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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 26

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

SAM MINICK VISITS NASA



Here I am standing in front of the entry door for Jones Edmonds Engineers and Planners in Titusville, FL, for NASA. It's been quite an experience to get here.

In October 2007, I received an email from Lynne Munro, an engineer with the USA - Space Ops. USA Space Ops is the organization responsible for launching the space shuttles. Ms. Munro was inquiring about the availability of a certain river rock that needed to meet very strict specifications. The river rock would need to be very hard and shaped like a ball for use by NASA in the refurbishing of the space shuttle crawlerway. The stone installed 40 years ago was crushed from years of use and needed to be replaced. Oh, and by the way, they might need up to 45,000 tons!

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WEB LINKS

Our Website:

www.minickmaterials.com

Amereq, Inc.

www.amereq.com

Aquascape™:

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www.culturedstone.com

East West Stone

www.east-weststone.com

Rock-It Natural Stone

www.rock-itnaturalstone.com

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NEW!

DON'T FORGET!
MINICK MATERIALS'
ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009
10AM-2PM
GAMES, GIVEAWAYS, EXPERTS, FOOD & FUN
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

GIANT RED TAG SALE

NOW IN PROGRESS AT BOTH LOCATIONS
Don't Miss It!

10 QUICK LANDSCAPE FIXES

Lawn and garden chores can often exceed the time we have to get them done. Some of these ideas can be done in a few minutes, others take a little longer. In addition to the obvious chores such as mowing, pruning, trimming, edging and raking:

1. Remove leaves and sticks. A chipper/shredder can convert most small lawn debris to usable mulch or compost.
2. Prune dead or diseased limbs from trees and shrubs. Deadhead or remove spent annuals.
3. Clean up any edging that has started to look ragged from contact with mower blades or encroaching turf grass. A power edger can quickly create clean lines.
4. Wash the driveway. Seal an asphalt drive if needed and if you have time. Concrete drives can be sealed, patched or cleaned also.
5. Clean the house itself, including brick or siding that are mildewed and areas of the foundation where rain may have splashed up mud. A pressure washer can make quick work of a cleaning job. Make sure you use the proper nozzle to avoid damaging siding. Clean gutters and downspouts, too (inside and out).
6. Add a new layer of mulch to the planting beds and paths. For an even quicker fix, stir up existing mulch to make it look fresh.
7. Add containers with in-season flowering or foliage plants. These will help to draw the eye away from the spots you'd rather not have people looking at.
8. Clean and seal your deck, especially if your gathering will take place outdoors.
9. Install low voltage lighting for security and to highlight your home's best features.
10. Build simple enclosures for the "service" areas such as trashcans and utilities. Lattice or fence panels can be installed relatively quickly.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bryan M., September 9

Kyle, S., September 9

Larry P., September 9

COMPLETED JOBS

RESIDENTIAL

"Minick Materials' willingness to look for and provide the stone we desired was a key component to the success of our dream home. The personal service and assistance we received from them was refreshing and very much appreciated."

Marc S.



This customer designed their own "Sky Mix" blend for their home. They also used Sugarloaf Super Slabs for the patio and Brown Hackett Beams for the posts.



COMMERCIAL

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED SWADLEY'S BARBEQUE RESTAURANT



Austin Sawn Thin Stone Veneer



Pinion Construction used approximately 1100 square feet of Austin Sawn Thin Stone Veneer on the new Swadley's Restaurant, located at Rockwell & Wilshire.

Visits NASA Continued....

We promptly sent samples of several different stones we thought would meet NASA's guidelines. Of the five samples we sent, only two met the specs. One of the requirements was that the stone had to be greater than "7" on the Mohs scale of hardness. Diamonds are the hardest material on the earth at a "10". One of our specimens, Salida River Rock, actually tested at greater than "9" on the scale. Salida River Rock, a granite, is not really a river rock; it is actually a "Glacier Till", meaning that it is rounded by being rolled by a "river" of ice. We knew Salida, would be available in the quantities that NASA needed.

Lynne Monroe was happy that she had found an alternative to the material that had been used before. She said she did not know when the job would take place but predicted it would be soon.

Now, one and half years later, we get a call from another engineer with Jones Edmonds, Loren Holman. She said she was working on planning the refurbishment of the crawlerway, and was told that we had a stone that would meet the specs that NASA had created. We were excited, of course.

Arrangements were made for a meeting so I could get a better picture how we could meet their needs. In July, I met with Loren Holman and another project engineer about the crawlerway refurbishment project at the John F. Kennedy Space Center. We spoke about the availability of the stone and NASA's requirements for Minick Materials to become a supplier.

I am amazed and honored for what the Lord has done for our company, and how far we have come since 1958.

After our meeting, I took my family on a tour of the space center. What a dream, shipping stone to the Kennedy Space center!

Contributed by Sam Minick

