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new office & hires



Krech Ojard has opened a new office in Hermitage, Pennsylvania.

Gordon Harbison, PE will be heading the Pittsburgh office. Harbison has joined Krech Ojard & Associates as a Senior Project Engineer. He has a Masters of Business Administration degree from Youngstown State University and a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Harbison has 32 years of experience in railroad & track engineering, operations planning, and maintenance-of-way management.



John Kreuser, PE has joined Krech Ojard & Associates as a Senior Project Engineer/Branch Manager and will be heading the Eau Claire office. Kreuser has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, with an

emphasis on structural design, from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Kreuser's primary areas of expertise are in structural steel building components, building assessments, building modifications, and construction resolution. Kreuser is also a Registered Professional Engineer in twelve states and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.



Kane Tewes, AIA has joined Krech Ojard & Associates as a Project Architect. Tewes has a Master of Architecture from Iowa State University and a B.A. in Physics from Hamline University. Tewes has worked on a variety of projects since graduating from Iowa State University in 1994. His education experience includes K-12 work with the Lake Superior School District, White Bear Lake School District and the Des Moines Public Schools. Higher education work includes the University of Iowa Alumni Center and the New Pharmacy Building. On the Iowa State University campus, Kane has worked on the Engineering Research and Teaching Complex as well as numerous dorm renovations. Tewes is an active member in the American Institute of Architects where he was President of the Northern Minnesota Chapter in 2005.



George LaValley has joined Krech Ojard & Associates as a Senior Project Engineer for the Rail Department. LaValley has a Masters of Business Administration degree and 28 years of railroad experience in railroad & track engineering, regulatory issues, car/train operations, supervising workers, and management. He is also a member of the Northwest Maintenance of Way Club, American Railway Engineering Maintenance Association and the American Society of Civil Engineers.



Dick Taival is retiring from Krech Ojard after 24 years of service as a Structural Technician. Taival is one of the original staff members of Krech Ojard and is the first to retire from this firm. Congratulations Dick!

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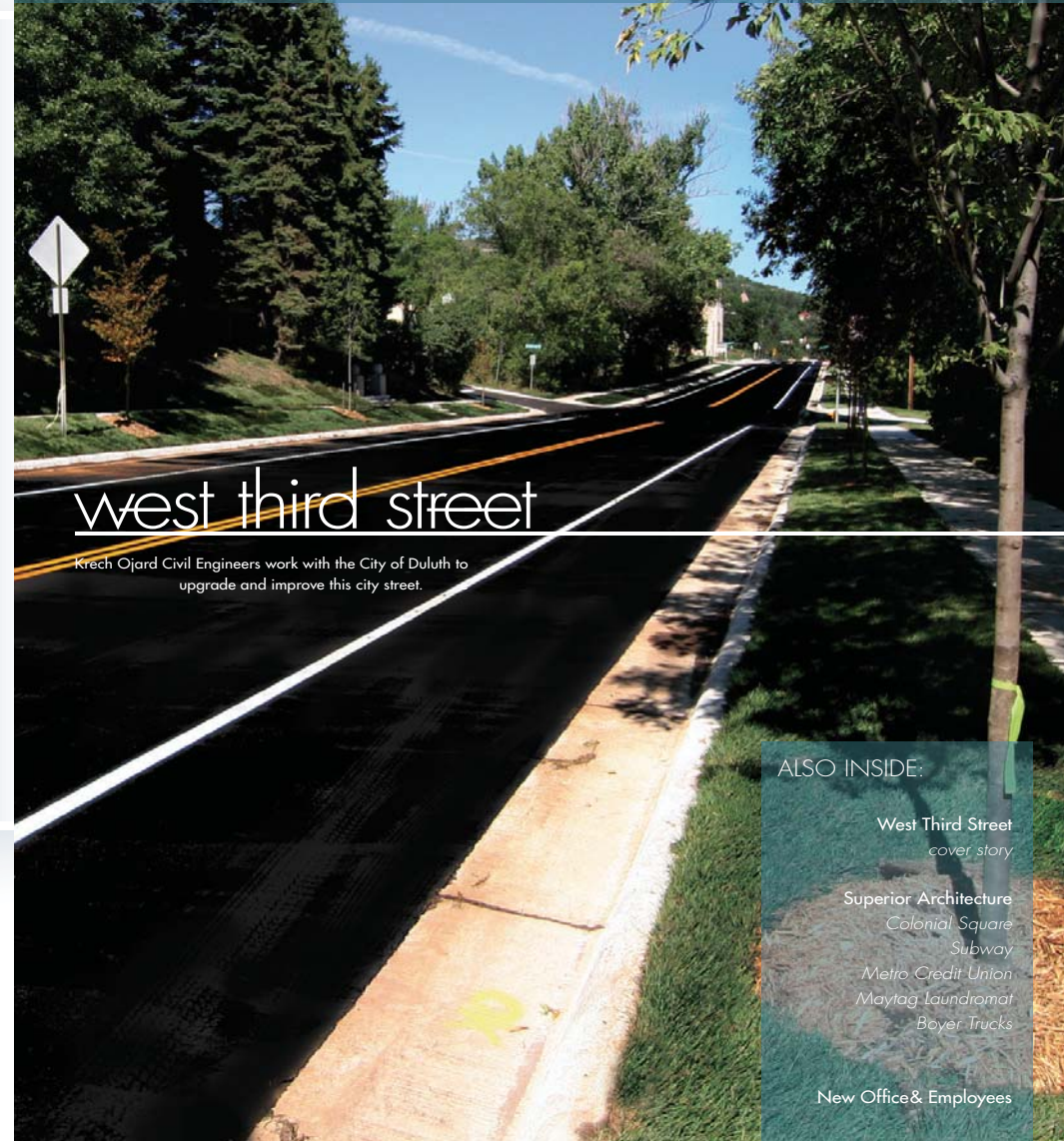
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west third street

Krech Ojard Civil Engineers work with the City of Duluth to upgrade and improve this city street.

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Duluth, Minnesota

Krech Ojard was hired to design and manage the reconstruction of West 3rd Street from 19th Avenue West to Carlton Avenue – a major Municipal State Aid street segment within the City of Duluth. This project included development of full plans, specifications, and estimates as well as providing construction management services for the reconstruction of fifteen blocks of urban roadway in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Duluth.

Due to the overall length of the project and the expected impacts on adjacent residential and commercial areas, the project was ultimately designed for completion over a two-year period, with the westerly half of the project fully reconstructed under the first phase and the easterly half of the project fully reconstructed under the second phase.

Other major considerations of the project were the need to maintain traffic movements across the construction corridor at 24th Avenue West and 27th Avenue West (two intersecting MSA routes), and the maintenance of reasonable access to homes and businesses along the West 3rd Street during construction.

Improvements associated with the project included complete reconstruction of the roadway with new bituminous pavement and concrete curb & gutter and sidewalks, modifications to intersection geometrics at selected locations, a new traffic signal system, utility service replacements (water and sanitary sewer), sanitary and storm sewer system replacements, ornamental street lighting, landscaping, construction phasing, construction management and traffic control.



Client
City of Duluth

Location
Duluth, Minnesota

Completed
2006

Krech Ojard Services
Surveying
Civil Engineering
Construction Staking
Construction Management

Featured above is KOA Senior Civil Engineering Technician, Dean Lembke, who was the street reconstruction project inspector.

colonial square



superior architecture

Over the past few years Krech Ojard's Architecture Department has completed commercial projects in the City of Superior. This page introduces a few of them.

subway



Colonial Square: Krech Ojard designed this new colonial-theme retail facility by performing a total restoration of a former nursing home on Tower Avenue. The existing roof level was raised over two feet and structural floor reinforcements were added for increased live loads. The neoclassical colonial clock tower, pediments, lintels, columns and coach lights accomplished the theme requirement of this design/build project.

Subway: KO provided Architecture and Structural and Civil engineering to implement a 2200sf Subway prototype commercial building. Being in an older part of town the design challenge was to make the new building look as if it was historic. Brick selection and patterns simulated stone sills; along with lighting & stucco color to capture the desired affect.

metro credit union



Metro Credit Union: This restoration and re-use project began with a need to correct a series of building envelope deficiencies and finished with the opportunity to create a completely new image for the building.

maytag laundromat



Maytag Laundromat: Welcome to the next generation of laundry facilities. Bright, clean and secure with progressive equipment capable of 80lb. loads. This 3,600sf facility opens and closes itself each day and provides amenities including vending, games and television.

boyer trucks



Boyer Trucks: The Boyer Truck Facility consists of a 25,000sf full service & state of the art sales, parts and maintenance. This facility's site is located on the first six acres in the Vinje Industrial Park. The sales department has seven offices and also includes a customer lounge, employee break and locker rooms. A complete parts department supports both retail and a maintenance department. Service Bays are supplied complete climate control, exhaust systems and over-head crane to support their mechanics. KO teamed with RJS Construction group to deliver this precast building to Boyer Truck in the most cost effective and timely manner possible.

