Snow Kidding:
Expect Slower Storm Recovery During Winter of `14

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The heavy construction industry’s prompt and effective response to the first snowstorm of the winter may not be a forecast of things to come when the next nor’easter pounds ashore.

After Superstorm Sandy, many members of the Long Island Contractors’ Association (LICA) dodged downed trees and power lines to start our recovery process. What followed, however, was that much of the major recovery work was assigned by the federal government to out-of-state firms whose crews don’t own homes on Long Island, don’t pay taxes and couldn’t wait to cross the Hudson and cash their checks.

All of this came at a time when Long Island’s heavy construction industry has been allowed to waste away by a continuing refusal to invest in public infrastructure. As a result, there is not a single Long Island construction company that hasn’t reduced its employee workforce or sold off equipment.

During the first winter storm of this season, LICA’s members were able to put people and equipment on the road because they knew they were dealing with municipalities that recognize the value of local companies competent to move snow and are capable of dispatching payloaders to where they are needed most.

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But make no mistake: There are fewer companies, employees and assets capable of shoveling out the Island, because that’s not what these firms depend upon for their livelihoods.

**Billy Duffy, president of Local 138 of the International Union of Operating Engineers**, has told us, “There is a broader fundamental question facing our elected officials, who set funding policies for infrastructure. Without dollars for roads and similar public works, our local heavy construction industry is going to disappear over time.”

The long-term impact will create far slower storm recovery times. Long Island will need to depend on whatever equipment local municipalities have available, or those national firms who arrive days after a storm, after plowing their way along the LIE.

Either way, the sustained government policy of pulling back from infrastructure spending continues to come with a cost – one that takes a major snowstorm to fully reveal.

**LICA Executive Director Addresses MTA Board at LIRR Double Track Hearing**

**LICA’s Executive Director Marc Herbst** made the case for the LIRR’s Double Track project before members of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) board of directors last week, reinforcing the need for investment in our region’s mass transit infrastructure.

Herbst’s testimony put on the record the following remarks:

Long Island has followed the route of the Dashing Dan for over a century.

From its earliest days the Long Island Rail Road has defined the Island. It played a transformative role in the early 20th Century, turning us from a modest agricultural community into a growing suburb. And with each improvement, addition and expansion, the railroad has allowed Long Island to become a full partner in New York State’s economy.

Now with the Double Track proposal before you, the MTA has the means to continue this progressive direction of economic growth and job creation through the building of a strategically important mass transit infrastructure.

Studies have been done, exhaustive analysis has been presented and years of research continue to demonstrate that transportation infrastructure provides the best possible rate of return for the taxpayer.

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As the trade association that represents the men and women who compete to do this work we know first hand what a project of this size can do for the economy, job creation and the environment.

LICA also recognizes what a double track improvement will do for the Rail Road’s Main Line. It will allow it to become an essential part of the transportation infrastructure required for the 21st Century - connecting a growing portion of Long Island to Manhattan. In repeated meetings Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) President Helena Williams has made it clear that this project will help define the railroad’s future almost as much as East Side Access.

It’s that important.

And we recognize that there will be immediate benefits from Double Track that include expanding the number of reverse commuters, opportunities for better rail connections to MacArthur Airport, and creating a genuine Route 110 employment corridor with access to mass transit.

Much like the railroad’s arrival over 100 years ago, Double Track will allow the LIRR to continue its role as a positive, transformative force.

On behalf of the multi-billion dollar heavy construction industry – permit me to offer our endorsement and support.
# LICA’s 2014 Calendar of Events

With the New Year just days away, LICA wants to make sure our members and industry partners mark their calendars with important events coming up in 2014:

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| Friday, January 10, 2014      | 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | LICA SAFETY SEMINAR  
UPSKY Long Island Hotel, Hauppauge |
| Monday, January 20, 2014      |                   | MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
Holiday* |
| Tuesday, February 11, 2014    | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  | LICA BOARD MEETING |
| Monday, February 17, 2014     |                   | PRESIDENTS’ DAY  
Holiday* |
| Tuesday-Saturday, March 4-8, 2014 |                 | AGC 95th ANNUAL CONVENTION  
Las Vegas, NV  
[http://conexpo.agc.org/index.cfm](http://conexpo.agc.org/index.cfm) |
| Friday, March 14, 2014        | 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.  | LICA NEW YORK STATE INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT  
Fox Hollow, Woodbury |
| Tuesday, April 15, 2014       | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  | LICA BOARD MEETING |
| Sunday, April 20, 2014        |                   | EASTER |
| Monday, May 5, 2014           |                   | LICA GOLF OUTING  
Huntington Crescent Club (Hosted)  
& Huntington Country Club |
| Monday, May 26, 2014          |                   | MEMORIAL DAY  
Holiday* |
| Tuesday, June 10, 2014        | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  | LICA BOARD MEETING |
| Thursday, June 12, 2014       | 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.   | LICA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & DINNER  
The Venetian Yacht Club, Babylon |
| Friday, July 4, 2014          |                   | INDEPENDENCE DAY  
Holiday* |
| Tuesday, August 12, 2014      | 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  | LICA BOARD MEETING |
| Monday, September 1, 2014     |                   | LABOR DAY  
Holiday* |
| Friday, September 19, 2014    | 8:00-10:00 a.m.    | LICA NASSAU/SUFFOLK BUDGET BREAKFAST  
Huntington Hilton |
Register Now for LICA’s 2014 Safety Seminar

Protecting the job site as a safe working environment for our respective employees remains one of our most important responsibilities, and the annual LICA Safety Seminar scheduled after the New Year allows our members to meet that challenge.

LICA members will be presented with the latest news, techniques and information during this innovative safety training program. LICA has secured the services of our national affiliate organization, the American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to present a new and insightful program.

LICA’s 2014 seminar will be held on Friday, January 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the UPSKY Long Island Hotel, 110 Motor Parkway in Hauppauge.

To register, please click here for the seminar announcement and registration form and fax to 631-231-4291 or e-mail your attendance confirmation to LICA’s Manager of Communications Michelle Giametta at mgiametta@licanys.org.

Registration is free to LICA members, a benefit of your annual dues. There is a nominal fee of $20 to non-members to cover food costs.
GCA Hosts Conference on Future of NY’s Infrastructure

LICA’s sister organization, the General Contractors Association of New York (GCA) invites you to a conference on the future of New York’s infrastructure, Monday, January 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Fordham University Lincoln Center Campus, New York, NY.

Speakers will include Richard Ravitch, former New York State Lieutenant Governor and MTA Chairman; MaryAnne Gilmartin, president & CEO of Forest City Ratner Companies; Patrick Foye, executive director of the Port Authority of NY & NJ; Kathy Wylde, president & CEO of Partnership for New York; and many others.

Breakfast will be served! To learn more about this event and register, please click here. For more information please contact Rosemarie Clendening via email at rclendening@gcany.net or by phone at 212-687-3131. To view the full schedule of events, click here.

CFMA Hosts 6th Annual Dinner Gala with Proceeds to Benefit CFK

The Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) is hosting their 6th Annual Dinner Gala to benefit Contractors for Kids (CFK) on Wednesday, January 15th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

As the CFMA’s 2010 Construction Executive of the Year, LICA’s Executive Director Marc Herbst is asking you to support this year’s honoree, Lawrence Roman, CEO of WDJ, Inc.

CFK is a not-for-profit organization founded for the purpose of providing assistance to families in our communities. Their goal is to assist children and their families to overcome obstacles that have unfortunately changed or impacted their lives through sickness, injury or death. Whether it is to pay a phone bill or mortgage payment, aiding in paying for medical bills deemed experimental or due to lack of insurance, arranging transportation or paying for a room to allow families to remain close during these tough times, or in heartbreaking cases when a child does not survive illness and a family needs financial help with burying a child, Contractors for Kids will be there.

Click here for sponsorship opportunities and/or to purchase a journal ad for this event. For more information or to RSVP for this event, click here.

Continue to show support for CFK!

CFK is hosting their 2014 Annual Dinner Dance: “The Main Event” on Friday, March 14, 2014 from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center in Riverhead, NY.

Need a room for the night of “The Main Event?” Rooms have been set aside for the Hyatt Place East End Hotel (attached to Atlantis), available on a first-come-first-served basis.

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Become a sponsor today! Show your support and choose a sponsorship level that’s right for you. Sponsorships range from the “Hall of Fame” package at $10,000 to the “Popcorn” sponsor at $1,250.

The night’s event features special guests Cy Young Award-winning baseball pitcher Dwight Gooden; two-time MLB Gold Glove winner Jesse Barfield; former major league ace pitcher who won the Cy Young Award twice in his career, Bret Saberhagen; four-time MLB All-Star pitcher, Tommy John; American college and professional football player who was a defensive tackle in the National Football League for 11 seasons during the 1970s and 1980s, Marty Lyons; and MLB shortstop who was named to two All Star teams as a member of the New York Mets, Bud Harrelson. Actors in attendance will include Vanessa Marcil, best known for her work on General Hospital, Beverly Hills 90210, and Las Vegas; Tyler Christopher of General Hospital; and Scott Reeves of The Young and The Restless.

Upgrade your evening for only $300 and join CFK for a special VIP meet & greet with all the athletes and actors from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

To purchase tickets, sponsorships or journal ads, please click here or call 1-888-208-KIDS.

If you wish to pay by check, please mail your payment to Contractors For Kids, 1316 Motor Parkway, Islandia, NY 11749.

Christmas and New Year’s Holiday Schedule

Please click here for the LICA and GCA holiday schedules.
A Snapshot of LICA’s 2013 Holiday Party

Oyster Bay Town Clerk James Altadonna, Nassau County Legislator Michael Venditto, Oyster Bay Councilman Joseph Pinto, Oyster Bay Town Councilman Anthony Macagnone, Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos, Teamsters Local 282 President Tom Gesualdi, LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst, Edward Ehrbar Vice President Larry McCrann, and President of the LIA Kevin Law

(l to r) Charlie Forte, Sr. and Paul Posillico of Posillico and Sandy Nicolia of Elm Transit

(l to r) LICA Chairman Jim Pratt, III of Pratt Brothers, Inc. and Joseph K. Posillico of Posillico

(l to r) LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst and Steve Hanuszek of Lockwood, Kessler, & Bartlett Engineering

(l to r) LICA Chairman Jim Pratt, III of Pratt Brothers, Inc., LICA Board Member John Lizza of Intercounty Paving Associates and LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst

(l to r) Kevin Watral and Tom Watral of Watral Brothers and LICA Chairman Jim Pratt, III of Pratt Brothers, Inc.
**Bid Results**

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**Numbers in red represent the winning bid and highlighted and bold companies represent LICA Members.**