owners Jeff Lipshires and Sean Burke.

Think. Plan. Build. That is what you will read on the business cards of J2Construct, Inc. based out of Middletown. It is one of the fastest growing luxury residential, commercial construction management and general contracting businesses on Aquidneck Island. Founded by Jeff Lipshires, President and Sean Burke, CEO in May 2018, they combined years of vast experience in the industry when they decided to go into business together.

Sean has been in construction his entire life. He worked for his father who was one of the biggest general contractors on Cape Cod. He went on to have his own very successful business on the Cape and the islands until the economic pullback in 07-08. That is when he relocated to Newport where he met Jeff. Jeff has a degree in Aerospace Engineering and spent several years in the aerospace industry out in CA and then 17 years in water and wastewater infrastructure work. After relocating to Newport in 2002, he left that business to join a local construction firm and after 15 years of working on high profile projects, he decided it was time to go out on his own. Sean and Jeff knew that with their varying strengths and experiences they would have a recipe for success.

“What separates our team from others is our ability to solve problems using the diversity and intellect of our managers. We don’t just simply build, we think about how to be efficient, cost effective, quality and value driven managers all the time,” said Sean Burke. Jeff agrees and added, “We are both committed to having a principle of the company completely involved as the primary contact on every project. We believe in high end service and high quality work. We continue to instill that message in our staff as our company grows.”

They came up with the name J2 because it seemed easy enough; their first names share the same letter, “J”. Yup...I wondered the same thing you are, but Sean’s given name is John however, he goes by Sean in homage to his Irish heritage. So, J2Construct was born.

Talking to Jeff and Sean about their company, it’s clear to see the passion, pride and dedication they have for every project they work on. Providing the highest level of quality satisfaction for their clients is of the utmost importance to them. Jeff says, “There is a gratification at every level in seeing the daily, weekly, and continual progress as you start out with nothing, just a vision, and then produce a quality project. Especially when building someone’s dream home.”

Currently, they are completing a 7,000 square foot luxury, waterfront, custom designed home in Watch Hill that will showcase the superior quality of their work as you can see in the photo. Also, if you have dined at the newest addition to the Newport Restaurant Groups, Bar Cino and admired the stunning detail work that a restaurant aspires to, it’s another project by J2Construct. Furthermore, if you happen to stroll over to Broadway you will notice J2Construct has begun demolition to make room for a new 39 room, approximately 53,000 gross sq. ft. boutique hotel above the Fifth Element. It will have the first rooftop deck in the Broadway area! That’s an exciting project.

Clearly, their client base is vast and diverse. They work with various high end architectural firms for primary and secondary luxury homeowners to commercial construction management clientele looking for heavy pre construction involvement where the construction manager works closely with the owner and design team.

“Construction provides a unique opportunity to solve technical challenges and bring to life people’s vision whether it’s a residential or commercial project.”

Both Jeff and Sean agree that they continue to grow in personal development, technical knowledge and skills and even relationships as each project brings its share of challenges and issues. They look forward to welcoming them all on and off the island.

You can follow their projects on Instagram @J2Construct and on Facebook or go to their website to see some truly stunning images of their past and current projects www.J2Construct.com 888-301-0076

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