

## **A&G Concrete Pools makes a splash with new facility**

**Port St. Lucie/May 9, 2018** – On May 9, A&G Concrete Pools, Inc. marked over 31 years in business in St. Lucie County by breaking ground in Port St. Lucie for offices and a warehouse triple the size of their current facility; a capital investment of over \$2 million.

Founded by Arthur H. “Art” Allen in his garage in 1987, the growing company currently operates out of a 6,000-square-foot facility on Saeger Road in unincorporated St. Lucie County. Over the next year, A&G will construct a 19,000-square-foot office and warehouse complex on Glades Cut-Off Road within the city limits of Port St. Lucie.



“We are very happy to be able to stay within St. Lucie County for our expansion,” said Allen. “I started out more than 30 years ago from my garage with one truck and two helpers and now we are Number 40 in the nation. This is a beautiful situation, we can stay here, and we can continue to grow.”

“That garage Art talks about was located right here in Port St. Lucie. So, we couldn’t be happier to welcome A&G home,” said Port St. Lucie Mayor Greg Oravec. “Art, Travis and the hardworking men and women of A&G form one of the very best companies in the industry; and, in addition to being exceptional at what it does, the company takes care of its employees, paying above median wages and offering benefits, and is deeply involved in community causes.”

“A Top 50 Builder”, according to *Pool and Spa News*, A&G Concrete Pools builds more than 300 pools a year in Florida. The company currently employs more than 60 full-time workers at an average wage of

over \$21 per hour. After the expansion, Allen anticipates growing the workforce to approximately 100 full-time employees. A&G is also a member of the invitation-only Master Pools Guild, a global network of elite pool builders.

“It’s extremely gratifying to see a local company grow to become a national leader in its field,” said Pete Tesch, president of the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County. “In St. Lucie County, we are lucky to have the capacity to accommodate that growth. While employers like A&G Pools may move from county to city or vice versa, the important thing is that we keep them within St. Lucie County and within easy reach of the employees who helped build that success.”

“A&G Concrete Pools is dedicated to serving our customers and our community,” said CEO Travis Leonard. “We are deeply rooted in St. Lucie County and feel strongly about giving back.” Among the organizations A&G supports are the Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, Humane Society of St. Lucie County, Volunteers in Medicine/Hands Clinic, the American Legion, and veterans’ clubs.

“When companies like A&G Concrete Pools succeed, our whole community succeeds. Helping local companies like A&G grow into regional, statewide and national powerhouses is economic development that we can be proud of,” said Oravec.

#### **About A&G Concrete Pools, Inc.**

Founded by Arthur H. “Art” Allen in his garage in 1987, A&G Concrete Pools now builds over 300 swimming pools a year and has been listed among the Top 50 Builders in the U.S. by Pool and Spa News. Headquartered in Fort Pierce, A & G builds pools locally and across the State of Florida. The company is a member of the Master Pools Guild, a global network of elite custom pool builders. For more information 772.878.7752 or visit <http://www.angpools.com>.

#### **About the Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County**

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