seat to his newborn daughter who arrived this summer. John now enjoys saving for his daughter's wedding.



Left- John and newborn daughter bonding over football season

The project has picked up momentum and is shaping up....



Site photo April, 2019



Site photo Early July, 2019

Site photo August 30, 2019



## Spotlight on...



Above: Members of The Wingspan Event and Conference Center Leadership team tour the project site

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On the marketing front, we expect to have development of the initial brochures by late September. This is happening concurrently with the Westside Commons website design. Marketing efforts as well as development of collateral materials and the web site for the Wingspan Event and Conference Center are in top gear. The project has generated a lot of interest from our partners, including the Washington County Visitors Association (WCVA) and regional hoteliers. We are working on comprehensive marketing strategies and benchmarks for Board of County Commissioners review in mid-September.

On the construction front, we are wrapping up asphaltting of the North parking lot and plan to reopen access to Westside Commons along NE 34th Street in the near future. The newly completed North lot will serve as a lay down area for the remainder of the project duration to pave way for South lot asphaltting. The first batch of glulams installations for areas A and B is currently underway. Mega trusses are scheduled to arrive by mid-September and joisting activities will commence immediately upon delivery. We expect to receive 15 semi-trailers worth of roofing material by mid-September. The goal is to enclose the building and secure it from weather elements by the end of October.

Last but not least, the project schedule is holding firm due to enthusiastic and participatory team collaboration.

## Team Spotlight: Rob Massar Consultant for Washington County

By Editorial Staff

Rob Massar recently retired from the position of Assistant Washington County Administrator which he held since 2008. Before joining Washington County, Rob was the Assistant City Manager with the City of Hillsboro.

His work with the Event Center and fairgrounds revitalization actually started with the City of Hillsboro when the agencies formed a task force to develop a Master Plan for the revitalization of the Fairgrounds. After a two-year Master planning process, the Events Center emerged as the cornerstone of the Master Plan.



As a former CPA, Rob's background in finance has been tapped to develop financing strategies and oversee the development many of the public buildings around Hillsboro including police, fire, parks, library and civic center buildings. Most recently, his skills were put to use with Washington County in developing a financing strategy and team to design and construct the Event Center. After retiring from the County, Rob formed an LLC and continues to work with the County on the Event Center project as a consultant.

Rob was born and raised in the Portland area and has many passions. For much of his life, he has played in rock bands as well as written and recorded music in his home studio; a passion that he hopes to continue in retirement. He is also planning to spend more time with his family and friends, as well as pursue new projects with his LLC.

-At work (above right) or at play (left) Rob has a passion for life!





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## Project Schedule

## Archive Issues:

[www.co.washington.or.us/Fair/washington-county-event-center.cfm](http://www.co.washington.or.us/Fair/washington-county-event-center.cfm)

WBS / Activity	Activity ID	Start	Finish
WCEC Milestone Schedule		4/30/2019 A	4/13/2020
◆ Foundations Complete	A1000	4/30/2019A	4/30/2019 A
◆ Area A SOG Complete	A1010	5/21/2019 A	5/21/2019 A
◆ Area B SOG Complete	A1020	6/5/2019	6/5/2019
◆ Area C SOG Complete	A1030	11/11/2019 A	11/11/2019 ...
◆ Area D SOG Complete	A1040	11/20/2019 A	11/20/2019 ...
◆ Start of Structural Steel	A1050	7/31/2019 A	7/31/2019 A
◆ Structural Steel Complete	A1060	10/14/2019 A	10/14/2019 ...
◆ Start of Mass Timber	A1070	8/30/2019 A	8/30/2019 A
◆ Mass Timber Complete	A1080	10/4/2019 A	10/4/2019 A
◆ Start of Roofing	A1090	10/1/2019 A	10/1/2019 A
◆ Roofing Complete	A1100	11/15/2019 A	11/15/2019 ...
◆ Start MEP Building Rough In	A1110	10/21/2019 A	10/21/2019 ..
◆ MEP Building Rough In Complete	A1120	3/23/2020 A	3/23/2020 A
◆ PGE Power Complete	A1130	3/2/2020 A	3/2/2020 A
◆ Start Solar Installation	A1140	11/19/2019 A	11/19/2019 ...
◆ Solar Installation Complete	A1150	1/27/2020 A	1/27/2020 A
◆ Start of Building Finishes	A1160	10/28/2019 A	10/28/2019 ...
◆ Building Finishes Complete	A1170	4/13/2020 A	4/13/2020 A
◆ Start of Landscape	A1180	10/9/2019 A	10/9/2019 A
◆ Landscape Complete	A1190	2/24/2020 A	2/24/2020 A



Watch the project:

<https://app.oxblue.com/open/washingtonco/eventcenter>