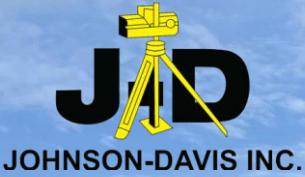


# Pipeline Connection



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Growing up, I am sure you remember getting report cards that marked your progress during each year of school. As my number of President's Messages approach the end, I thought it would be a good idea to grade our progress at Johnson-Davis Inc.!

To receive an "A" from our customers and project owners, we need to be:  
Competitive, safe, neat, dependable, resourceful, compromising

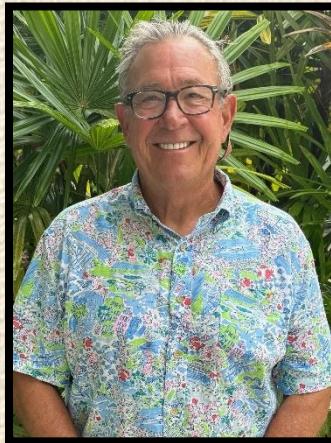
To receive an "A" from our material suppliers, subcontractors, and business partners, we need to be:

Fair, timely, trustworthy, transparent

To receive an "A" from our workforce, we need to be:  
Fair, respectful, sharing, strong, protective

To receive an "A" from our friends and family, we need to be:  
Thoughtful, solid, caring, dependable

Whatever category you find yourself or your company, I hope we have met or exceeded your expectations. Please feel free to contact me at [Sjohnson@johnsondavis.com](mailto:Sjohnson@johnsondavis.com) with any constructive suggestions you may have. Have a safe and healthy summer and hope our homes, business locations, and jobsites are spared from this hurricane season.



Scott Johnson

Pictured on cover: Jacky Henrisme (foreman) and crew installing a new drainage system for Pompano Air Park  
Prime Contractor: Ranger Construction Industries  
Superintendent: Mike Alvarez

# Project Spotlight: Unit 5 Vista Parkway South Culvert Replacement

By: Colby Perry

North Palm Beach County Improvement District opened public bids for Unit 5 Vista Parkway South Culvert Replacement in January 2023. Due to budget constraints, Johnson-Davis Inc. was awarded a scaled back version of the bid as the prime contractor. The scope of work was to install 126 LF of 63" HDPE slipline, three 4'x8' J box storm manholes, and roughly 650 LF of 66" RCP. The project's location was from a control structure on the west side of N. Jog Rd, across Vista Parkway South, and into the property line of Emerald Dunes Golf Course.

The existing conditions of the corrugated metal pipe were unknown. This presented some concerns and challenges. The 96" run of pipe under N. Jog Rd was to be sliplined with 63" HDPE. Due to the existing 96" CMP being three quarters of the way full of debris and silt, worries of pipe failure while cleaning started to arise. After subcontractor Shenandoah General Construction LLC finished cleaning, the existing pipe was unexpectedly in safer condition than feared to be. Johnson-Davis and Shenandoah worked together safely under N. Jog Road and the slip lining was a success.

The next portion of work involved setting the structures, installing the 66" of reinforced concrete pipe, and connecting into the existing pipe in Emerald Dunes Golf Course. There was a big concern about being able to dewater and get the trench dry. Foreman Chescal Ceance and his crew installed wellpoints on each side of the trench, which allowed Johnson Davis to work in the dry. The crew was able to make up for lost time and installed twice as much 66" RCP a day than anticipated. When approaching the tie in on the existing 96" CMP on the golf course, the condition of the pipe was so poor that it failed. Johnson Davis and North Palm Beach County Improvement District faced a unexpected hurdle on what the next step would be to complete this project.

Johnson-Davis Inc. and NPBCID negotiated the additional required work to a contract amount less then the original bid. The plan was to replace the existing pipe on Emerald Dune's property line to the outfall in their lake. The issue with this was that the failed pipe could not hold a plug to hold back the water from the lake. Superintendent Rich Heller III came up with building a coffer dam with steel sheeting around the outfall of the pipe in the lake. This quick thinking allowed Johnson-Davis to pump down the existing pipe and remove it. Due to the tight area restrictions, additional sheeting was needed to shore up a safe trench for installation of a new outfall. An 8' round structure was installed and 200 LF of 63" HDPE was laid.

Currently, we are in the final restoration phase of the project. Even with the additional work and added challenges, we are on track to finish this project before the allotted substantial completion. This project has been a learning curve of the unexpected and I am proud to be a part of it.



Owner: North Palm Beach Improvement District  
Prime Contractor: Johnson-Davis Inc.

Superintendent: Rich Heller III

Project Manager: Colby Perry

Estimators: Scott Johnson and James Amsler

Major Suppliers and Subcontractors:

Concrete Products of Palm Beaches, Rinker Materials, ISCO Industries, Shenandoah General Construction LLC, J.W. Cheatham LLC, Underwater Engineering Services, Inc., Meever USA

# Project Spotlight: Lawrence Road

By: Chad Rawlinson

In the summer of 2023, Johnson-Davis Inc. received a subcontract from Bergeron Land Development for the Lawrence Road project in central Palm Beach County.

We were contracted to install approximately 5200 linear feet of drainage pipe, relocate a force main, and carry out several utility adjustments along Lawrence Road. Additionally, we installed two 72" straight endwalls at LWDD's L-16 canal as well as the installation of one 54" straight endwall.

Due to staffing issues, Norm Weaver came out of retirement to coordinate the field operation. Norm handled most of the utility tie-ins at each of the intersecting roads connecting to Lawrence Road. Norm retired for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and the baton was then passed onto superintendent, Joe Bagford, who supervised the crucial shut down of Lawrence Road installing 72" RCP across the road at the L-16 canal.

Johnson-Davis is currently completing most of the work on Lawrence Road as well as the drainage work out on Lantana Road and looks forward to a continued working relationship with Bergeron Land Development, Inc., Palm Beach County Engineering, and Lake Clarke Utilities.



Owner: Palm Beach County Engineering  
Prime Contractor: Bergeron Land Development  
Superintendent: Joe Bagford  
Project Manager: Chad Rawlinson  
Estimators: Chris Johnson and Jim Amsler  
Design Engineer: AECOM/ARCADIS  
Major Suppliers and Subcontractors:  
Utility Supply Associates, Core & Main, All-American  
Pre-Cast, Rinker Materials, White Rock Quarries, Star  
Quarries, Florida Aggregate Trucking, Austin Tupler  
Trucking, Rangeline, Underwater Engineering Services,  
Inc.

# Some Current and Upcoming Projects

<u>Job #</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Prime Contractor</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
62037	The Hangar Bravo	Sabatello Construction of Florida, Inc.	The Hangar Bravo LLC	May 2024
42111	SR 706 E4W59	Mastec Civil	FDOT	April 2024
42135	Midway Road T-4570	Halley Engineering Contractors	FDOT	June 2024
32155	Hollywood Streetscape Phase 4	Burkhardt Construction	City of Hollywood	July 2024
52157	Oceanique Drainage Improvement	Johnson-Davis Inc.	FDOT District 4	August 2024
62164	Three Lake Golf Club Offsite Utilities	Johnson-Davis Inc.	Apogee Club	June 2024



Above: Rehabilitation of the existing drain system throughout Quail Ridge Country Club  
Prime Contractor: NMP Golf Construction Corp  
Superintendent: Mike Alvarez  
Foreman: Jacky Henrisme

# Employee Service Recognition



**Antonio Samuel**  
**35 years**  
Antonio started as a skilled laborer in the summer of 1989 and has been a dependable skilled pipelayer for most of his thirty five years at Johnson-Davis. Thank you for your years of service.



**Vincent Carr**  
**30 years**  
Vincent started as a laborer in the spring of 1994 and over his 30 years at Johnson-Davis, he has filled roles as tailman and pipelayer. Most recently he has been assigned to a backup crew using his experience to punchout and final out our projects. Thirty years is an impressive record!



**Odilon Hernandez**  
**30 years**  
“Odie”, as he is known, came onboard in December 1994 and quickly advanced from a skilled laborer to pipelayer to an experienced mainline crew foreman. His specialty is tackling difficult gravity sewer and large diameter storm drain projects within the right of way. He has done well during his career!



**Siegfried Parkinson**  
**25 years**  
“Pete” started at Johnson-Davis in June of 1999 as a qualified equipment operator. Over time, Pete has become a “go-to” backhoe operator willing to travel to remote jobsites. Thank you for 25 years.



**Tranquilino Velasquez**  
**25 years**  
“Trankie” came to Johnson-Davis in October of 1999 as a skilled laborer. His hard work and dedication has advanced him to a high-level pipelayer on a mainline crew. Thank you for your 25 years.



**Jose Rene Hernandez**  
**20 years**  
Rene came onboard in June 2004 as a pipelayer and has advanced to a top-of- the-line mainline crew foreman. Known for his ability to train entry-level employees, Rene is being counted on to help increase our field crew “headcount.

# Employee Service Recognition



## Gregory Pinder

### 20 years

Pinder arrived at J-D in April 2004 as a qualified loader operator. In the past 20 years, he has sharpened his skills to become one of the most talented operators at J-D. Recipient of several awards in the past several years for operator excellence, we hope that you use your talents to help train younger employees advance as you have at J-D. Thanks Gregory.



## Pablo Fernandez

### 10 years

Pablo rejoined J-D in 2014 and quickly advanced to an "A" level mainline foreman. Over the years, Pablo has developed into an excellent mentor and trainer for advancing newly hired or inexperienced workers. Thank you for your 10 years at J-D.



## Pedro Morales

### 10 years

Hired as a skilled laborer in January of 2014, Pedro has advanced to a pipelayer in his short career at Johnson-Davis. Opportunities and future advancement are always available!



## Eloy Morales

### 10 years

Eloy came onboard in the summer of 2014. Hired as a skilled laborer, opportunities became available and Eloy advanced to loader operator and is a very valuable member of the mainline pipe crew. We hope future advancement is on the horizon for your 15-year anniversary!



## James Amsler

### 5 years

Hired in the spring of 2019, Jim has become a very valuable part of our estimating team. Jim has progressed from performing take offs to now putting together municipal projects working along side the most seasoned members of his team. Outside of work, Jim leads the NUCA of South Florida Worker Training Task Force and is active in the charity, Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Thank you Jim.

# Employee Service Recognition



## Roger Arnold

### 5 years

Roger started at J-D in the summer of 2019 as a mainline crew foreman. Opportunities presented themselves and he was promoted to backup crew superintendent. He gained traction in this position but was moved to superintendent to plug some gaps that had developed. In the past 2 years, Roger has worked well in his role as superintendent.



## Chuck Cameron

### 5 years

Hired in 2019 as a project manager, Chuck has risen to be the senior PM acting as our "construction manager" charged with leading our group of 8 PMs. Additionally, Chuck is a member of the senior management team. In his position, the future will always be challenging but expectations of success are high!



## Ronald Cravens

### 5 years

Ron rejoined J-D in November of 2019 as our IT Manager. Initially employed at J-D in the early 2000's, Ron worked on pipe crews and was a backup crew leader before leaving to attend college. His college training and employment primarily with the City of WPB, provided valuable experience for Ron to advance to his position.



## Juan Cuadrado del Valle

### 5 years

Hired in the summer of 2019, Juan has risen to the top of the excavator operator classification. His ability to work with all foreman and on remote jobsites gives him added value to Johnson-Davis Inc.

# Employee Service Recognition



## Dawn Celona

### 5 years

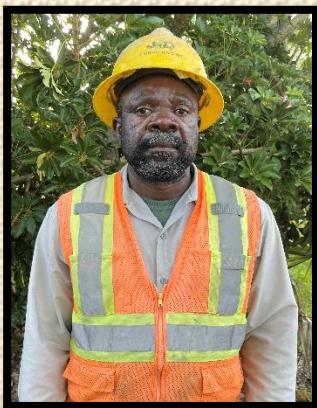
Dawn came onboard in the early part of 2019 as an administrative assistant. Her hardwork and organization skills has allowed her to advance to her current position of assistant project manager. If you ask our PMs about Dawn, everyone of them would praise her skills and persistence!



## Jackens Henrisme

### 5 years

Jackens started as an entry-level laborer in the summer of 2019. Through his hardwork, he has advanced to the skilled level. With opportunities available, advancement is a sure thing for Jackens in the future. We look forward to your next five years.



## Gerome Julceus

### 5 years

Hired in early 2019 as an entry-level laborer, Gerome has advanced to the skilled level. Tailman and pipelayer opportunities are available as you gain experience in our industry! Keep it up!



## Obens Saint Pierre

### 5 years

Obens started as a semi-skilled laborer in August 2019. Since his hire, he has risen through the ranks to become a skilled tailman on a mainline pipecrew. We look forward to your continued progression.



## Angel Ruiz

### 5 years

Hired in the summer of 2019 as an entry-level skilled laborer, Angel has developed into a very capable skilled laborer on a mainline crew. Opportunities for advancement are available. We hope to see you climbing the ladder of success in the next 5 years.



## Jeslie Santiago

### 5 years

Jeslie came to work at J-D in the summer of 2019. In his 5 years with our company, he has advanced to the highest skill level for wheel loader operators. Advancement opportunities are available. Keep up the good work!

# Johnson – Davis Inc. Annual Company Picnic

By: Patricia E. Bastidas



With Super Bowl LVIII having recently concluded, football was still on our minds. Johnson-Davis Inc. brought their game to Halpatiokee Regional Park on Saturday, February 17, 2024 for a football-themed day of fun with friends and family.

After welcoming everyone to the festivities, Scott Johnson and Clark Cryer congratulated employees celebrating an employment milestone. Some of these individuals have been with J-D as long as 35 years! (See pages 6 – 9 to learn more about them.)

Though there was a threat of being rained out, Mother Nature, provided us with great weather allowing everyone to enjoy the activities, a BBQ lunch, music, a softball game, and everyone's favorite – the ice cream truck.

Remaining true to our core values, all remaining food was donated to Love and Hope In Action, a local food bank in the area,. We're happy to have contributed to their mission and assist those in the community. Thank you to all who attended and assisted in the planning of this event. You all helped make this a wonderful day!



# Johnson – Davis Inc. Annual Company Picnic



# Johnson-Davis Inc. In The Community: Workforce Development Initiative

By: Jim Amsler

Johnson-Davis had three employees volunteer their time to help with the first ever Underground Construction Course that was created by the NUCA of South Florida Workforce Development Committee. The course was created to inform and educate the public about our industry and the career paths available to those who are ready to work for it.

Rich Heller III (superintendent) taught the students about the installation of drainage and drainage structures, Rich Heller, Jr. (general superintendent) taught the students about the installation of sewer main and sewer manholes, and Jim Amsler (estimator) taught the parts and fittings class that deals with the materials used in our industry.

In addition to J-D employees teaching, there was also a J-D employee amongst the students. Bid coordinator, Melissa Trejo, said, "Being new to the industry, this course provided me with a greater understanding of what we do at Johnson-Davis. I'm happy to have had the opportunity to participate."

Congratulations to all the program graduates. We look forward to helping again with the Underground Construction Course when the nine-week course starts again in August.



Above: Johnna Venuti-Pigge, Executive Director - NUCA of South FL, (fourth from right) with the graduating class

# In Memoriam

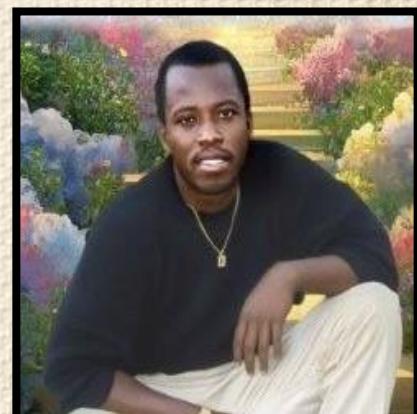
Our hearts are saddened by the passing of our friends and co-workers.  
They will be greatly missed and remembered with fondness.



*Edward Feliciano  
Driver  
1996 - 2023*



*Kechener Philemons  
Laborer  
2012 - 2024*



*Ernst Turenne  
Laborer  
2010 - 2023*



# **Safety Scoop**

## **Heat Stress Awareness**

By: Rudy Chamorro, CSP Safety Director

What is heat stress? Heat stress occurs when the body cannot get rid of excess heat. When this happens, the body's core temperature rises and the heart rate increases. As the body continues to store heat, the person begins to lose concentration and has difficulty focusing on a task, may become irritable or sick, and often loses the desire to stay hydrated. The next stage is most often fainting and even death if the person is not cooled down.

Factors that contribute to heat stress are high air temperatures, radiant heat sources, high humidity, direct physical contact with hot objects, and strenuous physical activities. Workers who are exposed to extreme heat or work in hot environments may be at risk of heat stress. Exposure to extreme heat can result in occupational illnesses and injuries. Heat stress can result in heat stroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps, or heat rashes. Heat can also increase the risk of injuries in workers as it may result in sweaty palms, fogged-up safety glasses, and dizziness.

Heat stress is something everyone should be aware of, particularly during the summer months. Workers at greater risk of heat stress include those who are 65 years of age or older, are overweight, have heart disease or high blood pressure, or take medications that may be affected by extreme heat. Prevention of heat stress in workers is important. Johnson-Davis provides training to workers so they understand what heat stress is, how it affects their health and safety, and how it can be prevented.

Keep yourself and those around you safe from heat stress by staying hydrated (drink water or anything that contains electrolytes such as Gatorade) and wearing a shade (chill it) brim on your hardhat. If you or someone around you is feeling faint, immediately seek shade, hydrate, monitor symptoms and report it to me.

**“Your safety is our concern”**



Above: Rene Hernandez (foreman) and his crew. Pictured left to right: Miguel Palma, Moises Molina, Ramon Castro Flores, Jeslie Santiago, Rene Hernandez, Nerge Pierre Louis, Miguel Bonano, Austin Chiara

# **Johnson-Davis Inc. Scholarship**

Congratulations to our 2024 scholarship winners, Brenda Henrisme and Juliana Rosina.

Brenda is a recent high school graduate and will be attending Palm Beach State College in the fall and is interested in their nursing program. While in high school, she was active in the student council and participated in the Navy ROTC program.

Juliana will be a sophomore this fall at Florida State University and is pursuing a degree in biological sciences. She was recognized as Member of the Month by the National Honor Society and has been a member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America).



Brenda Henrisme



Juliana Rosina

## **Employee Spotlight**

Since our last Pipeline Connection, there's been exciting news from some of our employees. Please join us in congratulating all of the families. We wish them all the best.

- Michael Llewellyn, shop manager, and his wife became 1<sup>st</sup> time grandparents to a baby girl, Thea Grace Llewellyn Maduforo.
- Edric Martin, superintendent, and his wife also became 1<sup>st</sup> time grandparents to a baby girl, Derricka Martin.
- Anthony Vazquez, back up crew leader, and his wife welcomed their 2<sup>nd</sup> child, Levi Anthony Vazquez. With the arrival, their daughter graduates to "big sister" status.
- Emma Pfaffenberger, daughter to Walter Pfaffenberger, project manager, graduated high school and will be attending the honors program at Rollins College this fall.

## The Last Word

I hope you have enjoyed this issue of "Pipeline Connection". As a company, we are proud of this fine publication. I'd like to thank the contributors and staff members for another great issue.

To our employees, suppliers, and subcontractors, thank you for all your hard work. To our customers, thank you for the opportunities provided. To our friends and families, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Scott



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