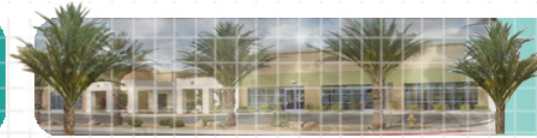


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## The Green Scene

*"Easy Ways to Be Green"*  
by Gary Guy Wilson, AIA, LEED AP

**1. Reduce Water Consumption and Save:** Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving can save more than 200 gallons of water per month. Try conserving these ways, too ...

- **Take short showers...** wet down, turn off, soap up, turn on, rinse off...
- **Use tap water** instead of bottled water... save...
- **Install faucet aerators...** save...
- **Use Cold water** to wash clothes... save...
- **Fix Faucet Leaks...** a faucet that leaks one drip per second can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water each year. A leaky toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water every day. To check for a toilet leak, place a drop of food coloring in the tank; if the color appears in the bowl without flushing, you have a leak. To find and fix air leaks, ENERGY STAR offers a free guide. (Source: U.S. EPA)

**2. Reduce Electricity Consumption and Save:**

- **Turn off the lights** when leaving a room... Or add a timer switch...
- **Unplug Unused Electronics** A cell phone charger consumes electricity even when a phone isn't connected. In the average home, 25% of the electricity used to power home electronics is consumed while the products are turned off. To stop "phantom loads" when devices are not in use, unplug them or connect them to power strips, which can then be turned off.
- **Install a programmable thermostat** in your home, and put lock boxes on the thermostats in your building with someone designated to be in charge of operating the system. And/or install a programmable system.
- **Look For The ENERGY STAR Label** This means certain energy efficiency standards are met Home appliances, electronics, windows, and roofing are just a few products that qualify. Check the manual or box, or speak to a salesperson to see if it is ENERGY STAR compliant. In 2006, these products helped US consumers save an estimated \$14 billion on utility bills. There are also rebates and federal tax credits available for some ENERGY STAR products. (Source: ENERGY STAR).

Think about this... This is wonderful time to go green... Retrofit your home... Retrofit your commercial buildings... This a wonderful time to go green. WHY? Because construction costs are probably as low as they will ever be. And, energy cost keep rising. In a time of hard economics, you can help yourself to cost savings in energy and water costs by making your home or your building more efficient. Email or call for a survey and report on your property to evaluate your potential savings...



## SPOTLIGHT Paul Faulkner, Sr.

Few clients can claim a professional relationship with GGWArchitects, exceeding 3 decades. Paul T. Faulkner, Sr., President of A.F. Construction, can.

Originally from New York City, Paul came to Las Vegas in 1972 after working in the Syracuse-Utica area of New York. He was drawn to Las Vegas for the construction opportunities. In 1978, Paul partnered with the late William V. (Bill) Ainsworth to form A.F. Construction. Bill passed away in 1991. Today, Paul interacts daily with Shawn Goecke, Operations Manager for A.F. Construction.

The firm has handled a wide variety of projects in 32 years, including casinos and hotels, theme parks, restaurants, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, convention centers, and universities.

It was at the Circus-Circus Hotel/Casino, in the 1970's, where Architect Gary Guy Wilson, as the Project Architect, first met Paul. A.F. Construction was successfully selected as the contractor for the high-rise hotel and expansion of the Convention Center area and food service buffets, the remodel of the casino midway areas and new front Porté Cochere (main front entry).

Their paths crossed again, soon after, in Laughlin, Nevada for the Edgewater Hotel/Casino expansion, which included additional rooms. In the mid 1990's, A.F. Construction won the bid as builder for the modernization at Clark High School, a GGWArchitects project. Now, in 2010, GGWArchitects and A.F. Construction are joining forces on the Luxor Hotel/Casino for repairs and a remodel of the interior. Bruce Sedicek is the assigned Project Manager for A.F. Construction.

Becoming a thriving force in Southern Nevada's construction industry isn't Paul Faulkner's only claim to fame. While on the University of Rhode Island football team, the Rams, Paul earned All-Conference and All-New England honors. Paul was inducted into the University of Rhode Island's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992. It should be noted he played for the NFL's Buffalo Bills after college graduation.

In addition to his career, Paul devotes time to his wife, Karen, his 3 children, and 8 grandchildren. In fact, his son, Paul, Jr. is the Vice President of A.F. Construction; and his daughter, Susan Goecke Faulkner, is Treasurer. It makes for a nice balance of career and family.

Architect Wilson appreciates the respect he and Paul share for each other's skills and knowledge. "I have known Paul a long time, and I have always found him to be a gentleman, as well as an astute businessman." Architect Wilson is quick to point out that Paul is also a golfer, and he looks forward to meeting Paul on the golf course some day soon.

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