



**SHORT CUTS**

**Selfridge upgrades funding advances**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The House Appropriations Committee on April 21 advanced a spending bill that includes \$162 million for infrastructure upgrades at Selfridge Air National Guard base in Macomb Co.

The infusion of money – and eventual work for the building trades – will be spent to extend taxiways and complete construction necessary to prepare the base to host a new mission of 21 F-15EX Eagle fighter jets. President Donald Trump announced the new mission for the base when he visited it last year. The committee's movement of the bill is an important step, but final approval will come from a vote by the entire Congress.

Located in Harrison Twp. on the western shore of Lake St. Clair, Selfridge was established in 1917 during World War I and is one of the oldest continuously operating military airfields in the nation.

"Selfridge is a critical asset to our national security and a major contributor to Michigan's economy," said U.S. Rep. John Moolenaar (R-2nd District) who sits on the Appropriations Committee and voted to advance the funds. "President Trump rightly recognizes its role in our keeping our country safe and committed a new fighter mission to the base last year.

"However, there is work to be done to update the base to fit the needs of the new F-15EX fighters."

**Expanded EV power plan OK'd for MI**

LANSING – The state Department of Transportation on April 6 announced a significant milestone in Michigan's journey toward widening the placement of electric vehicle chargers and related infrastructure.

MDOT announced that the Federal Highway Administration has approved Michigan's Fiscal Year 2026 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan, as well as a "certification request" under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program, which allocated \$106 million to Michigan for the deployment of EV charging infrastructure.

There is a lot of government programs mentioned here, but the bottom line is that MDOT is now authorized to begin investing the remaining \$51 million in federal funds to accelerate deployment of EV charging infrastructure in the state. "This funding will help strategically expand fast charging infrastructure, close critical gaps in Michigan's EV charging network, support economic development and ensure that Michigan remains a leader in mobility innovation," MDOT said.

Further, MDOT said it will apply for another round of federal money to help "every Michigan community... support the program's goals of closing geographic gaps, supporting medium-duty vehicles and fleets, improving charger reliability and user experience, promoting equitable access and aligning charging investments with economic development, tourism and long-term grid considerations."

**Quotable**

*"Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities no doubt crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense."*

– Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)



SEEN FROM ACROSS the Lodge Freeway in Detroit, the most prominent part of Henry Ford Health's Destination Grand is the new 20-story patient tower that's under construction. Leading the project are Barton Malow, Turner Construction and Dixon Construction Services. The red brick tower at the right is a 17-story, 1955 addition to the original Henry Ford Hospital. Both facilities will face each other across West Grand Boulevard.

**'Destination Grand'**

**Henry Ford Health delivering medical, neighborhood makeover**

By Marty Mulcahy Editor

DETROIT – One of the largest ongoing construction projects in the state is, if we can borrow a cliché, looking up.

Anchored by a 20-story patient tower rising across the street from its 111-year-old main hospital along West Grand Boulevard, Henry Ford Hospital promises its massive, ongoing

"Destination Grand" project will "reimagine" its campus in the city's New Center area.

Eighteen months into the project, it sure looks like it's going to be pretty grand.

"Our wonderful patients, our talented team members, and our communities near and far deserve this world-class space," said Dr. Steven Kalkanis, CEO of Henry Ford Hospital. "We cannot wait

until 2029 when the entire project is complete, and we can open the new hospital doors and show the world what the future of health looks like."

The project is being managed by the team of Barton Malow, Turner Construction and Dixon Construction Services. The \$2.2

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THE WEST GRAND BOULEVARD face of Henry Ford Health's Destination Grand, was still partially under its winter wraps in mid-April. Skywalks will connect the facility with Henry Ford Hospital across the street and the health care facility's cancer center next door. The Building Tradesman has yet to be granted access to take photos inside the project.

**NMA pact assures union talent to build Stargate data center**

By Marty Mulcahy Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – One of the largest construction projects in Michigan's history will be built union, it was affirmed under the terms of a National Maintenance Agreement (NMA) contract announced April 20.

The \$7 billion Stargate campus – which includes a massive new data center – has started construction in Saline Twp. in Washtenaw County. It is expected to employ some 2,500 union tradespeople affiliated with 14 international unions following the terms of an NMA pact between the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, general contractor Walbridge, and Related Digital, representing ownership.

The announcement of the union-only agreement has national implications in the organized construction industry, and took place during the April 19-22 North America's Building Trades Unions' (NABTU) Legislative Conference.

"This agreement marks an important step for our industry

and for America's AI future," said North America's Building Trades Unions President Sean McGarvey. "Stargate Michigan will be the first data center built under NABTU and OpenAI's historic Memorandum of Understanding concerning data center construction.

"This project will be built under a building trades agreement, guaranteeing the highest standards of safety, training, and craftsmanship. Together with our Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council, we're ensuring that this project is built by the most highly skilled union workforce in the country, setting a national benchmark for how data centers should be built."

The "hyperscale" 1.4 gigawatt Stargate data center development is backed by OpenAI, Oracle, and Related Digital. It will include three 550,000-square-foot single-story buildings on 250 acres of land in Saline Twp., about 10 miles south of Ann Arbor. The new AI-related infrastructure will have energy-efficient features with a closed-loop water cooling

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**Controversial, yes – but data centers are set to become state job engines**

By Marty Mulcahy Editor

Data centers and other artificial intelligence-driven projects are here, and more are on the way.

That doesn't necessarily mean that the centers and related projects will win any popularity contests from their neighbors, environmental groups, and people simply opposed to Big Technology firms getting a firmer hold on the nation's economy and social structure. There are valid concerns about the presence of data centers that threaten to hold up, or sink the projects. Some of them are wildly inflated, some are understandable.

In response, a bipartisan

group of state lawmakers in February introduced legislation that would halt state approval of all data center construction in Michigan until April 1, 2027.

That's an extreme response to data centers, that in the near term, would affect one industry more than others: construction. "It's about whether our state is open for business or not," said a statement by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. (Also see the Viewpoints response on Page 2).

And the proposed legislation comes in light of a statement last month made by Mike Haller, CEO of Walbridge, the state's largest construction company, to Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council Legislative Conference delegates. Haller suggested the state's construction industry would be "approaching a recession" absent the prospect of data centers being built in Michigan.

So where do data centers and related technology-based construction stand in Michigan as we gain momentum into the 2026 construction season? Let's load the program:

•The Michigan Data Centers group counts 75 data centers in place or under construction in 12 Michigan "markets." All are in the Lower Peninsula, and only one, in Alpena, is north of Mount Pleasant.

•Among them, there are currently 16 data centers in varying stages of development in 10 Michigan counties.

•All of them are dwarfed by the state's first "hyperscale" center now under construction in Saline Township. Operated by Oracle and OpenAI with construction managed by Walbridge, the \$7 billion "Stargate Michigan" data center is expected to create 2,500 union construction jobs and 450 permanent roles.

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**Labor law sheriffs made disappearing act in '25**

(From the IBEW, April 1, 2026)

Federal worker protection cases and penalties collapsed in the first year of the Trump Administration, part of a greater project that is killing regulations that protect workers and then failing to punish companies that violate the laws that remain.

Between 2009 and 2024, the number of cases brought by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration held steady at

about 375 per month.

In the first nine months of the second Trump Administration, wage violation cases plummeted by 98 percent, to only nine cases a month. And as cases nearly disappeared, penalties assessed to violators plunged.



These details come from the Department of Labor's own statistics and were compiled in a report, "Worker Protections in Freefall," prepared by Good Jobs First (a non-profit, nonpartisan watchdog group founded in 1998).

"This was not a miraculous

change of heart in the American managerial class that stealing our wages and damaging our bodies is wrong," said IBEW Government Affairs Director Dean Warsh. "Bad things don't stop happening when the sheriff quits. That's what they did. They closed their eyes and left the American worker to the wolves."

The physical and financial injuries the Wage and Hour Division should be on the lookout for are some of the most devastating

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**Bipartisan change would allow full OT tax deduction**

By Marty Mulcahy Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The "One, Big Beautiful Bill Act" adopted by the GOP-led Congress last year and signed by President Trump, wasn't quite big enough to include an overtime-earning tax break for millions of workers who are covered by collective bargaining agreements. Among those missing out on the OT tax break are building trades union workers.

Symbolically at the tax deadline last month, bipartisan legislation was introduced in Congress to expand the "No Tax on Overtime" policy within the expansive federal law, to include about three million workers who are currently ineligible for a tax deduction on overtime earnings.

In an April 16 letter that the AFL-CIO Transportation Trades Department authored and organized, the unions explained the

Big Beautiful bill bans taxing overtime pay only for some workers because it adopts "a limited provision" of who's eligible for overtime under the 1938 Fair Labor Standards Act.

The unions that are among those on the outside looking in to getting the tax break on overtime – want in. They include union railroaders, first responders, transport workers, municipal workers and building trades

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**Hearing protection benefits go beyond protecting hearing**

By Nate Schreiber Laborers Health and Safety Fund of North America

For years hearing conservation has been viewed as just another safety rule to follow. Complete your training. Wear your earplugs. Take your audiogram.

If you experience some hearing loss along the way, that just comes with the territory in construction.

New data is making it clear that hearing loss isn't just about your ears. It's about your brain

health and your long-term independence.

A major international review found hearing loss to be one of the largest risk factors for dementia. Researchers estimate that hearing loss may account for roughly eight percent of dementia cases worldwide, representing hundreds of thousands of cases each year.

These findings from occupational health researchers suggest that preventing hearing loss may help reduce risks of dementia, cognitive decline and even de-

pression. In other words, hearing conservation programs may be one of the most important lifelong health protections employers can provide to their workers.

"More and more evidence is showing that protecting hearing is not just a matter of compliance, but a fundamental investment in the long-term health and productivity of our workforce," says Laborers Health and Safety Fund of North America Management Co-Chair David F. Rampono. "This shift in perspective elevates

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WORKERS IN CONSTRUCTION are among the most exposed to hazardous noise levels. Wearing hearing protection is important in more ways than you might expect.

## Viewpoints



### Data centers = jobs

In February, bipartisan state legislation was introduced that would halt approval of all data center construction in Michigan until April 1, 2027. A number of local communities in Michigan have already instituted local moratoriums on data center construction.

The state legislation aims to eventually address concerns about energy and water demands and ratepayer impacts.

João Ferreira, a regional economist for the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, told *Governing Magazine* that "data centers likely are attracted to the Great Lakes region because of its competitive electricity prices, relatively strong transmission networks, a cooler climate, and industrial land. Also, all of the Great Lakes states have tax incentives for data center development."

Said a statement from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce: "Billions of dollars in private investment are actively looking for a home, including here in Michigan. Blocking this growth sends a chilling message to employers considering investing in our state."

So the response to loud data center protestors from some state lawmakers – is an outright ban on the projects that put bread on the table for thousands of building trades workers?

Here is a response from the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council:

An open letter to policymakers:

The Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council stands firmly opposed to data center moratoriums. The planned investments of data centers will create meaningful opportunities for skilled workers across Michigan. These projects will support good-paying jobs and strengthen the skilled trades pipeline for the women and men who build and maintain our state's vital infrastructure. A blanket pause at this point, after Michigan has successfully secured major projects, would only jeopardize union construction jobs and risk pushing this work to other states in the future.

Michigan is not like other, unregulated states that need time to put data center policies in place. Michigan already enacted bipartisan legislation to address infrastructure costs, ratepayer protections, and regulatory oversight for data centers.

Compared to other states with a sales and use tax exemption, Michigan's exemption is considerably more environmentally conscious than others. It is only granted if the developer adheres to strict environmental protections, which safeguard our state's natural resources.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) has also worked the strongest consumer protections in the country into contracts with data center customers to guarantee that existing ratepayers are protected, including financial risk protections, long-term contract commitments, minimum billing requirements, early termination fees, emergency energy reliability protections, and collateral requirements. Regulators agree that Michigan has "best in class" protections for customers through the MPSC – other customers won't subsidize these projects in Michigan. Data centers are paying to come here, if anything, they'll put downward pressure on rates.

Our members do not benefit from delays. They benefit from projects breaking ground, strong labor standards, and enforceable protections applied now. Union workers live in these communities and are fully invested in responsible development and environmental stewardship. These goals can and should be achieved without halting projects that are ready to move forward.

We urge all stakeholders, policymakers, to stand with our labor brothers and sisters and address any lingering concerns now. Michigan cannot afford to pause while neighboring states continue to capture investment and projects that should be built here by Michigan workers.



A RENDERING OF the new Henry Ford Hospital tower in Detroit.

## Henry Ford Health delivering medical, neighborhood makeover

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million development has four distinct projects: the new 1.2 million-square-foot hospital facility; a 30,000-square-foot central energy hub; a seven-level, 1,500+ space parking deck, and a 185,000-square-foot shared-services center that will house the hospital's kitchen, loading dock, sterile processing and more. Ground was broken on the project in September 2025 and work is expected to be completed in 2029.

The new tower will connect via enclosed bridges to the legacy hospital building (which opened in 1915 and will remain open). The new facility will include 432 all-private patient

rooms. Five of those floors will offer specialized ICU rooms, from cardiovascular to neurological. The three top floors, comprising 72 patient beds, is where patients will receive inpatient physical medicine and rehabilitation.

A vastly expanded emergency department on the new tower's ground floor will provide 75,000 square feet of modern treatment space, including 100 private, flexible treatment spaces.

The ED will contain 100 patient rooms, including a secure 10-room behavioral health treatment area. The tower will also contain 28 new operating rooms capable of handling nearly every

type of complex surgical case, from transplants to brain surgery.

The "destination" portion of the project includes Henry Ford Health's place in improving the New Center area. The hospital expansion plan is part of a broader development vision in the New Center neighborhood, including a new cancer center on the campus, as well as a partnership with Michigan State University in a health sciences building under construction nearby.

It's also in the neighborhood with the Henry Ford Detroit Pistons Performance Center, a 100,000-square-foot, \$90 million training complex and corporate headquarters completed in 2019.

## Birds of greed fly to tax-free nests

By Jim Hightower

Oh, gosh, there goes another one – another billionaire "flighty bird," angrily fitting away from the home nest that long nurtured him.

This latest one is Howard Schultz, the high-flying avaricious avian who tucked away a multibillion-dollar personal fortune as the monopolistic, exploitative CEO of the Starbucks coffee chain.

Howard has recently fallen into a deep pout over the down-

right rudeness he says he's received from officials in his home base of Washington State.

What's his gripe? Haven't you heard, he squawks, the state legislature intends to make rich corporatists like me start paying income taxes!

Indeed, Washington is one of only nine states with no income tax, even on billionaires.

Instead, to fund public needs, it relies on regressive sales taxes paid by poor and middle-income consumers. So, in an overdue stand for fairness and the Common Good, the state is levying a minimal tax on those few elites who haul in more than a million bucks a year – with the money going to such crucial public needs

as child care.

But damn the need, Billionaire Schultz is foot-stomping furious that he would have to pay his fair share for the upkeep of the state that has helped him thrive.

So, Howard has taken flight, winging clear across the country to Florida, where the right-wing governor and legislature shields the rich from pesky taxes.

Proving that "birds of a feather flock together," the aristocratic chieftains of such other corporate fiefdoms as Amazon, Meta, and Google are also now nesting in Florida's tax-evasion enclaves. When billionaires declare "We're all in this together" – they don't mean you me – only themselves and their tax lawyers.

## Just joking

A man goes to the doctor, complaining that he has been suffering from terrible headaches for years.

The doctor looks at him sympathetically and says, "you know, I have the same problem. I've tried every medicine in the book and nothing worked."

The man asks, "So, what do you do when you get a headache?"

The doctor replies, "I found that the only thing that works for me is to make love to my wife. That cures the headaches every time."

The man thinks for a moment and says, "Sounds great! I'll give it a try!"

So he goes back to the clinic a week later and tells the doctor, "that worked. I've had a headache for 10 years, and now I'm cured!"

"By the way, I love what you're done with your place!"

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I went to an origami workshop last week, and I misplaced Dwayne Johnson's cutting tools. I can't believe I lost the Rock's paper scissors.

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*"Nothing astonishes men so much as common sense and plain dealing."*

–Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

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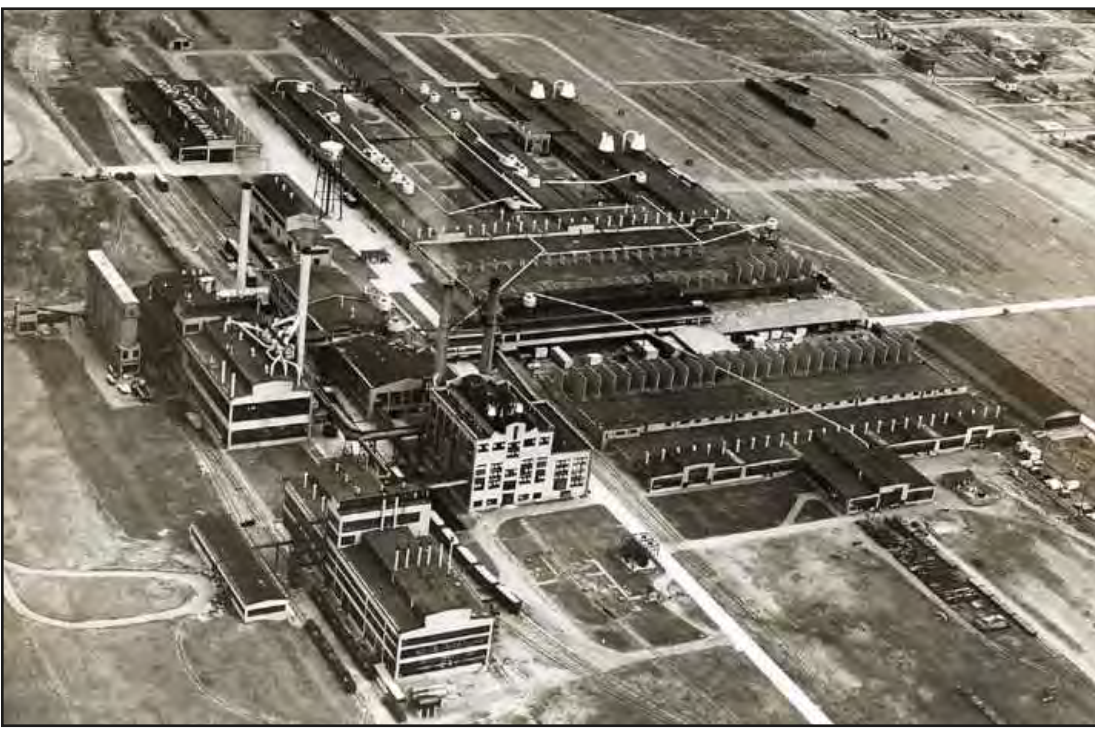
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## BUILDING MICHIGAN: Making gliders in the U.P. HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



THE FORD MOTOR CO. PLANT in Kingsford, circa 1940-50. Located in Kingsford but often referred to as the Iron Mountain plant, Ford carved out nearly a half-million acres of Upper Peninsula forest land to harvest trees and originally manufacture wooden parts for its Model T. The plant began operations in December 1921, with the sawmill in full operation, followed by body plant production in March 1922. Declining operations at the Upper Peninsula plant boomed again with the onset of World War II, as Ford began production of wooden gliders that would help deliver men and materiel to war zones. Using waste wood, charcoal briquette manufacturing at the works became a side hustle for Ford. It was a complex plant, which includes in this view a distillation building, carbonization building, seven charcoal briquette storage silos, a new powerhouse with its twin smokestacks, the sawmill complex, and an original power plant with its water tower, and a maintenance building. The view also shows three body plants and dry kilns. With the introduction of all-steel bodies and wheels, Ford's need for wooden auto parts would diminish, but the plant remained open as Ford switched from buying bodies for its "woodie" station wagons, to making them in-house in 1937. In December 1942, one year after the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the Iron Mountain factory started mass-producing Waco CG-4A gliders in Iron Mountain.

(Photo credits:  
Menominee Range Historical Museum/Jack Deo)

Alongside the heavy metal portion of Michigan's World War II Arsenal of Democracy — where our state's plants produced Sherman tanks, Deuce-and-a-Half-ton trucks, B-24 bombers, naval destroyers — even GIs' helmets — a somewhat softer, temporarily lighter-than-air product is often forgotten.

We refer to the unsung Ford WACO CG4A Glider, which was manufactured in the Ford Motor Co. Kingsford Plant between December 1942 and August 1945. Ford halted its production of wooden-sided wagon bodies ("woodies") at the plant in order to participate in the war effort.

Ford produced — economically, quickly and with high-end craftsmanship — nearly a third of all the World War II gliders that were produced.

The Ford Motor Co.'s production of gliders, wrote Kevin Edlebeck for the *Military History of the Upper Great Lakes*, "was a much-needed change for the local economy and a great demonstration how industries both big and small played their part in the second world war." Ford and its workforce produced 4,190 CG4A (C-cargo; G-glider) gliders during the war, out of the total 13,909 gliders made in the U.S. by 16 manufacturers. The gliders were designed by WACO Aircraft of Troy, Ohio.

"During World War II, the Ford Motor Co.'s plant in Kingsford built more Model CG-4A Gliders for the United States Army than any other company in the nation at less cost than other manufacturers," says the World War II Glider and Military Museum in Iron Mountain. "The glider featured in this museum is one of only seven fully restored CG-4A World War II gliders in the world."

Mark Swanson, foreman of the afternoon shift at the Kingsford plant, recalled that at first, two or three gliders were produced daily, but when they went into 24-hour production, eight gliders could be manufactured. His story was conveyed by William John Cummings and distributed by Northern Michigan University.

Swanson reported that about 4,500 employees worked three shifts around the clock.



THE FORD MOTOR CO. Kingsford sawmill, circa 1921-1930. Peak employment at the Ford Kingsford plant was about 7,500 in 1925. Ford exited sawmill and parts plant operations in 1951.

Credit: William John Cummings



THE ASSEMBLY LINE FLOOR in Kingsford for the Ford WACO CG4A Glider. The Waco CG-4A was constructed in part with steel tubing, about an inch or so in diameter, and a floor of honeycombed plywood. The fuselage of the CG-4A was 48 feet long and covered in fabric. The wings, which spanned 83.5 feet, were made of wooden spars covered with fabric. Towed behind a C-47, the glider's top speed was 150 mph. The tow rope was made up of 350 feet of nylon cord, and wrapped around it was an electrical umbilical cable that allowed the crews of the two aircraft to communicate. Once free of the tow plane, the CG-4A's gliding speed was 72 mph. Although CG-4A has been described as having the "glide ratio of a brick," it was generally considered easy to fly. Most of the gliders were treated as disposable but the Allies did develop a system for C-47s to come in low and slow and snag a tow rope to recover them.

During the afternoon shift the gliders were finished, inspected, torn down and the fuselages for the next day were set into place.

The gliders were shipped to U.S. ports via railroad, each aircraft occupying five crates loaded on three flatcars. They were shipped to war zones worldwide. Uncrated by soldiers, they needed to be assembled. They had blueprints, but the gliders were made up of 70,000 parts made by 16 companies, so some of the parts didn't always fit, a leading cause of grumbling among GIs.

Gliders, were just that — they had no motor or propellers, no armaments and limited instrumentation. A pilot and copilot could silently land the gliders to deliver supplies, equipment and soldiers.

According to the *Military History of the Upper Great Lakes*, the gliders were made with steel tubing, wood, and wrapped in canvas. They were towed behind planes until they were within distance of their landing zone. They were then cut loose and made an attempt to land behind enemy lines. "Gliders were used because they were cheap, so they could be abandoned after landing," the Military History said. "They were effective at placing troops

behind enemy lines considering the danger. Gliders were also silent, which made them ideal for night missions over Germany."

According to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, the WACO design became the military's "workhorse" glider. Weighing 3,900 lbs. empty, it could weigh up to 9,000 lbs. at its limit.

Said the Smithsonian: "The Waco could haul several different cargoes in addition to the pilot and copilot: 13 infantry soldiers and their gear; a jeep and four passengers; or a 75mm howitzer cannon and 18 rounds of ammunition plus three passengers. A tow plane such as the Douglas C-47 could haul the Waco at 150 mph and a skilled pilot could stop the glider in a few hundred feet, depending on the load carried and the ground conditions.

"The glider was designed to land intact for use in repeated airborne assaults, but combat operations took their toll and most crash-landed, damaging many beyond repair."

It's a small wonder that there was shortage of volunteer glider pilots. Army leaders had to order pilots from fighter and bomber units to join the glider forces. The U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Navy ran their own independent glider programs.

## NMA pact assures union talent builds Stargate project

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system, to limit its impact on the environment.

Developers say it is "designed to support the infrastructure demands of next-generation artificial intelligence."

When the Stargate project was announced in October 2025, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said "we won the largest economic project in Michigan history."

"Michigan is proud to be home to the first project built under NABTU and OpenAI's Memorandum of Understanding," said Steve Claywell, Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council. "Stargate Michigan will create thousands of good union jobs while delivering real economic benefits to our local communities. By putting skilled local building trades workers on the job, this project will be built safely, efficiently, and with strong environmental standards, showing that Michigan can lead the nation in both innovation and opportunity."

Development and construction on the project are being led by Related Digital, with Walbridge, a 100-year-old Michigan-based company, serving as general contractor and being instrumental in the negotiation of the labor agreements. Completion is expected in late 2028.

"Michigan's strong, skilled

union labor force was a huge factor in the selection of this site and our confidence in delivering this important project for OpenAI and Oracle," said Bruce Beal, Jr., president of Related Companies.

"As we build the AI infrastructure of the future, we are also substantially growing opportunities for our tradesmen and tradeswomen and creating a new pipeline of work for American general contractors and subcontractors. We could not do that without this agreement with NABTU and the Michigan Building Trades, and we know how much it means for union workers to be able to build projects of this scale in their home state."

Walbridge, the state's largest general contractor, is managing construction at the Stargate site.

"As the general contractor for the Stargate Michigan campus, Walbridge is proud to help deliver a project of national significance in our home state," said Walbridge CEO Mike Haller. "This agreement strengthens collaboration between owners,

builders, and the skilled trades, reinforcing that strong partnerships and a highly trained workforce are essential to building the next generation of critical infrastructure."

Sam Altman, founder and CEO of OpenAI, said the massive demand for computing power — "both to ensure broad-based access to intelligence and to assure the world builds out on democratic AI — is creating one of the biggest opportunities in generations to reindustrialize the United States. At the center of that effort are the skilled tradespeople who make it possible, from framing the buildings, installing the steel, operating the equipment, laying the pipes, and pouring the concrete to building the cooling systems."

"This agreement will help ensure Stargate Michigan is built by the best-trained workforce in the country, and we're excited to work with NABTU and the Michigan Building Trades to help create good jobs as we build the infrastructure needed for the AI economy."

## Hearing protection benefits go beyond protecting hearing

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hearing safety from a regulatory requirement to a core health promotion strategy."

**Occupational noise is a major contributor.**

Hearing loss is not just a result of aging. Workplace noise plays a critical role. Data from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) also shows that:

- It is common for construction workers to have the hearing equivalent of workers twice their age.
- About 51 percent of construction workers are exposed to hazardous noise.
- Over half of exposed workers do not consistently wear hearing protection.
- Nearly one in four noise-exposed workers tested show measurable hearing impairment, meaning workplace prevention can significantly change long-term health outcomes

**Hearing loss and dementia.**

According to Frank Lin of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, hearing loss forces the brain to work harder to interpret sound. This "brain strain" may divert energy away from memory and thinking systems. Other researchers suggest that this strain may accelerate brain shrinkage or lead to social isolation, both known contributors to cognitive decline as you age.

Large ongoing studies are investigating whether treating hearing loss with hearing aids can slow brain aging. Early results suggest that restoring hearing may help preserve cognitive function in older adults. Hearing loss and mortality risk.

Another study involving nearly 20,000 construction trades workers from the Building Trades National Medical Screening Program adds an additional layer of concern; hearing loss is associated with higher risk of mortality.

The study, led by researchers including Marianne Cloeren and John Dement, found that:

- Workers with speech level hearing loss had roughly a 10 percent higher risk of mortality.
- There is good news to be found in this; workers who use hearing aids in the study had up to 30 percent lower mortality risk compared to those with untreated hearing loss.

These findings suggest that hearing health affects overall survival, not just communication ability. As Cloeren noted during a recent Center to Protect Workers' Rights webinar: "It's one thing to lose your hearing, but it has other implications if it means you may die earlier or develop dementia."

**Hearing conservation as prevention.**

Effective hearing conservation programs have to go beyond just distributing earplugs. They require:

- Reducing noise at the source
- Engineering quieter tools and equipment
- Consistent monitoring of worker audiograms
- Identifying temporary threshold shifts early
- Diagnosing hearing loss before symptoms appear
- Providing access to affordable hearing aids

The NIOSH Buy Quiet initiative is a program that encourages employers to invest in quieter machinery rather than relying solely on personal protective equipment. NIOSH provides a database of quieter tools that pay off in worker health costs in the long run.

**The Bottom Line.** Noise exposure is not just a short-term inconvenience. It may influence how you age, brain health and longevity decades after exposure occurs. Protecting hearing today may protect independence, memory and your quality of life in the future. For construction employers and workers alike, hearing conservation is no longer just another safety regulation, it's a lifelong investment in your health.

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**Painters DC 1M**

WARREN – Dear Members:  
DC1M WEBSITE: [www.iupatdc1michigan.org](http://www.iupatdc1michigan.org)

**DC 1M UNION CARDS\***  
Any questions regarding a lost, damaged Union cards, or if you have dues inquiries or have not received a card please contact the DC1M offices at:

Warren Office: (586)552-4474 extension 100  
Freeland Office: (989) 695-6888

**FTI of the GREAT LAKES / UPGRADE CLASSES**

**FTI AP- PRENTICE- SHIP WARREN LOCATION:**

Drug and Alcohol Awareness April 16th, time: 5pm

Aerial Lift Certification April 27th-30th, time: 5pm  
And Saturday May 2nd: 9am

**FTI APPRENTICESHIP**

**OWOSSO LOCATION:**  
Fall Protection April 18, 9am  
Drug and Alcohol Awareness April 28, 5pm

Architectural Drawings May 13, 5pm, and May 16, 9am

Contact Director Shawn Oneill for more information or to sign up. (517)304-4425 or email [dot@iupatdc1m.org](mailto:dot@iupatdc1m.org)

**D BAR A MIX FIX 2026**  
The Mix Fix at the D – A Scout Camp is Saturday May 9th. Flyer and info info come.

**SICKNESS AND DEATH**

Local 357 Retiree Phillip Dupuis passed away. He was our oldest active life-member with 72 years of service. Keep his Family in your thoughts and prayers.

**PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M SMART PHONE APP.** Painters District Council 1M APP info:

•For IPHONE go to IOS store,  
•For ANDROID go to Google Play store

•Search for “Painters and Allied Trades” download APP  
•Username: your member id#  
•Password: painters

With this APP you can access training classes, Local Union meeting times and dates, receive alerts, and communications from your Union, etc.

**GET INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATE IN YOUR UNION!**

**OUT OF WORK/ BACK TO WORK:** To keep work placement efficient, please notify the office when you are laid off or going back to work.

Warren office# is 586-552-4474 or Freeland office# is 989-695-6888. New job starts should be reported to the Union office, please do so

Get involved. Work smart. Work safe.



Glaziers & Glassworkers  
**Local 357**

**Glaziers & Glassworkers 357**

WARREN – On Monday May 4, 2026, we will be voting on our allocation for this year's increase. The vote will be held at 14587 Barber Ave., Warren, at 5 pm. Members in good standing are welcome to attend, and vote. Please make it a priority to attend.

We still have several Local 357 members currently laid off. Please make sure your certifications are up to date. This will help get you back to work.

The IUPAT pension has updated the pension website. There is new information that could be helpful. [iupatpension.org](http://iupatpension.org)

The IUPAT has a new app that you can download. It's called IUPAT Mobile Member Portal. You can find this in the app store, and it is a free app. Once you download this app, you will need your union member id to log in. You can find your member ID printed on your quarterly union card. Once you log into this app it's a helpful tool to track your hours worked, and it also has a digital copy of your union card.

Keep your working status current; this helps protect your benefits. If you have a mailing address and/or telephone number change, please notify the Union and Fund Offices of the changes.

Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at



**District Council 1M**

**Business Manager:** Robert Gonzalez

**Meeting date:** 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., with the Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m.

**Place:** 14587 Barber Ave, Warren MI 48088 & 419 S. Washington Ave, Lansing MI 48933

**Local Union 514**

**Business Rep:** Scott Mikulen

**Meeting dates:** 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

**Place:** 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI.

**Website:** [www.iupat-local514.org](http://www.iupat-local514.org).

**Local Union 826**

**Business Rep:** Rocky Ackerman

**Meeting date:** 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** 3115 Joyce St. Burton, MI 48529

**Local Union 826**

**Business Rep –** Ed Bracamontes

**Meeting date:** 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

**Place:** 419 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

**Local Union 1052**

**Business Rep –** Jake Fluty

**Meeting date:** Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m

**Place:** 3115 Joyce St., Burton MI 48529

**Local Union 1803**

**Business Rep:** Josh Ovalle

**Meeting date:** 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** 7677 Midland Road, Freeland, MI 48623.

**Local Union 2352**

**Business Rep:** Jeremy Haviland

**Meeting Date:** 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

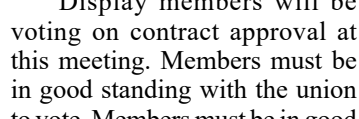
**Place:** District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave., Warren, MI.

**Local Union 2353**

**Business Rep:** Tony Parker

**Meeting date:** 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave, Warren, MI.



Sign, Pictorial & Display Local 591

**Sign Pictorial & Display 591**

WARREN – The next general Membership Meeting is Tuesday, May 5, 6 p.m. Trustees and stewards meet at 5:45 p.m.

Display members will be voting on contract approval at this meeting. Members must be in good standing (dues up to date) with district council 1 app or receipt of paid dues to attend meeting

Anyone possessing a union membership and who willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4, and 19.8 of the District Council By-laws

Questions pertaining to Local 591 Pension Fund issues call 248-645-6550 and/or Health Care issues call 248-358-3340 or 800-482-8736 which will then be answered directly through fund office.

**OUT OF WORK: BACK TO WORK:** procedure for out of and back to work: When laid off or going back to work, call the office. 586-552-4474

**Local 357 cont'd**

14587 Barber Avenue, Warren, MI 48088. Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M** in care of Glassworkers #357.

When traveling to work out of town, all members are reminded that they must check in with the local that you are working in as per the International Constitution and our local C.B.A.

The Fund Office address is Michigan Glass and Glazing Joint Funds, P.O. Box 966, Troy, MI 48098-0666; phone number: 248-641-4957; fax 248-813-9898.

If you are in need of safety modules, please contact your employer if you are employed or the union office @ 586-552-4478, if you're not. Any questions call the hall or call the Council @ 586-552-4474. Participation is very important to keep our union strong, so try to make it to a meeting.

– **Business Rep. Don Stepp**



**Local 47 Heat and Frost Insulators**

**Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47**

LANSING – The next Special Called Meeting will be held on Friday, May 8, 2026 at 7:30 p.m., and will be held at the Local 47 Union Hall located at 16475 Ingersoll Rd., Lansing, MI 48906. Please note, this is a Mandatory Meeting for All Apprentices. The purpose of the Special called meeting is to amend Article 19 (Special Benefits) of the Rules of Procedure.

Please make sure to call or text ALL Start/Layoffs to the Union Office. Leave the start/layoff date and the name of the contractor along with your name.

Please notify the Local Union Office with any phone and home address changes. We need the most current member information throughout our system, TIC's, and the with the International.

If you are Non-Active retiree or Surviving Spouse and would like to continue receiving the Building Tradesman please contact the Union Office to let us know.

The Funds Trustees have waived the 79 hour rule for all Retirees effective July 1, 2025.

**DENTAL BENEFIT CHANGE NOTIFICATION:** -Starting Jan. 1, 2026 all Active and Retired Participants will now have Delta Dental as your Dental Provider. You will be receiving a welcome packet along with your card in the mail shortly if you have not already. Your dental information will no longer be attached to your health insurance card. The card you are being provided will not be necessary when using Delta Dental services, providing your Social Security number/card to a participating provider will be sufficient. Any Annual or lifetime benefits that were already utilized with Blue Dental will be carried over to the new coverage. If you have any further questions please call our Pension/Welfare Trustee Joshua Kroell, (989) 385-2671.

Invites for our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic have been sent out. This year's picnic will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026. In order to make sure we have enough Food and Drinks for everyone please mail back your RSVPs before May 4<sup>th</sup>. The picnic will be held at Fitzgerald Park (site 6). And the address is 133 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837.

We are not taking Reservations for this year's Golf Outing, which will be held Saturday, July 18. If you would like to participate please Call or Text the Union Office at (517) 708-0665 with the names of your team along with whether each person would like Chicken or Steak for dinner. The cost of this year's outing is \$85/person or \$340/team. Please do not wait until the last minute to call in your team, spots fill up fast, and be sure to have your team in no later than July 3.

Per the Rules and Procedures: Members must notify the office within 24 hours of being laid off or charges may be placed, you can do so by calling or texting the office at (517) 708-0665 with your layoff date and the name of the Contractor you were laid off from. Members must notify the office before ANY overtime is worked.

Pension and Health Welfare: Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671 Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275

**Toll Free: (800) 323-8079**  
**Telephone: (517) 321-7502**  
**Email: [joshkroell@insulators47.com](mailto:joshkroell@insulators47.com)**

Joshua Kroell will be available via phone to answer any questions regarding Pension, Welfare and Vacation Funds. Joshua is the Secretary for the Pension, Welfare, Vacation and Special Benefits and can be reached by phone at (989) 385-2671, or by mail at: 16475 Ingersoll Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.

To all active members, if you have not sent in your Coordination of Benefits Form, your Spousal Form, or your Birth Certificates for your Children, no one will be covered on our insurance until these items are

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**Local 25 Heat and Frost Insulators**

**Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 SOUTHFIELD – UNION MEETING:** The next Membership Meeting is Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, 48033. This meeting is SPECIAL CALLED for allocations. This meeting is **MANDATORY** for all apprentices.

We will have a \$5 per ticket 50/50 raffle, with the proceeds benefiting Breath of Life Foundation to support research for mesothelioma, lung cancer, and other asbestos related diseases.

**THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US:** It is with sincere condolences that we announce the passing of retired member Edwin Robertson II. May he rest in peace.

**INSTRUCTOR APPLICATIONS:** The J.A.T.C. is accepting applications for instructors. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume to [marty@heatfrostinsulators25.org](mailto:marty@heatfrostinsulators25.org). If you have any questions regarding the positions, please contact the Apprentice Coordinator, Marty Allen.

**WEBSITE:** Visit our updated website at [www.heatfrostinsulators.org](http://www.heatfrostinsulators.org) to access helpful links and additional member resources.

**CONTACT UPDATE:** We are now using [admin@heatfrostinsulators25.org](mailto:admin@heatfrostinsulators25.org) as the primary email address for all communication with the Union Hall. Please update your contact records accordingly.

**JOB STARTS:** As stated in Local 25's Constitution & Bylaws Article III Section 5. Failure to report a job start will automatically result in a fine of \$50.00. Future failures to report a job start will result in the amount of the fine being levied left to the discretion of the President.

**PLEASE call in all job starts so we can avoid fining members.**

**PERCAPITA:** Please be reminded that any member working 32 hours or less during a month must pay their own Per Capita of \$14 per month. Per Capita payments should be made on a **monthly** basis. If a member works as a traveler in another Local's jurisdiction, the member must remit double Per Capita of \$28. Please forward payments **monthly** to Local 25, 21353 Bridge St., Southfield, 48033.

**MUST SAFETY MODULES:** If you have modules expiring, contact the Union Hall to have the testing authorization activated. Please keep in mind, any modules completed outside the quarter requested in, will be paid the following quarter.

**EMPLOYMENT CHANGES:** All employment changes including hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall within 48 hours. This is the only way to guarantee you are on the out-of-work list and your employment records remain current and correct. Failure to report will result in an automatic fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine.

**BENESYS:** When calling the Fund Office, Benesys, please be sure to get the name of the representative providing you information.

**Local 47 cont'd**

sent to TIC. Please call TIC immediately at (800) 323-8079 and get the above-mentioned forms into the fund ASAP and you will be reinstated retroactively

Remember that Auto and Motorcycle accidents are not covered by our plan. Auto and Motorcycle accidents should be covered by your personal Auto Insurance policy.

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# Labor law sheriffs made disappearing act in 2025

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crimes committed against working people. Financially, at least \$19 billion is stolen from American workers every year by their employers, according to a 2019 study from the Economic Policy Institute.

That vastly exceeds all other kinds of theft – larceny, muggings, car thefts – combined.

Out of a workforce of 165 million people, there are more than 3 million workplace-related injuries or deaths each year.

OSHA and the Wage and Hour Division were created to protect all workers from abuses that were simply common business practices in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Knee-capping law enforcement invites a return of those dark days, Warsh said. “The incidence of these attacks on working people hasn’t dropped. Only the penalties have fallen,” he said. “The chance of getting caught was already too low. Since Trump’s second inauguration, it’s fallen to just about zero.”

Some of the starkest collapses were in the areas of most interest to the IBEW’s construction members. One of the union’s critical tools to organize work is ensuring that the Department of Labor has accurate prevailing wage data.

Each year, business managers and international representatives spend hundreds of hours collecting and passing on wage information to the DOL to set wage standards for federal and federally funded construction projects covered by the Davis-Bacon Act.

The law was designed to keep publicly funded projects out of the hands of contractors that build low bids on underpaid, low-skilled and exploited workers. If a contractor can’t win by lowballing labor costs, it has to compete on the quality of the work, and that’s why the IBEW wins so many Davis-Bacon projects.

“Contractors that violate the Davis-Bacon Act are going to be the worst actors in our industry. They not only rip off their own workers, but they rip off the taxpaying public, pocket the premium for public projects and then lie about it,” said IBEW International President Kenneth W. Cooper.

According to the federal Wage and Hour Division statistics, the average penalties in the Obama Administration for Davis-Bacon violations were about \$27 million per year. In the first Trump Administration, penalties averaged about \$19 million. Under President Joe Biden, they averaged about \$21 million.

In 2025, they were only about \$1.3 million, which was down 95 percent from the Obama average, 94 percent from Biden and 93 percent from Trump’s first administration.

The Trump Administration’s abandonment of working people is even worse than it looks because the starting point was already far too low. The DOL has been vastly underfunded and understaffed for decades.

The U.S. workforce has grown from about 107 million in 1980 to nearly 170 million in 2024, yet the DOL budget shrank in that time from \$119 billion to \$54.3 billion in real dollars. The result is a cripplingly small force looking out for the interests of American workers. OSHA has one inspector for every 70,000 workers, while the Wage and Hour Division has one inspector for every 270,000.

Staffing for wage-and-hours enforcement is at the lowest level since the office was created, at only 611. And its about to get worse. OSHA is slated to lose 12 percent of its already depleted inspection workforce, according to the Good Jobs First report, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the workplace safety research agency that provides guidelines for OSHA, is facing an 80 percent cut in funding.

But reducing oversight, even this dramatically, is only half the story, said IBEW Construction and Maintenance Director Matt Paules. “They are also slashing the laws that protect us from bad employers. They never hid it. They published a playbook – *Project 2025*. They are just doing what they said they would to kneecap labor protections,” he said.

Since his inauguration, President Donald Trump’s DOL has repealed at least 60 worker protections, including stopping enforcing rules against misclassification of independent contractors, ending the practice of seeking liquidated damages – remedies beyond back wages – for harmed workers and waiving civil penalties for employers who self-report wage violations.

It also stopped fining companies for delayed or incomplete wage payments and revoked a rule that increased the prevailing wage floor for federal contractors.

One of the most consequential changes for construction workers was expanding the definition of “small employers” that qualify for lower penalty rates to include businesses with up to 25 employees.

Although the pace has slowed somewhat, Warsh said, the Trump Administration has plans to weaken worker protections further.

Proposed changes include removing construction lighting safety requirements, as well as narrowing respirator guidelines for asbestos and eliminating mandatory medical evaluations for workers who use respirators while working with asbestos or other carcinogens.

Of particular concern, he said, is a proposal to change the General Duty Clause, a catch-all provision for safety standards, to exclude activities that are “inseparable” from the work.

The change would limit the DOL’s ability to cite employers for injuries in industries where injuries are “part of the job.” At first, this would mostly mean entertainment and sports, but that’s not the ultimate aim, Paules said.

“The big prize would be expanding beyond these industries to any so-called high-risk profession, and that’s us square in the bomb sight,” he said. “There will always be contractors who throw up their hands and say danger is just ‘a part of our work.’ What they mean is they would rather sacrifice a worker than a dollar of profit.”

Finally, the DOL has proposed ending coordinated enforcement activities between the Wage and Hour Division and OSHA. In past administrations, the DOL discovered that companies that stole workers’ wages were more likely to put their workers’ safety at risk. Combining investigations made every scarce investigator more efficient.

“Workers will be cheated more, get hurt and die more. There will be fewer protections, fewer inspectors, and the ones that are left will be less effective,” Paules said.

*“We pay a price for everything we get or take in this world; and although ambitions are well worth having, they are not to be cheaply won, but exact their dues of work and self-denial, anxiety and discouragement.”*

– L. M. Montgomery (1874 - 1942)

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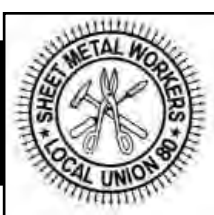
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## Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

**SOUTHFIELD – This paper serves as official notice for all meetings and elections.**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Next General Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** Next executive board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th at 5:00 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2nd Floor, Southfield.

**ELECTION NOMINATIONS NOTICE:** 2026 is a general election year. At the May 26, 2026 general membership meeting we will be taking nominations for the general election. The Election will take place on Tuesday June 23, 2026 at the Local 80 Union Hall. You will be voting on the positions of Business Manager, Business Agents (4), Executive Board President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Executive Board Members (5), Warden, Conductor and Trustees (3). In order to be nominated or elected your dues must be paid prior to the first day of the current month, for example Mays dues must be paid prior to May 1st. Candidates must have a record of continuous good standing for a minimum of 2 years prior to the nomination, election or appointment. Poll hours are 12:00 noon until 8:00 pm. An official election notice shall be mailed to the last known home address of each voting member no less than 15 days prior to the election.

**UNION HALL REGULAR HOURS** Monday through Friday 7:30 - 4:00, unless otherwise indicated.

**RETIREE NEWS & MEETING SCHEDULE:** 2026 Retiree Meetings: Monday June 15, Aug. 17, Oct. 19 (annual party) & Dec. 21. All membership meetings start at 12:30 pm, held at the Local 80 hall. Please enter the hall through the ramp entrance. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593. Retiree lapel pins with the SMWIA logo are available to all members of the retirees' association. They will be available to all retiree association members at our general membership meetings. Please see the general membership-meeting schedule above.

**BENESYS AT THE UNION HALL:** Lashone will be in Monday - Thursday from 9-4pm. To schedule an appointment, please 248-813-9800 ext. 3250

**THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE:** Lucy Petrykowski, Michael Postinger, Daniel Estes, Devern Rabideaux, Brenden Marsee, Zachary Schwendemann-Whitman & Raymond Klimas III.

**GOLF OUTING: Tickets are SOLD OUT. Please contact the hall to be added to the waitlist.** Please join us on July 11 at Cracklewood Golf Club in Macomb Twp. Tickets can be reserved for \$125 a ticket. Your ticket will include coffee, donuts, a bloody mary bar, lunch at the turn, open bar until 1 hour after golf, beer & pop available on the course and a wonderful steak dinner. Please contact the hall with any questions you may have or to reserve your ticket! \*Payment must be received to lock in your ticket, there is no holding tickets without payment.\*

**DUES PAYMENTS: are due prior to the 1st of the month.** Books close at the end of business day on the last day of the month. Payments made on the 1st will be considered late. No exceptions - once the books are closed, they cannot be reopened. To help you stay on track, you will receive a text reminder before the end of the month. If you're not receiving these reminders, please contact the hall.

**WORKING IN OTHER LOCALS:** Please remember that if you are working in a jurisdiction outside of Local 80 you must call their union hall and check in as a traveler. It is the member's responsibility to do this, not the contractor's! If you have any questions please reach out to an agent.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** If you have a new address please make sure to let the hall know. We will take care of your account with the union hall, which includes the tradesman paper. You will also need to call Benesys at 800-400-7710 to update for insurance and pension documents.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH and DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE FROM OUR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION:** Members who have their dues paid in advance (prior to the month of the accident) are eligible for accidental death and dismemberment benefits up to \$7,500.00. This benefit comes as a dues paying member of SMART International.

**WEEKEND WORK ASSIGNMENTS:** must be reported by the steward by 3pm on Friday and signed forms returned on Monday to staff@smw80.org

**LAY-OFFS:** All members must report to the Union Hall immediately upon lay-off. You must be on the out-of-work list to collect S.U.B. or SASMI benefits. It is the contractor's responsibility to issue a termination slip in accordance with our contract.

**OUT-OF-WORK LIST:** Members must re-register bi-annually: March 1-March 20 and Sept. 1 through Sept. 20. If you fail to re-register, you will be removed from the list. Your name will be removed from the list 14 days after receiving an assignment.

**SUB Application Deadlines and Requirements:** Submit your SUB application within 7 days of your layoff to avoid forfeiting benefits. Layoff slips must accompany your application to qualify for SUB benefits.

Send proof of UIA benefit payments within 21 days of the payment date to receive SUB benefits.

Send your unemployment proof to smw80subfund@gmail.com or fax it to 248-557-0297. To ensure payment by Friday, proof due by 2:00 PM on Tuesdays.

**Important:** Don't submit your UIA proof directly to the fund office. For questions, call the hall at 248-557-7575.

**SHORT WORK WEEK SUB PAY:** If you miss work due to weather, and you are not laid off, the company must provide written documentation confirming the loss of hours was weather-related. If you work 16 hours or less in a week, you may be eligible to collect SUB, but only if the hours worked are at the beginning or end of a layoff. To apply: Complete the SUB application at the hall. Provide a pay stub for the week. The hall will submit your information to the fund office. Make sure to follow these steps to ensure your eligibility.

**MEMBERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** If you're facing challenges in your family, relationships, or dealing with stress, emotional difficulties, grief, or substance use, please reach out to our Assistance Program **Uliance** at 1-800-448-8326 or visit www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com. Mention Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 when you call.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Golf Outing – July 11; Picnic – Aug. 1.

**Training Center News.**  
**Tool Donations Support the Next Generation of Sheet Metal Apprentices.** The Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 Training Center would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Steve Murzen, Layne Stewart, and the family of Adam Smith for their generous donations of tools to our apprenticeship program.

These donated tools are provided to new apprentices as they begin their training and enter the sheet metal trade. For a first-year apprentice, having the right tools in hand is more than a practical necessity – it is an important first step toward building confidence, pride, and a strong foundation in the trade.

On behalf of the Training Center, our instructors, and our apprentices, thank you for supporting the future of our trade.

**Apprenticeship Entrance Exam**  
The Entrance Exam for the next Sheet Metal Workers' Local 80 Building Trades Apprenticeship class is scheduled for Wednesday July 22, 2026. The deadline to apply is July 17, 2026. Requirements include a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license and applicants must be 18 years old by October 5, 2026. Applications must be submitted in person and are accepted by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Local 80 Training Center @ (586) 979-5190.



## Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

**TROY – The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois, Troy 48083.** Use the Banquet Entrance. **This meeting is extremely important for all to attend as Union Officer Election nominations will be taking place. The meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. sharp. All members are encouraged to attend. The E-Board/Stewards meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall.**

**NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS:** Per Article 12 Section 5 of the Constitution and Ritual of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers, this is to serve as timely notice that nominations for Local 292 Union officers will be held May 13, 2026, - at the Regular Membership Meeting Troy Community Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The term of office will run from the Regular Membership Meeting, July 8, 2026, to the first Regular Membership Meeting in July 2029. Candidates may nominate themselves at the nominations meeting or can be nominated by any member in good standing. A second is not necessary. Any member who is nominated for a Local 292 office and who is not present at the nominations meeting shall be dropped from the list of nominees unless within five days after such nominations (close of office at 4:00 pm on May 20, 2026) he or she notifies the Recording Secretary in writing addressed to Local 292's office (64 Park St. Troy MI 48083), or hand delivered, of his or her willingness to run for such office.

Members who are nominated for a Local 292 office, must comply with the eligibility requirements as described in the SMART Constitution and Ritual. If you do not have a copy of the Constitution, please request a mailed copy or visit our website www.sheetmetal292.com, the Constitution is posted there as well.

**To be eligible for nominations to Local Union office on May 13, 2026, dues for the month of May must be paid in advance, that is, on or before April 30, 2026.**

To be eligible for election on June 26, 2026, dues for the month of June must be paid in advance, that is, on or before May 29, 2026. All nominees will have an opportunity to address the membership at the General Membership Meeting on June 10, 2026

Please take time to participate in this important process.  
**Elections will be held on June 26, 2026, from 12 (noon) – 8:00 pm at The Apprenticeship School, 64 Park St, Troy MI 48083. A dues receipt is required to vote.**

**RETIREE NOTICE:** The next Retiree Luncheon will be held on 6/4/26 at 12:30 pm at Madhouse Bar and Grill, 32787 Stephenson Hwy, Madison Heights, 48071. It's always nice catching up and staying connected. Please get in touch with the union hall via our website www.sheetmetal292.com, click on the "Contact Us" page if you would like to be added to the retiree email list.

**LOCAL 292 ANNUITY/WAGE DEFERRAL:** Beginning 1/1/26 the Annuity Fund will offer both pre-tax 403 (B) and Roth 403 (B) contribution options. Check your mail for flyers from Local 292 & John Hancock explaining the new option.

**ANNUITY FUND ACCOUNT ACCESS:** You can now access your Annuity account online, by phone, or by mobile app. The phone number to reach John Hancock is 833-388-6466. To create an online profile and a PIN, visit johnhancock.com/myplan and click "register now." Be sure to choose a strong password. Keep your password safe and change it regularly. To establish your PIN by phone, call 833-388-6466 or 888-440-0022 for Spanish.

**Important Notice: Pension Benefit Payments Transitioning to Prudential Effective 8/1/25.** Pension benefit payments will now come from Prudential, starting with the transfer, Retirees will begin receiving monthly pension payments directly from Prudential Insurance. If your medical insurance premium was being automatically deducted from your pension, this will continue under Prudential. No action is needed. **Advantages of the Pension Risk Transfer:** Greater Long-Term Security. The pension plan is being transferred to Prudential, a highly reputable and financially stable insurance company. Prudential specializes in managing long-term annuity payments, ensuring that retirees receive dependable monthly payments for life. Prudential's sole focus is managing and delivering retirement income. This transfer places retirees' pension under expert stewardship and reduces financial risk to the Union. The amount of your monthly benefit with not change. The payment schedule will continue on time and in full.

**MEMBER ASSISTANCE: Local 292 has a new partner for Member Assistance. UNION EAP.** Union EAP provides professional guidance for mental health, substance abuse recovery, and complex healthcare navigation for all active participants of the Health Plan. Beyond wellness, they offer expert assistance with legal consultations and financial planning to ensure you have the support you need for every part of your life, all completely confidential. Available 24/7, 365 days a year. 1-855-500-1915.

**SMOHIT HELPLINE:** Call 877-884-6227/ Available 24/7. For SMART 292 Members and their families experiencing an immediate crisis or who need a helpful ear.

**OUT OF WORK:** If you become laid off, you must complete an Out of Work List Registration /SUB form. SUB forms are available at the Union Hall and through all shop stewards. This is the only way your name will be added to the Out of Work List. **Please contact Paul or Tony for updated work opportunities.**

**SMART 292 APP:** Our new Local 292 App is now live. It is available to all dues-paying members. Download is available through your App Store. Search SMART Local 292. There will be a short waiting period for the verification process.

**WEBSITE / FACEBOOK:** Be sure to check our website – www.sheetmetal292.com; Facebook page – Sheet Metal Workers Local 292.

**DUES:** Membership dues must be paid in advance of the month for which they are due. The union hall is not open on Saturday or Sunday; therefore, if you pay dues on either of those days, it will not be processed until Monday. If you are on suspension warning, your dues are 60 days late. To avoid suspension, dues must be paid online or at the union hall by 4 p.m. on the last business day of the month. Payments received after 4 p.m. on the last business day of the month will not be processed and you WILL go suspended.

**ADDRESS UPDATES:** If you move, please contact the union hall to update your address.

**SUBSTANTIATION REQUEST:** Many members have received Substantiation Request letters from the Local 292 Benefit Fund office. IRS regulations require that every use of the Benny Card be substantiated or validated as an eligible covered expense under the Plan. The IRS requires this validation; the Fund cannot make exceptions. It is the members' responsibility to ensure all requested documentation is returned to the Fund office promptly. By not responding to the Substantiation Request letter, your Benny Card may be suspended until all requested documentation has been received. If you have any questions, contact BeneSys at 248.641.4992 or the Union Hall.

**UNION HALL HOURS:** Hall office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Attention all Welders!** We are looking for any members interested in a Saturday welding class on, May 9, May 16, and May 30. These classes would be for members ready to obtain an AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or need to practice welding.

Note: Anyone who signs up for a class must pay a \$40.00 registration fee that will be refunded on the completion of the class. These deposits are NON-Refundable if you do not show up for the classes. You can drop off the deposit between the hours of 7:00 and 3:00 at the Apprentice School.

Call the Apprentice School at 248-589-3237, Dave's cell 313-623-9390 or Quintin's cell 248-495-6764 to reserve a spot. Remember we must have the deposit before you will be scheduled for the class.



## Local 7 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 7

**LANSING – NOTICE. This Newspaper Article shall serve as the Official Notice of ALL meetings for Local 7!**

**The next Statewide Meeting will be June 11, 2026, at 6 p.m.**

- \*Zone 1 May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 2 May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 3 May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Freeland)
- \*Zone 3 June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)
- \*Zone 4 May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 5 June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Please be aware that we are all required to report into the Local/Zone/Area/Jurisdiction in which we are traveling outside of our home Local/Zone/Area/Jurisdiction per the SMART Constitution Article 16

Section 10. Failure to report could result in charges and fines that you alone will be responsible for. Do not rely on your contractor or others to report on your behalf, it is your responsibility. Call your Business Representative if you are unsure of who to contact, they will get you the correct reporting information.

Please register on our website at [www.sheetmetal7.org](http://www.sheetmetal7.org) for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2026. Once you are registered it must be approved to be able to log on. Please contact your representative if you have issues registering.

**SMART Union Labels:** Make the union label work for you! The new and modernized SMART Labels are an essential part to wage equalization, which means more money and work for you. Make sure that you are scanning labels to equalize pay and eliminate the incentive to subcontract outside of your area. For more information visit the official website at [www.labelitscanireport.com](http://www.labelitscanireport.com) and download the official app by texting "SMART" to 90975.

**Zone 1 Info:** Work in the Zone 1 area has started picking up recently and looks to remain strong throughout the year. If you become unemployed, please update your status with Eric and Vance (Apprentices please notify Ryan as well). If you are experiencing any difficulties with Unemployment, ESTA, Insurance, or Pensions, please contact Eric or Vance for assistance. Any Journeypersons interested in any upgrade classes, please contact Ryan at the Zone 1 Training Center for additional information (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the number of individuals interested).

**Monthly Retiree meeting:** 2nd Tuesday of each month 1:00 pm located at Sarah's Place 1100 Page Ave, Jackson MI 49203.

**In Solidarity, Eric Farrington and Vance Saunders.**

**ZONE 2 Info:** Work in Zone 2 is steady and looks to be picking up soon, with just a few members off. If you become unemployed please let me know and apprentices let Tanner know as well. Our next meeting will be May 19th at 6:00pm. It will be at the VFW Post 3195, 5209 Grand Haven Road, Norton Shores, MI. Don't forget to save the date for the Local 7 golf outing, on September 12th at Blair Ridge. Please keep me informed of any address or phone number changes and dues are always due prior to the first of the month.

**In Solidarity, Mike Adams**  
**ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw)** Work in our area should be picking up soon. Dues are due the first of every month please make sure you are current. Please make sure you update your contact information with the Lansing office and Benesys if you moved or have a new phone number.

**MEETINGS:** May 13 Zone 3 meeting at the Freeland hall  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> Retiree meeting is at the Ponderosa in Bay City on Wilder Rd  
Condolence to Wes Fisher family on the recent passing of his wife Linda. **In Solidarity, Joe Dotson**

**ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City)** Our next regular meeting is June 4 at 6 pm. Work outlook for our area is steady. If there is anyone having any issues, contact me. Make sure you don't forget to schedule your physicals (one year and one day after your last). Please help support the Nurses at Munson as they are in negotiations. SASMI has a new app, it makes it easy to submit claims, download it today.

**In Solidarity, John Amalfitano**  
**ZONE 4 Info:** Well, spring is upon us and summer is coming up. Looks like it's going to be a busy year and we are looking forward to it. Don't forget about the Local 7 golf outing on Sept 12 at Briar Ridge golf course in Montrose Michigan. Don't forget if you want to do upgrades, please contact the training center and ask about available dates. **Thanks your brother Scott Brotherton.**

**ZONE 5 Info:** Work in the UP should start to pick up in the next month. Don't forget to get your Mine Safety Training up to date. If you need a refresher please sign up for that at [www.upconstruction.org](http://www.upconstruction.org) If you have a change of address please call me or the Lansing hall to get that updated. Please watch your mail as the wage allocation meeting mailer should be going out soon. It will be May 16th at 10 am at the hall in Gwinn. Reminder: 2026 union meetings at the hall in Gwinn have been changed to Saturdays at 10:00 am. The next retirees breakfast will be May 13th at The Summer Place in Republic at 10 am. **In Solidarity, Brandon Langenfeld.**

**Dues Department: \*Online dues payment is now available\*** Dues from all members of local unions shall be paid monthly or quarterly, but always in advance. To better serve our membership, we accept Credit Card Payments in lieu of your monthly dues. If you would like to take advantage of the Credit Card Service, a finance charge will be applied – Please call the Lansing office during regular business hours at 517-882-4064 to make your payment.

**Address/Telephone Changes: Article 8, Section 1** of Local 7 Work Rules: *Address Changes:* All members are required to keep the Financial Secretary informed of their correct address. A notice mailed to the last address shall be sufficient and legal. If you have moved or changed your telephone number, please contact the union hall to update your records.

**BENEFITS:** For Benefit questions please contact the area office. Zone 1 – BeneSys 866-822-7037, Zone 2 – TIC 866-887-4338, Zone 3 – BeneSys 800-451-5733, Zone 4 – BeneSys 800-842-2690 and Zone 5 – Wisconsin H & B Fund 800-654-2329.

**DEATH CERTIFICATES:** Please submit to the Union Hall a copy of a Death Certificate for deceased members. Additional benefits from the International may be available.

**CONTACT US:** 4931 Contec Drive, Lansing, MI 48910– 517-882-4064

**Local 7 Officers:**  
**Samual Fuller** (Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer) 517-882-4064

**Eric Farrington** (Agent-Lansing/Jackson) 517-242-3223  
**Vance Saunders** (Agent-Battle Creek/Kalamazoo) 269-569-9200  
**Mike Adams** (Agent-Grand Rapids/Muskegon) 616-299-3752  
**Joe Dotson** (Agent-Saginaw) 989-225-0095  
**John Amalfitano** (Agent-Traverse City) 231-590-1112  
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## Local 85 Plumbers & Steam Fitters

UA Local 85

SAGINAW – The next **Union Meeting** will be held at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, May 27, 2026**, at the Union Hall, 3535 Bay Rd.

The next Zone 2 Union Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 3, 2026**, at the Grayling Eagles Lodge, at 602 Huron St., Grayling, MI 49738.

**Contact Information:**  
Justin Pomerville, Business Manager (989) 799-5261 x 8513 jpomerville@ualocal85.org

Tim Danielak, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8514 tdanielak@ualocal85.org

Clint Steele, Business Agent (231) 499-7330 csteel@ualocal85.org

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Bobby Anderson, Organizer (989) 799-5261 x 8512 rjanderson@ualocal85.org

Kristin Tuthill, Office Professional (989) 799-5261 x 8511 ktuthill@ualocal85.org

Please check the ualocal85.org or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

The **new website** is up and running. Please check out [www.ualocal85.org](http://www.ualocal85.org). Click on Local 85 Members to access members only information. Login information is username: first initial with full last name. Password is 00 with your UA Card No. If you have difficulties logging in, please call Kristin, (989) 799-5261 ext. 8511.

**Social Media:** Like us on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, @UALocal85. Facebook has our Members Only page for updates at UA Local 85 Members Group.

**JATC News:** Work continues to be very busy, please keep a close eye on the website for upcoming classes. We need to continue to be trained and certified for many of these upcoming projects. If there is a specific class you need, please reach out to Training Coordinator Robert Mead, (989) 799-5261 ext. 8519.

**SUB Fund: Print Unemployment Payment History** located under the Certification Tab when logged into your MiWAM account. Deadline for submittals is Noon on Thursday in order to receive a check that Friday. Checks will be mailed out on Friday. No in person pickups allowed. If a holiday falls on a Friday, checks will be issued on Thursday and deadline will be moved up to Wednesday by noon.

**Where to submit documents:** Address: UA Local Union 85 SUB, 3535 Bay Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603 Fax: (989) 791-3468 Email: SUB@ualocal85.org

**SUB Application for Benefits:** Must be on file in order to receive SUB Check.

**90 Day Rule:** The weeks you are claiming must be submitted within 90 days of the first Monday following the week in which you are eligible to receive a State benefit per the Plan Documents.

**Taxes:** There are no taxes taken out of SUB Fund Checks, however they are taxable wages and you will receive a W-2 at the end of the year. If you want taxes withheld from your SUB Fund Check, please indicate the dollar amount for Federal and State on each SUB submittal.

**NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:** Please call the Union Hall to update any address or phone no. changes at (989) 799-5261.

**Beneficiary Cards:** Please call the Union Hall for any changes in beneficiary information at (989) 799-5261.

**Website Address:** Please visit [www.ualocal85.org](http://www.ualocal85.org).

**Insurance:** When you are working out of another Local's jurisdiction, it may take up to 90 days for your Insurance and Pension to be reciprocated back to Local 85, which may cause problems with your Health Insurance. **ALWAYS SAVE YOUR CHECKSTUBS** and fax them in to the hall at 989-791-3468 with the local you are working out of indicated. We will fax them down to BeneSys to keep your insurance up to date.

**THE NEXT RETIREE LUNCHEON:** will be held on Tuesday, **May 12** at 12 Noon at UA Local 85 Administration Office, 3535 Bay Road Saginaw, MI 48603. We ask if you are able, please bring a dish to pass.

**Fraternally,**  
Justin M. Pomerville  
Business Manager/Financial Secretary Local Union 85



## Local 190 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters, Service Technicians, Gas Distribution

UA Local 190

ANN ARBOR – THE **NEXT UNION MEETING:** is scheduled for Monday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI. All members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

**OUR UNION OFFICE** will be closed at Noon on Friday, May 22 and all-day Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. Our thanks to those who serve. As we celebrate our liberty and freedoms we remember and support those who protect them.

**OHIO GAS MEMBERS – WAGE ALLOCATION:** A "Special Called Meeting" for the Ohio Gas Distribution Wage Allocation effective June 1, has been scheduled for Saturday, May 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at Local 190's Ohio Training Ctr. Located at 2064 Industrial Ct., Covington, OH 45318.

**LOCAL 190 SCHOLARSHIP:** is now available at the union hall for distribution to members and their families. There are two scholarships available. One from Local 190, due back no later than June 26, emailed applications will NOT be accepted, please mail or return to the union hall. The UA scholarship is now available at the union hall for distribution, this application must be postmarked no later than June 11 and mailed to the UA Office in Annapolis, MD.

**OUR 52nd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:** will be held on Saturday, July 25. Our event will be held at **Whitmore Lake Golf Links, Whitmore Lake**. Mark your calendar for this special event. Tickets are available to purchase at the union hall. **Check or cash payments only, no credit card payments.** If you have any questions please contact Karen at (734) 424-0962 Ext. 210.

**PAY UNION DUES ONLINE:** Members can now pay your union dues online. <https://mtp.ua190.org/mtpweb>

**IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS – LAID OFF OR BACK TO WORK:** please immediately contact Karen (734) 424-0962 Ext. #210. Please report the last day in which you worked. When calling to report back to work please let Karen know the contactor and the date you reported back to work. All Members can now go to the website under "members only" and fill out a "back to work" form or "laid off" form.

**FUSING CLASS:** Anyone interested in registering for the fusing class, please contact Business Agent Pat Duffy at (734) 368-4423, Business Agent Roy Musgrove 734-646-8838 or Ralph Booth at (734) 369-1432.

**MICHIGAN LICENSE RENEWAL:** Plumbing license renewals are done online ONLY! For detailed instructions please visit: [www.michigan.gov/bcc](http://www.michigan.gov/bcc).

**INFORMATION – FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** ANNUAL PHYSICALS need to be completed by Oct. 31. Please remember to bring in the 2026 Annual Physical Verification Form and email the completed form to Bernadette Maus bmaus@ua190.org. This form is on our Local 190 website UA190.org and also the Benefits website UA190benefits.org. go to documents, health care, 2026 annual physical verification form (towards the bottom of the page)

**NEW BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD APP:** all members you can download the free Blue Cross Blue Shield APP on your smart device. This will allow you to see a copy of your BCBS card, review your claims, explanation benefits and much more. **Download: BCBSM**

Bernadette Maus will be available by phone Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or in person Monday's and Wednesday's at Local 190's office from 7:30 a.m. until Noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., please contact her directly at (888) 390-7473 to schedule an appointment.

When you become eligible for Medicare, please contact Bernadette Maus at our Fringe Benefit office 1-888-390-7473.

The Training Center is open to members wishing to update any certifications, licenses, or qualifications. Office hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8am. to 5 pm. Friday 8am. to 4 pm. We will be closed for lunch from Noon to 1pm. Please give Kristyn a call with any questions regarding certifi-

cations and training schedules or visit us on UA190.org members only section under training to register for classes online. The Training Center will no longer accept cash payments, we will accept checks or credit card payments only. We are following CDC, OSHA, MiOSHA, MD-HHS, and Washtenaw County Health Department guidelines. **Check your Certifications to make sure that you are current! Please submit all continuities, certifications and licenses to the Training Center, so we can keep your profiles up to date. Email: kristyn@190jtc.com or mail to 8040 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor, MI. 48103**

**Available Journeyman classes:**  
**Lead/Asbestos/Bloodborne Pathogens Training (4 hrs):** Please register through the website: ua190.org 2026 **Schedule – Mondays – July 20, and Sept. 28, 2026.** Each class will start at 5 pm.  
**First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs):** Please register through the website: ua190.org 2026 **Schedule – Mondays – Feb. 23, April 27, July 27, and Oct. 5, 2026.** Each class will start at 5 pm.

**Welding Fundamentals (40 hrs):** This class is designed for apprentices & journeymen who have little to no welding experience and want to learn the basic fundamentals of SMAW (Stick), and GTAW (TIG) welding. This course will cover welding procedures (WPS), UA certifications (UA-21, UA-22, UA-41), basic metallurgy, weld process selection, machine setup, welding symbols, welding positions, welding electrodes and consumables, weld preparation, shielding gasses, and welder safety. Participants will receive training on the Lincoln Virtual welding machine (VR), before heading into the welding lab. **Call the Training Center to secure your spot, dates to be announced later.**

**Welding Lab:** is Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursday nights from 4-8:30pm. Saturdays 7am to 3:30pm. The open welding lab will run until **May 22**. There is limited space and first come first served. Saturdays will only remain open with member participation. Welding tests will be scheduled after participants are approved by welding instructors and the training coordinator.

**ASSE Backflow Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become an ASSE Certified Backflow Tester (5110). **2026 Schedule:** The second course starts **Sept 8**. Courses run on **Tuesdays and Thursday** for 5 weeks and are limited to 8 participants. Call the Training Center to secure your spot or register through the website: ua190.org **Must have a current State of Michigan Plumbing License to certify with ASSE.**

**ASSE Backflow Re-Certification (8hrs):** ASSE PRICE INCREASE ASSE has increased the retesting fee to \$85 for this recertification. Re-certification for the ASSE Backflow Tester (5110). **2026 Schedule:** The second course starts **May 5**. The third course starts **Oct 13**. Courses are on Tue and Wed and start at 5 pm. Each course is limited to 8. Call the Training Center to sign up for one of these courses or register through the website: ua190.org **Must have a current State of Michigan Plumbing License to certify with ASSE.**

**Med Gas Installer and Brazzer Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class to be Med Gas certified. Must have a minimum of 4 years, documented experience in the plumbing and/or piping industry. **2026 Schedule:** The second course starts **Sept. 1**. Courses will run for 5 weeks, Tue and Thur. These courses are limited to 16 participants. Call the Training Center to sign up for one of these courses or register through the website: ua190.org

**Med Gas Installer Up-Date (8hrs):** This is a two-day course. **2026 Schedule:** Second course starts **Oct. 6**. Courses will be on Tue and Thu and are limited to 24 participants, per course. Call the Training Center to be put on the list for the next class or register through the website: ua190.org

**ASSE 12010 ICRA Certification for Infection Control and Risk Assessment for Construction Workers (16hrs):** This is a four-day course. **2026 schedule:** course to be announced later.

**EPRI Rigging and Sign-**  
(Continued next column)



## Local 357 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

UA Local 357

KALAMAZOO – THE **NEXT REGULAR UNION MEETING:** will be on **Tuesday – May 12** at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be the Finance Committee at 4:30 and the Executive Board at 6:00 (note new time).

**UPCOMING UNION EVENTS:**

Growlers Baseball Game – Saturday, July 11 – A postcard & email with the details will be sent.

Annual Picnic – Saturday July 18 – A postcard and email with all the details will be sent.

Golf Outing – Saturday Sept. 12 – Details to follow later.

Call Lori at (269) 679-3708 for details on any of the events.

**UNION DUES REMINDERS:** Phone call reminders to pay your dues will not be made. Cash is accepted at the Union Hall for any payments. You also have the option to pay your union dues through the Local 357 website @ [www.ualocal357.com](http://www.ualocal357.com). Note that you must add a 4% fee for using this site.... so, if you are paying a month of dues at \$34.00... you need to pay \$35.36. Other ways to pay include sending a check, stopping by the Union Hall, dropping off a payment in the drop box outside the front door or calling Lori at (269) 679-3708 and paying with a credit card.

**RETIREEES:** Retiree lunch meetings will now be **BREAKFAST** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. Breakfast will commence at 9 am at **The Crew, 5200 Portage Rd, Portage, MI.** Phone no. for the location: (269) 337-9800.

**CHANGE OF STATUS:** If you have a change of status for example: married, divorced, re-married, birth, death, workers comp, address change, etc., please call Lori at the Union Hall. It is very important that we keep all our records up to date and you only have thirty (30) days from the date of the event to make the change. **There also seems to be a continuing problem regarding notification of divorces. Note that you, the member, will be responsible for any bills incurred and paid on claims of an ex-spouse or dependents.** (See Pages 6 and 27 in the Summary Plan Description Booklet for clarification).

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Timothy Hertrick and family on the birth of a daughter, Penelope.

## Local 190, con't

**nal Person Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class, to become Certified in Rigging and Crane Signaling. Must have 5 years of experience or have gone through Rigging Technologies (Apprenticeship Rigging). Next class will be **Spring 2026**. Class size is limited to 8. Please register through the website: ua190.org

**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Re-certification (8hrs):** This rigging re-certification will now include the EPRI Signal person certification. Please register through the website: ua190.org

**Michigan 2021 Plumbing Code Class (48 hrs.):** Journeyman members who are registered with the State of Michigan as **Apprentice Plumbers** with a **minimum of 3 years and 6000 hours** of documented work experience under a **Master Plumber**, can register for the Michigan 2021 Plumbing Code Class. This class will prepare members for the written code and practical sections of the State of Michigan Plumbing Test. Please contact the Training Center to reserve your spot. Dates will be announced when the class roster is full.

**CONDOLENCES:** Our member Leonard Prusch passed away April 11<sup>th</sup>. Leonard initiated May 23, 1968, retired July 1, 1995. To all family members and friends we send our expression of sympathy to comfort all of you.

**RETIREE MEETINGS – PLEASE JOIN US:** The next Spades meeting will start at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 7 at the Union Hall. Join us for card games, pastries, and coffee.

**NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE BUILDING TRADESMAN PAPER:** Please contact Karen Spearin at the union hall, (734) 424-0962 Ext #210, if you would like to put a special notification in the paper.



## Local 370 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters and HVAC Service

UA Local 370

FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 12, 2026** and is designated a **Special Called Meeting** for the purpose of wage allocation.

**Scholarship Applications** for the 2026-2027 school year are now available on our website at [ualocal370.org](http://ualocal370.org). The applicant must be a son or daughter of a member in good standing of UA Local 370. Complete lists of qualifications and applications are also available at Local 370 hall. Applications are due by the end of May.

**Retiree Breakfast** will be on Monday, **May 11** at 9 am. (Notice not the day before meeting).

**The Ulliance Member Assistance Program** is now available to all members and retirees as of March 1. This benefit includes free and confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. In addition, there are free 30-minute consultations on legal and financial matters. There is a great discount program for goods and services as well as free identity theft protection. Go to lifeadvisor.com or call 800-448-8326.

**Upcoming Night Class Schedule:**

**STAR HVACR Prep Class** May 4-7, 13 & 14. (Test on May 14). Submit application to training dept. by April 17.

All classes and test days can be signed up with the Training Center at 810-720-5243 Ext 15 or at [training@ualocal370.org](mailto:training@ualocal370.org)

**2021 Plumbing Code Books** now available. Cost is \$85. Check, money order or Credit card.

Per our **By-Laws Article XV**, The Building Tradesman is hereby adopted and subscribed to as our Labor paper for all members of local 370. Said paper to be used for all official notification of membership.

**Committee and Board meetings are as follows:**

Examining Board – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:00pm

FMR Committee – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:00pm

PAC committee – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00pm

Executive Board – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00pm

Building Committee – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee – Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:15pm

JATC Committee – TBD

**ALL GM Worksites and others require Must Safety and Drug Testing:** MUST safety modules are only valid for 4 years. Call the hall to sign up for the MUSTSAFE.com website and complete all 18 safety modules. Members will not be eligible to work at any job site requiring them until all 18 modules are complete and are current on their drug test. If your drug test is expired, you must take one before you can be dispatched to any GM work. Drug tests are only valid for 1 year. Call The hall and we will print you a drug test authorization form.

Local 370 office hours 7:30am – 4:30pm.

Sub/Sick checks will be processed 8:00am – 11:30 am and 1:30pm – 4:15pm daily.

**Attendance award** drawing for membership meeting information. Member's present must have dues paid to date to claim award. The monthly award is \$150.

**Attention All Active Members in Good Standing:** The Joint Apprentice and Training Committee voted to reimburse any active member of local 370 that takes and passes any training, testing or certification that may be required to perform their work. This includes Rigging, Med-Gas, Back flow or any work-related training or certification expense. Members will be reimbursed after successful completion and verification of the cost. Lost wages will not be covered by the JATC. Plumbing license renewal is still the responsibility of the member. If you have any questions, please contact local 370 JATC.

**Mobile App.** Our mobile app. Is now available for download on your cell phone. Go to the app store and search **UA Local 370**. Download the app and sign in. You can read the latest Building Trades article, see upcoming meeting dates, or pay your dues. This is a work in progress, and we will add more content to the site (Continued next column)



UA Local 671

MONROE – The next union meeting will be held on **May 21, 2026, at 7pm**. The Executive Board will also have a meeting on **May 21, 2026, at 5pm**. If anyone would like to come in front of the E-Board, please contact the Union Hall.

**ATTENTION: This paper is to serve as official notice to the membership.**

Also, please refer to our website <https://www.unitedassociationlocal671.com/> and its calendar for the latest updates.

**Special Order of Business:** Results of the Special Order of Business for wage allocation.

Base wage increases by \$1.29, Health and Welfare increased \$0.31 and Apprentice fund increase of \$0.20. Total increases \$1.80. New wage packages are available at the Union Hall.

**Scholarship:** Local 671 Scholarship and Benevolence Fund will be awarding scholarships this year. If selected (1) scholarship will be awarded to a qualified dependent, grandchild or spouse of a Local 671 Member in good standing. The applicants must be a 2026 graduating senior or currently enrolled as a full-time student at a college or a qualified post-secondary school.

The Local 671 Scholarship is now available. You can get applications at the Union Hall, or we can email one to you directly. If you have any questions on eligibility or requirements, please contact us at the Union Hall. All applications must be turned in to the Union Hall by **May 15<sup>th</sup>** by close of business.

**Health & Welfare:** Just a reminder, if you use your MRA card to pay for dental or vision, make sure you inform Carly at the Union Hall so your MRA and be refunded from your dental and vision account.

**Retiree Luncheon:** The next retiree luncheon will be Thursday May 28 at noon at the Union Hall. All luncheons are the last Thursday of the month. I hope to see you there.

**Local 671 App:** To keep up with the latest information, make sure you download Local 671 App. If you have questions or issues getting logged on contact Mike at the Union Hall.

**In Closing:** The amount of work we have on the books throughout the UA this summer is staggering. We will continue to train and grow our ranks to help fill the need across this great country. If you know of anyone working in the industry and is not represented by the UA, you should talk with them and arrange a time they can meet with myself or Kirk. You would be doing them an injustice if you at least don't ask if they are interested in joining the Union. God bless UA Local 671 and Organized Labor!

Mike Jewell: email: [mike@ualocal671.com](mailto:mike@ualocal671.com)

Kirk Lavoy: email: [kirk@ualocal671.com](mailto:kirk@ualocal671.com)

Carly Neely: Insurance Line (734) 241-6180 email: [carly@ualocal671.com](mailto:carly@ualocal671.com)

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as we move forward.

**Our web site is up and running.** Check it out at [ualocal370.org](http://ualocal370.org)

Members wishing to take the U.A. welding certification test can contact the Training Center for application and testing dates.

Local 370 ball caps and winter fleece caps are available at the union offices. Ball caps \$10.00 and fleece caps \$5.00. Pocket Tee shirts are available for \$10 dollars each. Hooded sweat shirts and long sleeve pocket tee shirts are available. The sweat shirts are \$30 and the long sleeve tee shirts are \$15. Golf polo and golf wind shirts are available for \$25.

If you shop on the internet, SHOP UNION MADE, log on to [www.shopunionmade.com](http://www.shopunionmade.com).

T.I.C. fringe administrators' toll free number is 1-888-797-5862.

**BUILDERS LICENSE TRAINING MIDDLETON** Real Estate Training Inc. 901 Tower Drive, Suite 120 Troy, MI 48068 [www.middletontraining.com](http://www.middletontraining.com) 248-885-8311



## Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

UA Local 174

**COOPERSVILLE – MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 7:00pm in our Assembly Hall at 1008 O'Malley Dr in Coopersville. The front office will remain open until 6:55pm.

**ATTENTION:** This paper is to serve as the official notice to the membership.

**Retiree Breakfast:** The retiree breakfast will be held **Thursday, May 7, 2026** at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

**Condolences:** Brothers Art Dangremond (2/17/26), Jerry Brennan (4/6/26), and Richard Sal (4/22/26) have passed away. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**2026-2028 UA Cards:** The 2026-2028 UA Membership Cards are available at the front office. If you have paid your window dues through January 2026 or beyond and have not yet received your updated UA card, please contact Therese or visit the front office to collect yours.

**Union Strong Phone App:** If you have not downloaded our app and would like to, reach out to the front office for the link or QR code.

**Plumbing Law Changes:** Starting March 20, 2025, anyone performing plumbing work in Michigan must either be registered and in good standing with the State as a plumbing apprentice or hold a current journeyman or master plumbing license. The new legislation also establishes a ratio of one journeyman for every two apprentices, with significant penalties, including steep fines and the suspension or revocation of a plumbing contractor's license for non-compliance.

This is excellent news for our industry and presents a great opportunity to expand our market share in West Michigan. Make sure that your license or apprentice registration is up to date with the State. If your license has expired or you need to register as an apprentice, you must contact the State Licensing Division at 517-241-9316.

**Contract Ratification:** At the special called meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the members voted to accept the bargaining committee's recommendation and ratify the new three-year collective bargaining agreement. The new agreement is as follows:

1st year \$4.20/ 2nd year \$3.30/ 3rd year \$3.30  
\$10.80 over 3 years.

**Language changes:** Section 13.2 - reduces the number from issuing orders from 4 to 2 to receive foremen pay.

Section 10.2 - Health care will be on hours paid not hours worked.

\*The contractors will now be administering the ESTA benefit.

**Organizing Update:** *With warmer weather brings opportunities to speak with unrepresented workers.*

*School jobs, construction jobs; a lot of these workers you'll see at gas stations, grocery stores, etc. - look for the Hi-Vis shirts! It's kind of cool just to strike up a conversation with them. Remember, we have more in common with the non-union workers than what separates us. It's no secret. The sunshine brings better moods when conversing.*

*Better wages, benefits, insurance you don't have to pay for, and a defined pension - the message is clear; all workers deserve a UNION! Work safe, Johnny Ortiz: (616) 307-8551.*

**Hiring Rule Reminder:** As per section 5.8 of the CBA, the 50/50 hiring provision applies only to jobs working under the Local CBA. Any national agreement jobs calling for manpower are not eligible for the 50/50 provision.

**Contact Information:** If you need to change or verify your contact information, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNION OFFICE as soon as possible so we can keep our system up to date.

**FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR:** (SOLXSYS). West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No. 174 Fringe Benefit Funds

5600 New King St, Suite 330, Troy, MI 48098

(855) 407-5862 Toll Free

**Health Insurance Contact Info: Active and NON-Medicare Retirees**

Aetna: (855) 878 4101  
EAP: (888) 238-6232

Save-Rx: (800) 228-3108

**Medicare Retirees:**  
Retiree First: (616) 345 0788

**Current Health Insurance Premiums:**

Active Member/Working Retiree \$1,110.33

Non-working Pre-Med care Retiree \$791.10

Medicare Single \$123.63

Medicare Couple \$247.26

Medicare with Pre-Med care Spouse \$497.13

Medicare Surviving Spouse \$126.67

**Solxsys, Aetna, Retiree First:** If you have issues with any of our fund service providers, contact Ryan Bennett at rbennett@ua174.org. Please try to remember who you spoke with; this will help the company fix the problem.

**Dues:** Please keep your monthly window dues current. You can find your dues balance on the website or by calling the Union office. Remember that if you are expelled from the UA, you are no longer eligible to attend Local Union events such as meetings, picnics, awards banquets, and Christmas parties.

**Retiree Dues:** If you are retiring, it is the member's responsibility to inform the Union Hall on the final day of work in order to request a reduction in window dues at the Retiree Rate. Additionally, it is the member's responsibility to call Ext. 17 to notify dispatch of your retirement, providing your name, phone number, contractor name, and the date of your last day worked.

**Autopay for Window Dues:** As a result of the rising postage expenses and the significant number of members who have opted for autopay, we have made a change in the way receipts are delivered. Going forward, members will receive their proof of payment via email instead of traditional mail. If you are currently enrolled in autopay but do not have an email address on record and would like a receipt, please contact our office to update your information.

**Dispatch:** We have split up the dispatch responsibilities between the Business Agent and the Assistant Business Manager positions. Each person will be on dispatch for 2 weeks. There is a dispatch email of: dispatch@ua174.org which both offices have access to. The dispatch phone extension will switch between the two offices depending on who is on dispatch.

**Jurisdiction:** Remember to always call into the local you are traveling to. Do not rely on anyone else to call in for you. They will not get into trouble. It is the member who is working in another local who has not checked-in who will get in trouble. Please contact Ryan Bennett if you see another local's contractor or member working in our jurisdiction.

**Metal Trades, Helpers, and Trainees:** Please remember that if you are working as a Metal Trades, Helper, or Trainee your raises are based on the day you were first dispatched to work at that classification. If you are not sure of your dispatch date, please contact the Union office. **It is up to you to let the Union office know that you are due for a raise.**

**Labor Councils:** - Kent Ionia - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month / 5:00pm / Contact Nathan for location

Lakeshore - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month / CIO Hall 490 Western / 6pm

All members are encouraged to become active in our area Labor Councils. Please contact a Union Officer for details. \*The Kent Ionia Labor Council has recently moved from the building on Benjamin and will be rotating meeting locations monthly.

**Training News:**  
**FIRST AID:** First Aid/CPR/BBP class will be the second Thursday of the month (every month - unless otherwise noted), from 5:00pm-9:00pm. The next classes will be held **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**PLUMBING TEST PREP CLASS:** Scheduled to start on **Thursday, July 9, 2026 @ 5:00pm.** Class will run weekly on Thursday evenings and the dates are July 9, 16, 23, and August 6, 2026 @ 5:00pm-8:00pm. In addition, a Masters prep class is scheduled for Thursday, August 13.

**WELD TEST:** Test Events will be the second week of every month. Capabilities will be (Continued next column)



## Plumbers Local 98



UA Local 98

DETROIT – *Membership of Plumbers Local 98:*

Spring is here. Time for new beginnings, new opportunities.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:** There will be a special order of business starting at 6:00pm Thursday, May 14, 2026 immediately before our regular monthly meeting. At this meeting we will discuss and vote on allocations. Allocations may include wages, fringes, dues etc.

**Our next regular monthly union meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 6:00pm.**

**The next board meeting is Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 4:30pm** prior to the regular monthly meeting. The Executive Board meetings are generally held the first Thursday of the month at 4:30pm and before all Union Meetings.

**June 2026 Meeting Date Change:** Please note the regular scheduled monthly meeting for June will be on **THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026 at 6:00pm.**

**Marathon Health:** Our first two Marathon Health Clinics (Sterling Heights & Novi) are now open. For more information, please see their website at my.marathon.health or call 866-434-3255. Contact an officer with any questions.

**Retiree Dental:** We are proud to announce we've been able to add Dental coverage for our retirees. Information has been mailed to members and retirees. For questions, please contact BeneSys.

**Retiree Luncheon:** The next retiree luncheon is **Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at Noon at the PLUMBERS LOCAL 98 TRAINING CENTER** located at 1911 Ring Drive, Troy MI 48083 (off of John R Rd between 14 Mile and 15 Mile roads at the end of the cul-de-sac). Please contact Dave Schroeder or Dominic Fanto if you have any questions, or call the hall.

**Attention 98 Hockey Players:** Wishing our Local 98 Hockey team good luck at the upcoming tournament in Hamilton, Ontario Canada May 1-3, 2026. *"It's amazing how much you can achieve when you have a burning desire to win."* – Gordie Howe

**Annual Summer Picnic** will be **Saturday, June 20, 2026 Noon to 4pm** at Lake St. Clair Metropark. Harrison Township (formerly known as Metro Beach Metropark), Boardwalk Picnic Shelter. Games, prizes, bike raffle, etc. Burgers, hot dogs, chips and soft drinks provided. Flyer is needed for complimentary entry. Please download a flyer from our webpage or stop by the hall to pick one up. Any questions please call Business Agent Jimmy Cools.

**Attention 98 Softball players:** Any Local 98 member interested in playing on the Local 98 Softball Team please contact Jeremy Pitts (586) 405-9425. The 47<sup>th</sup> UA National Softball Tournament is June 26-28, 20026 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**UA Scholarship** deadline is June 11, 2026 for the 2026/2027 academic year. More info can be found at the following website: ualocal98.org/tapped in or https://uascholarshipfund.community-force.com Scroll down to 2026

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Tuesday nights with weld tests on Thursday nights. In the event of a union meeting being that Tuesday, we will move capabilities to a Wednesday. Next capabilities will be Tuesday, May 12th, and the test to follow Thursday, May 14th at 5pm.

**OPEN WELD:** Available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month; evenings beginning 4/15/26 at 5:00pm. Watch the Facebook 'Local Union 174 Members' group page for any updates.

**WELDER CONTINUITY:** If you have weld certifications and have submitted your continuity, your **welder certification status cards are now being emailed** instead of sent via USPS mail.

If you have turned in your continuity but have **NOT** received an updated status card, please contact the Training Office to verify that we have your current email on file.

Please contact Chris Phillips or Nicole Schumaker if you have questions. Call the Training Office @ (616)837-0222 x16 (Chris) / Nicole @ (616)837-0222 x30. Or via text Chris (906)322-1592 / Nicole (231)206-4213.

United Association Scholarship to view details.

**Local 98 Scholarship Committee** will be awarding scholarships to the children of Local 98 members and accepting Detroit Plumbers CARES Scholarship applications for the 2026/2027 academic year. You can find the requirements and application itself in Resource Tab at ualocal98.org or call the hall for more information. Application deadline is June 29, 2026.

**Detroit Plumbers CARES 2026 Scholarship Golf Outing** will be held at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford on **Saturday, August 1, 2026.** 9am shotgun start. Call the hall or email us at golfouting@ualocal98.org to sign up your teams and for sponsorship opportunities. *Please be sure to sign up soon as spots are limited!*

**The Ulliance Member Assistance Program** is available to all members, retirees, spouses/domestic partners and dependents through the age of 26. This benefit has no out-of-pocket costs and includes confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. In addition, there are free 30-minute consultations for legal and financial matters, a discount program for goods and services, and free identity theft protection. To find out more, go to lifeadvisor.com or call 800-448-8326.

**Pipe Up** is the official podcast of the UA General President. The program offers monthly stories, skills and a look into the lives of our membership. Access the podcast at ua.org/pipeup.

**In Memoriam:** Let us remember our family, friends, brothers and sisters who have recently passed: Brother Richard Bartsch, initiated on 9-22-1994 and was a member for 31 years.

**Membership Dues Reminder:** Friendly reminder to stay up-to-date on your membership dues to avoid suspension fees and/or being expelled. If you have not paid your second quarter dues yet, please pay them as soon as possible to avoid interruption to your benefits.

**SUB Apps/Out of Work List.** SUB You have 48 hours to report being out of work and to fill out a SUB App whether you qualify for SUB or not. It is your responsibility to check your location on the Out of Work List. *We have a dedicated email to send your unemployment certifications and/or backup documents to receive SUB pay. Please email correspondence to: sub@ualocal98.org by Thursdays at 3:00pm to ensure ample time to process the payments.* Make sure your contact information is up to date, as well as MUST and other certifications. If you have any problems with state agencies involving unemployment, or questions on MUST models and staying current, please contact Rufus Hamilton.

**Benefits.** We have dedicated BeneSys employees at the Union Hall to help with the following issues: Health Insurance, HRA, SUB, Short Term Disability, Eligibility, and Claims. In order for them to best track all issues

**PLEASE CALL BENESYS at (248)641-4988 or (866)646-8919.** If they are on the other line, please leave a message and they will get back to you promptly.

We are currently looking for Industrial, Residential and Service Plumbers. If you know anyone working Non-Union, have them call us.

Applications are now being accepted for our apprenticeship program. Learn more at www.plumbers98TC.org/apprenticeship. Additional information can be found at www.ualocal98.org, Facebook and Instagram.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Hall Operating Hours 8am to 4pm

Gary Glaser, Business Manager (313) 580-0148 gglaser98@ualocal98.org

Dan Nixon, FST (248) 752-3702 dnixon98@ualocal98.org

Rufus Hamilton, Business Agent (313)542-2758 rhamilton98@ualocal98.org

Jim Cools, Business Agent (248)762-9221 jcools@ualocal98.org

Paul Smith, Business Agent (313)938-2477 psmith@ualocal98.org

Jeff Kavalari, Business Agent (313)938-1554 jkavalari@ualocal98.org

Luke Garcia, Organizer (248) 763-2187 lgarcia@uanet.org

*—In solidarity, Gary Glaser, Business Manager Plumbers Local 98!* Protecting the health of Metro Detroit since 1893.

**TRAINING CENTER NEWS.** Phone # 248-585-1435 www.Plumbers98tc.org

Congratulations to Jeff Cushard, Dan Frederick, and Austin Sinda for competing in this year's Michigan Pipe Trades Apprentice Contest. They represented 98 and the Training Center with hard work, dedication, and integrity.

We are also pleased to host our retiree meeting for the month of May here at the Training Center, 1911 Ring Drive, Troy, MI 48083. It will be a great opportunity for some of our apprentices to have discussion with some of the members who have paved the way for them. Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 2 p.m. will be the retiree meeting.

The Apprenticeship Application process is currently open. The application deadline for the next class is Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Applications are submitted online only. Go to our website and read all requirements for the application process. The Training Center is open for normal business 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call the Training Center at 248-585-1435 if you have any questions.

**MEDITRAC Certification Class.** We are offering a one-night class for Corrugated Metal Tubing (CMT) certification. The class will be on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and begin at 4:30 p.m. There is a limit of 40 people in the class. Please call the Training Center to reserve your spot.

**Monthly Code Class** – Next class is May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 pm. This is not a code update class. Open to any member looking to have discussions about the interpretation of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Great refresher for anyone wanting to take a state plumbing exam. **Please call Paul Baker at the Training Center at 248-585-1435 ext. 123 to register.**

If you are a member that has the practical portion of the state test scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, we have two available evenings to come in and practice for it, Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Wednesday July 29<sup>th</sup>. **Call the Training Center** if you are interested in attending either of these sessions, or both. You will be required to bring all your supplies as you would for going to the actual test.

**CALL THE TRAINING CENTER TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OFFERED IN FALL 2026.** All classes are register and pre-pay by check or money order only.

All Fall classes will begin the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>, with a deadline to register by August 28<sup>th</sup>.

**ASSE Backflow Tester Certification:** *Please be sure to check your expiration date, it is now required that you complete your update class prior to your expiration. This class is offered quarterly.* \$100

**4 hour recert class** July 21 & 22 Deadline is June 19

**4 hour recert class** October 20 & 21 Deadline is September 25

**ASSE Backflow Tester (Full 40 hour):** \$200

**ASSE Repairer: Prerequisite: Must hold a current 5110 Tester Certification** \$100

**ICRA and Water Quality: Prerequisite: Must Have OSHA 10 or 30** - \$200

**Medical Gas Installer (Full 40 hour):** \$200

**Hydronic Heating and Cooling:** \$100

**Steam Fundamentals for the Repair Plumber:** \$100

**CAD/BIM:** \$100

**2026 brazing and welding sessions will be scheduled on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.** If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next **Welding and Brazing sessions** will be June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026. **\*\*You must call to schedule your brazing OR welding tests at least 3 days prior to the test.** Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

**OPEN WELDING – Open welding is available on Monday and Wednesday evenings.** Please call Chris Opalka 248-585-1435 ext.146 for any welding related inquiries and to check on booth availability. For those that can't find time to get in during the weekdays, open welding will be available on the first Saturday of the month, call to get a booth.

**OSHA Training** - OSHA 10 (\$59), and OSHA 30 (\$159) available as an online class at www.careersafeonline.com. These OSHA classes are not affiliated with the UA or our Training Center. OSHA 10 and 30 Hour Training is also offered online through the MUST website. Go to www.mustonline.org. **\*\*Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.**

**It is each member's individual responsibility to keep all their Certifications current.**

If the person you are trying to reach at the Training Center is unavailable, please leave a message to ensure we can return your call. We attempt to return all messages by the end of the business day.

*"We are never deceived; we deceive ourselves."*

–Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 - 1832)

## SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY REPRESENTING BUILDING TRADES BROTHERS & SISTERS OVER 35 YEARS BIESKE & ASSOCIATES

Many people are wrongly rejected when they apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Money was taken out of their paychecks for Social Security taxes to ensure that they would receive disability benefits if they could no longer work full-time. Sadly, the government denies approximately 60% of those who apply for disability benefits.



Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi have 55 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themselves at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi can often make a winning difference at the application stage. And, if an appeal is necessary they have won several hundred cases before a court date is even set.

Those denied can appeal on their own but statistics for many years reveal that those represented by attorneys win a much higher percentage of appeals. And attorneys who specialize in Social Security Disability cases win a much higher percentage yet.

In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi offer free phone or office consultation. If they represent you, there will be no fee charged until after the case is won. The fee is a percentage of retroactive benefits.

Bieske and Alfonsi represent clients from all over the state of Michigan. They maintains offices in Sterling Heights, Livonia, Southgate and Novi. Call them at 1-800-331-3530 for a free consultation if you have been denied, or if you are thinking of possibly applying for Social Security benefits.

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- WE WILL PERSONALLY REPRESENT YOU
- OUR FEE PAID AFTER YOU WIN

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### UA Local 333

LANSING – May's union meeting will be held May 20, 2026, at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911 at 6:30pm. **THIS MEETING IS FOR THE ALLOCATION AND VOTE.**

June's union meeting will be held June 17, 2026, at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911 at 6:30pm

For members who have students going to college or trade schools, scholarship applications are now available by calling Joni at the Jackson office 517-784-1106 ext.4

**Retiree's Golf outing will be held, June 24th 9:00 am shot gun. \$160 per team \$40 per man/woman.** Hole prizes (Long Drive, Closest to pin, longest putt). 1st and 2nd place prize. 18 holes w/cart. (Doughnuts and coffee in AM. Hotdog, chips, pop at turn)

Burr Oak Golf Club, 3491 N. Parma Rd., Parma, MI, 49269. Team sign up by June 15th. Checks no later than June 22nd. Checks made out to Brandon Snyder and mailed to: Local 333; Attn: Brandon Snyder, 3101 Allied Industrial Dr., Jackson, MI, 49201

**New contractor's seminar will be held at 9am at Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911. Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7, 2026. If you are interested in attending, please call your regional office.**

Please remember to sign up before attending weld class. We have limited space, and only those who sign up will be allowed to attend class.

**Weld classes are ongoing.** Lansing Training Center, 16180 National Parkway, Lansing, MI. 48906.

Monday and Wednesday 4-8pm Tuesday and Thursday 4-8pm

Jackson Training Center. 3101 Allied Industrial Dr. Jackson, MI. 49201

Tuesday and Thursday 4-8pm Monday and Wednesday - we will schedule a class if we have sufficient sign-up

Battle Creek Weld Class (KCC) RMTC, 405 Hill Brady Rd. Battle Creek, MI. 49037.

Monday and Thursday 4-8pm

**PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CERTIFICATIONS:** Per the UA as of January 1, 2019, all Braze and Weld certifications must be updated within 120 days of their expiration date, or you will lose your certification. Check the dates on your certifications and if they have expired call the Lansing Training Center 517-323-0333. Even though the Training Center sends everyone's continuities to be renewed, between changes of addresses and the Post Office, there is plenty of room for error. It is the member's responsibility to make sure their certifications are current.

**Please sign up for classes on the website or call the Lansing Training Center at 517.323.0333.**

**Battle Creek Retirees' Breakfasts** are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at Lux Café. 2587 Capital Ave, Battle Creek, MI. at 9 am.

**Retirees' Breakfast in Jackson:** Retirees meet the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00am at the Alpha Coney Island at 1188 Jackson Crossing, Jackson, MI. PLEASE NOTE: The restaurant is located at the west end of the Jackson Crossing Shopping Center.

**Lansing Retirees' Breakfast** will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 9am. 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911. Please spread the word.

*"The Ulliance Member Assistance Program is available to all members and their families. This benefit includes free and confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. In addition, there are free 30-minute consultations on legal and financial matters. There is a great discount program for goods and services as well as free identity theft protection. To find out more, go to lifeadvisor.com or call 800-448-8326 or call your (Continued next column)*



## Local 636

Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Service

### UA Local 636

DETROIT – Our next Regular Meeting on Tuesday May 19, 2026 at St. George Romanian Cultural Center 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd. (Southfield Service Drive) Southfield.

The Third Annual Local 636 Scholarship Golf Outing will be held Saturday June 6, 2026 at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford. To reserve a foursome, contact Jake Regits 248-939-6636 or Dan Gurley 248-939-5636. All proceeds benefit the Detroit Pipefitters Benevolent Fund.

**PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 636 ONLINE MERCHANTISE STORE IS LIVE!** Sign into the members section on our website [www.pipefitters636.org](http://www.pipefitters636.org) and click the link.

**REMINDER:** Please open all correspondence with the Local Union, BeneSys, and Insurance Providers you receive in the mail.

Following is a list of recent Retirees who have passed their tools and knowledge to the next generation. We thank them for their time in the field advancing our trade and the Brother/Sisterhood they continue to show in our local. **Congratulations on your retirement!**

**Jan. 1, 2026** Jeffrey Ashman, Frank Banasiak, Todd Valiquette

**February 1, 2026** David Hatch, Lawrence Hale, James Juracek, Michael Johnson, James Whelan.

**Deceased Members – 37**

Year Member Patrick Spurlock April 22, 2026; Lifetime 71 Year Member Melvin Fulcher April 16, 2026; 44 Year Member Donna Hamilton April 16, 2026; Lifetime 62 Year Member Thomas Allen April 8, 2026.

**Our Condolences to Terri Hamilton** on the passing of her mother Donna Hamilton April 16, 2026; Ronald Prush on the passing of his father, Lifetime Member of Local 190 Leonard G Prush April 11, 2026; Gary Allen on the passing of his brother Thomas Allen April 8, 2026; Steven Isbell on the passing of his mother Deanna J. Isbell March 16, 2026.

**Get Well Wishes to;** Robert Abfalter, Stephen Ashley, Rebecca Blair, Michael Ferrante, Raymond Kuhowski Jr, John Lilly, Anthony Lumetta, Jason McKim, Roger Pruitt, Andrew Samiak, Carlton Stewart, Fredrick Stiehr III, David Stone.

**Congratulations to Jacob Pallesen & Skylar** on the birth of their daughter Emerson April 15, 2026; Michael & Makenzie McIntosh on the birth of their daughter Brynlie March 31, 2026.

**DUES – 2nd Quarter Dues are due now.** Please call the Local to update your email and phone numbers. As a reminder AUTO PAY is available.

**The Ulliance Member Assistance Program** is available to all members and retirees. This benefit includes free and confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. In addition, there are free 30-minute consultations for legal and financial matters. There is a great discount for goods and services as well as free identity theft protection. To find out more, go to [lifeadvisor.com](http://lifeadvisor.com) or call 800-448-8326.

**988 crisis help line.** The UA and the MCAA have made a joint investment to spread awareness on the way we approach mental health and suicide prevention. With the implementation of the Department of Health and Human Services 988 Lifeline, new

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respective agent or Dustin at the Union Hall.

**DO NOT opt out of health care coverage on your auto insurance. If you are injured in an auto accident our health care coverage will not cover you.**

**ATTENTION: WHEN YOU HAVE A LIFE CHANGE, MARRIAGE, DIVORCE, BIRTH OF A CHILD, CHANGE OF ADDRESS, OR PHONE NUMBER. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL OFFICE WITH THE UPDATED INFORMATION, REQUEST NEW BENEFICIARY PAPERWORK IF CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE.**

**DUES: Effective immediately we are no longer able to accept money orders as a due's payment.**

Congratulations to Joshua Shaw and his wife Haley on the birth of their twin daughters Bonnie Rain, and Jovi Jane who were born April 17, 2026.

resources are now available. When people call or text 988, they will be connected to trained counselors who will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources.

**636 Retiree Association!** The next meeting will be held May 21, 2026

Informing all retirees and their significant others to attend our meetings at the Local Union Office in Farmington Hills, every third Thursday of every month at 11:00 am, excluding December. The meetings present speakers which are very helpful with regard to your retirement and officers are there to answer any questions, you are also brought up to date on the activities of Local 636. Lunch is served for \$7.00 with refreshments and desserts. Also, we have begun day trips and at this time two a year to different sites in Southeastern Michigan. Hope to see you at a retirees meeting. Secretary Michael N. Sylvester

**SUBPAY - NEWS.** Participants should continue to send all applications and weekly proof to the SUB Fund office for review and processing by emailing [subpay@pipefitters636.org](mailto:subpay@pipefitters636.org).

For direct deposit information, please contact the Union Hall or BeneSys.

**BeneSys** has set up a dedicated phone line for Pipefitters 636 needs and questions, when calling BeneSys, please call 888-646-8920.

**Financial Advisor Jason May** with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management has a new contact number 248-540-2091 or email him at [jason.may@ml.com](mailto:jason.may@ml.com)

**Defined Contribution Pension Plan.** The number for the Voice response unit is 877-410-9984. Plan provider number is 7526. You can login to your Defined Contribution account on the Local's Website, while logged in as a member Just click on the "Defined Contribution login here tab" and it will take you to the website [www.accountplanaccess.net/benesys](http://www.accountplanaccess.net/benesys). Your initial login information is as follows: Username – Social Security number, without the dashes. Password – Full birth date, without the slashes, (mmddyyyy). You will be prompted to update your username and password after initial login. Upon login, the site will take you to the "My Dashboard" page. Here you will be able to review a snapshot of your account balance, investments, and recent transactional activity.

**Considering Retirement?** Any member may meet at the office during business hours with Jake Regits, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, to begin the process. Jake can be reached at ext. 5, to schedule an appointment so that he can get all of your paperwork in order, or if you prefer, contact our Members Phone Line 888-646-8920 at BeneSys for your retirement paperwork. **Please allow a 60-90-day notice that is necessary** to adequately process the requests for paperwork, getting the forms sent to the participant, the member completing it and returning it to the Fund Office for final processing.

**Are you "Work Ready"?** Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at [mustsafe.org](http://mustsafe.org) and if it is time for renewal call the Training Center 248-585-0636 and they will register you. Be "ready" when the calls come in. Safety modules and drug tests are paid for by the Contractors Association. **WHEN YOU STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR SAFETY MODULES, DRUG TEST AND FIRST AID, from January 1 – December 31 you will be eligible for your ready to work payment.**

**Training Center News.** Regular NIGHT WELDING: Monday and Thursday nights from 4pm till 8pm.

Certified BRAZING CLASS: Monday and Thursday Nights 4 till 8.

ORBITAL TUBE WELDING: Monday and Thursday nights from 4-8 with John Verran. Call Mike to sign up.

QUALIFIED BOLTING CLASS: Monday and Thursday nights from 4-8 with Kurt Moran. Call Kim to sign up.

\*\*We will accept applications for CONSTRUCTION Apprentices on May 25, 2026 thru Jun 6, 2026. ONLINE ONLY @ [www.pipefitters636tc.org](http://www.pipefitters636tc.org)



## Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service Local 111

### UA Local 111

UPPER PENINSULA – UNION MEETING: The next Union Meeting will be held in Escanaba on Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

**REFERRAL RULES UPDATE:** Due to recent referral rules change, text messages from the Local are now more important than ever. If you are not receiving texts, call the hall to update your information.

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES:** Members interested in 1-day shutdowns should contact Business Agent/Dispatcher Scott Pendergraft in the Escanaba Office. Call the Escanaba or Marquette Office for updates: Lafayette Line – Extension #7; Job Line – Extension #8.

**MRA FUND:** The IRS requires substantiation for all MRA debit card transactions. Many members have received request letters from Zenith American Solutions. It is YOUR responsibility to submit the requested documentation promptly. Failure to respond will result in suspension of your card until documentation is received. You can review transactions and upload documentation through the Zenith Portal or App. For assistance, call 1-866-823-4730, ext. 1.

**NEW MEMBER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Beginning December 1, 2025, our Health & Welfare Plan will partner with Ulliance to offer the Life Advisor Member Assistance Program (MAP). This confidential, no-cost benefit is available to members and covered dependents and provides 24/7 support for personal and work-related challenges, including stress, anxiety, depression, relationship concerns, substance abuse, eldercare or childcare referrals, and financial or legal guidance. Services include short-term counseling, coaching, crisis intervention, and community resources. To access services, call 800-448-8326 or [www.lifeadvisor.com](http://www.lifeadvisor.com).

**988 CRISIS HELPLINE:** If you or someone you know is struggling, call or text 988 anytime to connect with trained counselors for mental health or suicide prevention support.

**MEMBER RECORDS:** Please keep your records current by contacting April or Rose with any changes to your address, phone number, email, or family status.

**LAYOFF REMINDER:** Report layoffs immediately; the day you call is the date you are placed on the Out-of-Work List.

**APPRENTICES:** You are required to attend four union meetings each year.

**WELDERS AND CERTIFICATIONS:** UA Welder Qualification Continuity Report forms are available on our website under Training or at the Hall. Certifications expire every six months, and it is YOUR responsibility to ensure forms are turned in on time. Please also update all Non-UA Certifications (Plumbing License, MUST, OSHA-30, MSHA, etc.) by sending a copy to the Union Hall.

**DUES REMINDER:** Check your dues records regularly; a \$50 reinstatement fee applies once you are three months behind. Members are automatically expelled after six months of nonpayment.

**SAFETY TRAINING – LOCAL 111 WEBSITE:** Visit [lu111.com](http://lu111.com) and click Safety Links to complete your online safety training. Members must complete training for each site; trainings are valid for one year.

**MSHA TRAINING:** Registration and cancellations are handled online at [upconstruction.org](http://upconstruction.org) under the MSHA Calendar.

*"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."*

–Walter Bagehot (1826 - 1877)

*"Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities. Truth isn't."*

–Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

*"You live and learn. At any rate, you live."*

–Douglas Adams (1952 - 2001)



### Laborers Local 191

(2161 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48208)

DETROIT – Regular Membership Updates: Please check out our website at [www.laborerslocal1191.org](http://www.laborerslocal1191.org) and the "Laborers' Local 1191" Facebook page for important information about your Local Union.

**Member Personal Information Updates:** Be sure to keep the Local Union updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and/or email.

**Monthly General Membership Meetings:** All General Membership Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Local Union, located at 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208 (except for holidays), unless the Membership receives notice of a meeting cancellation, rescheduling and/or a venue change. **The May General Membership meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2026. The General Membership Meeting for June will be held on the 5th of June, 2026. Please be advised that the July 2026 Membership Meeting will be moved to July 10, 2026, in observance of Independence Day.**

**Monthly Retiree Council Meetings:** Retiree Council meetings are the last Friday of each month. The meetings are held at 11:00 am at the Local Union, located at 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208. **The Retiree Council Meeting for May 2026 is scheduled for May 29, 2026. The June Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled for the 26th of June, 2026.**

**2026 Election for Local 1191 Delegates to 2026 LIUNA! International Convention:** There will be an election to determine Local 1191 Delegates to the 2026 International Convention. All ballots will be mailed to Members' current addresses on file no later than May 1, 2026. Ballots must be returned via USPS Mail for counting on the 2nd of June, 2026. Please direct questions regarding the 2025 Local 1191 Election to the Local Union.

**Union Dues For 2025:** Regular monthly dues are \$35.00 for Active Members. Retiree monthly dues will remain the same \$8.00. Members can now Pay Dues online 24/7 on our website at [www.laborerslocal1191.org](http://www.laborerslocal1191.org)!!! To make online dues payments, click the "Pay Dues" tab in upper right-hand corner and follow the instructions.

**Important Notice Regarding Dues Payments:** According to the Uniform Local Union Constitution Article VIII sec. 4. The monthly dues are due on the first day of the month and unless paid on or before the last day of the following month, the member will be suspended by the International Union without notice. **To better serve our membership, the Local accepts in-person Cash, Credit and Debit payments.**

**Save Time & Money: We urge members to make their payments timely to avoid additional costs! Monthly dues can be deducted from your vacation check and sent directly to the Local Union. Please stop by the Local Union office to get one of the "Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction" forms or you may call the Local Union office at (313)-894-2241 to have one mailed to you. FYI: Members who sign up for Vacation deduction and pay (6) months at a time will receive a 1-month rebate!!!**

**New Projects:** Members are urged to report the start of any/all new projects to the Local Union. Members working for a contractor who may be looking to hire additional laborers are urged to call the Union Hall and help a brother or sister get referred out to work. The next time, it may be your name on the list when that

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### UA Local 704

SOUTHFIELD – The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, May 13, at 5:30 P.M. at the Union Hall. The Executive Board will meet the same evening at 4:30 P.M.

As a reminder, your dues payment is due the last day of the month.

Please sign up for MDLive. There is no cost for you or your family to use this App. You will be able to download it from the Apple Store or Google Play.

There will be nominations for the following positions: -examining board (2) and finance committee (1). the vote for the positions will be held on June 17 2026 poles will be open from noon until 5:30pm

Reminder: Article V, Section 13 of Local 704's Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order. Any project that falls into the jurisdiction of Local 704 shall be manned by not less than two members. Any member violating this By-Law shall be brought before the Executive Board for a trial and be subject to a fine.

It is the members' responsibility to notify the Union Hall when they return to work.

**Phone numbers to remember:** NASI is 1-800-638-2603 for information regarding Health and Welfare or Pension fund.

**TIC International:** 248-645-6550 for D.C. Fund distribution questions.

**Jason May (Merrill Lynch):** 248-540-2091 for D.C. Fund Investment questions.

A reminder to update any change of address or phone number changes with the Local Union Hall.

A speedy recovery for all our sick and injured members.

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call comes in for work. **Roll Call: All members on the out-of-work list must register every quarter within the first five days of the following months: March, June, September and December. Your failure to do so will result in your name being removed from the referral list.**

**Drug Test Renewal: Members are reminded to keep your Yearly Drug Test current and also your 18 safety modules.** You can schedule an appointment to take your modules at our training schools located in Perry, Wayne, St. Joseph, or Iron Mountain by calling (517) 625-4919 or by visiting the training school website at [www.mltai.org](http://www.mltai.org) to schedule appointments for modules. You can also contact the Local Union office at (313) 894-2241 to use a Local Union computer to complete required modules.

**Training:** Check out the training classes available to you at no cost. Journeymen and Apprentices may still obtain training through MLTAI's online training at <https://lms.mltai.org>. Types of training you can take include, but are not limited to: OSHA 30, Asbestos Awareness, Silica Awareness, Infectious Disease Awareness, Respirator Awareness, Hazard Communication, Blood-borne Pathogens Awareness, and Lead Awareness. The above training and certifications are all available at the training center. **By taking the OSHA 30 your 18 MUST Safety modules are updated as well.** If you are not able to go to the Training Center for MUST Safety Modules contact the Local Union to assist you with making arrangements to complete them.

**Available Scholarships:** LIUNA members can apply for scholarships for university, college, trade school and technical trainings through Union Plus. Learn more information about Union Plus scholarships at [www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/](http://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/) union-plus-scholarships.





## Local 169 Boilermakers

### Boilermakers Local 169

ALLEN PARK – Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will take place **May 8, 2026, at 8 pm** at the Boilermakers Local 169 Union Hall, 1755 Fairlane Dr. Allen Park, 48101.

Our monthly dues will stay at our current rate of \$55.85 for 2026.

**Dinner Dance information:** May 16, at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Hotel in Mount Pleasant, MI. The cutoff



**MICHAEL  
CARD**

dates to reserve rooms has expired, but you can still attend the dance. If you plan on attending, please send a check or money order in the amount of \$50 to the union hall with the number of attendees for you. We need you to send checks to confirm your attendance as it gives us an accurate number of people eating. We will return your check to you when you arrive. If you use a money order and show up, we can put it towards your monthly dues.

**Attention area 1 apprentices:** we will have an obligation of new members at our May membership meeting please make an effort to attend this meeting.

We will be having a common arc weld testing on June 25-26. If you are a journeyman and interested in taking a test contact NCL Services, (586)477-1562. Apprentices will be given a date and time for their test.

Congratulations to Matt Root he will be representing our Local at the regional apprentice competition in Hobart Indiana the first week of June we wish him luck. OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 safety training can now be taken online. Please visit our website – www.boilermakerslocal169.com- for more information.

Any member interested in getting the Great Lakes Safety background check for Corteva please contact Business Agent, Jim Calouette at (906) 428-2880. Any members interested in EPRI Rigging, which is required for working in the Nuclear Plants. Please contact Tony Herrera at 616-296-9131, or Jamie Ratliff at 313-584-8520. Your name will be added to the list. Once we have a full class, you will be notified when and where to attend. Per your International, any member with EPRI training will not be required to have Rigging 1 through 4 for placement on the BDS.

**Retirees:** Retiree luncheons. **Area 1** Retiree luncheon is on the first Wednesday of every month at 11 am at the White Rhino Sports Bar, 4328 Oakwood, Melvindale, MI 48122.

**Area 2** Retirees hold luncheons on the first Thursday of every month at 11am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant at 4610 Airline Rd, Muskegon MI. All retirees and members from all areas are welcome to attend.

**Area 3** Retirees luncheon is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11AM. The next lunch will be on May 20 at the Second St. Sports Pub. The address is 274 Meyers Street, Freeland, MI. 48623. As always, everyone from all areas is welcome to attend.

**Area 4** Retirees' lunches are on the first Tuesday of the month at 11am in Rapid River at Jacks Restaurant 7898 S. Main Street, Rapid River, MI. Area 4 retirees also meet in Marquette on the second Tuesday of the month at 11am at Crossroads Bar on the corner of County Rd 553 and County Road 480.

Hoodies have arrived in all sizes at the Union Hall. The cost is \$50.00 XL and smaller 55.00 for 2XL, 60.00 for 3XL and 70.00 for 4XL. Payments can be made with cash or a check. If you live outside of the area and would like to order one, please call the hall. Additional shipping charges will be added. Baseball caps are also available. Varsity jackets are available by special order. Please contact the Union Hall for details. The upcoming MSHA training schedule is available at www.boilermakerslocal169 or on our Facebook page.

The cost of your T.W.I.C. card is reimbursable from the M.O.R.E. Fund. Contact the Union Hall for reimbursement. Any member needing the

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## Local 149 Roofers & Waterproofers

### Roofers Local 149

DETROIT – **Attention.** This paper is to serve as an official notice to the membership.

**General Membership Meeting.** The general membership meeting is scheduled for Tues., May 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216

**Executive Board Meeting.** The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216

**Mid-Michigan.** The Mid-Michigan meeting is scheduled for Tues., May 12, 2026, at 6 p.m. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420.

**Detroit Wage Allocation Proposals.** The proposals to determine what to do with this year's \$2.10 raise are as follows.

Proposal 1- \$1.00 Check, \$0.93 Annuity, \$0.07 Vacation, \$0.10 DET Training Center

Proposal 2- \$2.00 Check, \$0.10 DETJATC

Proposal 3- \$0.10 Health & Welfare, \$2.00 Pension

Proposal 4- \$1.00 Check, \$0.18 Annuity, \$0.07 Vacation, \$0.10 DETJATC, \$0.25 Health & Welfare, \$0.50 Pension

The Union Hall highly recommends Proposal 1. It is the smart, long-term choice for our Members. Proposal 1 is the responsible, balanced, member-focused choice.

If you have any questions regarding the proposals, please contact the Union Hall at 313-961-6093.

**Voting on the proposals** is scheduled for the Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216, from 2:00pm thru 7:00pm.

**Mid-Michigan Wage Allocation Proposals.** The proposals to determine what to do with this year's \$2.90 raise are as follows.

Proposal 1- \$1.90 Check, \$1.00 Health & Welfare

Proposal 2- \$2.50 Check, \$0.40 Health & Welfare

Proposal 3- \$0.90 Check, \$1.00 Health & Welfare, \$1.00 Vacation

Proposal 4- \$0.70 Check, \$1.00 Health & Welfare, \$1.20 Vacation

The Union Hall highly recommends Proposal 1. It is the smart, long-term choice for our Members. Proposal 1 is the responsible, balanced, member-focused choice.

If you have any questions regarding the proposals, please contact the Union Hall at 313-961-6093.

**Voting on the proposals** is scheduled for the Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420, from 5:00pm thru 6:00pm.

**41st Annual Scholarship.** Local 149 and the Roofing Industry Promotion Fund (RIPF) have opened applications for the Scholarship Grant Program, continuing their shared commitment to supporting educational opportunities within the roofing industry.

This year, four scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded to eligible students who are currently enrolled in, or planning to attend, an accredited college or university. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible.

Eligibility includes:

- Three scholarships for dependents of active members of Roofers Union Local 149
- One scholarship for dependents of office employees of RIPF member contractors

Applicants must submit a typed essay along with a completed application form, which includes the student's contact information, intended college, chosen field of study, and parent or guardian's name and employer.

**How to win.** Individuals interested in obtaining one of four scholarship grants, should submit an essay to the Joint Scholarship Committee. The essay should contain 250 words or more. You may select one or more of the following topics:

- Roofing Technology – Old vs. New
- Roofing Safety – Safety practices and their importance
- Roofing Impact – What does roofing mean to you, based on your life experiences?
- Roofing Ethics – Is my parent and/or guardian in a job that matters to society?

**Deadline:** All materials must be received—not postmarked—by Monday, June 1, 2026 via mail, or email.

Submission Address: Local 149 Scholarship Grant Program Attn: Scholarship Committee, 8155 Annsbury Drive, Suite 104 Shelby Township, MI 48316 Email: heather.hadley@smrca.org

**Clearance Cards.** Are you scheduled to go out of town for work in another Local's territory? Clearance cards are needed when you are sent out of town to work. Get a clearance card from the Hall and we will contact the Local in that area to avoid fines against you.

**Detroit Training Center Information.** Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Detroit LU 149 members.

Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center. If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Training Center, 248-543-3847.

**Mid-Michigan Training Center Information.** Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Mid-Michigan LU 149 members.

Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center.

If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Union Hall/Training Center, 810-687-1368 to make arrangements.

**Out-Of-Work.** When contractors call the Union Hall for help, we need to know who is available, and have an up-to-date phone number. All Detroit Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (313) 961-6093 ext. 0 to be put on the out of work list. All Mid-Michigan Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (810) 687-1368 to be put on the out of work list.

**Outdoor Life.** If you have any hunting and fishing pictures that you would like to see in the *Journeyman Roofing & Waterproofing* magazine, please contact the Union Hall at 313.961.6093 ext. 0, for additional information.

**Are you moving?** If you have a new address please make sure to let the Union Hall know. We will take care of your account with the Union Hall that includes the Building Tradesman Paper, International Union, and Trust Fund.

**Reminder.** Members please call the Hall when you see a roofing project whether it is one of our signatory companies or not. The Hall needs this information for recruitment purposes, and hopefully to get a picture of our members for Facebook.

The publication above is as 4/27/2026, 1:00pm

**In Solidarity, Brian Gregg Business Manager, Roofers & Waterproofers Local No.149**

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services of a Notary Public can do so at no charge at the Boilermakers Local 169 Union Hall. Please call ahead to ensure availability.

Any current apprentice that is eligible to utilize their G.I. Bill should contact their branch of service regarding this benefit. Your apprenticeship training qualifies for reimbursement under the terms of the G.I. Bill. I advise all apprentices who qualify to take advantage of this well-deserved benefit.

Apprentice, Matthew Con-cannon passed away on April 27, 2026. Please keep his family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

"They are ill discoverers that think there is no land, when they can see nothing but sea."

– Sir Francis Bacon (1561 - 1626)

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."

–Booker T. Washington (1856 - 1915)

"He who wrestles with us strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill. Our antagonist is our helper."

–Edmund Burke (1729 - 1797)

"While there's life, there's hope."

–Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC)

"The end of the human race will be that it will eventually die of civilization."

–Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

"A desk is a dangerous place from which to watch the world."

–John le Carre (1931 - 2020)

"Normal is not something to aspire to, it's something to get away from."

–Jodie Foster (1962 - )



## Local 25 Iron Workers

### Iron Workers Local 25

NOVI – **Local Union Election of Officers and Delegates to Convention will take place on Friday May 15, 2026.** This Election cycle will by a hybrid election (as has been done the last 2-election cycles) with the option to vote by mail or to cast your ballot in person. Voting in person, will take place in all Union Halls from 7am to 7pm Friday May 15. A member is considered "eligible" to vote who is in good standing. Union Dues must be paid through April 2026 or better. Apprentice, pre-apprentice, probationary, honorary and lifetime members, not being full dues paying members, are NOT eligible to vote.

Ballots have been mailed to all those of Journeyman status; and those ballots are provided with a self-addressed, stamped envelope with which to return your vote. Keep a look out for your ballot. Any Journeyman who does not receive a mail-in ballot or needs a duplicate due to damage or improperly marked ballot, should immediately contact the Business Manager (Michael Randick) at the Union Hall 248-344-9494 who will immediately notify the Chief Judge of Election.

Deadline to make contact for this purpose is May 1, 2026 at 4:00 pm. Further instructions for voting are included with the mail-in ballot. Please account for sufficient mailing time as all ballots are due back to the Post Office by Friday end of Business Day on May 15, 2026 (4:00 pm est). Any ballots received after this time will be null & void.

**The May Union Meeting is Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Novi Union Hall in person ONLY. This meeting will be the swearing in of all newly Elected Local Union Officers after the May 15 Election.**

ALL OUTSTATE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED! Please join your fellow brothers & sisters for camaraderie and solidarity AT THE NOVI UNION HALL FOR THE SWEARING IN, this only happens every 3 years! Pop & pizza on hand.

We continue to communicate through the PUSH NOTIFICATIONS for alerts & emails. You can download our APP for android on google play or for iPhone at the APP store just search "Iron Workers Local 25" Martinez web shop. Or sign up via our website (www.ironworkers25.org).

**Resumes: We are accepting resumes for an Instructor at the Wixom Training Center. The instructors' job description can be found in the member only section of our website ( www.ironworkers25.org ). Testing and resume must be completed and turned in by Friday May 1, 2026. Please contact the Wixom Training Center at 248-960-2130 to set up an appointment.**

The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday May 18 at 6 pm. The Flint Steward meeting will be Wednesday May 20 at 5:30 pm. The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday May 28 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

**A FRINGE FUND PENSION DEPT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE NOVI UNION HALL ON Wednesday May 6 from 8 am to 12 noon.** If you wish to book an appointment or have questions, give us a call 248-344-9494. Walk-ins are welcome also! **A HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE from the Fringe Benefit Fund office will be at the Novi Union Hall on Wednesday May 27 from 8am to 12 noon** to meet with any member(s), to address health care issues or HRA substantiation concerns Call ahead, or walk-in!

**June vacation check schedule: The cut off for any early checks before the freeze period takes place is May 6, 2026 and this will be the last early check**

processing before the semi-annual disbursement for June 6, 2026.

The last day to call to have your June vacation check pulled is Tuesday June 2 at 12 pm (Noon). Pulled checks will be available at the Novi Hall Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, by 2:00 pm. All other checks will be mailed to you by the end of business day on Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**All members that a receive ACH deposits, your vacation check will be transferred on Friday, June 5.**

All Vacation checks will be dated Saturday June 6, 2026.

**The 2026 Iron Worker Picnic** will be held on Saturday, June 20 at the Local 25 Training Center, Wixom MI. Starting time approximately 11:00 am. Bounce house, music, food, face-painting, lots of fun!

**If you have moved recently, please be sure to update the Union Hall 248-344-9494. We will gladly advise the Fringe Benefit Fund office of your move upon request.**

The ClickSafety program allows ironworker members to meet a variety of training requirements, offering over 100 online courses in English and Spanish that include many OSHA-authorized courses. Simply log in: <https://sms.copperrange.com/impact/sms/login/>

The username is the member's book # and the password is the FIRST 4 digits of your SSN

**Apprentices:** located under the Apprenticeship Tab you will find "Make-Up Days" & "Welding Test Certifications" where you can electronically schedule your make-up days and welding tests. To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School, please go to our website (ironworkers25.org); to view the 2025 or 2026 Block Schedule, Roster and Raising Gang Schedule. Please make sure to download the Trade-School Mobile App to submit your monthly work and school hours. These must be submitted monthly. If you have Facebook or Instagram, please give us a follow. Wixom Training Center Phone: 248-960-2130.

Apprentice Applications temporarily closed until approximately May 1, 2026.

**24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues:** Pay via our APP or website [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org). **The phone number is 866-635-2826. Or pay union dues with personal check or money order** and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall (M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash).

**BENEFIT FOR LIFE CHANGE:** Any member experiencing a divorce or a new spouse **MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office within 31 days; otherwise wait until the open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).**

**BENEFIT FOR NEW CHILD:** Any member who has a new born child, or a new dependent child through marriage **MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office of your new dependent within 31 days; otherwise wait until the open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).**

**FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 and follow the prompts. Hours 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta Dental Claims and Customer Service 800-482-8915.

If any member is having problems with the HRA substantiation letters please call Dennis Aguirre.

Check your HRA/Benny Card Balance: [my.wexhealthcard.com](http://my.wexhealthcard.com) (where you can create a login)

Check you online benefit information: [ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/](http://ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/)

HRA/Benny Card Audit is continuously under way via US

Mail – please respond if you have been contacted. You need to save your receipts for three years.

**The Iron Workers' Local 25 Novi Chapter Retirees' Club:** The Retirees' Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday May 5, at 8 am. The Retirees' meeting/ luncheon will be Tuesday May 19 at 10 am. All are welcome.

**The West Michigan Chapter Retirees** breakfast will meet Tuesday, May 5 at 9 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting for the Bay City Chapter will July 16; at the Iron Workers Local 25 Saginaw Union Hall, 11 Bridgeview S. Saginaw MI 48604 at 12:00 pm. All are Welcome.

**The Downriver Chapter** next quarterly Retirees breakfast to be held 9 am July 17 at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, 48183. All are welcome.

**The IRONWORKER Magazine.** To subscribe to the digital edition please use the following link: <https://www.ironworkers.org/s/ironworker-digital-sign-up>

**Veterans Crisis Line:** Dial 988, then press 1. Or, you can send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24/7. For more information visit [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net)

**Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan: www.bcbsm.com/behavioral-mental-health/** Resources on the home page including In-Person Crisis Care options in many locations throughout the state. BCBS Michigan 877-627-1041 Substance-use-disorder.

**When the World feels Heavy: FindTreatment.gov is where you can search by zip code/city. Or call SAMHSA 800-662-4357. MentalHealth.gov provides information & programs about mental health. Dial 988 (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) For help 24/7 in a Time of Crisis.** Call or text 988 if you or someone you know is in danger of suicide or experiencing a mental health crisis. You can also Chat at [988lifeline.org/chat](http://988lifeline.org/chat) (English & Spanish). Whatever you are struggling with, help is available – its free & confidential.

**Suicide Prevention Resources on IMPACT:** <http://www.impact-net.org/safety/suicide-prevention-resources>. US Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 from anywhere in the United States, anytime, about any type of crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. A volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.

**In Memory:** John Klanderud #759018 passed away April 15, 2026 at the age of 81. He was a 55-year member of Local 340/25. He is survived by his wife Joan; his good friend Gary Bell #994472 and many other friends in the ironworking industry. JIW Alberto "Bee" Allen #1377476 passed away April 21, 2026 at the age of 44. He was an 18-year member of Local 25 survived by his wife Casey. Anthony Miller #112218 passed away April 18, 2026 at the age of 67. He was a 40-year member survived by his wife Dotti, brother David Miller #112217, and Uncle Basil Miller #637602. He was predeceased by his Father Masil Miller #596673. Devon Byrd, wife of John Byrd #1536256 passed away April 22, 2026 after a long illness.

**Our sincere condolences to all of the family and friends on the loss of your dear loved one(s).**

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (April 27, 2026 10:00 AM E.S.T.).

"Think not those faithful who praise all thy words and actions; but those who kindly reprove thy faults."

–Socrates (469 BC - 399 BC)

"There is no security on this earth, there is only opportunity."

– General Douglas MacArthur (1880 - 1964)

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**KALAMAZOO** – Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> is our annual allocation meeting, where members will decide how to allocate their 4% raise. A \$0.15 increase in healthcare costs is anticipated. Smoke Down BBQ will be catering before the event.

Local 131 Golf Tournament May 16<sup>th</sup> @ Pine View Golf Club in Three Rivers: All proceeds go to Amanda's House Women's Shelter. Retirees can register for free. Sign up with the QR Code



4<sup>th</sup> Year Cornhole Tournament, June 13<sup>th</sup> @ UA Pipefitter Hall: All proceeds go to Schoolcraft Friday Pack Inc. – a school to home lunch program. Same day registration is available. Call (814) 232-6568 for registration details.

IBEW Local 131 App and Website Launch: Local 131 has launched its new app, which can be found on Apple Store and Google Play Store by searching "IBEW 131". The app allows members to bid available jobs, access the contract, by-laws, benefits information, licensing information, Ulliance services, our calendar of events and much more.

You can download the new app by scanning this QR Code:



Ulliance is Local 131's Member Assistance Program that offers mental health counseling, financial planning, legal assistance, divorce support, substance use support, parental counseling, elder care advice, and much more. If you or a friend could benefit from support, please call 1-800-448-8326 to speak with a professionally trained advisor and counselor today.

The next Renew & EWMC meeting will be held on Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> 5PM @ the hall

Veteran's Committee Meeting: May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5PM, American Legion Post 49, 129 Michigan Ave, South Haven, MI 49090.

Executive Board: meeting will be held on Monday, May 18 @ 5PM

Brotherhood Night is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the Month @ CJ's beginning at 3:30. 1027 Schuster Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. Keep an eye out for location changes on the Local's FB page.

Hall Hours: Monday thru Friday 8AM to 4:30PM – Lunch hour between 12:30 and 1:30

Upcoming Events:  
General Membership Meeting – Allocation Meeting – May 4<sup>th</sup>, Smoke Down BBQ will be catering

(Official) Steward Training – June 11<sup>th</sup>

Retiree Quarterly Meetings – June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3PM, Union Hall – meeting to discuss retiree issues

New General Membership Meeting date (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month) begins June 9 @ 6 p.m. Local 131 Picnic – Aug. 1

Local 131 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Sept. 12 @ Gun Lake Casino  
Fall Member Orientation Breakfast – October 10<sup>th</sup>

Work Outlook: Blue Oval Battery Plant in Marshall continues to wind down. As work slows down there, more members are taking calls at Palisades Nuclear Facility. Pfizer and the Downtown Event Center Parking Garage have picked up and several calls have been placed there recently. The work situation in and around Local 131 appears to be steady through spring.

Palisades recommissioning work continues to require manpower with Westinghouse, Champion, Martell, and Allied Power still placing requests. That work is expected to continue until at least June.

Liberty Solar Project: is expected to need 70 wiremen at peak, but its anticipated April start has been pushed back to at least August. This is due to local political opposition. The politics around solar, like everything else,  
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**SAGINAW – UPCOMING UNION EVENTS** - The next Local 557 Union Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. At this Union Meeting in May, Local 557 will be conducting the annual Wage Allocation under New Business.

**GOVERNOR CANDIDATE CHRIS SWANSON at LOCAL 557** – IBEW Michigan has endorsed Sheriff Chris Swanson to be the next Governor of the State of Michigan. Sheriff Swanson will be in attendance at the next Union Meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> to speak to the membership. Please be on time to the meeting so you do not miss him addressing the membership. Chris is a Union member and we have no doubt he will do great things for organized labor, if elected.

**LOCAL 557 GOLF LEAGUE** –Beginning May 7<sup>th</sup>, tee times will start at 6:00pm. Leading up to May 7<sup>th</sup>, tee times are 5:00pm.

**RENEW COMMITTEE MEETINGS** – These meetings occur immediately following each Monthly Union Meeting.

**35<sup>th</sup> SENATE SEAT SPECIAL ELECTION** –The General Election date of May 5<sup>th</sup> will be here quickly. Labor Candidate Chedrick Greene and his team are looking for supporters to help canvas and get the word out to cast your vote. Volunteer opportunities are available for those that may want to help. Please consider taking some time to help in this important election.

**SAGINAW TWP. SCHOOLS BOND** – In addition to the Special Senate Election, May 5 will also be election day for the latest attempt from the Saginaw Twp. Schools to pass a Bond for the school's planned constructions/renovations. If you live in the Township, please support this initiative. We will also need volunteers to go door to door for this cause as well. If you have time to spend on this, please get with Evan at the Hall to coordinate.

**LOCAL 557 WEBSITE OFFERING DUES PAYMENTS** – The feature to pay dues online is now fully active. The credit card fee for using this feature is also less than the normal of providing your card information to the Hall either over the phone or in-person. To pay dues online, you will need to initially set up the new service by entering your card number as the username and the temporary password is your last name and the last 4 digits of your SSN.

Upon completing this, you will then be prompted to change your password to one of your choosing. If you haven't checked this out yet, please do as it is very convenient. Logging into this member portal also allows members to check positions on the Out of Work List and Job Calls when they are available. Please note that if there are no current job calls, you will only see a message displaying basic instructions for how to take a call when they are available.

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has become rife with disinformation, hyperbole, and an unbalanced focus on NIMBY issues. All while ignoring the very real need to increase our electrical capacity and infrastructure.

Retiree's Lunches at the following Locations:

May 20, Yogi's Diner, 2070 East "VW" Avenue, Vicksburg, MI. @11AM

June 17, Roxie's Breakfast & Lunch, 4010 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI. 11AM

Every Tuesday, a group of Retirees meets at The Crew, 5200 Portage Road, Portage, MI, 10 a.m.

On the last Friday of each month, a group of retirees and others, meet at Jac's Cekola's Pizza, 3112 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Kalamazoo, MI. 49009 @11:30.

**Death of Members:** Brother Leroy Bailey (46-year member) passed away on April 16<sup>th</sup> after a prolonged battle with cancer. A visitation will be held May 8 from 4-7 PM at Adams Funeral Home, 402 W Michigan Ave, Paw Paw Mi.

Members Three Months in Arcs or More: Mathew Alworden, Chad Arlington, Grant Beach, Kenneth Chamberlain, Marty Maher, James Pecho, Jeremiah Pojar, Michael Uminn  
**Jonathan Current**  
*Business Manager*  
**IBEW Local 131**

site safety is and should always be #1 on all IBEW jobs. No deadline or profit should be placed ahead of the simple fact that members need to go to work and return home in the same safe state in which they were prior to their day of work. All members should be as diligent as possible when it comes to making sure work is completed in a safe manner.

**LOCAL 557 ORGANIZING**- Organizing is the lifeblood of any Local Union Rex and Gus are doing great work for Local 557 on the organizing front. Organizing is a tough task. Some conversations with unrepresented workers are harder than others. Please give Rex and Gus all the help they need to succeed and get results for the Local. If you see something and wish to point it out to them, please reach out to Rex at 989-890-4578 and Gus can be reached at 989-941-8046.

**UNION HALL OPERATIONS**- Normal Business Hours are Monday-Friday 7am to 12pm, CLOSED for lunch, and re-open again from 1pm to 4:30pm.

**BOOK SIGNING**- If you are a Local 557 member and receive a lay-off while working on a 557 Book 1 referral or apprentice training assignment, you must come to the hall and register on Book 1 or the apprentice out of work list in-person. Many Locals throughout the State of Michigan will continue to accept fax/email initial book signings. If you are interested in this reciprocated benefit and would like to be on some out-of-town Books, please call the hall to arrange this. Book 2 members can have their Union Hall send an email to either [jobline@ibew557.org](mailto:jobline@ibew557.org) or [renee@ibew557.org](mailto:renee@ibew557.org)

**WORK OUTLOOK**- Project Phoenix is nearing its end. Local contractors continue to work on various projects at schools, hospitals, auto plants, and other various jobs. Positive news continues regarding the Downtown Saginaw Medical Diamond. The Ingersol Township area Solar Farm has hit a snag. The Township did not pass the ordinance to green light the project at their latest meeting. Therefore, our expected work load for this summer has taken a big hit. There is also a solar project in the works in the Freemont Township area. Battery Storage projects will also be kicking off in the near future.

**HEALTH CARE**- Don't forget to schedule your annual physical with your doctor. By completing your annual physical, you could catch a health concern early and help keep the cost of health care down. Registering on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield website is highly recommended. Please take the time to visit [www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com). Upon registering you can take the Free Health Assessment test and find instant results that can lead to living a healthy lifestyle.

**BLUE CROSS APP**-Download the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan app for your smartphone. Search for "BCBSM" on the Google Play app or Apple store. Benefits to utilizing the app include the following: instant access to EOB's, a virtual ID card on your phone, information on deductibles, explanations of coverage and other helpful tips related to your Health Care coverage. EOB's can be downloaded to smart phones or computers and used to substantiate WEX receipt request.

**JOB CALLS**- Please stay vigilant checking the Job Line if you are seeking work. **All work calls for the day will be available on the Job Line after 4:30 pm. IF YOU ARE SEEKING WORK don't forget to CALL 989-781-0516, option 3.** Local 557 utilizes a bid system for job calls. If you see a call you would like, please place a bid on the telephone system and call backs will occur the next business day to fill the calls until they are gone.

**STAY CURRENT ON DUES** –Please check to see if you are current. Paying dues through the website is now the easiest option for members. Phone in card purchases are still accepted, but the credit card fee is slightly more than utilizing the website's system.

**CONTACT NUMBERS**- Michigan Electrical Employee Pension fund and Michigan Health Plan (855) 633-4584. Website is: [www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org)  
**-In Solidarity, Evan Allardyce,**  
*Business Manager*



**Local 665**

**IBEW Local 665**

**LANSING - 100 Year Anniversary:** IBEW Local 665 will be turning 100 years old in June 2026. Please save the date June 6, 2026 to celebrate with us at the Lansing Center. **Please be looking in your email and on Facebook because invitations were mailed at the end of February 2026. Please make sure to RSVP as soon as possible.**

**WORK OUTLOOK:** Projected to be busy throughout 2026. There are many projects going currently in IBEW Local 665 jurisdiction. The 26-story tower downtown Lansing, MI. LG battery plant is still going strong with more work to come. MSU plans to spend \$2 billion over the next four to five years. Not to mention all the schoolwork this summer.

**Upcoming Events at IBEW Local 665:**

**Renew Committee:** Will be hosting a clean up day at the hall on May 7. To clean up the field next door and do some landscaping around the hall. Food and refreshments will be provided. In case of rain, backup date is May 14.

**Veteran's Shoot:** Saturday, June 13. This event is free to all veterans, not just 665 members. 50 targets – Trap and 5 stand. Shells will be provided. Shooting begins at 11am. Free Lunch for veterans, \$10 for guest. Pre-registrations and additional information please contact **Dan Kelley 517-202-2326** or **CASLShotgun@gmail.com**

**IBEW Local 665 Picnic:** Will be on June 27 at Sleepy Hollow State Park. 12 noon to dusk. You can come to the picnic or rent a camp site. See you there.

**EVITP TRAINING.** Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program. If you are interested in helping our local secure more work in the Lansing area it is critical we sign up for this training. This program is looking to be required by the federal government to work on any large-scale electric vehicle charger stations. The program is online on your blended learning platform. Email Dale@lejtc.org or contact the apprenticeship office with questions or how to sign up.

**HARASSMENT TRAINING:** has been adopted as part of our contract. It is required for all our members to complete it. Please reach out to LEJATC to sign up for it. You can email Dale@lejtc.org to receive instructions on how to complete it.

**APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS:** We often get calls or emails on how and/or where to apply to Local 665's apprenticeship program. To apply, go to [www.lejtc.org](http://www.lejtc.org) and navigate to the application page on the website. Applications are accepted on the **THIRD** Monday of each month.

**DRUG TEST / MUST MODS:** If you are planning on doing any NMA or GM jobs this year, please make sure you are current on your 18 MUST mods or OSHA 30 certification and MUST drug test. Contact the hall if you need your annual drug test or your 18 must mods.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** is on the third Monday of each month and starts at 6:30 pm at the Hall. Remember that we have a wage allocation this year and nominations are in May's meeting for Business Manager, E-board, Recording Secretary and Delegates for the IBEW International Convention.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD** meets on the second and third Monday of each month starting at 5 p.m.

**DUES AND DEATH BENEFITS:** Quarterly dues are due. We are on death benefit #368. Please look at your dues to ensure that you are current.

**IN REMEMBRANCE:** In remembrance of Local 665 members who have passed away. May their memory be eternal. Ronald Bullen 04/09/2026, Steven Goodine 03/17/2026, James Foster Jr. 02/28/2026, Joseph Perkins 02/20/2026, Bruce Pettinger 12/01/2025, Charlie Fabiano 12/21/2025, Richard Dunlap 12/11/2025, Darold English 11/28/25, Michael Quintieri 11/15/25, Douglas Maki 09/17/25, Randolph Dehate 07/01/25, Glendon "Bill" Toaz 06/10/25, David McLellan 05/28/25.



**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS BAY CITY MICHIGAN**

**IBEW 692**

**BAY CITY – Union Meeting** The next monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**The next Executive Board Meeting** will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**Message from the Business Manager.** Brothers and Sisters, allocation of wages will occur on May 4 at our general membership meeting, 6:00 P.M. at 1300 W. Thomas. If you are a member in good standing and have an idea as to how you would like to see our raise distributed, please let me or one of your other agents know. This is your union, please be involved.

Congratulations are due to the apprenticeship Class of '26 who have recently topped out. They are: Inside JIW's Jeremy Escamilla, Josh Fries-Seidel, Dale Henderson, Adam Gradowski, Craig Mischley, Kyler Moir, Marcel Pully, Dustin Stoen, Jacob Swarthout, Stephen Wejrowski, Darien Wingfield, Austin Woods, and VDV Technicians J.J. Hall and Ethan Little. Great work, Brothers!

I have been having conversations with Training Director Casey Stoike and his team circling around the opportunity of offering classes to our membership who have surpassed the apprenticeship school in their career. The upcoming opportunities approaching for continuing education in the electrical industry are Arc Flash Training and also a class on Medium Voltage Terminations.

The first class revolves around Arc Flash Safety. The Arc Flash course will teach proper personal protective equipment, safety boundaries, and various other safety related topics revolving around Arc Flash potential. Please Contact Training Director Stoike at (989) 686-4890. A date for this class will be determined once we have the number of members interested.

A medium voltage cable terminating class will also be held in the near future. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Training Director Casey Stoike at (989) 686-4890. A certificate of completion will be offered upon completion of course. A class date will be determined once the class has been filled.

**The 2026 IBEW International annual golf tournament** is being held in Akron, Ohio followed by Columbus Ohio in 2027. This year's 3-day tournament will be held Aug. 19-21. Included are 3 rounds of golf and a banquet on the last day with awards and prizes. Additionally, open bar daily with food and snacks, all for \$275. Interested members can contact Terry Brandenburg (586-854-3447). **Registration deadline is Monday, June 1.**

**Work Report.** The work report in our jurisdiction remains solid. AZCO continues work at Consumers Energy's Karn Solar site in Essexville. Although weather has been an issue, more calls are still expected this spring.

**Bay Valley Electric** will be starting a nice dorm project in Alpena. **Clements Electric's** work at the Mersen in Bay City and Midland's Center for the Arts and Dow Gardens Welcome Center continues, as work at the Bay County Health Department is wrapping up. Work on a mixed-use development in Downtown Bay City has started. Bay City Animal Control and Bay County Road Commission projects have been secured with work to start soon. Clements was also awarded a nice project out to Michigan Sugar in Bay City.

**Conti Electric** has ongoing work at the Karn Generation Facility and Consumers Energy's dams along the Au Sable. Conti's ongoing work at Michigan Sugar may see a few calls. Phase 3 of Little Trout Solar in Hawks is wrapping up early summer, while another solar site in Johannesburg will be activating soon.

**Countyline Power** has secured a high voltage termination project at Michigan Sugar in Bay City.

**Escon Group** has some work in Midland's I-Park and McLaren's Bay City West campus (late spring). Escon was also awarded Bangor Schools (summer).

**John's Electric** continues work at Clear Lake and Hoeft State Parks.

**J. Ranck Electric** will be adding a battery storage facility on the Mission Road Solar project in Rosebush late this spring.

**Master Electric** continues work at Clare County Road Commission. Master has also picked up a couple nice projects out to CMU.

**Nelson Electric** is wrapping up projects at Bay City Powertrain and continues access control and security work at the Amazon warehouse in Clare.

**Northern Power** has secured spring and summer work at Alpena Schools.

**Northern Valley** continues work at the AMRIZE Cement Plant and has secured Alpena's Meijer remodel set to start in early May. Their residential and generator divisions continue to secure a fair amount of work.

**S&G and Hardies Electric** are keeping their crews busy this spring on various projects.

**Swan Electric** has secured a decent upcoming project at TCE Charlton in Johannesburg.

**Teds Electric** continues work at Clare Schools.

**Van Ert Electric** continues work on their solar project in Gladwin, calls for this project have been coming in.

Consumers Energy has recently announced plans for future work in our jurisdiction. Essexville's Karn site plans to add a new battery storage facility and two new gas-fired turbines to replace units 3 & 4. Three large solar sites will start civil and dirt work this spring and require substantial manpower in 2027. Those sites are in Prescott, Spruce, and Harrisville.

If you are looking for work, please do not hesitate to contact the Union Hall. Please note when calling the job line to use extension #1.

**In Solidarity, Ryan Charney**  
*Business Manager / Financial Secretary*

**Organizers' Report.** Job calls are now posted on our website, [www.ibew692.net](http://www.ibew692.net). The out-of-work list has been updated with additional information such as ding detail, a job log, and a list of recently rolled members. Please note initial sign of the out-of-work list should be in person at the hall. Re-signs after rolling can be done by emailing, texting, or calling Business Manager Ryan Charney.

We are proud to announce IBEW Local 692 has received the 2026 Impact Award from Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center. In addition to working hands-on with SkillsUSA residential electrical construction competitors, Local organizers serve on the Skilled Trades Advisory Board, host a summer camp for interested middle schoolers, proctor mock interviews, and host career days and job fairs. We appreciate the recognition and look forward to more cooperation in the future.

We'd like to recognize Local 692 JIW Mark Aymen for his commitment to the future of our industry. Mark is the electrical technologies instructor at Huron Area Technical Center in Bad Axe. One of Mark's Industrial Motor Controls students won gold at last week's SkillsUSA State Championship in Grand Rapids and is headed to the Nationals in Atlanta.

Tuesday is Michigan's 35<sup>th</sup> State Senate special election. Local 692 and IBEW's Michigan State Conference have endorsed Chedrick Greene. Please consider voting for a proven leader and true friend of Labor on May 5.

**Brendon Baranek 989.327.4131 Kevin Klaphish 989.252.9225**

**Union Dues.** There is no dues rate increase for the 2026 calendar year. Monthly dues will remain at \$49.20.

**To avoid a reinstatement fee, please remember to keep your dues current.**

**Death Benefits.** We regret to inform you of the death of retired Brother Gordon Gehringer, Card Number D320117, who passed away on April 15, 2026. Brother Gehringer was born on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1929 (96 years old). He was initiated on Sept. 15, 1969. Gordon resided in Bay City.

**#356.** Local death fund assessment **\$10.00 each** (due within 30 days) payable to: IBEW Local 692, 1300 W. Thomas Bay City, MI 48706

**Retirees Lunch.** The May retiree lunch is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 21 at Boulevard Lounge, 316S. Saginaw Street in Midland. **REMINDER:** If you contact the Health Plan Office about going on short term disability, it is important for you to notify the Hall as well.



# IBEW LOCAL 58



IBEW Local 58

**DETROIT - The next General Membership meeting:** will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Dinner with the brotherhood begins at 5:30 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

**UPDATE - Sub Pay** is available for **Limited Energy ONLY** at this time. **If you have questions, please contact the Local 58 Union Hall 313-963-2130.** If you have any questions regarding the Port Huron office, please contact Business Agent Paul Ledsworth at 313-802-4970.

**The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline** (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Please Call, Text, Chat! IBEW Local 58 Cares! Call 988!

**IBEW Local 58 Brick Pavers-** are available for purchase, if you would like to purchase a brick, please contact the Union Hall for an Order Form. 7x9 brick pavers can have up to 6 lines of lettering and 17 spaces per line, \$100.00 Donation per Brick. Contact Stacy at the Union Hall 313-963-2130, extension 3015.

**Local 58 Dues Department** - Look at your Dues Receipt if your paid-through date shows 09-30-25, you are not current and have lapsed membership. You will have to call the Union Hall and request an E-board appointment for Reinstatement. If your paid through date shows 12-31-2025, you are not current and owe a reinstatement fee of \$30.00. It is your responsibility to pay your dues on time - this could affect your retirement or death benefit. You can pay on the APP/Website, send a check, or call and pay over the phone. We ask that you keep the Local up to date with your address, email, and phone no. Thank you!

**IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association:** There will not be a May Board Meeting or a May Luncheon, due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

Our next board meeting will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 10 at the union hall in the main conference room. All are welcome.

Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, June 24 at The Gazebo Banquet Center, 31104 Mound Rd., Warren 48092. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at 12:30. The cost is \$25 per person (payable to the Retirees Association), mail your reservations and checks to IBEW #58, Attn. Retirees Association, P.O. Box 32756, Detroit MI, 48232-0756. Questions, call Elaine Crawford at 313 408-5885.

There are a few seats still available for our annual September Bus Trip to New York City. Sept. 10-16. Cost per person, double occupancy is \$1050. Send in your \$75 per person deposit (checks payable to the Retirees Association) to hold your space, send it to 22700 Grove St., St. Clair Shores, 48080. Balance of trip is due July 3, 2026. Questions, call Dave Riley, 586 206-8075.

**Electrical Workers' Joint Boards of Trustees (Fringe Benefits Office)** - Any questions regarding Local 58 Pension, Annuity, Health insurance or Life insurance should be directed to the IBEW Local 58 Benefits Office at 586-575-9200. They also distribute the 1099R tax form for the Local 58 Pension.

**Retirement:** The NEBF pension applications are no longer available at the Local 58 union hall. They are available either by contacting NEBF directly at 301-556-4300 or through your online account at NEBF.com. Standard processing time for NEBF pension applications has been 90 days. Please allow at least 3 months prior to your retirement date to submit your application to NEBF directly for processing. The IBEW PBF (International Pension Benefit Fund) applications can still be obtained at the Local 58 union hall. For questions regarding the NEBF or IBEW PBF pensions, please call Rebecca at 313-963-2130 ext. 3013. Questions regarding the Local 58 Pension should be directed to the Local 58 Benefits Office at 586-575-9200.

**Detroit Electrical Industry Training Center** - Know anyone interested in learning the Electrical Trade? Please contact the Training Center at 586-751-6600 for information

on Apprenticeship and training opportunities.

**Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund:** Next meeting will be Tuesday May 5, 5:30 pm.

Congrats to Arianna Ortiz - she is the winner of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual John Mayernik Scholarship. She received a check for \$2000 that she can use as needed; there are no stipulations. Thank you to all the apprentices who applied. It was a very tough decision. We look forward to more apprentices applying next year.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerry Gaudi Memorial Golf Outing will be on Friday June 5 at the Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford, MI. Due to the high demand of this event, we will be filling available four-somes by a lottery drawing on Friday May 8 at 12 noon. If you would like to be entered in the drawing, contact please contact Mike Bellhorn at 58benevolentfund@ibew58.org.

**Members of the Community Service Committee:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12 at 5:30p.m. The Wobbly Kitchen (Sundays in the Park) will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting at the union hall and then traveling to Cass Park. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8 a.m. to help with food prep, organization, and loading. Questions can be directed to Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916 (call, text, leave a voicemail). Local 58 is very active with community service in the Metro Detroit area and has a variety of upcoming projects that require the help of volunteers and helping hands. Contact the Union Hall (313) 963-2130 or Ray Kujawski (number above).

**The next Entertainment Committee meeting** will be Tuesday, May 12, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m.

**EWMC of Southeastern MI** - The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18 at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. Please make sure your cell phone no. and email address are up to date. The meeting information will be sent out as soon as available. Please bring any suggestions that you have for EWMC involvement and engagement.

The fourth coin in the series for our challenge coin fundraiser is now available for sale. Our IBEW car flags are also in. We will be selling them at any upcoming union events and Membership meetings.

Our 2026 DPSCD March Reading event was a huge success. They have invited us to their Volunteer Appreciation event. For more information reach out to Brother Crook.

We will be participating with Atlantic Impact for the Build Detroit Competition at Eastern Market on May 7. Anyone interested in helping out should contact Brother Osborn.

**The Safety Committee meeting** will be on Monday, May 11, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

**The IBEW Veterans Committee** serves all those who have served, building community and strengthening veteran voices within the IBEW and throughout the entire electrical industry. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at the hall with an option to attend via Zoom. At our next meeting we plan on reviewing the Veterans Committee field manual that has been put together by the I/O.

In recognition of service to country and union, all IBEW members who have served in the military can claim their free challenge coin by visiting the website: <https://ibew.org/about-ibew/affinity-groups/veterans-committees/>

**Local 58's Women's Committee** - The next meeting will be Thursday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Committee Chair Angela Panicucci (586-291-8014) Email at 58women-committee@ibewlocal58.org

**Political Action Committee:** meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom and in person at the Hall at 5:30 pm. If you have questions or concerns or would like to attend a PAC meeting, reach out to our registrars at registrar1@ibew58.org.

**The RENEW Committee:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings** take place every (Continued next column)

Wednesday at the IBEW Local 58 Union Hall. (1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226), starting at 6 pm. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. All trades welcome.

**Electrical Workers Credit Union:** Our website is <http://WWW.EWCU.NET> (313) 963-6060. Electrical Workers Credit Union is offering a short time special for **Auto Refinancing** starting at 4.25%\* **Terms: Must come from another financial institute, up to 60 or 72 months.** Give the Credit Union a call to see if you qualify! 313-963-6060. Credit Union hours are Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Closed Friday between 11:30 am - 12:30 pm for lunch). You may now apply for membership online. Go to [ewcu.net](http://ewcu.net).

Dormant accounts! Please call the credit union to see the options to make your account active. **Be sure to keep the Union Hall updated with any changes to your phone number, address, email and beneficiaries.**

**Local 58 Senior Softball:** Looking for seniors 55+ years old to join and have some fun. Beginning in May 2026 on Monday and Wednesday mornings. For more info please contact: Dennis Schwiager 586-725-0452 or Jim Miles 586-933-3551.

**Local 58 Senior Golf:** Looking for seniors 55+ years old to grab your clubs and join us for multiple dates of golfing and fun. Golfing starts at 9 am for each date.  
May 14 - Dunham Hills 13561 Dunham Rd Hartland, MI  
June 11 - Pontiac Country Club 4335 Elizabeth Lake Rd Waterford, MI 48328  
July 16 - Rouge Park Golf Course 11701 Burt Rd Detroit  
Aug. 13, Rackham Golf Course 10100 10 Mile Rd Huntington Woods, MI  
Sept. 17, Bee Tee Golf Course 22871 21 Mile Rd Macomb, MI 48044  
Oct. 8, 2026 Sanctuary Lake Golf Course 1450 E. South Blvd Troy, MI 48084

Please contact Jeff Gregory via phone or text @ 248-240-7449.

**Wiremen's Golf Association (WGA) Members:** This year the 2026 Wiremen's Golf Association Tournament will be hosted by Local 306, Akron, OH on Aug. 18-21. The host hotel/tournament headquarters for this year is the Double Tree by Hilton in Akron/Fairlawn, OH ((330)867-5000). Entry fees for this year are \$275 per man for the Tournament and an additional \$75 per man for the optional scramble. **ALL MONIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 24<sup>th</sup> - THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.** If you are mailing your payment please mail to: Ron Krajenke, 20244 Edinberg Drive, Macomb, MI 48044. Reach out with any questions to Ron Krajenke at 313-475-0487 or Brad Garrity at 313-850-1837.

**UPCOMING EVENT:** The CHOOCH Foundation is partnering with IBEW Local 58 to bring the upcoming A Mind in Motion: Mental Health Maintenance Fair to the Local 58 Union Hall in Detroit. The event will bring together trades families and community members for a day focused on mental wellness, connection, and practical support. Founded in honor of Justin Shilling, the organization was created with a clear mission: break the stigma surrounding mental health and provide real, accessible tools that help individuals and families thrive.



# IBEW Local 275

IBEW Local 275

**COOPERSVILLE - Work Outlook:** Work in the jurisdiction remains steady for journeymen with calls on the job recorder regularly. Please continue to call the job line if you are seeking work in Local 275. We have solar calls coming weekly for both Hart and Freshwater solar as well as local contractors picking up jobs.

**Building Corp Meeting:** Please join us for the next Building Corp meeting before the union meeting on May 12 at 6pm. We will be discussing the 3 options that the body voted on at our prior meeting. **Please note the change of the meeting date for both Building Corp and Union meeting to May 12 at Local 275's hall. We will also have special guest Chris Swanson who is running for Governor.**

**Allocation Meeting:** At the April 2026 allocation meeting the body voted to add vision coverage as an additional benefit. Please be on the lookout for additional information about this.

**Golf Outing:** Please join us for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual IBEW Local 275 golf outing on Saturday, June 13 at Gracewil Country Club in Grand Rapids. It will be a shotgun start at 9am, and 18 holes with a cart is \$55. You must register and pay with Kaleb Kerkstra by no later than June 5. To Register, call or text Kaleb at 231-780-7625.

**PICNIC:** Mark your Calendars for Aug. 8 to join us for the annual Local 275 picnic. The picnic will be held at the union hall with more details to follow. If you are interested in volunteering, Please reach out to the hall or Niko Jent to sign up.

**Volunteer Info:** Postal Workers food drive will be held on May 9 at both Muskegon and Grand rapids facilities. This is a great volunteer opportunity and we will make the information available as we get it.

**West Michigan RENEW/EWMC:** Meetings will be held monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, 6pm via ZOOM. The

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Event Details: June 6, 2026  
IBEW Local 58 - 1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226, 10 AM - 4 PM

**IBEW Pension:** Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: Michael Imerzel and Timothy Kennedy. We wish you all the best as you begin your new journey.

**Members that have passed away:** Our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of our fallen Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss. **Thomas Bouck**, Pension member, 58 year IBEW membership; **Glen DeFilipi**, Pension member, 29 year IBEW membership; **Francine Maisano**, Widow to the late Pension member Frank Maisano, Grandmother to Angela Milam, IBEW Local 58 Executive Board Secretary, Local 58 Women's Committee Chairman, Technician 1; Mother to former Local 58 member Jerome "Jerry" Maisano; **Kay Meares**, Wife to Thomas Meares, Pension member, 72 year IBEW membership; **Thomas Meares (who passed shortly after his wife)**, Pension member, 72 year IBEW membership; **Stephen Sadowski**, Pension member, 48 year IBEW membership; Brother to Ronald Sadowski, Pension member, 62 year IBEW membership; **Charlene Sullivan**, Widow to the late Pension member William Sullivan.

ZOOM link will be available on Local 275 Members Only Facebook group as well as on the Local 275 Mobile app. The EWMC have a challenge coin that is for sale at the hall as well! \$20, cash only while supplies last. **Please note that May's meeting will be in person at the hall.**

If you have any interest in helping re-launch the Local 275 Renew committee, please reach out to Mark at the union hall.

**Veterans' Committee:** Meeting will be held monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, 6pm. Please keep an eye on the app for locations.

**Training:** Code update will only be available online only going forward. Please go to the JATC website at [www.wmjecatc.org](http://www.wmjecatc.org) and click the Code Update Course link to sign up. The cost for members is \$40.

The JATC is now offering master's Exam Prep courses. Please reach out to the JATC for more information. [wmjecatc@gmail.com](mailto:wmjecatc@gmail.com)

Anyone interested in signing up for Foreman training or Steward training, please reach out to Jonas at the Hall to get on the list.

**General Info:** If you are working on a project in our jurisdiction and are told that you were selected for a random, DO NOT take it, call the Hall first. Randoms are part of the MUST program that was agreed to by NECA and the IBEW in our contract. We've been seeing our contractors who are subs being told by the G.C. that one of our members were selected for a random through their program. We are not signatory to B&V, Barton-Malow or any other G.C., therefore we are NOT subject to their drug testing.

We've had a few instances of inappropriate comments on the job site. Be aware that the IBEW Constitution that we've all sworn an oath to uphold states, in part; *"This Brotherhood will continue to oppose communism, Nazism, racism, sexism, fascism or any other subversive 'ism'."* We have adopted a Zero Tolerance approach to these behaviors and NO ONE - black, white, brown, gay, straight, male or female should have to endure that treatment from anybody. If you are the victim of this behavior, let your Business Manager, Jonas Talbott know and it will be dealt with.

If you want to get added to our blast email list, please reach out to Nicole at the Hall to get on the list.

For any members still using the 1-800 number to call the Union Hall Offices, please note that we removed that line several months ago. If you are having trouble reaching the office, please double check that you aren't using that number.

As a reminder, the Local Union Hall offices have changed their hours. The offices will be open from 8am-12:30pm, 1pm-4:30pm.

Monthly dues are still \$50.90 per month, and as of this writing we have not heard of an increase. If you pay for 1 years dues at once, there is a challenge coin that can be picked up at the hall.

**Delinquent Members:** At the time of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Ronnie Dunmore, Shaun Hart, Alan Kimball, Kevin Koon, Wage Langdon, Ken Mabs, and Mike Nielsen - Please make every effort to become current with your dues as soon as you can.



IBEW Local 906

**UPPER PENINSULA - MEETINGS.** There will not be any unit meetings for the month of May: There will be a general membership meeting held on May 2 at 1:00pm EST. This meeting will be held at the Marquette Twp. Community Center, 1000 Commerce Drive, Marquette, MI 49855.

Allocations for the Inside Division will take place at this general membership meeting so we encourage everybody to attend!

**Work Outlook-** Work is starting to pick up. Upcoming projects include Amazon warehouse in Escanaba, Harden Hall 1<sup>st</sup> floor remodel in Marquette, VA Hospital in Marquette, Crystal Falls Compressor Station.

We currently have a 1 man call for J. Ranck Electric in Sault Ste Marie, a 1 man call for Billy Electric in Escanaba, a 1 man call for Pieper Electric in Escanaba, a 1 man call for MJ Electric in Iron Mountain and a 4 man call for Michels Power in Crystal Falls. Please call the hall 906-226-7497 if you're interested in these calls.

IBEW Local 906 accepts book 2 signing via email. Please email [cfleuryibew906@gmail.com](mailto:cfleuryibew906@gmail.com) for all book 2 signings.

**Union Hall Hours of Operation-** Normal Business Hours are Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm.

**Golf Outings-** The U.P. Building Trades are having their 41<sup>st</sup> annual golf outing at the Terrace Bluff in Gladstone, MI on June 20. Shotgun start at 9:00am. If you are interested in playing please call the hall to sign up.

IBEW Local 906 is once again the title sponsor for the Project Jade golf outing on Aug. 23 at Wawonowin Country Club in Champion, MI. Shotgun start at 9am. With Local 906 being the title sponsor we get 2 four person teams, if you are interested in playing for local 906, please call the hall to sign up.

**Merchandise-** We have merchandise at the hall. It can be picked up or coordinated to be brought to a union meeting. Payment can be done in person, over the phone, or on the website/app under the Merchandise order form page. All products are available for viewing on the website/app. We have some new shirt designs so please take a look!

**Retiree Events-** There is a retiree lunch the third Thursday of every month at the Vierling Restaurant in Marquette at 11 am EST.

There is a retiree breakfast the first Saturday of each month at Hard-ees in Iron Mountain, 8 am CST.

**Website/App-** We have a new website and mobile app. Please reference those new tools for any new announcements and updates. The website can be found at [ibew906.org](http://ibew906.org) and the app can be found under IBEW 906.

**RENEW-** There is a RENEW (Reach out and Engage Next Generation Electrical Workers) zoom meeting held the first Thursday of every month at 8 pm est. To get the zoom link reference the calendar section of the app or website.

**Union Dues-** A friendly reminder that dues are \$49.00 per month. Please keep this in mind if you are mailing a check for dues payment. There will be no Dues increase for 2026. If you are paying for the whole year at one time you receive a free tee shirt.

**Fringe Benefits-** Please make sure to make sure your beneficiaries are updated

**New Journeyman-** Congratulations to local 906's newest Journeyman, Phillip Hood and Samuel Peterson.

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BeneSys Inc.  
700 Tower Drive, Suite 300  
Troy, MI 48098



## IBEW LOCAL 252

IBEW Local 252

**ANN ARBOR—MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER:** We are trying to update our list of employers that are currently NOT providing Earned Sick Time pay. Please email info@ibew252.org or call 734-424-0978 if your current employer is not providing ESTA pay.

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR IBEW LOCAL UNION 252:** The nominations for all officers of Local Union 252 will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall located at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination, email a written statement to 252electionjudge@gmail.com that they will accept the nomination, or mail a written statement to 252 Election Judge, P.O. Box 172, Adrian, MI 49221, that they will accept the nomination. No member may be a candidate for more than one office.

Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate. Nominations will proceed in order of office as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be 3 years: Nominations will be taken to fill the following offices: President/ Delegate to International Convention, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary/ Business Manager/ Delegate to International Convention, Executive Board (6 to be elected), Examining Board (3 to be elected).

Additionally, nominations will be held for 5 delegates to the International Convention in the manner described in Article VIII, Section 2 of the local union bylaws. The President and the Business Manager shall be candidates for delegate positions contingent with their offices as

stated in Article VIII, Section 3 of the local union bylaws. This leaves 3 delegate positions open to nominations for the at-large election. No member nominated for offices of Business Manager or President may be nominated for the at-large delegate positions if they are delegates by virtue of their offices. In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of two years of continuous good standing in Local Union 252.

Good standing means that the member is current in their payment of dues, and has been current for two years preceding the nominations. No Apprentice shall be eligible to hold office in the Local Union unless they have previously held a Journeyman's card at any time during their membership with Local Union 252 so that they shall remain eligible to hold office (IBEW Constitution Art. 15, Sect. 14).

Pat Ulanowicz was appointed Election Judge on Feb. 8, 2026 (IBEW Constitution, Art. 16, Sect. 11, Amendment 30). The IBEW Local 252 President will appoint Tellers as required. None of these may be a candidate for any office. All Tellers will be vetted for a minimum of 2 years of continuous good standing in Local Union 252 by the Local 252 Financial Secretary (IBEW Constitution Art. 16, Sect. 11). In order to vote you must have a dues receipt not more than 3 months in arrears (paid through March 2026). The election of officers shall take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at the Union Hall, at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI.

The ballots will be counted immediately following the closing of the polls and the results shall be announced immediately after all ballots are counted. A complete listing of the results shall be posted on all union bulletin boards, union social media, or other appropriate place by the close of business on the day following the election. In the event

a runoff election is required, same shall be held a special called meeting on Saturday, June 27, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. The same rules shall apply to the runoff election as were applicable to the regular election. Members who requested an absentee ballot for the regular election will automatically receive same for the runoff. Absentee ballots shall be available to any member upon written request to the election judge. Written requests can be mailed to 252 Election Judge, P.O. Box 172, Adrian, MI 49221, or emailed to 252electionjudge@gmail.com.

Such requests will be accepted up to 5 days prior to the date of the election. Anyone receiving an absentee ballot will not be entitled to vote at the polls without first presenting the election judge with their unused ballot and the envelope used in the mailing.

Absentee ballots received at the Post Office after 1:00 p.m. on June 6, 2026 will not be counted. All officers shall be installed and begin their 3-year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. Candidates shall be entitled to an observer at the polling place, during the counting of the ballots and when the absentee ballots are picked up from the Post Office.

The candidate themselves may be the observer. Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted is urged to contact the election judge as soon as possible before the election is certified. Once the election is certified, any protests of the election are to be filed in writing with the International Vice-President of the District within 30 days following the election.

The decision of the International Vice-President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW. In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice-President, the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor. Any questions about the conduct of the 2026 IBEW Local 252 election can be mailed to 252 Election Judge, P.O. Box 172, Adrian, MI 49221, emailed to 252electionjudge@gmail.com, or consult by phone (517) 918-8948.

**TRAINING CLASSES 2026: ALL CLASSES START**

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**AT 5:00 PM**

**BICSI Installer 1-** Every Monday starting March 2 and ending June 1

**OSHA 30-** May 5, 7, 12, 14  
**BICSI Fiber/ Tech-** Every Monday beginning June 8 and ending Aug 31

**Fire Alarm-** Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Sept 2 and ending Oct 21.

**NICET PREP-** Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Oct. 28 and ending Dec. 23 (book purchase required, call the training center for more information)

**CPR-** June 2 & 9, Sept. 1 & 15, Dec. 1 & 8.

Additional classes will be added as they become available. For interest in a class not listed, call the training center. All classes require a \$50 deposit. Call the school 734-475-1180 to add your name to the desired class ahead of time. All evening classes are held from 5-9 PM.

**IBEW 252 APP FOR ANDROID:** If you use an android phone, you must redownload the IBEW 252 app, which is now available in the app store.

**RETIREE'S CARD GAME:** The first Thursday of every month Local 252 and UA 190 retirees meet at the Union Hall for card games and donuts. The games start at 9 a.m.

**RETIREE'S BREAKFAST:** The Retirees' Breakfast will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor.

**DETROIT TIGER'S UNION DAY:** The Union Day Tiger's game will be on Sept. 26, 2026 against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Tickets are \$30 and include entry to the game, bus transportation, and \$10 fun money to spend at the park. The bus will depart from the union hall at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are first come, first serve, and will not be held until they are paid for. Call or stop by the union hall to sign up.

**VETERAN'S COMMITTEE:** We are looking for veterans to join our veteran's committee. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Union Hall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact John Gilbert at (517) 920-1422.

**M.U.S.T DRUG TESTING:** Please make sure your MUST drug testing is current as you cannot work on a U of M project or several other projects in the jurisdiction without being current. Local 252 has a zero tolerance for alcohol or drug use.

**EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Local 252 partners with Health Management Systems of America to provide Employee Assistance for several issues. For confidential 24/7 assistance, call toll-free 1-800-847-7240, or visit www.my-life-resource.com and use username: hmsa, password: myresource for more information.

**RETIREMENT:** NEBF and IBEW PBF applications take 3 months to process but can be filled out as early as 6 months before your planned retirement effective date. If you are nearing retirement, please contact Alana at the Union Hall at least 3-6 months before your planned retirement date. You will be asked to submit copies of social security cards, birth certificates, marriage certificate, divorce decrees, etc. for you and your spouse with your applications. For a full list of required documents please contact the Union Hall.

**DUES PAYMENTS-** Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 3/2026, your dues are not current. The Union Hall accepts payment by cash, check or credit card. There is a 3% discount for paying by cash or check. Dues for "A" members are \$143.25 by cash or check, or \$147.55 by credit card per quarter for 2026. Dues for "BA" members are \$73.80 by cash or check, or \$76.01 by credit card per quarter for 2026. Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your second quarter dues (April through June) are due now. **Payments for second quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, June 30, 2026.**

**IMPORTANT DATES:** May 13, 2026: Nominations  
June 6, 2026: Local 252 Election  
June 30, 2026: 11:30 a.m. Deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Dues  
Sept. 9, 2026: Retiree's Night  
Oct. 24, 2026: Trunk or Treat  
Dec. 12, 2026: Holiday Party



IBEW Local 948

FLINT - Meetings.

**Membership Meeting** - Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will be May 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

**Retiree Meetings** - will be off the next couple months, next meeting will be May 5th, 2026 at 9:00am.

**Book Signing** - For any members looking to sign our books please refer to our hotline at (810) 767-3308 Ext #5 or report directly to the hall.

**Work Outlook** - Our work outlook is steady with a slow ramp possible leading to the upcoming months. For further details on job information please ensure the hall has your email address for our job calls and re-signs.

**Dues Reminder** - Members, please ensure your dues are paid in full. For questions, concerns, or payments please see Jenny Wallace or call the main office at (810) 767-3308.

**Seeking New Membership** - As always, we are actively seeking to organize new membership. For questions, concerns, or interest please contact Organizer Eric Crites.

**New Store Stock** - To all members interested, we have merchandise at our hall. Stock includes shirts, hoodies, hats, and other apparel. For questions or purchases please contact Jenny Wallace.

**New Membership** - Welcome to our latest member Matthew Banks, Chase Arevalo, & Austin Vandendries. We look forward to working with you and hope to see you in the field.

**Retirees** - Congratulations to Brad King on your pension application. The membership would like to wish you a healthy and relaxing retirement.

**Draping of the Charter** - Our condolences to the family of David Botbyl. We are tremendously sorry for your losses and will continue to keep our Brother in our hearts.

# ALL BUILDING TRADESMEN

## Notice of Asbestos Health Hazards in Michigan

**BRICKLAYERS BOILERMAKERS ELECTRICIANS INSULATORS PIPE FITTERS  
PLUMBERS SHEET METAL WORKERS**

- ◆ Mesothelioma
- ◆ Lung Cancer
- ◆ Asbestosis
- ◆ Pulmonary Fibrosis
- ◆ Throat Cancer
- ◆ Colon Cancer

As pioneers in asbestos litigation, GPW has filed asbestos lawsuits since 1984, defending the rights of hardworking men and women throughout Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia.

**Exposure to asbestos can cause deadly diseases such as MESOTHELIOMA, LUNG CANCER, ABESTOSIS, PULMONARY FIBROSIS, THROAT CANCER, and COLON CANCER.**

**Many building tradesmen worked with or near asbestos. Some are not aware they were even exposed. Family members may be at risk of bystander exposure.**

### \$1.8 MILLION VERDICT

GPW obtained a **\$1.8 million** verdict in a Lung Cancer claim, the **largest Asbestos Verdict in the history of Michigan Asbestos Litigation.**

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**Please don't delay, protect yourself and your family before it's too late.** You may be entitled to claim money damages from the responsible members of the asbestos industry. Call for a FREE consultation.



## Local 36 Elevator Constructors

**Elevator Constructors Local 36**  
DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED; Due to the Holiday our May 25, 2026 membership meeting will be cancelled. Our next regular membership meeting will be **June 22, 2026 at 5:30pm** at 1640 Porter Street Detroit, MI 48216. Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on **May 18, 2026, at 5pm** at the same location. Any changes to this schedule or venue will be in the Building Trades Article or sent via email.

**This paper is to serve as official notice to the membership. This is how we get information out to all our members, as repetitive as it might be there is new information in each article, please read it carefully and call the hall or attend a union meeting if you have any questions.**

**Upcoming meetings:**  
May 4<sup>th</sup> – Probationary meeting 5pm  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – Executive Board meeting at 5 pm  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> – General Membership meeting at 5:30pm.

**Save the date:** The Local 36 Annual Picnic will be July 25, 2026 at St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Picnic Grounds, located at 11541 21 Mile Road, Shelby, Mi. 48315. More Details with follow as the date nears. Please contact Jon Bujan (586)787-1114 if you would like to volunteer.

**Save the date:** The Kyle Owsley Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Saturday September 26, 2026 @ Links of Novi 50395 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48374. More details will be available soon.

Just wanted to remind everyone that we **DO NOT** provide personal identification as a condition of entering or working on a job. Please refer to the CBA Article XXII Par. 6, when your company tells you to give your license to enter a job.

The International has set up The Veteran Assistance Program to help veterans navigate the VA benefits they deserve. The email is [vap@iuec.org](mailto:vap@iuec.org) or contact Jason Gray, IUEC National Chairman @ 404-290-1012 or Ryan Donnell, EIWP National Co-Chair @ 410-312-1474. Locally contact Scott Erison (Local 36 VAP Chair) (586)482-0768 or email him at [sanosire1973@gmail.com](mailto:sanosire1973@gmail.com) or Ricky Azzopardi (Local 36 Co-Chair) (586)719-7465 or email him at [rickenyardi@yahoo.com](mailto:rickenyardi@yahoo.com) if you would like to get involved or have questions.

**Local 36 website is up and running,** this is still a work in progress, and we would appreciate any feedback to improve the site to work for our members and retirees. Visit [www.iueclocal36detroit.org](http://www.iueclocal36detroit.org). Please be patient as we continue to improve the site. If you have any questions, contact the hall.

If you start a new job in MOD/construction, you **MUST** report those jobs to the hall!! If you are going to be working a 4/10 job in construction or MOD, it **MUST** be submitted in writing to the Local Business Representative per Article VII Par. 2A, and Article VIII(A) Par. 2A. **When starting a new job please use the website job reporting at [www.iueclocal36detroit.org/job-reporting](http://www.iueclocal36detroit.org/job-reporting).** This will help us keep track of jobs easier than just calling the hall.

**If you move or your address changes, call the hall and make sure you fill out the address change form on the NEIEP website. Mail a copy to the fund office and one to the hall.**

If you are going to be off with an injury (work related or non-work related), surgery or illness for a prolonged length of time, call the **fund office (800)523-4702** and inform the hall. When you are off and go back to work. The weekly Income Benefit through the international has increased to \$715 weekly after the one (1) week waiting period.

The IUEC would like all active members and Probationary Apprentices to sign up for Safety alerts. The only thing you will receive are safety alerts, nothing political, just safety alerts. **Text (855) 957-1801 and sign up to receive Safety alerts via text and email.**

**If you are unloading a job and you find the fishplates already attached to the rail,**

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## Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

BAC Local 2  
**UPCOMING MEETINGS.**  
**METRO DETROIT CHAPTER:** Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 5:30pm, 21031 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091



**BRETT GIERAK**  
**FLINT CHAPTER:** Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7:30 PM, 1701 W Genesee Street, Lapeer, MI 48446

**LANSING CHAPTER:** Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, MI 48906

**KALAMAZOO CHAPTER:** Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 11847 Shaver Road, Schoolcraft, MI 49087

**MARQUETTE CHAPTER SEMI-ANNUAL:** Saturday, May 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855

**SAGINAW CHAPTER:** Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 1300 W Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706

**HOUGHTON CHAPTER:** April Meeting is CANCELLED

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Darwin McLain** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 04/08/2026. Brother Demeulenaere had been a member for over 41 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Walter Pivetta** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 04/11/2026. Brother Demeulenaere had been a member for over 71 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Leon Robinson** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 04/07/2026. Brother Demeulenaere had been a member for over 36 years.

Invitations for the **Metro Detroit Retiree Luncheon**, which is scheduled for **June 12, 2026**, have been mailed to all good standing Detroit retirees. Please remember to call and RSVP by

### Local 36 cont'd

**predrilled holes on machines/beams, door equipment already installed, or any other violation, take pictures and send them to the hall via email or text with the address of the job.**

**Attention All Mechanics,** just a reminder to Mechanics that passed the Mechanics Exam on or after **July 9, 2022**, starting Jan. 1, 2023, and each calendar year thereafter, each mechanic shall be required to successfully complete at least eight hours of online continuing education from the curriculum published annually by NEIEP.

**Required Mechanics (including assistant mechanics) that do not comply with the continuing education requirements shall not receive the wage rate increase until completion of the required continuing education curriculum.**

**Attention All Apprentices,** if you are scheduled to sit for the Mechanic's exam, you must fill out your OJTs till you get your passing results. Kenny and I would like to thank all of you for keeping up on your OJTs, schooling, and commitment to your future. Check your NEIEP emails frequently. OJT forms need to be filled out **COMPLETELY** by the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. **There is NO excuse for these to be late!**

**Attention All Temporary Mechanics,** your Temporary Mechanic's Agreement **MUST** be signed by the end of each month at the **Union meeting**. If you can't make the Union meeting (for good reasons) to sign your agreement, then come down to the hall **NEXT MORNING**. If we continue to have problems getting these signed, you will be called down in front of the Executive board. If you are put back to Apprentice status, **your personal tools MUST be taken off the job, out of your vehicle and notify the hall.**

**Attention All Retirees,** if you requested an Honorary Card and have not received it, please contact the Hall.

**If you are NOT receiving my emails, contact the Hall so I can put you on the email list.** We would like to wish a speedy recovery for the Brothers and Sisters on our sick and injured list.

May 27, 2026, so we may have an accurate count for food & beverages. Please call **586-754-0888** to RSVP.

**APPRENTICE HOURS PORTAL:** We have moved the Apprentice Hours Portal to a new platform called WorkHands. You should have received an email or text message with an invitation to join the platform.

All monthly hours must now be submitted through the WorkHands app. After you submit your hours, they will be reviewed by your foreman or superintendent, who will complete an evaluation of your progress before forwarding them to the Training Center.

Submitting your hours monthly through WorkHands is a requirement of your apprenticeship and is necessary to stay on track for your scheduled raises. All submissions must be completed online and include detailed information about the work you performed during the month.

If you need assistance accessing the portal or help submitting your hours, resources are available online at: <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org/resources>

You may also contact Nate Nestor at (313) 467-5382 for additional support.

For more information about the Training Centers, please visit: <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>

**BAC LOCAL 2'S TRAINING CENTERS:** Both of Local 2 Training Centers are open to our members. To make your appointment for your annual **RESPIRATOR FIT TEST**, or for other scheduled appointments at the Warren or Lansing Training Center, please contact Nate Nestor directly at (313) 467-5382. Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>, to view the Apprenticeship and Training website and register for future 2025 training classes.

**UNION DUES:** Pay 9 months, get 3 free. To receive the discount, you must be current on dues. **Members will only be able to pay 2 years in advance.**

**TEXTING PROGRAM:** Local 2 wants to use every means possible to communicate with you. Sometimes we have time sensitive information (such as job openings, picket lines, funeral arrangements and other such communications) that would be most efficiently done via text message. You must be signed up to receive these messages. You can sign up via the following: Text **2MI to 50607**

You'll receive a confirmation text asking for your member number (IU#)

Respond with your six-digit IU number and you will receive Local 2 Text Messages going forward!

**CRAFTWORKERS NEEDED:** We need Skilled Bricklayers, Restoration workers and Caulkers in Metro Detroit. If you are available for work, or know anyone who is skilled in our crafts, contact your Field Representative on their cell phone. You can also have those who are interested call either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781.

**A SPEEDY RECOVERY:** A speedy recovery is wished to all those who have been sick or injured. Let's keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

**MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE:** The IUBAC Member Assistance Program has a number of services available for free or at a discounted rate to BAC members and their families. These confidential services can be seen at <https://bacweb.org/member-service/member-assistance-program-map> and are also available via telephone at 1-833-MAP TALK (1-833-627-8255) Monday – Friday 8 am – 7 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

**FACEBOOK:** "Like" Local 2 on Facebook "Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Union, Local 2 of Michigan."

**PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION**  
BAC of Michigan Health & Welfare Fund – (248) 828-6000  
CALL-A-DOC – (800) 835-2362

Cement Pension & Vacation Funds – (248) 645-6550  
International Pension/Annuity Fund – (888) 880-8222 or (202) 638-1996 ([bacbenefits.org](http://bacbenefits.org))  
Metro Detroit Bricklayers Pension – (248) 641-4954  
Michigan BAC Pension Fund (Outstate) – (248) 641-4954  
Michigan BAC Vacation Fund – (248) 828-6000



## Local 514 Cement Masons & Plasterers

Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Local 514

**DETROIT – The next membership meeting is Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00 pm. We will be having food and refreshments. There will also be an executive board meeting that day at 5:30 pm. Please make every effort to come and fellowship with your brothers and sisters.**

**Membership Gold Cards- Congratulations! April 2026**  
James Davis-25 Years  
Christopher Richardson-40 Years

Bro. Luciano Crapanzano passed away on March 31, 2026. He was a 31-year-old member. Please keep the Crapanzano family in your thoughts and prayers.

Bro. Miles Crowther passed away on April 8, 2026. Please keep the Crowther family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you haven't updated your MUST profile, please log in to MUSTsafe.com to update your MUST username and password.

Marcus Martinez is the new Apprenticeship Coordinator; he can be reached at (313)-350-0389 or by email: [mmartinez@opcmiami.org](mailto:mmartinez@opcmiami.org)

Please get in touch with the local at 248-548-0800 or email your updated information to [aajrouche@opcmiami.org](mailto:aajrouche@opcmiami.org). Please send your updated information promptly.

**MUST Safety Awareness**

**Training:** Please check the MUST website at [www.Mustsafe.com](http://www.Mustsafe.com) to see how many modules you have. You must create a new username and password. **We will send ALL MUST drug authorization forms to the members' email addresses.**

**Please activate your Blue Cross Blue Shield account.** To activate your Blue Cross member account online, go to [bcbsm.com/register](http://bcbsm.com/register) and select Register Now.

**Beneficiary Reminder:** Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice, especially after a divorce, on all your OPCMIA Local 514, American Income Life Accidental Benefit, Pension, and Healthcare funds. The law requires that, in the event of an untimely death, your benefits go to your estate and may be taxable. Each benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary.

**All members need to keep the Local updated on addresses, email, and phone numbers. If you need to change an address or add an email and phone number, please call the Local at (248) 548-0800.**

**Death Certificates:** Please always notify the Union Hall by phone when a member of the Local has passed away and submit a copy of the Death Certificate for any deceased active or retired member.

**Attention, all Apprentices: you will now need to go to the**

website [www.micementplastertraining.com](http://www.micementplastertraining.com) to enter your work hours. When you get to the website, click the link "About" and then click on "Apprentice."

If you are a Military Veteran, please contact the Local so we can update our records. Please call (248) 548-0800.

**The Local's website is: [www.opcmiami.org](http://www.opcmiami.org).**

**Please refer to the website for updated information.**

O.P.C.M.I.A. Local 514 has a satellite office in Flint, Michigan. We welcome Members and Contractors in the Flint area to handle their business transactions at 2630 Grand Traverse, Flint, MI 48503. Appointments may be made by contacting Business Agent Mike Stanfield at (517) 719-2316 or the Business Manager Henry Williams at (313) 215-5063.

Members working for non-signatory commercial contractors are negatively impacting our market share. This year's work forecast looks better than last year's. Members working non-union will be brought up on charges and fined. Let's work together to secure our future!!

We must stay vigilant in our efforts to promote our trade. If you are working in a crew of 5 or more, an Apprentice must be on the crew. Help out! Call the Local at (248) 548-0800. Training is the key to our future!

Please make sure your modules and drug test are up to date; some plant jobs require the MUST modules. You can go online at [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) or call the Local if you need a drug form sent out.



A RENDERING of the Stargate data center project in Saline Township.

## Controversial, yes – but data centers are set to become state job engines

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The 1.4-gigawatt, 250-acre Stargate facility will be one of the largest in the U.S., significantly increasing local tax revenue. It will also utilize an environmentally friendly, closed-loop, non-evaporative cooling system.

Other major data centers in the works in Michigan are a 280-acre, 1-gigawatt development in Van Buren Township, associated with Google. Dubbed "Project Cannoli," the 800,000-square-foot facility near I-94 and Hagerly Road could cost more than \$8 billion. It received preliminary site plan approval in February, but faces further review by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Other projects include Project Flex, a proposed 1.8-million-square-foot, 172-acre data center campus in Oakland County's Lyon Township. Developer Verus wants to build six structures south of Grand River Avenue and east of Milford Road. Other large multi-billion data projects are proposed in Benton Harbor/Berrien County and Augusta Township in Washtenaw County.

Among the aforementioned 75 data centers in Michigan, *Governing Magazine* reported in December that 35 of the facilities are actually operational – "a relatively small footprint" by comparison with other states. "It might seem like they are crop-

ping up everywhere, but Michigan is behind its neighboring Great Lakes states in developing data centers," *Governing* said.

Leading the way among Great Lakes states, Illinois has 115 operational data centers, while Ohio has 101. Combined they account for more than 60 percent of the data centers under development for the region.

A study released in February by the Anderson Economic Group on behalf of Consumers Energy found that construction spending of a single data center in Michigan could directly and indirectly support 806 to 30,278 additional jobs in Michigan during the construction period, depending on the facility's size.

The Anderson study also found that a single data center could generate \$121 million to \$5.5 billion in total net new economic output over the construction period, depending on the facility's scale.

In January 2025 Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed legislation that provides incentives for data centers to locate in Michigan. It includes supports for Michigan business owners and helps to expand data center production in the state by extending a tax exemption for individuals and companies investing in data center equipment. The state also has rules in place to mitigate

pollution and constrain environmental impacts.

Critics from the environmental movement panned the law for not doing enough to limit the use of water use in cooling the facilities, although individual communities can institute zoning requirements for water-saving closed-loop systems. Green groups, and others, also are concerned about how the centers will tax the ability of the grid to handle the additional power needs, as well as if utility pricing will be raised to accommodate the data centers.

The Anderson Group's *Data Center Development in Michigan Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis* said it "relies on the understanding that proposed data center projects receiving approval in Michigan will be long-term facilities that benefit the community and the economy for many years. Temporary facilities do not provide the same benefits as those outlined in this memorandum.

"Further, it is important for developers seeking data center projects in Michigan to be transparent and forthcoming regarding parameters, investors, long-term operations, and ownership. Michiganders have properly questioned those developing and operating these facilities as well as the end user of the data centers."

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## IBEW Local 498

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TRAVERSE CITY – **Meetings.**

**Regular E Board-** The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Monday, May 11, 2026 @ 5:30pm.

**Regular Meeting** –The next regularly scheduled membership meeting is scheduled for 7pm Monday, May 11, 2026.

**WAGE DISBURSMENT-** We will be deciding on what we want to do with our next negotiated wage disbursement at the May meeting. The \$2.78/hr. total wage package increase will have to be to decide on what or how we want it disbursed. So please bring any of your ideas to the May meeting to be voted on, the wage package increase is scheduled to take place on Jun 2, 2027.

**ELECTIONS - OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.**

**I.B.E.W. LOCAL UNION 498.** The nominations for all officers of Local Union 498 will be held on May 11, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the local meeting hall located at 3912 Blair Town-hall RD Traverse City MI, 49685.

Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination. NO member may be a candidate for more than one office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate.

Nominations will proceed in the order of offices as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be 3 years:

President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager/Financial Secretary/Delegate to International Convention, Executive Board (6 to be elected), Examining Board (5 to be elected).

Additionally, nominations will be held for one alternate delegate to the International Convention. Business Manager shall, by virtue of the office, serve as a delegate to the International Convention as stated in Article VIII, Section 3 of the local union

bylaws. No member nominated for office of Business Manager may be nominated for the alternate delegate position if they are a delegate by virtue of their office.

In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of 2 years of continuous good standing in Local Union 498. Good standing means that the member is current in their payment of dues and has been for the 2 years preceding the nominations. (Apprentices cannot be nominated or elected to any office.) (See IBEW Constitution Article XV, Section 14).

As per the IBEW Constitution and our Local Union Bylaws, an election judge and tellers have been appointed prior to nominations. None of these is a candidate for any office.

The election shall be conducted by mail ballot and they shall be counted beginning at 1:00 p.m. on June 8, 2026.

All members in good standing shall be mailed a ballot not less than 15 days prior to the above specified date. Returned ballots must be mailed, in time to be received not later than noon of Monday, June 8, 2026. Instructions on the use of the mail ballot will be enclosed with the ballot.

If you do not receive a ballot in the mail by May 29, 2026 please call the election judge immediately at 231-463-8751 and request a replacement ballots.

In the event a run-off election is required, same shall be held on June 29, 2026. The same rules shall apply to the run-off election as were applicable to the regular election.

All officers shall be installed and begin their 3-year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on July 13, 2026. (The date of installation must be in the month following the election and no later than the first meeting of the local union during that month.)

Candidates shall be entitled to an observer at the polling place, during the counting of the ballots and when the absentee ballots are picked up from the P.O. Box. (The candidate themselves may be the observer.)

Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted must present their protest to the election judge prior to the certification of the election results.

Further, protests of the election may be filed in writing with the International Vice President of the district within 30 days following the election.

The decision of the International Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW.

In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President the member may submit their protest to the U.S. Department of Labor.

**James D. Pierce II**

**Election Judge Local 498**

**Resale Items** –We still have Tee shirts for resale. Proud Union Home signs are in and available at the hall. Free to members in good standing.

**Retiree breakfast-** Several of the retirees meet at Sparky's Diner off of South Airport road every Monday morning at 9am. So, if you are retired or not and want to join in the conversations and possibly some old wives' tales or other embellished stories, show up at Sparky's.

**Scholarship** – Past charter member Brother Bob Dost has a scholarship 'Robert Paul Dost Scholarship Endowment' for High School seniors in the 5-county area around Traverse City. To access it go to [www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/](http://www.gtrcf.org/scholarships/). Local 498 Union members' children get preference to the endowment. A huge thank you in Memory of Bob Dost for his generosity and being a great union member.

**Service Pins** – Service Pins are still available at the union hall for those members who have not received them. Stop by and get yours today!

**Email Addresses** - Any member that would like to have Local 498 forward communication to them from the International, Local 498, AFL-CIO or the Building Trades, to help stay informed to current events, poli-

tics, contracts, work, etc. Please call or email your current email address to Local 498 at [ibew@local498.net](mailto:ibew@local498.net) Thank you!

**Important numbers for you to write in your address book:**  
**MEEHP (Health)** 1-855-633-4584 Fax# 1-952-854-1632

Website: [www.michigan-electrical.org](http://www.michigan-electrical.org)

**MEEPP (MI Pension)**  
**1-855-633-4584**

**(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan)**

**3001 Metro Drive Suite 500,**

**Bloomington, MN 55425**

NEBF 1-301-556-4300

NEAP 1-301-556-4300

IO Pension 1-202-833-7000

DUES RATES.

Jan 1, 2026 – \$164.10/Quarter.

**Info Updates** – Any member with a new address, phone number, email address, etc. should contact Local 498 with these changes.

Please remember it is your responsibility to pay your dues on time.

Remember to check the hall recorder Job line at night after 4:00pm for any jobs that might be available. 231-943-4980 ext 2.

*"Mistakes are the portals of discovery."*

– James Joyce (1882 - 1941)

*"Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body."*

– Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD)

*"We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are."*

– Anais Nin (1903 - 1977)

*"My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me."*

– Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881)

*"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; but remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for."*

– Epicurus (341 BC - 270 BC)

*"An economist is a man who states the obvious in terms of the incomprehensible."*

– Alfred A. Knopf



## IBEW Local 445

IBEW Local 445

BATTLE CREEK - **First Aid/CPR JIW training** The First Aid/CPR will be on September 14, 2026, after the Union Meeting.

**IBEW 445 Golf Outing** Save the date for the IBEW 445 Golf Outing of July 25, 2026.

**Local 445 Officer Nominations** Please plan on attending the May 11, 2026, Union Meeting. At this meeting, nominations for officers will be handled. Please consider putting your name in for Officer Elections! You have a voice in YOUR Local!!! Watch your mailboxes for additional information.

**Wage Allocation Meeting** The wage allocation meeting will be held on May 20, 2026, at 4:45pm. Please be prompt. We have \$2.99 TPI.

**Local 445 Election of Officers.** Please add to your calendar the elections for Local 445 Officers will be on June 8, 2026. Watch your mailboxes for additional information. You will want to attend the June Union Meeting for the results of that day's Officer Elections.

**Paying dues late.** If you pay your Monthly/Quarterly Union Dues late, you will be assessed a \$10.00 assessment for each month late. If you do not pay for the Late Fee Assessment, it will be added to your account as a delinquent amount due. If you are unsure if you have an amount due on your account, please call Wanda at the Hall to verify your status.

**Death Benefit Assessments.** Please contact the Hall to verify if you have any Death Benefit Assessments due on your account before paying your dues so that you can add it to your quarterly due's payment.

**Organizing.** If you know of any Electricians interested in joining the IBEW, please contact Travis at (269) 339-8377. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 2022 Constitution states **"The object of the IBEW is to organize all workers in the entire electrical industry."**

**Retiree Breakfast:** The Retiree monthly breakfast at 9am at Lux Café at 2587 Capital Ave SW. Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month to attend.

**2025 dues structure.** The Delegates of the 40th IBEW International Convention, which was conducted in Chicago, Illinois, during the week of May 9 through 13, 2022, approved several amendments to Article IX of the IBEW Constitution.

As of **January 1, 2026**, the following due's structure:

**JIW's:** Monthly \$61.00/ Quarterly \$183.00

**Apprentices:** Monthly \$50.00/ Quarterly \$150.00

**IBEW Local 445 App/Website.** The new app & website are now live. Local 445 Members can register to access the app. You are now able to pay your dues online via the app or website. Please visit the app & website to access the calendar of events. Please notify the Hall if you have any questions or concerns with the App or Website.

**The General Membership Meeting** is on the second Monday of each month and starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Hall.

**Local Website** - Please check the Local 445 website for the latest information, including job postings. The Local 445 web address is **IBEW445.com**. Make sure you check out the **Benefits Tab** for important related websites.

**2026 Personal information** Please keep your address, phone number and email address up to date at the Hall. Also, contact the Hall with marriages, births of children and divorces. You have a limited time frame to add/remove dependents. Beneficiary cards and forms are also available at the Hall when you need to update them.

**Executive Board** E-Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**  
**Wanda Secrest, Recording Secretary**

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