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SHORT CUTS

Work zone cameras may slow speeders

With little to deter motorists from zipping past Michigan's highway construction zones in excess of posted speed limits, there is legislation in place that would allow the placement of automated cameras in work zones to catch speeders.

HB 5750 was passed out of the state House Judiciary Committee in May and awaits action on the House floor. Sponsored by State Rep. Sara Cambensy (D-Marquette), the work zone would need a sign informing drivers that their speed is being monitored, as well as the penalties for surpassing the posted speed by 10 mph or more. Those penalties could range from a written warning to a \$300 civil fine for repeat violations.

"We are not looking to raise money. We are not looking to create a system where we are speed-trapping drivers. Simply, we want them to slow down," Cambensy testified.

First-time offenders would receive a written warning in the mail. Repeat offenders with violations within three years would face fines up to \$150. Subsequent offenses would result in fines up to \$300.

On board with the idea: Operating Engineers Local 324, and no doubt other labor unions. During a Michigan Department of Transportation podcast on Aug. 10, Local 324 Training Director John Osika pointed out that he worked 30 years in the field, 25 of them as a foreman and superintendent on road and bridge projects.

"Think about it – the speed limit when I started was 55 miles an hour on the freeway. And now look what it is, I mean it's still 60 in the work zones," Osika said. "I've seen some things – things that I don't even want to talk about."

"We just have to do something about it because we want everybody to go home every night. I think anything we can do will make a dent. I think with these tickets, you kind of hit them where it counts."

According to the news service MIRS, the legislation would establish an automated speed enforcement system within the Michigan State Police, which would be responsible for sending the House and Senate transportation committees a report within five years of the bill being implemented. It would consist of the number of citations distributed, and a layout of the expenses and revenue generated from the sensors.

"One of the benefits that this automated work zone enforcement brings to us is that other states have shown that we can count on a reduction of work zone crashes by roughly half. That obviously provides safety to the individuals that are working in our work zones, but also the motorists, as well," said MDOT Construction Operations Engineer Lindsey Renner.

Quotable

"With all their faults, trade unions have done more for humanity than any other organization of men that ever existed. They have done more for decency, for honesty, for education, for the betterment of the race, for the developing of character in man, than any other association of men."

-Clarence Darrow (1857-1938)

Labor Day events abound in Michigan

Detroit's parade is canceled this year

As the end of summer looms – hey, don't blame the messenger – one of the better holidays on the map is in place to take the sting out of the calendar.

Labor Day celebrations are scheduled in communities statewide, whether it's a walk over a certain five-mile-long bridge connecting the state's peninsulas, or a cookout in your union's parking lot, or a full-blown parade and picnic afterward.

Hopefully you will take time on Monday, Sept. 5, to take part in a Labor Day celebration near you, or at least take time to quietly reflect on the contributions of labor unions to our nation's Middle Class.

Following are some Labor Day celebrations scheduled around Michigan (or not):

DETROIT – The Detroit Labor Day Parade is canceled for the third straight year.

"For years we have marched through the Motor City in honor of those who fought for our

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Workers pushed for, and won the day

A 'general holiday for the laboring classes' begins

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce a

bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on Feb. 21, 1887.

During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York – passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday.

Who first proposed the holiday for workers? It's not entirely clear, but two workers can make a

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Union leaders cheer passage of \$739B 'inflation reduction' bill

Prevailing wage
provisions are
particularly pleasing

By Mark Gruenberg
PAI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAI) – It was a far cry from what President Joe Biden, the nation's unions and other progressives originally sought, and it included late giveaways to Big Pharma, Wall Street and the fossil fuel industry, but the \$739 billion Inflation Reduction Act was narrowly adopted in the House and Senate the week of Aug. 7.

President Biden signed the measure into law on Aug. 16.

The measure features – as positives – the largest-ever U.S. financial commitment to fighting climate change and a three-year extension of Affordable Care Act health insurance subsidies for the poor and near-poor. Bowing to a key Democratic senator, Joe Manchin, it plans to cut the deficit by \$300 billion over a decade.

It also imposes a 15 percent minimum tax on billion-dollar corporations and a 1 percent tax on corporate stock buybacks that actually will raise almost \$60 billion more than the pro-Wall Street provision that levy replaced.

And the bill lets Medicare

get started on bargaining down prescription drug prices with Big Pharma, although the impact of such talks would not be felt for several years.

Laborers President Terry O'Sullivan pointed out the \$369 billion in clean and green energy sections of the bill will provide "good union jobs" working under Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wages – and that they'll cover all energy sources from nuclear, to wind, to solar, to coal, to hydro, to renewables, to energy storage. It's "medicine working families need," O'Sullivan said.

AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler said the legislation "will transform the lives of working families at every level. This bill will reshape the future and deliver real help to working families by reducing rising energy and health care costs."

"Enacting clean energy tax incentives with labor standards and domestic content requirements will create good-paying jobs in construction and manufacturing right here in America. And this legislation will address long overdue changes to our tax system that will finally make the most profitable corporations pay their fair share."

"The effects of this legislation

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Jobs numbers are back from pre-pandemic levels

By Mark Gruenberg
PAI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. (PAI) – The big news in the employment data for July can be summed up in one phrase: Jobs are all the way back from the coronavirus-caused crash.

And the economy's job numbers recovered quickly, compared to other recessions. That's even though this drop starting in March 2020 was so steep, with official joblessness in the mid-teens percentage-wise and with more than one-fifth of the country collecting unemployment checks at its depths, that it argu-

able became a brief depression.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported the official unemployment rate in July was 3.5 percent, tying the pre-pandemic low in place during the Trump Administration.

A strong surge of 528,000 jobs added last month helped lead the BLS to report that 5.67 million people were jobless in July, 242,000 fewer than in June. In February 2020, the last full month before the crash hit, 5.71 million people were unemployed, which jumped to 7.16 million a month later in March, and then about tripled to 23.04 million people out of work in April 2020.

There was one big negative note: The next week, BLS reported inflation was running at an 8.5 percent annual rate through July, even while in this jobs report, average weekly earnings rose at 4.6 percent.

However, wage growth is slowing down. Economic Policy Institute Senior Analyst Elise Gould said: "The latest quarterly change shows an increase in July, but it may be a blip in an otherwise downward trend and is almost surely still pulling down, not pushing up, inflation."

Labor daze

Pride, chaos, kegs on Labor's first 'day'

On the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, a crowd of spectators filled the sidewalks of lower Manhattan near City Hall and along Broadway. They had come early, well before the Labor Day parade marchers, to claim the best vantage points from which to view the first Labor Day parade. A newspaper account of the day described "...men on horseback, men wearing regalia, men with

society aprons, and men with flags, musical instruments, badges, and all the other paraphernalia of a procession."

The police, wary that a riot would break out, were out in force that morning as well. By 9 a.m., columns of police and club-wielding officers on horseback surrounded City Hall.

By 10 a.m., the Grand Marshall of the parade, William

McCabe, his aides and their police escort were all in place for the start of the parade. There was only one problem: none of the men had moved. The few marchers that had shown up had no music.

According to McCabe, the spectators began to suggest that he give up the idea of parading, but he was determined to start on

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U.S. construction eases warily forward

U.S. construction momentum has been up a bit this summer, total spending has been down a bit, and industry material costs have eased a bit.

The U.S. construction industry has weathered a number of challenges the past few years, but seems to have a fairly strong, albeit tenuous future with all manner of unforeseen variables ahead.

"The (construction) Mo-

mentum Index has yet to show signs of stress as recession fears mount. This shows that developers and owners remain confident that nonresidential building projects will weather the storm of higher interest rates and a slowing economy," said Richard Branch, chief economist for Dodge Construction Network on Aug. 5. "Whether this can be sustained over the medium term remains a key question that will ul-

timately dictate the pattern for construction starts in 2023."

The Momentum Index, issued by Dodge Construction Network, is a monthly measure of the initial report for nonresidential building projects in planning.

In July, the commercial component of the Momentum Index rose 5.5 percent, while the institutional component fell 2.0 percent.

Meanwhile, total construction spending fell by 1.1 percent

in June as spending on new housing and nonresidential projects declined compared to May, according to an analysis released Aug. 1 by the Associated General Contractors of America of federal spending data.

AGC officials said that the construction spending figures are being impacted as materials and labor shortages are slowing schedules and increasing the cost

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Heritage Hall opens; brightens future of State Capitol

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

LANSING – Just in time for the new school year and the thousands of school children who will be visiting their state's Capitol Building, the new Heritage Hall on and below the west grounds of the site now stands – rather, sits – ready to greet them.

The Christman Co., its subcontractors and building trades union workers this month wrapped up the construction of a 35,000-square-foot addition to the Michigan State Capitol Building, much of it built below ground. Its purpose is to provide a drop-off lane for buses and other vehicles outside, and then a place inside for visitors to gather, take a bathroom break, and learn a bit about the Capitol Building's

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CAULKING A SOUND-PROOF seam for a glass wall along the atrium at the Michigan Capitol Heritage Hall project are Chaz Weir and Bruce Calvin of Glaziers and Glassworkers Local 826. They're employed by Calvin & Co.



COMPLETING PATCHWORK on the drywall ceiling of the new Heritage Hall atrium at the Michigan Capitol Building are Jasper Thornton, Tony Thomas and John Kessler, all on lifts. The members of Local 845/Michigan Painters District Council are employed by Integrity Interiors. Their work is made easier by skylights flooding the underground space with natural light.

Viewpoints



Let’s trim fat corporations

How corporations are using inflation to take your money... Inflation is a cover that corporations are using to squeeze more money out of you. But as I’ll explain, there are five things we can do to fight back.

Corporations are using inflation as an excuse to raise their prices, hurting workers and consumers while they enjoy record profits.

Prices are surging – but let’s be clear: corporations are not raising prices simply because of the increasing costs of supplies and labor. They could easily absorb these higher costs, but instead they are passing them on to consumers and even raising prices higher than those cost increases.

Corporations are getting away with this because they face little or no competition.

If markets were competitive, companies would keep their prices down to prevent competitors from grabbing away customers. But in a market with only a few competitors able to coordinate prices, consumers have no real choice.

As a result, corporations are raking in their highest profits in 70 years. Are they using these record profits to raise their workers’ real wages? No. They’re handing out meager wage increases to attract or keep workers with one hand, but effectively eliminating those wage increases by raising prices with the other.

Wages grew 5.6 percent over the past year – but prices rose 8.5 percent. That means, adjusted for inflation, workers actually got a 2.9 percent pay cut.

So what are corporations doing with their record profits? Using them to boost share prices by buying back a record amount of their own shares of stock. Goldman Sachs expects buybacks to reach \$1 trillion this year – an all-time high.

This amounts to a direct upward transfer of wealth from average working people’s wallets into CEOs’ and shareholders’ pockets.

Just look: billionaires have become at least \$1.7 trillion richer during the pandemic, while CEO pay (based largely on stock values) is now at a record 350 times the typical worker’s pay.

The Federal Reserve wants to curb inflation by continuing to raise interest rates. That would be a grave mistake, because it doesn’t address corporate concentration and it will slow job and wage growth. The labor market isn’t “unhealthily tight,” as Fed Chair Jerome Powell claims. Corporations are unhealthily fat.

So what’s the real solution?

First, tougher antitrust enforcement to address the growing concentration of the economy into the hands of a few giant corporations. Since the 1980s, over two-thirds of American industries have become more concentrated, enabling corporations to coordinate price increases.

Next, a temporary windfall profits tax that takes corporation’s record profits and redistributes them as direct payments to everyday Americans struggling to cover soaring prices.

Third, a ban on corporate stock buybacks. Buybacks were illegal before Ronald Reagan’s SEC legalized them in 1982 – and they should be made illegal again.

Fourth, higher taxes on the wealthy and on corporations. Corporate tax rates are at near-record lows, even as corporate profits are at a near-record highs. And much of billionaires’ pandemic gains have escaped taxes altogether.

Lastly, stronger unions. As corporate power has grown, union membership has declined, and economic inequality has risen – the reason most workers haven’t seen a real raise in 40 years. All workers deserve the right to collectively bargain for higher wages and better benefits.

In short, the real problem is not inflation. The real problem is the increase in corporate power and the decline in worker power over the past 40 years.

Unless we address this growing imbalance, corporations will continue siphoning off the economy’s gains into their CEOs’ and shareholders’ pockets – while everyday Americans get shafted.

Robert Reich
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Reassessing life quality

By Jim Hightower

“Work your fingers to the bone – whadda ya get? Boney Fingers.”

This 1960s song mocking the vaunted virtue of working hard is being sung today with new meaning by all kinds of employees – from factory workers to teachers...



...and even a few upper-floor executives.

The rebellion here is not merely over low pay, but particularly about the unrelenting nature of work itself – the all-consuming “job imperative,” as if that’s your life: Go 40 to 60 hours a week 50 to 52 weeks a year for half a century or more... then die. Is that all there is? Is that all we are?

Amazingly, this existential, truly-revolutionary question is one that millions of hard-working people throughout our top-down corporate system are asking themselves, their families, and friends. Why are we working like this, why does it matter, what else is there?

Airline pilots, for example, have stunned the industry by prioritizing *non-monetary* demands in their current contract negotiations with the Big Four monopolistic airline giants. The bosses have offered 14 percent pay hikes, but pilots are demanding something more meaningful: Structural changes to improve their quality of life. They’re routinely frustrated by management’s inept scheduling, inequitable staffing, and onerous work rules that leave them stressed out, dangerously fatigued, and often stranded far from home.

The bottom line is not to get another dollar, but being able to plan and enjoy a non-work life. “You absolutely cannot address quality of life with money,” says the president of the pilots’ union at Southwest Airlines. “You’re never going to pay someone enough for a lost piano recital with their daughter or a lost baseball game.”

There are many compromises required to make a living these days, but we humans are finally beginning to say: Enough – you can buy my hard work, but not my life.

Heritage Hall brightens future of Capitol

(Continued from Page 1) history, before touring it. There’s also new room for meeting space that was lacking in building’s existing footprint.

Michigan Capitol Facilities Assistant Director of Facility Operations & Event Coordinator Barb Thumudo said the addition had a “soft opening” on July 5, but some tradespeople have remained on site through August to do touch-up work and other final tasks.

“We love the new space,” Thumudo said. “We have received nothing but positive feedback, not only from visitors, but from other state agencies who want to use the space for meetings.” She said the first large group visited in July – the University of Michigan football team and its entourage enjoyed lunch and a tour of the building during a trip around the state.

The new space has been sought for years by Michigan Capitol staff, as a way to help preserve the historic building.

“When Michigan’s current Capitol opened in 1879,” says Michigan State Capitol’s *Capitol Infrastructure Upgrade Report*, “no one anticipated how government, citizen engagement, and the state’s population would grow. Today the Capitol welcomes 250,000 annual visitors who attend legislative sessions, take tours, and participate in everything from farmers markets to concerts, commemorations, advocacy days, and demonstrations.

“These activities place significant stress on the... building’s fragile historic fabric and decorative art. Heritage Hall will reduce much of the pressure placed on the Capitol and will provide space for large meetings and events.”

Thumudo says the Capitol hosts about 15 tours a day during the school year. Now, the visitors coming in the new entrance from the new driveway off Ottawa Street are led into one of two orientation rooms, their walls decorated with graphics of how government works and how a bill becomes a law. From there they are led down a ramp wall leading to the Capitol’s interior with terrific graphics and artifacts depicting historic people, photos and events related to the building itself and state government. The entire space is in a bright atrium under a series of skylights.

“Christman, the contractors and the tradespeople have been great to work with, and they’ve done some great work,” Thumudo said. “We have a great relationship with Christman, we have seen them and the workers here for years and they feel like



A NEW DRIVEWAY and entrance to the state Capitol Building along Ottawa Drive will allow buses to easily drop off students stating tours of the building. The new entrance and new public space within is expected to help with the organization of tours and pedestrian flow within the building.

family; an extension of our staff.”

Working with Christman Co. Project Manager Steven Taschner, Christman Field Engineer Blake Burkhardt said the contractor staff is pleased to see the two-year project come to a successful conclusion. “This job has gone very well,” he said. “What I’ve enjoyed seeing is the smiles on the faces of the staff and visitors when they first come in – people aren’t ready for how good the space looks with all of the light brought in by the sky-

lights. And we have been able to see it function, and how big of an impact it’s going to have in terms of how the building operates.

“And the trades have been great to work with, it’s exciting to work on a project like the Michigan Capitol Building.”



THE RECEPTION AREA at the entrance of the new Heritage Hall.

Construction eases warily forward

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“Strong demand for construction is being offset by rising materials prices and labor shortages,” said Stephen E. Sandherr, the AGC’s chief executive officer. “As firms stretch schedules and boost costs to cover rising materials prices it is getting harder for public and private owners to proceed with some planned projects.”

In fact, material prices aren’t “rising,” according to Sanherr’s own AGC, which reported on Aug. 11 that the price of materials and services used in nonresidential construction fell 1.3 percent in July. Although, that may have been offset by contractors’

bidding prices rising 5.4 percent during that time.

Total U.S. construction spending, not adjusted for inflation, totaled \$1.76 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate in June. That figure was 1.1 percent below the upwardly revised May

rate and 8.3 percent higher than in June 2021. Private nonresidential construction spending declined for the fourth month in a row, slipping 0.5 percent from May, although the June rate was 1.7 percent higher than in June 2021.

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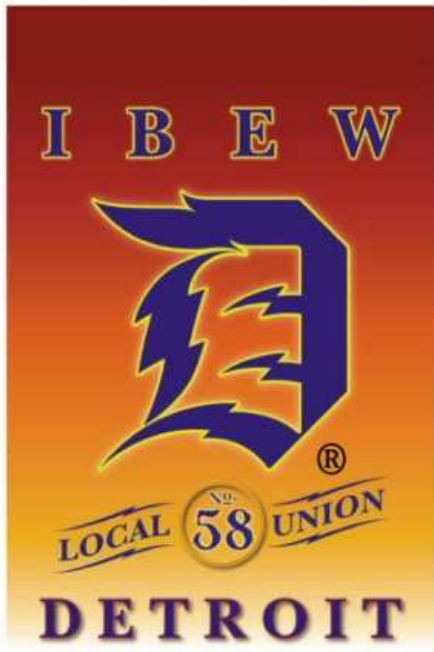
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KALAMAZOO CHAPTER: Thursday, Sept. 08, 2022 at 6 PM, 11847 Shaver Rd., Schoolcraft, MI 49087

LANSING CHAPTER: Monday, Sept. 12 at 6 PM, 3321 Remy Dr., Lansing, MI 48906

MARQUETTE CHAPTER: Monday, Sept. 19 at 7 PM, 119 S Front St, Marquette, MI 49855

SAGINAW CHAPTER: Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 7 PM, 1300 W. Thomas St., Bay City, MI 48706

TRAVERSE CITY CHAPTER: Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 7 PM, 1231 Hastings St., Traverse City, MI 49686

LABOR DAY EVENTS: CANCELED - DETROIT LABOR DAY PARADE.** It was to be held on Monday Sept. 05, 2022 but is cancelled for this year.

Escanaba Parade: Monday, Sept. 05, 2022, at 12 PM, The Marketplace. **Please line up by 11 AM.** Festivities include: live music, food vendors, Bloody Mary bar, beer tent and children activities which will continue at the Municipal Dock until 8:00 PM.

Ishpeming Parade: Monday, Sept. 05 at 11 AM, Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum parking lot. Picnic will follow from Noon to 4 PM. Field Representative Adam Saari will be there with t-shirts. **Please arrive by 9:30 AM.**

Port Huron Trestle Walk: Monday, Sept. 05 at 9 AM, Avoca Trestle Walk, 8989 Avoca Rd., Avoca, MI 48006. Enjoy made in Michigan hotdogs, chips & pops. Proceeds to benefit St. Clair Co. United Way.

DEATHS REPORTED. Our sincere condolences to the fam-

ily and friends of **Brother Dale Miller** (Bricklayer) who passed away on Aug. 9, 2022. Brother Miller had been a member for 27 years.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Brother John Oneill** (Bricklayer & Stone Mason) who passed away on March 11, 2022. Brother Oneill had been a member for 73 years.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of **Brother Jerry Sweebe** (Bricklayer) who passed away on April 10, 2022. Brother Sweebe had been a member for 26 years.

WEBSITE UPDATES. Be sure to check out our new website at <https://www.bricklayers.org> and our app, which can be found in the IOS and Andriod app stores by searching for Bricklayers Local 2.

MEMBERSHIP GOLF OUTING REGISTRATION ENDS FRIDAY SEPT. 2. Local 2's 9th Annual Membership Golf outing will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Hawk Meadows Golf Course in Howel, MI.

Registration is based on a first come, first serve basis. Payment **MUST** be submitted with registration, otherwise we reserve the right to cancel your team if we are overbooked. One person on each team **MUST** be a current, good standing BAC Local 2 member.

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.

SIGNING BONUS FOR SKILLED CRAFTWORKERS. Local 2 will pay up to \$2,000 as a **Signing Bonus** for skilled Journey Level craftworkers who come to work for one of our Union Contractors. Also, Local 2 members working with the tools and non-supervisory members can get the same amount as a **Finders Referral Bonus** for each new skilled craftworker who they refer, if they work for at least a month for our Union Contractors. For more details and information, call your Field Representative or either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781. You can view the full Signing Bonus policy on our website.

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Regarding Union Dues* We are making available to ALL Local 2 members the opportunity to pay for 6 months of union dues and receive credit for 12 months. An entire year for half the price!!

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Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org> to view the Apprenticeship and Training website and register for future 2022 online training classes.

DETROIT IMI TRAINING CENTER. To schedule appointments at the Metro Detroit Training Center, please contact Howard Hipes directly at (517) 749-1102.

APPRENTICE WORKSHEETS. Turning in monthly worksheets is a requirement of your apprenticeship. Apprentice Worksheets **MUST** be filled out completely and submitted online. They can be found at <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org/member-resources>. For more information on the Training Centers visit: <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE. During this COVID-19 pandemic, 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 <http://bit.ly/MAP-BAC> and are also available via telephone at (888) 880-8222 and ask for membership assistance Monday – Friday 8 am – 8 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

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International Pension/Annuity Fund – (888) 880-8222 or (202) 638-1996 (bacbenefits.org)

Pride, chaos, kegs on Labor's first 'day'

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time with the few marchers that had shown up.

Suddenly, Mathew Maguire of the Central Labor Union of New York (and probably the father of Labor Day) ran across the lawn and told McCabe that two hundred marchers from the Jewelers Union of Newark Two had just crossed the ferry – and they had a band!

Just after 10 a.m., the marching jewelers turned onto lower Broadway – they were playing “When I First Put This Uniform On,” from Patience, an opera by Gilbert and Sullivan. The police escort then took its place in the street. When the jewelers marched past McCabe and his

Just joking

An older woman was sitting on her patio with her husband, sipping a glass of wine. Suddenly she blurted out, “I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you!”

Take n a b a c k , her flattered husband replied, “is that you or the wine talking?”

Said the woman: “It was me... talking to the wine.”



DETROIT – The next membership meeting is scheduled for **Sept. 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Come and fellowship with your brothers and sisters.**

THE DETROIT LABOR DAY PARADE HAS BEEN CANCELED. On this Labor Day, remember all the incredible people who organized under one flag and fought for labor rights, it is their struggle that we can enjoy weekends, paid time offs, sick leaves, social security, fix minimum wage, anti-discrimination laws, an eight-hour workday, overtime pay, child labor laws, 40 hours work week, employee pensions, bargaining rights, age discrimination laws, whistleblower protection, privacy rights, parental leave... the list is long. The staff at Local 514 would like to wish everyone a Happy Labor Day!

Membership gold cards- Congratulations!

Joseph Sykes-25 Years
Antonio Montes-40 Years

Outstate Area. Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Bro. Timothy Turner (Charlevoix, MI) and Bro. Todd Swartz (Owosso, MI) who passed away in the month of August.

Please activate your Blue Cross Blue Shield account.

To activate your Blue Cross member account online go to bcbsm.com/register and select register now.

It is important for all members 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.

Lawrence Nemeth is the Apprenticeship Coordinator; he can be reached at (313) 350-0389.

Attention all Apprentices now you will need to go to the website: www.micementplasterertraining.com to enter your work hours. When you get to the website click the link “About” and then click on “Apprentice monthly work form instructions”. You will be able to put in your hours so Larry can keep track for your raises. Any questions please feel free to contact Larry with any questions you might have.

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.

Please refer to website for updated information.

O.P.C.M.I.A. Local 514 has a satellite office in Flint, Michigan. We welcome Member 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 Business Manager Henry Williams, (313) 215-5063.

Members working for non-signatory commercial contractors are having a negative impact on

our market share. The work forecast this year looks better than last. Members working non-union will be brought up on charges and fines will be enforced.

We must stay vigilant in our effort 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 that we have all of your current contact information, address and phone number so we can keep the fund offices updated for your health care and pension and also if you are having your vacation checks mailed out.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PLASTERERS AND DETROIT COMMERCIAL CEMENT MASONS: You are able to find out more about Fund investments, change your investments, obtain your balances, and during regular business hours, speak to a representative by contacting Principal either via its website, www.Principal.com or by telephone, 800-547-7754.

Access and make changes to your account two easy ways:

Go online: Principal.com

If you are a first time user go to Principal.com/Welcome

- Select Get Started.
- Enter your first name, last name, date of birth, mobile phone number(this is the quickest way

to verify your identity), and your ID number(this is either you Social Security number or a specific ID provided by your employer) or ZIP code.

- Agree to do business electronically and click Continue.

- If you don't provide your mobile phone number, you'll need to answer a few personal questions as an alternative way to confirm it's really you.

- Create a unique username, set a secure password, and add your email address.

- Select and answer three security questions to use if you need to call us.

- You now have access to your online account, and you'll get a confirmation email within a few minutes.

- The first time you log in, you'll need to choose where we send you verification codes (text message, voice call, or authentication app) and how often you want to use them.

Feel free to call Principal at 1-800-547-7754 and speak with someone between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT Monday-Friday with any questions regarding online access.

As always, if you have any questions or need help on any matter relating to the Fund, you can contact the Fund Office for assistance at (248) 645-6550 or 30700 Telegraph Rd., Ste 2400 Bingham Farms, MI 48025-4524.

Labor Day events abound in Michigan

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Usually held at Ah-Nab-hard-earned rights in the workplace,” Metro-Detroit Central Labor Council President Daryl Newman said in a statement released Aug. 17. “Still, out of an abundance of caution, given the rise in COVID cases... we have decided to put everyone's safety first and cancel this year's event.”

The week the call was made to cancel the parade, the state added 23,165 cases and 103 deaths from COVID-19 - a 44 percent increase from previous week, and the reported cases were more than four times what there were the same time last year, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The decision to cancel was made over the protests of most building trades union leaders.

A number of local unions will continue to have Labor Day picnics and celebrations in their union hall parking lots, check the articles inside to see about your union's plans.

At IBEW Local 58, 1358 Abbott St. in Detroit, members of all trades affiliates are invited to a Labor Day get-together in their parking lot, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be serving breakfast burritos, and hot dogs, brats, burgers and chicken.

ESCANABA—A Labor Day Parade on Monday, Sept. 5 will kick off at noon EST at the Municipal Dock. The parade will line up beginning at 11 a.m. at The Marketplace on Ludington Street downtown.

Afterward there will be live music as well as food, a beer tent, music, speakers, games, a petting zoo and bounce house. Proceeds will benefit the Delta County Trades and Labor Scholarship Fund and the City of Escanaba Recreation Department.

Unveiled will be a “Monument to Labor” in Ludington Park. The Monument to Labor has been in the planning stages by the Delta County Trades and Labor Council since 2013. Ground was broken at the monument site last spring. The focal point of the monument will be a precast stone panel that will become part of the structure. The panel depicts a blacksmith at work.

GRAND RAPIDS – Canceled last year due to the pandemic, the Grand Rapids LaborFest, on Monday, Sept. 5 is back. This year's celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Rosa Parks Circle, which reopened this year after a renovation. It is located on Monroe Avenue south of Pearl St.

Events will include free admission to the Grand Rapids Art Museum, food vendors, bands, a beer tent, local arts and crafts, and kids' rides. There will also be a classic car and motorcycle show.

ISHPEMING – The 33rd Labor Day Parade and festival starts at 11 am, and a picnic starts afterward at noon. The Sept. 5 event will have music, speakers, children's activities, food and beer tent.

The event is sponsored by the Marquette-Alger Community Labor Council and U.P. Regional Labor Federation. The parade starts at 11 a.m. and will proceed along Euclid Street, Main Street, Division Street and Lakeshore Drive. A noon to 4 p.m. picnic will follow at Lake Bancroft Park and the Cliff's Shaft Mine Museum. The event will have food, games, speakers and music.

MONROE – Labor Day events have been canceled this year.

MUSKEGON – The Workers United Labor Parade will start at 11 a.m. on the corner of 4th Street and Western Avenue. The march will proceed east to Jefferson Street, turns right on Clay and ends at 4th Street.

Bring the family for some free fun at the Labor Day Parade and celebration after the parade in Hackley Park. Events will include entertainment, bounce houses, face painting, balloons, arts and crafts, live band, many giveaways and more.

ST. IGNACE – The annual Mackinac Bridge walk is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 5, 2022.

The Mackinac Bridge will be closed to public traffic from 6:30 a.m. to noon on that day to accommodate the mass of pedestrians.

According to the Mackinac Bridge Authority, no bus transportation across the bridge will be provided as part of the event, although local transportation companies also offer shuttle service between various locations. Walkers who decide to walk across the entire bridge will need to arrange their own transportation back to the end of the bridge where they started after the bridge reopens to public traffic at noon. There is limited parking space available west of the Mackinac Bridge Authority plaza area.

There is no fee or registration required to participate in the walk. The walk begins at 7 a.m. You may start walking any time after the governor's party starts the walk at approximately 7 a.m. No one will be permitted to start after 11:30 a.m.

Walkers can start in St. Ignace or Mackinaw City and turn around at the middle of the bridge, walk across the entire five-mile length of the bridge, or the really ambitious can go from one end to the other, and back.

A 'general holiday for the laboring classes' begins

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solid claim to the Founder of Labor Day title.

Some records show that in 1882, Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, suggested setting aside a day for a “general holiday for the laboring classes” to honor those “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.”

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that machinist Matthew Maguire, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday.

Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, New Jersey, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

According to the New Jersey Historical Society, after President Cleveland signed the law creating a national Labor Day, the *Paterson Morning Call* published an opinion piece stating that “the souvenir pen should go to Alderman Matthew Maguire of this city, who is the undisputed author of Labor Day as a holiday.” Both Maguire and McGuire attended the country's first Labor Day parade in New York City that year.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on Sept. 5, 1883.


By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday.

Many Americans celebrate Labor Day with parades, picnics and parties – festivities very similar to those outlined by the first proposal for a holiday, which suggested that the day should be observed with – a street parade to exhibit “the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations” of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day.

Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

American labor has raised the nation's standard of living and contributed to the greatest production the world has ever known. The labor movement has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership – the American worker.

(From the U.S. Department of Labor)



Local 370

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FLINT– The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00pm and has been designated a refreshment meeting.**

Congratulations to all Local 370 Scholarship recipients. This year’s scholarships are worth \$2,250.00 each. This is a great program for our members’ children attending college.

Upcoming Night Class Schedule.

2018 Plumbing Code Update Class September 15th at 5:00pm
To register for the class call and sign up with Kaytlin at the Training Center, 1-810-720-5243 ext. 15

Be ready to give your plumbing license number when you call and sign up.

Night Welding: September 12th thru October 12th. Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30pm

Rigging: September 20th thru October 20th Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30pm

Split System Service: September 12th thru September 28th Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30pm

CPR/FIRST AID. September 22, 2022 @ 4:30 pm Sign up with Kaytlin

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, September 13, 2022, at 4:00pm
- FMR Committee – Tuesday September 13, 2022, at 4:00pm
- PAC committee – Tuesday September 13, 2022, at 5:00pm
- Executive Board –Tuesday September 13, 2022, at 5:00pm
- Building Committee – Tuesday September 13, 2022, at 6:00pm
- Finance Committee -Tuesday September 13, 2022, 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 MUSTBSAFE.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. Members present must have dues paid to date to claim award. 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 who 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 you 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 as we move forward.

Our web site is up and running. Check it out at **ualocal370.org**

We are now able to accept

Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express for window dues. If you want to take advantage of this service there will be a \$1.00 per month charge added to the monthly window dues fee and a 3% fee for all other transactions.

Plumbing, Mechanical and Residential Code Books are now available at the hall. The books are \$75.00 each.

Remember to keep your dues current. Any member failing to pay for 3 months shall stand suspended, unable to vote for a period of 1 year or run for office for a period of 2 years and subject to a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. Dues must be paid in 3-month increments according to our bylaws. Dues will be accepted up to 6:45 on union meeting nights.

Members wishing to take the U.A. welding certification test contact business agent, Zack Desrochers 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 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**.

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

“I have always found that mercy bears richer fruits than strict justice.”
–Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

“It is better wither to be silent, or to say things of more value than silence. Sooner throw a pearl at hazard than an idle or useless word; and do not say a little in many words, but a great deal in a few.”
–Pythagoras (582 BC - 507 BC)



Plumbers and Steamfitters 85

SAGINAW – I would like to wish all of our Brothers and Sisters a safe and happy Labor Day. I will be at the annual Mackinaw Bridge Walk. I encourage all Brothers and Sisters to participate and walk on our half of the bridge. Please do not cross all the way into Local 111 without checking in.

The next Union Meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 at the Union Hall located at 3535 Bay Road starting at 7:00 PM.

The next Northern Informational Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Northern Facility located at 2476 Industrial Dr. in Grayling, Michigan.

Ladies Auxiliary: We are always looking for new members for our Ladies Auxiliary. If you or a family member are interested in joining, please contact Sue Najawicz at (989) 781-4277.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary and the Najawicz Family for another successful picnic.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and everyone who participated in UA Local 85 Annual Golf Outing.

Please note: Our **new mailing address** for all correspondences has changed to 3535 Bay Rd. Saginaw, MI 48603.

Contact Information:
Justin Pomerville, Business Manager (989) 799-5261 x 8513
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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

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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 Number. If you should have any difficulties logging in, please call Kristin at (989) 799-5261 ext. 8511.

The **new Facebook** page is live. If you are currently on the Local Eighty-Five Facebook account, invites were sent to have you join the new site. UA Local 85 page is our public Facebook account. UA Local 85 Members Group is our new members only Facebook. On this page, we will have important messages and reminders specific to our membership. Please like both and let us know what you think.

JATC News:

Congratulations to our newest Journeymen Quinton Smith, Chad Weaver, Brett Anderson, Cody Brunett and Nicklas Bruske.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. To register visit: **www.ualocal85.org.** Click on Local 85 Members. Log in with your username (first initial last name) and password (two zeros followed by your card number). After logged, in navigate to the Training page under Local 85 Members and click on the MPC Update class you are interested in taking. You will need the following information to sign up: Email address, Name as it appears on your plumbing license, UA ID Number (Card No.), MI Plumbing license number, mailing address.

There is no cost for this class. However, if you are interested in purchasing the new 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Book it will be available at a cost of \$89 (cash, check or money order made out to UA Local 85 JAC. No credit or debit cards.)

GOD BLESS ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT!

SUB Fund:

Print Unemployment Payment History located underneath 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 per-

son 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 Road, 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. Available at the Hall.

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: Address & Phone Update: Please call the Union Hall to update any address or phone number 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.**

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 CHECK STUBS 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.

RETIREE LUNCHEON: All retiree luncheons are postponed until further notice. Please check the **ualocal85.org** or Facebook for all up-to-date information.

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



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In other words, we call it ... GETTING INVOLVED

And as you can see, everybody we’re involved with enjoys telling it like it is, in all manner of communication.

From all walks of life we’ve received the wholehearted cooperation of industry and community leaders who appreciate what labor has done and will do.

That’s The American Way of Life.

GETTING INVOLVED is nothing more than a sincere form of dedication in everything we do and believe in. So...

Our continual progressive and successful efforts have brought us to another Labor Day.

As we see it, Labor Day is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race or nation.

In a large sense it is a holiday dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers, and to the contributions they have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of this great country.

In other words, we call it **GETTING INVOLVED.**

SMACNA Detroit Labor Day ad; The Building Tradesman, Friday, August 29, 1969

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Plumbers Local 98



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DETROIT – *Membership of Plumbers Local 98,*

Brothers and Sisters, at this time we do not have a Labor Day Parade, some “white collar persons who didn’t work during the pandemic” at the AFL-CIO office, has decided to throw a wrench in the process. So once again this year enjoy your time with your families and remember those who came before us and sacrificed so much to get us where we are today.

Have you checked out our website? Announcements, information on meetings, links to your benefits, the Training Center, and more can be found there. Go to UALOCAL98.COM.

Meetings & Union Hall. The next Union Meeting will be held on the 3rd Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7:00 pm. There will be a BBQ cookout before the meeting starting at 5:00 pm, this is the last one till spring. The meeting will take place indoors at our Union Hall.

Retiree Meetings. The next Retiree Meeting is Wednesday, September 7th from 12 pm – 2 pm.

SUB Apps/OOW. SUB pay is stopped due to travelers in town. You have 48 hours to report being out of work and to fill out a SUB App. It is your responsibility to check your location on the Out of Work List. 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 Gary Glaser at 313-580-0148 or Dan Nixon at 248-752-3702.

Benefits. We have exciting news as we now have a dedicated BeneSys employee at the Union Hall to help with the following issues: Health Insurance, HRA, SUB, Short Term Disability, Eligibility, and Claims. His name is Andrew Hill and he is the Local 98 Health Insurance Specialist. Andrew will be receiving the calls coming into Local 98. In order for us to best track all issues please call the hall at (248) 307-9800 and select option #2 for Andrew.

If Andrew is on the other line, please leave him a message

and he will get back to you promptly.

We are currently working with BeneSys to place a Local 98 Pension Specialist at the hall as well. Until this position is filled, please select option #4 for Financial Secretary Jon DeRoo for all Pension issues. If you are looking to retire, please set a meeting up with Jon so he can pull your numbers and go over all the paperwork with you. We recommend doing this at least 6 months from retirement.

Dues. You can pay your dues online, over the phone, or by mailing in a check. You can also set up auto payments. If you have questions or want to pay your dues by phone, please call the hall at (248) 307-9800 ext. 3.

The following members are delinquent on dues and are working for our contractors. If you are working with these members push them to get with the hall and get caught up. Mike Hofer, James Moore, Justin Willard, Adam Atkinson, Irvin Tyson, Ken Stone, Jesse Nowak. Or if you know they have left 98 please let us know. Thank you.

Good/Welfare. Once again Local 98 is doing a roadside trash pick-up on Saturday, September 24th at 8AM in Roseville, please contact Business Rep. Gary Glaser at 313-580-0148 if you can take time out for this great cause. Apprentices can use this as a missed Union Meeting day if you attend.

Death notices: Local 98 wishes to extend our condolences to the families and friends of the following Brothers who have passed.

Brother Dennis Dazsi, initiated 2-28-1974, he was a 48-year active member.

Brother Robert R. Harmer, initiated 2-11-1960, he was a 60-year member retired.

Brother Maurice Micallef, initiated 9-9-1965, he was a 56 year member retired.

Brother John Whitson, initiated 2-23-1956, he was a 66-year member.

We are currently looking for Residential and Service Plumbers. This is a great opportunity to expand and grow, as many

members are looking to retire. If you know anyone working Non-Union or is a past member that may be interested, have them call Organizer Rob Moses at 248-763-2187.

In solidarity I remain, Carlo Castiglione Business Manager Plumbers Local 98

TRAININGCENTERNEWS
Phone# 248-585-1435

Check out The Training Center’s website www.Plumbers98tc.org

The Apprenticeship Application process is closed

The Training Center is open. The mask mandate has been lifted. We are asking that people still practice social distancing while in the building. Please call Ryan Lyle at 248-585-1435 ext. 122 if you have any questions.

****STATE OF MICHIGAN PLUMBING LICENSE**** The 2018 Michigan Plumbing Code Update class has been approved. Please call the Training Center, 248-585-1435 to sign up. There are also several classes offered online. To find the online classes, go to cebroker.com and select “Find CE/CME”, then choose Michigan and Plumbing Journey to see a list of approved courses.

CALL THE TRAINING CENTER TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OFFERED IN 2022. All classes are register and prepay by check or money order only. Deadlines for registration and prices are listed with each class.

Monthly Code Class – Next class is September 14, 2022 at 4:30 pm. 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 at the Training Center at 248-585-1435 ext. 123 to register.

ASSE Backflow Tester Recertification: *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.* \$75 fee - **4 hour recert class** October 25th and 26th Dead-

line is September 23rd

6010 Medical Gas Installer Recertification- *All current 2018 Medical Gas Installer certification holders are required to take this update to 2021. \$130.00

OPEN WELDING - Our welding shop is open! The new ventilation system has been installed. Please call Chris Opalka 248-585-1435 ext. 146 for any welding related inquiries and to check on booth availability.

****Orbital Welding Class-** September 12, 13 & 14 – Call the school to register – Deadline is August 26th - \$100 fee, check or money order required - minimal seats available

If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next

WELDING Test session will be September 10, 2022. You must call to schedule your welding tests **at least 3 days** prior to the test. The next **BRAZING Cert Session** will be Friday, September 9, 2022. Please note: All members must be **ressed appropriately** to be in the shop area.

2022 Course Hour reimbursement forms are available at the Training Center. You **must have 8 hours** (approved hours credited may vary from actual hours attended) of verifiable approved classes/training from January 1 - December 31, 2022 to be eligible for the \$100.00 reimbursement.

OSHA Training - OSHA 10, available as on an online class for \$25 at www.careersafeonline.com This OSHA 10 class is 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.

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Union leaders cheer passage of \$739B bill

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will improve the lives of millions of Americans struggling to afford health care, seniors trying to pay for their prescriptions and future generations who will be able to see the impacts of drastically reduced carbon emissions.”

The Inflation Reduction Act, technically a budget “reconciliation” bill, passed on a party-line vote. All 48 Democrats plus independents Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Angus King of Maine favored it. All 50 Republicans voted “no.” Vice President Kamala Harris broke the tie. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., apparently overcame progressive grumbles there before the scheduled vote on the legislation.

Other labor leaders lauded it. “We applaud Congress for voting to uplift the middle class and America’s economy by passing the Inflation Reduction Act,” said North America’s Building Trades Unions President Sean McGarvey. “By taking strong action to lower the federal deficit, fight inflation, and provide historic labor protections in the largest investment to fight climate change and accelerate domestic energy production in our nation’s history, this bill gives relief to all Americans.

“The Inflation Reduction Act places our country on a more secure and sustainable path, and opens more family-sustaining, middle-class career opportunities for millions of union and nonunion construction workers across the country.”

The compromise between Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer and reluctant West Virginian Sen. Manchin would “allow Medicare to negotiate the price of widely used prescription drugs” and “extend subsidies that lower Affordable Care Act premiums,” the nation’s largest union, the National Education Association, said in urging members to lobby the House for its passage. NEA too praised the clean energy sections and the corporate minimum tax.

In what senators call a Vote-A-Rama, lawmakers spent the weekend of Aug. 5-6 fending off Republican “poison pill” amendments that would have wrecked the deal.

Teamsters President Sean O’Brien cheered taxing the rich and corporations that don’t pay anything. “Working people are sick of shouldering the burden of keeping America running since early 2020 while CEOs are counting their cash,” he said. “This bill takes steps to reverse that while investing in good jobs and better health care to help families.”

“The greater difficulty, the more glory in surmounting it. Skillful pilots gain their reputation from storms and tempests.”

–Epicurus (341-270 BC)

“The most powerful factors in the world are clear ideas in the minds of energetic men of good will.”

– J. Arthur Thomson

“All that is human must retrograde if it does not advance.”

–Edward Gibbon (1737 - 1794)

“Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.”

– Buddha (563 BC - 483 BC)

“Man, I was tame compared to what they do now, are you kidding? All that I ever did was just jiggle.”

–Elvis Presley (1935 - 1977)

“The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and a lightning bug.”

–Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

Have a Safe and Happy Labor Day!



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Local 333
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LANSING – September’s union meeting will be held Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at the Lansing Training Center, 16180 National Parkway, Lansing, MI 48906. Dinner and refreshments will be at 6pm.

October’s union meeting will be held Wednesday, October 12, 2022 (**second Wednesday**) at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911 at 7:00pm.

Scholarship awards for the 2022-2023 year will be sent to the applicants during the first two weeks in August. If your student has not received his/her award by August 20, 2022, please call Joni at 517-784-1106 ext. #4.

Please check your certifications such as Backflow, Med-Gas, Weld, etc. for the expiring dates. If a recertification class in needed please check the website, or contact the Training Center at 517-323-0333.

Masters test prep is Monday’s and Wednesday’s every week at the Lansing Training Center.

Correction: CSD-1 class will be held October 4,5,11,12 from 5pm to 8pm, each evening located at the Lansing Training Center. Please sign up online or call Diana at (517)323-0333.

WELD CLASSES: Fall weld classes will begin the first week in September. If you’re interested in taking the weld class please sign up at www.ua333.org or call Trent or Diana at 517-323-0333. *There is a \$25.00 fee, please call your respective hall to pay for the class.*

Lansing: (Tuesday’s & Thursday’s) Lansing Training Center, 16180 National Parkway, Lansing, MI. 48906.

Jackson: (Tuesday’s & Thursday’s) 3101 Industrial Allied Dr. Jackson, MI. 49201.

Battle Creek: (Monday’s & Thursday’s) (KCC) RMTC, 405 Hill Brady Rd. Battle Creek, MI. 49037.

Weld Tests are the second Tuesday of each month at the Lansing Training Center.

If you are interested in signing up for classes please go to our website at www.ua333.org or call the Training Center (517) 323-0333.

PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CERTIFICATIONS: Per the UA, as of January 2019, all Braze and Weld Certifications shall be updated within 120 days of their expiration date, or you will lose your certifications. Check the date(s) of your Certifications, if they have expired please contact Diana at 517.323.0333. Though we send out everyone’s continuities to be renewed; between changes in addresses and the Post Office, there is plenty of room for error. Ultimately it’s the member’s responsibility to make sure their certification(s) are current and updated

NOTICE!!! The Jackson area Retiree Breakfasts are back!!! The next breakfast will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 10:00 am at the Alpha Coney Island at 1188 Jackson Crossing, Jackson, MI. **PLEASE NOTE:** This is a new location. The restaurant is located at the west end of the Jackson Crossing shopping center. If you have any questions or need directions just contact Joni at 517-784-1106 ext#4. Please pass the word to fellow retired members.

Attention: If you have made any changes with your address, email address, phone number, or there is a birth, death, married, divorce, remarried or to change your beneficiaries. Please contact the Lansing office to give the update and have the necessary documents processed to make the changes.

Condolences to Jim Borders, Local 333 retiree, on the loss of his son, Pat Borders, who was killed in a motor cycle accident in Middletown, Ohio on Friday, August 12, 2022. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jim and his family during this time of sorrow.

“The service you do for others is the rent you pay for the time you spend on earth.”
–Mohammed Ali (1942-2016)



Sprinkler Fitters Local 704

DETROIT – The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, at 5:30 P.M. at the Union Hall. The Executive Board will meet the same evening at 4:30 P.M.

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.

Article IX, Section 4 of Local 704’s Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order states: Members shall report all job starts to its local union office.

It is the member’s 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 questions.

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

Jason May (Merrill Lynch): 248-655-4048 for D.C. Fund Investment questions.

On behalf of the Officers of Local 704, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy Labor Day.

A speedy recovery to all of our sick and injured members.

“Remember, there are two benefits of failure: First, if you do fail, you learn what doesn’t work. And second, the failure gives you an opportunity to try a new approach.”

–Roger Van Oech

“The secret of life is honesty and fair dealing. If you can fake that, you’ve got it made.”

–Groucho Marx (1890 - 1977)

“I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free.”

–Michaelangelo



Local 111
Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

UPPER PENINSULA –

MARQUETTE - The next Union Meeting will be in **Marquette September 29th, 2022 @ 7:30 p.m.**

LABOR DAY, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

Ishpeming: Parade line up starts at 10:00 a.m. in the Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum parking lot, parade starts @ 11:00.

Escanaba: Parade line up starts at 11:00 a.m. at the farmers market and marching to the municipal dock beginning @ 12:00.

Anyone interested in 1 day shutdowns, please contact Business Agent/Dispatcher, Scott Pendergraft in the Escanaba office. Don’t forget to check your MSHA certification for expiration dates. MSHA expires in one year

MRA CARD: Please note, after using your MRA card, you will still need to “substantiate” your claim by sending in your Explanation of Benefits (EOB) or an itemized bill with receipt of payment. Remember, when using your MRA card, your date of service must be within a year of the date you use your card. If you are having trouble, please call Zenith American at (866) 823-4730 ext. 1 and they will assist you.

Reminder: Check your records and contact the hall with *any changes* to the following: **E-Mail, home address, phone number, a new birth, marriage, divorce, or death.** Please call April or Ann to have your information updated.

Training news: Open welding class with David Pedersen is occurring on Tuesdays at 5 pm, on a week to week basis pending interest. To be added to the notification list or to register, contact John Antoncew. A spot in the class is not confirmed until you receive a response.

Reminder: It is your responsibility to call the hall as soon as you get laid off, the day you call in is the date that you are placed on the **Out of Work List**, if you do not call in you will not be referred to work.

Reminder to all apprentices, you must attend 4 union meetings per year.

Reminder to Welders/Welding Forms: The UA Welder

Qualification Continuity Report forms are available on our website under Training or at the hall. Certifications expire every **6 months** and it is **YOUR** responsibility to get your welding forms turned in on time.

Please update all Non-UA certifications (Plumbing License, MUST, OSHA-30, MSHA etc.) by sending a copy of your certification to the Union Hall

Check your dues records! You are assessed a \$50 reinstatement once you become 3 months behind. You are automatically expelled once you are over six

months behind.

Safety Training on Local 111 Web Site: When taking the on-line safety training, go to our web site ua111.com and click on Safety Links. Members must take these safety trainings for each site to work at each mill. Please take note they are valid for 1 year.

MSHA Training: The 2022 MSHA schedule is on our web site & our Facebook page. To register for an MSHA class please go to Upconstruction.org and go to the **MSHA calendar** to register. This website applies for cancelling classes also.

“Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.”

–Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

“There’s nothing that keeps its youth, So far as I know, but a tree and truth.”

–Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809 - 1894)

“The wisest mind has something yet to learn.”

–George Santayana (1863 - 1952)

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West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters & Service Trades Local 174

COOPERSVILLE – MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm at the Assembly Hall located at 1008 O'Malley Dr in Coopersville. The Union office will be open until 6:55 for the purpose of collecting dues.

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

Contract Ratification: At the special-called meeting in July 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 \$2.75/ 2nd year \$2.23 /3rd year \$2.22 \$7.20 over 3years

The only language change is adding essential workers to the 10% hazard pay language. Thank you to the bargaining committee for their work on negotiations and to the members of Local #174 for continuing to prove their value day in and day out.

CORRECTION

Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing: The Local #174 Golf Outing took place on Saturday August 6th at the Falls at Barber Creek. We had 25 teams competing this year.

Congratulations to this year's winners: Shane Shook, Brianna Lampe, Terry Brown, and Beau Taylor (Our apologies to Brother Taylor).

Muskegon Labor Day Parade: The parade will start at 11am downtown Muskegon. You can pick up your t-shirt and hat starting at 9am in the parking lot across from the CIO Hall on Western. After the parade there will be a community picnic at Hackley Park.

West Michigan Labor Fest 2022: This year's Labor Fest will be held Downtown Grand Rapids from 11am – 5pm at Rosa Parks Circle, 135 Monroe Center Street NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. Event details can be found at westmichiganlaborfest.com. We will be meeting at Local 174's booth at 11am for shirts and hats and will be available from 11am – 1pm. Volunteers are still needed to help make this event a success, contact Nathan Phillips for more details.

Organizing Update: Brothers and Sisters if anyone has any information about jobsites with non-union workers present or mechanical contractors, please reach out to me 616-307-8551. We had our Organizing Blitz last week in Northern MI. (our jurisdiction) it included different Business Agents, and other Organizers.

We spoke to many non union employees and completed house calls in the evenings. I strongly feel that communication from the work force, those in the trenches, is essential for successful Organizing. You may be working on jobsites with non-union employees and more often than none they're curious about our pay or "scale" to us.

With our recent July 2022 contract we are at \$39.89/HR on the check, and our total package with benefits is \$64.41 Typically this is the attention getter for the non-union worker, my hopes are to get them in contact with me so I can further elaborate on the benefits of being a Union member beyond the wages, the training, benefit breakdown and representation. The best salespeople for Unions are our members. I've been visiting job sites, speaking to non-union workers, doing house calls after hours, continuing Organizer training and taking part of Blitz's (multiple organizers/agents teaming up to cover more ground).

It's been very busy but rewarding when you can help families reap the rewards of Union labor. Our billboards are up! We have two, one is on I-96 right by our Hall and the other one is in Grand Rapids just before the S curve heading North on the West side of the highway. This is another way of reaching out to the non-union sector. –**Thank you, Brother Johnny Ortiz LU 174 Organizer**

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.

Retiree Breakfast: The retiree breakfast will be held on Thursday, September 8th at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

Contact Information: If you have a change in contact information or to verify your contact info PLEASE CONTACT CAMI so we can keep our system up to date.

TIC, Aetna, Labor First: If you have issues with any of our fund service providers please contact Ryan Bennett at rbennett@ual174.org. Please try to remember who you spoke with, this will help the company fix the problem.

PAC Cards: Since the elimination of prevailing wage, the race to the bottom on wages and benefits for publicly funded projects has begun. Our political focus over the years to come will be electing people who support prevailing wage and wage standards in general. To do that we need to raise our PAC card participation. We currently have less than half of the local contributing to our PAC. Your PAC contribution DOES NOT COME OFF YOUR CHECK. When you sign the PAC card it allows us to move money from your working dues over to our PAC. Please call Cami today and find out if you have current PAC card on file.

Medicare Retirees: Effective January 1st 2021 your insurance premiums will be reduced by approximately 12.5%.

New rates are as follows:
Single Medicare \$262.55
Retiree and Spouse Medicare \$525.09
Retiree and Non-Medicare Spouse \$677.55

Dispatch: We will be splitting 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: dispatch@ual174.org which both offices have access to. There is a dispatch phone extension that will switch between the two offices depending on who is on dispatch.

Health Insurance Contact Info: Active and NON Medicare Retirees
Aetna: (888)290-7241
Save-Rx: (800)228-3108
Medicare Retirees Labor First: (616)345-0788

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 that you are no longer eligible to attend Local Union events, such as meetings, picnics, awards banquets, and Christmas parties.

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 that gets into trouble. Please contact

Ryan Bennett if you see another local's contractors/members 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 - 3rd Wednesday of the month / 5:00pm / Contact Nathan for location

Lakeshore – 3rd 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.

FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR: (TIC). West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No.174 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275

(517) 321-7502 Phone
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BENEFITS WEBSITE: westmichiganplumbers.org is the TIC website where you can check your contributions and benefit information. Click on benefit inquiry. Your username is your social security number. The password for first time users is K4GHB39 (case sensitive). You will then be prompted to create a permanent password.

Forms: The forms for Dollar Bank Reimbursement and Sub Pay are on the www.ual174.org website under the Members Only section and Forms and Links tab.

Contract Requirements: Please remember Section 5.7 of our collective bargaining agreement states, "Persons called from the unemployed list will report to work with a UA/WMMCA issued drug card." Section 18.5 states, "...employees...shall be required to maintain the following Safety Training Certifications: First Aid/CPR, Bloodborne Pathogens and OSHA 10." Please make sure you follow our agreement.

Out Of Work List: Please remember to call extension 17 when you are laid off. You must call line 17 to be put on the available to work list. When you leave a message, please speak clearly. Any member who goes to work without a referral is in violation of our Collective Bargaining Agreement and Article XXXI of our Constitution and By-Laws. Please contact the Union Hall to find out your position on the out of work list.

Training News:

FIRST AID: First Aid/CPR/BBP class will be the second Thursday of the month, from 5:00p-9:00p. The next classes will be held Thursday, September 8, 2022, and Thursday, October 13, 2022.

The Training Center will be closed to daytime classes the month of August beginning Monday, August 1 and will reopen Tuesday, September 6.

Open Welding on Wednesday nights is currently cancelled until further notice.

If you have a certification that has expired in the last few months and have questions regarding recertification, please contact the Training Office. Many certifications have extended grace periods on expiration dates.

Please contact Jeff Rumsey or Nicole Schumaker if you have questions. Call the Training Office @ (616)837-0222 x16 (Jeff) / Nicole @ (616)837-0222 x30. Or via text Jeff (231)923-8140 / Nicole (231)206-4213.

Union Hall Extension Numbers: Ryan Bennett Business Manager ext:12, Nathan Phillips Assistant Business Manager ext. 13, Jason Finch Business Agent ext.14, Johnny Ortiz Organizer ext.15, Lisa Johnson Accounting Manager ext.11, Cami Burris Administrative Assistant ext. 10, Training Dept: Jeff Rumsey ext. 16, Nicole Schumaker ext. 30.

"We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

—Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

"Drinking makes such fools of people, and people are such fools to begin with, that it's compounding a felony."

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Local 190

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 190

ANN ARBOR – UNION MEETING (SEPTEMBER): Please be informed the *awards banquet* will take place on Monday, Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI. All members are invited to attend this wonderful event. Due to this event, normal business will be suspended. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

UNION HALL CLOSING FOR AN UPCOMING HOLIDAY: Our office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 2 and will be closed all day on Monday, Sept. 5 to observe Labor Day. Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

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

MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION - E-Mail address: Please contact the union hall 734-424-0962 or Pat Duffy 734-368-4423 to make sure we have a current e-mail address.

MICHIGAN LICENSE RENEWAL: Plumbing license renewals are done online **ONLY!!!** For detailed instructions and requirements, please visit: www.michigan.gov/bcc. Stop into the Union Hall and pick up a copy of the instructions. The link is now on the website in the "Members Only" section under "Helpful Member Forms"

ATTENTION MICHIGAN GAS DISTRIBUTION & OHIO GAS DISTRIBUTION & BUILDING TRADES MEMBERS - UA LOCAL 190 WEBSITE: If you have not already done so, please log in and look at our website www.ua190.org *Current members will be able to log into the "Members Only" section using your last name and UA card number. **** NEW ON THE WEBSITE***** Members can now view and sign up for job calls. The same procedure will be used as the call-in line. If you are laid off or go back to work, there are forms available to fill out on the website that will inform the hall.

CREDIT CARD MACHINE: You now have the ability to pay your union dues or purchase merchandise by credit card or debit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A surcharge of 3.99% is added to your card on the transaction amount. We will then mail you your dues receipt and credit card slip.

LAID OFF OR BACK TO WORK – IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS: All members who get laid off or report 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.* PLEASE NOTE: All Members can now go to the website under "members only" and fill out a "back to work" form or "laid off" form.

INFORMATION - FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: NEW BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD APP FOR YOUR SMART DEVICE: Attention 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 of benefits and much more. *Download: BCBSM*

AREPRESENTATIVE FROM FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE WILL BE AT THE UNION HALL: A representative will be at the union hall each month on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month. Members will be able to meet with Bernadette from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. You can reach the benefits office Monday through Friday by calling 888-390-7473.

MEDICARE: 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. We are following CDC, OSHA, MiOSHA, MDHHS, and Washtenaw County Health Department guidelines. **Check your Certifications to make sure that you are current!**

Please submit all certifications and licenses to the Training Center, so we can keep your profiles up to date. Contact Retha (734) 426-3700

Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs): 2022 Schedule - Monday - The last class of the year will be Oct 3, 2022, starting at 5:00pm.

First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs): 2022 Schedule – Monday – The last class of the year will be Oct 17, 2022, starting at 5:00pm.

Welding Lab: The welding lab will reopen on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022. The schedule is Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30pm-8:30pm, until Thursday, December 15, 2022. The welding lab will be closed on Union meeting days. Weld tests will be scheduled after participants are approved by welding instructors.

Pipefitter Class (32hrs): This class will show participants how to properly set up torches, cut, bevel, and fit-up pipe. You will also be taught how to read welding procedures, proper flange tightening procedures, how to figure offsets, change in direction offsets and rolling offsets. It will run for 5 weeks from 5pm-9pm on Mondays and Thursdays. Class will start Monday, Oct 17th and run till Thursday, Nov 17th, except for union meetings. Class size is limited to 8 participants. Please call Retha to be put on the list.

ASSE Backflow Certification (40hrs): This is a 40-hour class, to become an ASSE Certified Backflow Tester (5110). 2022 Schedule: Next course starts Sept 13, 2022, at 5:00pm. Course runs on Tue and Wed for 5 weeks and are limited to 8 participants. Call Retha to secure your spot.

ASSE Backflow Re-Certification (8hrs): Re-certification for the ASSE Backflow Tester (5110). 2022 Schedule: The last scheduled course is Oct 18 - 19, 2022. Course is on Tue and Wed and start at 5:00 pm. The course is limited to 8. Call Retha to sign up for this course.

Med Gas Installer and Brazier 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. 2022 Schedule: Next course starts on Aug 23, 2022, at 5:00 pm. Course will run for 5 weeks on Tue and Thu. These courses are limited to 16 participants. Call Retha to secure your spot.

Med Gas Installer Up-Date (8hrs): Call Retha to be put into the next class. 2022 Schedule: Next course Sept 27 & 29 at 5:00 pm. Course is on Tue and Thu and are limited to 24 participants. Call Retha to be placed in the course that keeps your certification current.

EPRI Rigging and Signal 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). This class is scheduled for Mondays and Thursdays, 5pm-9pm. Class starts Aug 22nd and runs till Oct 3rd, except holidays and union meetings. Practical Exam will be Saturday, Oct 1st and written exam will be Monday, Oct 3rd. Class size is limited to 8.

EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Re-certification (8hrs): This rigging re-certification will now include the EPRI Signal person certification. Class will be 2 days. This class will be scheduled for mid-to-late March 2023. Call Retha to register for this class.

CSD-1 (12hrs): This class will run Monday, Oct. 3rd, Tuesday, Oct. 4th, and Wednesday, Oct. 5th, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Code, hands on training and combustion testing will be covered. Call Retha to be put in this class.

Orbital Welding (UA-18a) (24hrs): We will be running multiple classes on this training. As the course meets the 4-person limit, the class will be scheduled. The next available class will run in late Sept / early Oct. It will on Mondays and Tuesdays for three weeks. Call Retha to be put on the list as space is limited to 4 per course.

Pipe Fusing Class (PE Certifications) (16hrs): This is a building trades course set up for plumbers and pipefitters to learn how to properly butt fuse plastic pipe, using hydraulic and manual machines. This class will start Monday, August 22nd and will run 4 days, through Thursday, August 25th. It will run from 5pm – 9pm. Class size is limited to 6. Call Retha to be put on the list for this class.

Pipe Fusing Upgrade (PE Certification) (8hrs): This course (Continued next column)



Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Service

Pipe Fitters 636
DETROIT – On Tuesday, August 30, 2022 there will be a contract ratification and allocation vote at 8am, doors open at 6:30am. The meeting will take place at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, MI 48150.

With the on-going labor dispute, the week of June 20, 2022 started the PLDF payments. They are as follows:

\$140 for Journeymen/\$70 apprentice, Service Graduates and MES members

There is a separate email address for the PLDF-pldf@pipefitters636.org questions and where to send a copy of your paystub.

If you wish to send in a check or money order directly to the hall-Please send to: Pipefitters Local 636, 30100 Northwestern Hwy., Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Please make the Checks/ Money orders out to Pipefitters Local 636 PLDF or see below on how to set up automatic withdrawal from your bank account. <https://portal.icheckgateway.com/Gen/Default.aspx?P=579a6c64395e4ceaaa5d>

THIS IS FOR PLDF ONLY NOT FOR DUES.

This system will be shut off the day that the dispute is over to prevent any more unnecessary transactions going through. The Gateway system will email you and Local 636 automatically when every transaction goes through.

The office staff is doing their best to answer any and all emails that are being sent to PLDF@pipefitters636.org but there's a very high volume. We appreciate your patience; we are trying to answer them in a timely fashion.

If you have any questions pertaining to the Labor Dispute; please reach out to any of the Local 636 Officers.

Labor Day March that was scheduled Monday, September 5, 2022, has been **cancelled BUT** IBEW Local 58 is hosting a BBQ with entertainment in lieu of the parade. Local 636 will be handing out Shirts and Hats starting at 7am-8:45am, stop by pick up your shirt and hat and enjoy the festivities. The events will take place at IBEW Local 58 Union Hall, 1358 Abbott St., Detroit, MI. If you have any questions please contact Business Agent, Rick Fast @ 248-939-2636.

The next union meeting will be Sept. 20, 2022 at 7pm at George Romanian St. Cultural Center,

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will run Wednesday, August 31st and Thursday, September 1st. This will be a two-day class to get those that have the PE-1 and PE-3 to test for the PE-5. Successfully passing the PE-5 will qualify those individuals up to 48" HDPE. Only those individuals who have other PE certifications will be admitted to this class.

RETIREE MEETINGS – PLEASE JOIN US: Our next Spades meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and be held on Thursday, September 1st, at the Union Hall. Come and join us for card games, pastries and a warm cup of 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.

18405 W. Nine Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075.

The Retiree Meetings are up and running again. The Retirees will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of every month at 11am at Local 636 Union Hall. The next Retiree meeting will be Sept. 15, 2022.

Our Deepest Sympathy goes to Retiree Michael Tremblay on the passing of his son, Michael, may he rest in peace.

Several members have reached out to the officers and the office staff for an update and status of Brother Brian Mierendorf's recovery. Brian is home, doing therapy 5 days a week and will be undergoing several surgeries on each hand. He still has a long road ahead of him.

The GoFundMe for Coach Brian is still active, but if anyone wishes to send donations to the hall for Brian, you can make checks out to Brian or Heather Mierendorf and we will make sure that Brian and Heather Mierendorf receive your donations. They are very grateful for all the support that they have been receiving, but their road is far from over.

Make sure you inform the Union Hall when you have a change of address, phone number and/or email address. Also, we are asking all members to please inform the Union Hall on a timely basis of any passing of a member and/or their spouse so, Local 636 can properly pay our respects to the family-Thank you in advance for your help with these matters.

Also, when you have a life changing event (example-marriage/divorce/birth of children), make sure you contact the hall and/or Benesys to update your beneficiaries.

We are now in the 3rd Quarter of 2022. The Window Dues structure is as follows for active members: \$31 monthly/\$93 per quarter/\$186-6 months/\$372 for the entire year. For your convenience, you can call the hall and pay over the phone with your credit card number. If you do not pay your Dues by the end of each quarter, you will be assessed an "re-instatement" fee of \$50. After 2 quarters go unpaid you will then be Expelled and have to be Re-Initiated and pay a \$200 Re-Initiation fee.

BeneSys has set up a dedicated phone line for Pipefitters 636 needs and questions, when calling BeneSys, please call #248-641-4936 or #888-646-8920.

Health Plan Advocate Robert Watson, has been replaced with Kim Johnson. Kim can be reached at 866-575-0211 extension 207. Providers looking for pre-certifications will still continue to go through Mr. Watson, with the contact information listed on your insurance benefit card.

Any member who is Retiring contact BeneSys at those numbers as well for your Retirement paperwork or if you want to meet with, Theresa Danko, Financial Secretary-Treasurer, please give her a 7-to-10-day notice so that she can get all of your paperwork in order.

Financial Advisor Jason May with Merrill Lynch Wealth Management has a new contact number, 248-655-4048 or email him at jason.may@ml.com

Defined Contribution Pension Plan: For those members who use the Voice Response Unit, VRU to obtain balance information and transfers funds in your Defined Contribution Pension, the number has changed. The new number for the VRU is 877-410-9984. Plan provider no. is

Local 636

7526.

Worker Assistance Program: Work Life Strategies, LLC are available to our members and their families to provide personal counseling services and when needed, referral to other professionals. Call to talk to a counselor for issues relating to grief, alcohol and or drug addiction, bankruptcy, financial management, marital, depression, legal and family counseling. Consultations with Work Life Strategies are a service paid for by the Insurance Fund. Referrals to outside professionals, if needed, will be paid for according to the current health care plan benefits. CJ Harrison would like all our members to know that she is still available by phone during these uncertain times, she is working from home doing phone conferences which is still beneficial to all our members and their families. You can contact her @ 313-580-6887. Are you "Work Ready"?

Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at mustbsafe.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, YOU WILL QUALIFY FOR FUTURE BONUS PAYMENT'S.

STEAMFITTER APPRENTICESHIP Local #636 application process was completed on July 14, 2022 and the application process is currently closed. For more information regarding the training center and next application date, please visit the Local 636 Training Center web site at: www.pipefitters636.tc.org.

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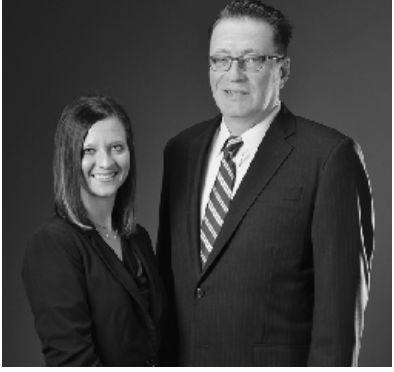
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Local 671
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MONROE – The next Regular Union meeting is scheduled for Sept. 1, 2022. There will also be an Executive Board meeting at 5pm on September 1st. If any member would like to attend the Executive Board Meeting, please contact the Union Hall prior to the meeting.

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.

Retirees: To all retirees, we are having retiree luncheons once again. The last Thursday of the month at 12 noon. **This next luncheon is Sept. 29. We will not have a luncheon during the month of August due to our annual picnic.** Please come out and enjoy lunch with all of your fellow retirees and widows. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Entertainment Committee: The **Local 671 Annual Picnic** will be held on **Aug. 27, 2022.** It is also a great time and a good opportunity to catch up with old friends. We are always looking for new volunteers to ensure that it is a successful event. Please contact Vinnie if you would like to help out! **WE NEED NEW PEOPLE TO HELP MAKE THE EVENT A SUCCESS! THE HANDFUL OF RETIREES WHO HAVE HELPED EVERY YEAR ARE GETTING TIRED!**

Mobile App: Our Mobile App titled “UA Local 671” is available in the App Store for iPhone or Android. The Username for Local 671 Members is your last name and your book number (UA Card Number). The Password is just your book number.

Journeyman Training: There are always several Journeyman Training opportunities available that are FREE to the membership. Take advantage of these opportunities to hone your skills or learn new ones! Contact Justin for details.

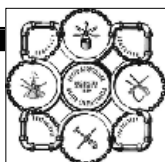
Labor Day: We are sorry to report that there will not be a Labor Day Parade or Event this year in Monroe. However, let’s not forget the reason for the Holiday as we mark the unofficial end of Summer. God bless Organized Labor and its efforts past and present!

In Closing: Our annual picnic will be held immediately after you read this article. We haven’t had our picnic for a few years now due to Covid. Please take precautions while attending the picnic and if you are experiencing any symptoms please test and do not attend.

We will have limited seating inside the hall, and I am asking that you allow our elder retirees to use the inside seating, there will be additional seating outside. I hope to see you all there and let’s work together to keep our membership safe from illness. Thank you.

Mike Jewell: Cell (419) 262-8503 email: mike@ualocal671.com
 Vinnie Fenech: Cell (734) 693-4082 email: vinnie@ualocal671.com

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Local 357 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVAC Service Local 357

KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING: The next regular Union Meeting will be on **Tuesday, Sept. 13** at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be Finance Committee at 4:30 and Executive Board at 5:30.

GOLF OUTING: It’s that time of year again for the Annual Local 357 Golf Outing to be held on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Pineview Golf Course. The price this year is \$75 per person = \$300 per foursome. Single players need to team up with others to make a foursome – if possible – and may sign up and pay at the Union Hall. You must pay for your golf prior to the outing date. The price of your golf gets you coffee and donuts (7:30-8:45), refreshments, 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and prizes. All participants in the outing must be signed up and paid by July 9. Anyone interested in helping at the Golf Outing – Please contact Nathan Scharrer at nathanscharrer@gmail.com. Contact Lori at (269) 679-3708 to register.

MILEAGE INCREASE: As of July 1st, 2022, the IRS Mileage rate increased from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents per mile.

UNION DUES REMINDERS: Phone call reminders to pay your dues will not be made. Cash is now 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. 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.

RETIREE MEETINGS: Retiree lunch meetings are on the 1st Tuesday of every month. The lunches will commence at 11:30 am at Travelers Café, 5225 Portage Rd, Portage, MI. The phone number for the location, (269) 775-1775.

MEDICAL CLAIMS ISSUES: As a member, TIC International and Labor First provide a dedicated team of member advocates to assist with the resolution of any and all medical claims issues. If at any time you experience an issue with your claims being processed and paid correctly, please contact TIC international at (888) 281-3461. For Medicare Retirees – Contact Labor First, (269) 218-3533 or (833) 933-0036.

WEBSITE INFORMATION – FRINGES – TIC: Check out the website at www.ualocal357.com and the **FACEBOOK** Page @ www.facebook.com/UALocal357/. You should sign up for access to your fringe reporting done by TIC via the Union website. To gain access, click on the Member Resources, then click on MRA / TIC Intl Information and then Register. This is where you will type in your Name, Email Address, UA Card # and create your own password.

Once you have completed all the information – click on the **LARGE REGISTER** button that is surrounded by a Blue Box. Your User Access will be granted the next business day. To access your account, once it is set up, all you

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Local 36 Elevator Constructors

Elevator Constructors Local 36
DETROIT–ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED that our next **regular scheduled Membership meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 25, 2022 at 5:30pm at 1640 Porter St. Detroit, MI.** Any changes to this schedule or venue will be in the Building Trades Article or sent via email.

ATTENTION all Members, the Labor Day Parade for September 5, 2022 has been cancelled. I sent out an email with the explanation for the cancellation. The Roofers are still hosting a picnic style event with food, beverage, games and facepainting for the kids. As always, the Roofers have been gracious enough to include Local 36 in these festivities and we will be handing out shirts and hats. Other Locals will be having similar event in their parking lots for all to join. Please contact the hall for more information.

September 17, 2022 The Union Golf Outing will be held at Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield, MI. 7:30 am Registration – 8:30 Shotgun start. If you are interested in playing, please contact Bill Avery at (586) 713-8830 or Ron McKay at (248) 830-6408 or call the hall for more information. The cost is \$80 per person, please make checks out to Ron McKay. **This outing is coming up fast so please get the monies in for your foursome as soon as possible!**

We have the new Constitution and By-Laws (revised edition October 2021) along with the new NEBA Agreement July 9, 2022 to July 8, 2027 books at the Hall.

Attention All Apprentices, Check your NEIEP emails frequently for additional information. OJT forms need to be completed by the 9th day of the following month. August forms should be completed by September 9, 2022. **There is NO excuse for these to be late!!!**

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need to do is access the Membership Button again – type in your email address and password – and all your information will be presented. As a member via the website, you will be able to keep track of all your hours and receive an e-mail when hours are posted to your account. **This is very important as it is up to you to keep up to date on the hours being paid on your behalf by ANY CONTRACTORS.**

CHANGE OF STATUS: If you have a change of status for example: married, divorced, remarried, 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. **There 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 Jason Smith on the birth of a son, Roman.

Congratulations to Alan Freund on the birth of a daughter, Emerson.

CONDOLENCES: Condolences to the family of retiree, Darrel Jones, on his passing back on April 29th, 2022.

Condolences to Mark Followell and his family on the recent passing of his brother.

ily for testing, maintenance, construction or studying/taking the State/City tests.

Check your pay stubs every week to make sure they are correct, we have been having a lot of complaints from or members regarding payroll and vacation check issues.

An email was sent out with contact information to be updated, if you didn’t receive this email contact the hall so

we can get you on future emails and update your other information.

If anyone is interested in QEI training, please call the Hall so we can build a potential class list, we need a few more guys to host it locally. Call the hall if you need more information.

We wish to extend a get well to all Brothers and Sisters on our sick list.

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Heat and Frost Insulators Local 47

LANSING – Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47

LANSING – The next Union Meeting will be held on Friday, September 9th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the J.A.T.C. Training center located at 906 Terminal Rd., Lansing, MI 48933.

To combat and limit the spread of Covid-19, Local 47 encourages all members to continue to work safe, and if you feel sick contact a doctor immediately.

All members should have received a letter from our International regarding the Asbestos Exposure Scientific Study. For more information on how to participate in this study, please contact Business Manager Patrick Welch at the main Local 47 Office number: 517-708-0665.

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.

Contracts are available at the Union Office or at the Union Meeting upon request.

OSHA 10: Local 47 will be offering OSHA 10 to any Active Member who is not current with the program. The course is done online, so if you wish to take the course, please contact the Local Union office with your email address and we will be more than happy to set it up for you. If you do not have a computer at home, you are welcome to come to the Local Union Office to take the course.

To ensure all Active Members and Retirees are receiving their Robo calls please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804) 441-8365. There are several members who have the number blocked and therefore are not receiving the Robo Calls.

These calls are only used for Important Notifications from the Local Union Business Manager and Funeral Notifications. If you are not receiving these calls, please contact the Local Union Office and we will double check to make sure we have the correct number in the system or if you may have blocked the number.

Local 47 has been receiving a lot of returned mail from our members. We ask that if you have a change of address or phone number to please call the Local Union Office right away so we can update your information throughout our system, TIC's, and the with the International. It is very important to make sure your contact information is always update with Local 47.

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 Number: (800) 323-8079

Telephone Number: (517) 321-7502

Fax Number: (517) 321-7508

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: P.O. Box 1498, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804.

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 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.

Members having questions
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Local 25
Heat and Frost Insulators

Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25

SOUTHFIELD– UNION MEETING - The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.

LABOR DAY PARADE: Out of an abundance of caution, the organizers of the 2022 Labor Day Parade have made the decision to cancel this year's festivities. Hopefully, the long standing Detroit Labor Day Parade tradition will continue in 2023!

APPAREL New Local 25 apparel is available at the Union Hall. New items include: knit hats and beanies, new hi-vis short and long sleeved t-shirts and hi-vis hoodies. Apparel can be viewed on the Facebook page.

M.U.S.T. SAFETY MODULES: It is important to keep your M.U.S.T. Safety Modules up to date. If you have Modules expiring and needing to be completed, give the Union Office a call to have the testing authorization turned on.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: All employment changes; hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall. This is the only way to guarantee you are on the out of work list and your employment records remain current and correct.

LAY OFF/HIRE: Please be reminded, all members shall notify the Business Manager within forty-eight hours after accepting a job or upon termination of employment. Failure to report will result in an automatic fifty dollar fine.

S.U.B. FUND: Please be reminded, in order to receive a S.U.B. Fund check on Friday, all paperwork must be submitted to the Office no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

SUB FUND TIME LIMITATION: Please be reminded, per the Plan Document: Each time a participant receives a State Unemployment check, he/she must mail or deliver the receipt, check stub, or a copy of the check to the Administrator's office within 30 days of receipt of said State Unemployment check. Any request for a benefit payment past the 30 days will be denied per the Plan Document.

NOTICE TO ALL: When you move into the Medicare Advantage Program, your deductible balance for the year, is supposed to carry over. Whatever you have paid toward your annual deductible, prior to changing over to Medicare Advantage Program, should follow you. As with any system, there can be flaws. Please keep an eye out for any charges, related to your deductible balance not being carried over, when you move into the Medicare Advantage Program. If you receive a charge that should have been covered by your deductible, please contact the Fund Office.

BENESYS: When calling the Fund Office, Benesys, please be sure to get the name of the person providing you information. Lately, we have been experiencing some incorrect information being provided to our members. In order to make sure the correct information is provided, it helps to have a name so the Union Office can call Benesys, correct the person providing incorrect information and find out why they are providing our members with incorrect information.

SICK AND INJURED: Please keep all our sick and injured members in your thoughts and prayers.

Local 47, continued

regarding the Pension and Welfare Fund please contact TIC International at the numbers below or log onto their Website: www.heatfrostlocal47benefits.org

Please complete and return the working spousal forms to TIC.

JATC Coordinator Phil Wilson (616-466-8736)

Applications are open for the Apprenticeship Program. Call the Union Office.

Under Duties of Apprenticeship, Section 5.3 part L, page 4 of the Apprenticeship Standards states, "According to the Apprenticeship Standards you are required to accurately fill out the online work report for NO later

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Local 7
Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 7
LANSING – NOTICE: This Newspaper Article shall serve as Official Notice of ALL meetings for Local 7!
The next Statewide Meeting will be, October 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
*Zone 1 September 8th -6:00 p.m.
*Zone 2 September 20th -6:00 p.m.
*Zone 3 September 14th -6:00 p.m. (Saginaw)
*Zone 3 September 15th -6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)
*Zone 4 September 13th -6:00 p.m.
*Zone 5 October 6th -6:00 p.m.

MSMTA Seeks Full-Time Apprenticeship Instructor
Michigan Sheet Metal Training and Apprenticeship is currently seeking a knowledgeable and enthusiastic Local 7 Member to join our staff of Instructors to teach classes at our Flint Training Center. Integrity, good communication and people skills, self-motivation, a positive attitude, and the ability to keep pace with technological advances are essential. Instructor training will be provided. Qualified members are invited to email a cover letter and resume to Coordinator Darek Scarlavai at dscarlavai@gmail.com by September 2nd, 2022. For more information, please contact Darek at (231)288-6325.



SAM FULLER
UPCOMING EVENTS: *Registration open now* The Annual “DAD’s” Day Golf Outing (September 10, 2022) event will be held at The Emerald Golf course in St. Johns, Please contact your Business Representative or visit www.sheet-metal7@smw7.org for the registration form.

NEWS: Local No. 7 –Union Hoodies available through the Lansing office for \$44.00/each (While Supplies last). Hoodies are Red with White logo. Payment via check, cash or credit card. Payment must be received before shipping.

Please register on our website at www.sheetmetal7.org for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2022. Once you are registered it must be approved in order to be able to log on. Please contact your representative if you are having 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 in order to equalize pay and eliminate the incentive to subcontract outside of your area. For more information visit the official website at www.labelscanireport.com and download the official app by texting “SMART” to 90975.

SMART Members Assistance Program provides counselors to speak with members experiencing crisis. Call (877) 884-6227 for 24/7 assistance with Suicide Prevention and Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

ZONE 1 Info. Work continues to remain steady and should stay steady into the fall. Please contact James or Eric with your employment status should you become unemployed. Apprentices, please inform Ryan at the Training Center of your employment status as well. If you are experiencing any problems with unemployment or health insurance would like further information regarding retirement, please contact James or Eric for further assistance. Any Journeypersons interested in upgrade classes, please contact Ryan at the Training Center for more information (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the level of interest).

Zone 1 Retiree monthly meetings:
1st Wednesday 8:30 am at Bob Evans 1725 N W Ave, Jackson.
2nd Tuesday 1:00 pm at Rocky Top 1900 Lansing Ave, Jackson.
2nd Wednesday 12 noon at The Beamery 879 E. Michigan Ave, Battle Creek.
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In Solidarity, James Callahan and Eric Farrington.
ZONE 2 Info: Work in Zone 2 remains steady and looks good through the fall. Our next Zone 2 meeting is September 20th at the VFW Post 3195, 5209 Grand Haven Road at 6:00 pm. The Labor Day Parade is coming up on September 5th in downtown Muskegon, line up is at 10:00 am parade starts at 11:00 am sharp, come join and walk in it to support Local 7. Meet near the corner of 4th Street and Western. Please keep me informed of address or phone number changes.
Work safe and Thank You, Mike Adams

ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw) Work in the Saginaw area remains steady with only a few members not working. If anyone hasn’t received their information from Delta dental or EyeMed please contact me and I will see that you get it. If anybody would like to take upgrading classes please contact the training center and they will add your name to the list. Don’t forget about the Local 7 golf outing September 10 at the Emerald golf course in Saint John’s, hope to see you there. Have a safe rest of your summer. **Thank you, Joe Dotson**
Zone 3 Retiree meetings – (Saginaw) Tuesday June 28 and Tuesday Sept 27 at Ponderosa located at 2861 Wilder Rd, Bay City Retirees and spouses welcome to join.

ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City). Our next meeting will be at the Mill Pond event center on September 15 at 6 pm. Work in our area is still strong, going into the Fall. Please call the hall with any updates in address changes or phone numbers, and check to make sure your dues are up to date. If anyone needs any assistance including EAP, please contact me. The next retirees breakfast will be at Willie’s at 9 am on Oct. 7. Work safe and have a great Labor Day weekend. **In Solidarity, John Amalfitano**

ZONE 4 Info: Work in the Zone 4 area remains steady with school work coming to a close there are plenty of projects to keep busy. The Local 7 golf outing is September 10th at the Emerald in St Johns please try and be there, it’s always a great time. Visit our website to download forms. It has been an honor serving all of you here at Local 7 and I appreciate all of you. Scott Brotherton will be replacing me as I have taken a position with the IA. I have the utmost confidence the Scott will represent Local 7 with pride and help move our local forward. **Your Brother, Larry Kinzie**

ZONE 5 Info We have 3 Labor Day Parades this year. Rock will be on Saturday September 3, 2022 and Ishpeming/Escanaba will be Monday September 5, 2022. The Delta County Trades and Labor will be unveiling a Monument to Labor after the Escanaba parade. Please contact me for lineup and start times for these events. The next Retirees meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2022 10AM at the Dry Dock in Harvey.

Work around the U.P. is busy and will be getting even busier as new projects will be starting up between the next few weeks and the end of the year. **Respectfully, Greg Faust**

SASMI Information – Zone 3 and 5: Underemployment – Filing for period 2021-B is from July 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. Eligible members who worked less than 700 hours from July 1, 2021, through Dec. 31, 2021, may receive an underemployment benefit. Health and welfare benefits paid on your behalf will be deducted from your benefit. **NOTE:** Members who received an Emergency Advance Benefit must file for Underemployment to receive the remainder of that benefit for the stabilization period.

In addition, you must provide copies of all W-2 forms for the entire year of 2021.

Dues Department: *Online dues payment is now available* Dues of 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
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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: The next general membership meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, 48076.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The next executive board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13, 2022 at 5 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2nd Floor, Southfield.

UNION HALL REGULAR HOURS Monday through Friday 7:30 – 4:00, unless otherwise indicated in holiday hours.

RETIREE MEETING SCHEDULE: The 2022 retiree meeting schedule is as follows: October 17, 2022 (annual party) and Dec. 19, 2022.

All membership meetings will be held at the Local 80 hall. Please enter the hall through the ramp entrance. All meetings will start at 12:30 pm. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593.

RETIREE NEWS: Retiree lapel pins with the SMWIA logo are available to all members of the Local 80 Retirees’ Association. They will be available to all retiree association members at our general membership meetings. Please see the general membership meeting schedule above.

Effective immediately you will need to start sending your unemployment proof to smw80subfund@gmail.com or fax it to 248-557-0297. Your unemployment proof needs to be in by 2pm on Tuesdays to be paid on that Friday. Local 80 will be handling all of your proof now. If you have any questions, please call us at 248-557-7575.

LABOR DAY: Unfortunately, the Labor Day Parade has been cancelled but we will still be celebrating. We hope you will join us on September 5th for a Labor Day Picnic at the union hall between 10am-12 noon. Food will be provided as well as hats and shirts for everyone that attends. We hope to see you there!

SEPTEMBER RE-REGISTRATION: If you were laid off prior to Sept. 1 you need to re-register by the end of day September 20, 2022 to keep your spot on the out of work list. You may do so at the hall, by email registerlocal80@gmail.com or fax 248-557-0297. You CANNOT re-register over the phone. Please call the hall with any questions.

BENESYS AT THE UNION HALL: There will now be a representative from Benesys at the union hall to help our members with anything related to benefits or funds. She will be available on Tuesdays from 12-4pm (appointment only) and 12-5:30pm (walk-ins) on union meeting nights. If you are interested in setting up an appointment, please contact LaShone at 248-813-9800 ext. 3250

THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE: Joshua Berger, Andrew Blair, Ron Lau and Chris Emmons.

DUES GIFT: As of October 1, 2021 current, active members who pay for a year of dues at a time will receive a gift from the union hall.

DUES PAYMENTS: YOUR DUES PAYMENTS ARE DUE PRIOR TO THE FIRST OF THE MONTH. The books will close at the end of the business day on the last day of the month. **Payments made on the 1st of the month are considered late for that month. There will be no exception, once the books are closed it cannot be undone.** Members will receive a text message dues reminder prior to the end of the month. If you are not receiving our text messaging, please call the hall. **REMINDER:** We ONLY take Visa, Master Card & Discover and **do not accept** American Express.

BENEFICIARY REMINDER: Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice on all of your Local 80 and interna-
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Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers' Local 292

TROY – MEETING NOTICE: Due to a scheduling conflict, the next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **Sept. 14, 2022**. Meetings will resume to the regular schedule in September. Member meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at The Knights of Columbus in Clawson. Check out the calendar tab at www.sheetmetal292.com for the location and date.

The **E-Board/Stewards meeting** will be held **September 27, 2022**, at 6:00 pm at the Union Hall.

GOLF OUTING 2022: The 34th Annual Golf outing was held on 8/21/22 at Boulder Ponte in Oxford. The forecasted rain held out and fun was had by all. We would like to thank all the Sponsors who made this fun event possible. We also thank the golfers for attending and making the event a huge success.

LOCAL 292 ONLINE STORE: Check out the online store to purchase Local 292 shirts and jackets. Purchased items will be shipped directly to you. Access through Sheetmetal292.com at the online store tab or <https://sheetmetalworkers292.itemorder.com/sale>. If you have any suggestions for new items or changes for artwork, contact Paul or Tony.

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

RETIREEES NOTICE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 2022 schedule for the Local 292 Retiree luncheon are as follows: **Oct. 6, Dec. 1**.

The retiree's luncheon will be held **Thursdays** at: Tavern on the Main @ 12:30 p.m., 235 S Main, Clawson MI 48017; (248) 588-1696. It is located 3 blocks south of 14 Mile on the east side of the street.

Please contact 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**.

Please join us for lunch, great conversations and story telling. Looking forward to seeing all retirees, new and old!!

CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL: The Constitution and Ritual of the 2nd SMART General Convention is now available online. Go to www.sheetmetal292.com, click on the Constitution/Ritual tab located at the top of the home page. The Union Hall will also has hard copies for members who want one.

SAFETY MODS AND DRUG TESTS: To access your MUST account, please go to www.mustonline.org or access it through the "links" tab at www.sheetmetal292.com. Remember that your **Username** is your full S.S. number and your **Password** is the first four numbers of your S.S. number. Members, please note that if you cannot access the MUST site to complete your safety mods you need to contact the Union Hall.

MEMBER ASSISTANCE: Local 292 is now partnering with Ulliance, an employee assistance program designed to assist active members and their eligible family members who may be struggling with emotional, domestic or substance abuse issues, as well as legal and financial referrals. If you and/or a family member feel this may benefit you, contact Ulliance at **1-800-448-8326** or www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com for completely confidential assistance. Ulliance is **available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year**. Services are of no cost to active members and their dependents.

SUBSTANTIATION REQUEST: Many members have been receiving 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. This validation is required by the IRS, the Fund cannot make exceptions. It is the member's responsibility to ensure all requested documentation be returned to the Fund office in a timely manner. By not responding to the Substantiation Request letter, **(Continued next column)**

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.

DUES: Membership dues are required to 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 **4:00 p.m.** on the **last business day of the month**. Payments received after **4:00 p.m.** on the last business day of the month will not be processed and you **WILL** go suspended. **All members are responsible for making sure any required fees, i.e. late fees or service fees, are included if paying online (sheetmetal292.com).**

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

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 also through all shop stewards. This is the only way your name will be added to the Out of Work List.

TEXT BLAST NOTIFICATION. We have recently updated the text blast contact list. All members have been added. If you haven't been receiving texts and would like to be added or wish to opt out of text blast, please contact the Union Hall and we will make the change.

FACEBOOK & TWITTER: Be sure to check our website – www.sheetmetal292.com; Facebook page - Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 and Twitter - @SMW292, for updates and information.

THE 4 PLUS MEMBER PROGRAM: The "4-plus" member program is for any Local 292 member who has achieved four (or more) welding certifications. These certifications can be in any welding process. Members who qualify will receive a shirt (one shirt for every four certs) with the 4 Plus logo, along with hard hat stickers and bragging rights. If you would like to be a "4-plus" member contact your Local 292 Training Center at: **313-623-9390** (Dave) or Quintin **248.495.6764**.

Attention all Welders! We are looking for any member interested in a Saturday welding class, August 27. These classes would be for members who are ready to try and obtain an AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or just need to practice welding.

Note: Anyone that 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 in the class.

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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**

James Callahan (Agent-Battle Creek/Kalamazoo) **269-569-9200**

Mike Adams (Agent-Grand Rapids/Muskegon) **616-299-3752**

Joe Dotson (Saginaw) **989-225-0095**

John Amalfitano (Traverse City) **231-590-1112**

Larry Kinzie/Scott Brotherton (Agent-Flint) **810-836-3552**

Greg Faust (Agent-Upper Peninsula) **906-372-9288**

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tional benefits. The law requires that in the event of an untimely death your benefits go to your spouse first and if there is no spouse to your children UNLESS you designate otherwise in writing with each specific benefit. Depending on your classification you could have benefits due to your heirs from Local 80 pension, insurance, annuity and from international and SASMI. Each individual benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary unless you want it to go to your spouse or children. As always seek the advice of an attorney.

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 need to call Benesys at 800-400-7710 and update your address with them as well, that is not done through the hall.

WEEKEND WORK ASSIGNMENTS: Saturday and Sunday work assignments. Please remember that when performing work on a Saturday or Sunday the steward must report it to the hall, give each members name and obtain a form for signatures. Each member must sign the form along with the number of hours they worked. The completed form must be sent back to by hall by the end of the day on the following Monday. Weekend work assignments must be called or emailed into the hall **prior to 3:00 pm on Friday**.

WORK ASSIGNMENTS: Everyone must obtain a work assignment prior to starting work. If you fail to do so you could be written up on charges.

LAY-OFFS: All members must report to the Union Hall immediately upon lay-off, even if you only work one day. These are the By-Law rules for the Out-of-Work List. Your name will be removed from the list 14 days after receiving an assignment. It is very important to report to the union hall immediately after your layoff. Members get confused because the S.U.B. Fund allows you a period of up to seven days to apply for S.U.B. benefits after lay-off.

LAY-OFF SLIPS/TERMINATION NOTICES: Lay off slips must accompany all applications for sub pay. Without lay off slips you cannot collect sub pay. It is the member's responsibility to make sure they get one from the contractor when laid off. Your application cannot be submitted without one. It is the contractor's responsibility to issue one in accordance with our contract.

S.U.B. BENEFITS: Report to the hall promptly upon layoff. You must complete a S.U.B. Application within seven days from your layoff date or you will forfeit S.U.B. benefits. Lay-off slips must accompany the application to be eligible. Proof of UIA benefit payments must be submitted within 21 days of when you were paid in order to receive SUB benefits. Do not submit your sub applications directly to the fund office. Your application must be signed by the hall or you will not collect benefits.

OUT-OF-WORK LIST: You must be on the out-of-work list to collect S.U.B. benefits or SASMI. Members must re-register bi-annually: March 1 through March 20 and September 1 through September 20. If you fail to re-register you will be removed from the list.

SHORT WORK WEEK SUB PAY: If you work 16 hours or less in a week or have a short work week due to weather you may collect sub for that week but only if it is at the **beginning or the end of a layoff**. You may NOT collect if you are not laid off. You must complete a sub application at the hall, provide a pay stub for that week and the hall will submit it to the fund office. If you are not laid off and it is due to weather the company MUST provide written documentation that it was weather related.

MEMBERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: If you are experiencing problems in your family, marriage or relationships, stress or emotional difficulties, grief or loss issues or problems with alcohol and drug use please contact our assistance program. Ulliance is there to help you with your needs. They can also help you with legal issues, financial concerns, elder care referrals and child care resources. Contact them at 1-800-448-8326 or www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com. **Make sure you mention Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 when calling and not the contractor you are working for.**

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Iron Workers 25

NOVI—Awards Night will be held on Monday, Aug. 29, 2022 at the Novi Union Hall. Eligible members have been mailed a letter which should have been received by now. We will have a social hour with snacks/beverages starting at 5pm. Awards ceremony starts at 7pm. Then at around 8:30pm the Retiree Club will raffle off the Ironworkers Commemorative shotgun. All are welcome. (Awards Night supersedes the August Union Meeting).

Awards Night: for those eligible members who were unable to attend, your pin award will be mailed to you by the end of September 2022.

All halls will be closed for Labor Day Monday Sept. 5th, 2022.

In case you haven't seen the notification, the **Detroit Labor Day Parade** has been canceled due to increased COVID and MonkeyPox numbers. The Mackinaw Bridge walk is still a go and other communities around the state may be having their own Labor Day parades. Check with your local cities or townships. We wish all our members and their families a safe & relaxing Holiday!

The Next Novi Union meeting will be Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 pm. (in-person and ZOOM). All union halls will be **open to host in-person union meetings for September**. Come out to see your fellow brothers & sisters in person, enjoy some food & drink with us!

Steward meeting(s): The Lansing Hall Steward Meeting will be Monday Sept 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm. The Flint Hall Steward Meeting will be Sept 21, 2022 at 5:30 pm. The Saginaw Hall Steward Meeting will be September 22, 2022 at 6 pm. All are welcome.

Stewards' Notes:

Local 25 Iron Workers

1) The link for Online Steward Report forms is found in the upper right-hand corner of our website www.ironworkers25.org LOG-IN DIRECTIONS will follow once you click the link that reads "Electronic Steward Reports."

These forms are much easier than the paper forms, we encourage you to give it a try if you have not yet done so.

2) PLEASE be sure to check dues for members and boomers too AND BE SURE ALL BOOMERS HAVE SIGNED BOTH THE RECIPROCAL AND THE ASSESSMENT-TARGETING

3) All members please be sure to keep your Union dues paid up to date as it is criteria for working. You can be asked to leave the jobsite if your dues are not current.

4) Doby/Travel Service Dues are \$10.00 per week.

Save the Date: Saturday October 8, 2022 – The Annual ICIF Fundraiser will be held at the Novi Union Hall 4:00pm. Tickets will be \$25.00 each and can be bought at the door or through any Business Agent. **Join us for food, drink and comradery. We will also raffle some great prizes as we've done in the past!!**

The Ironworkers Local 25 APP & Website: Members are able to access the log-in section and can sign up for our Alerts & E-mails via our website (www.ironworkers25.org). We continue to communicate through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS**.

24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues: Pay via our APP or website www.ironworkers25.org. **The phone number is 866-635-2826.**

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).

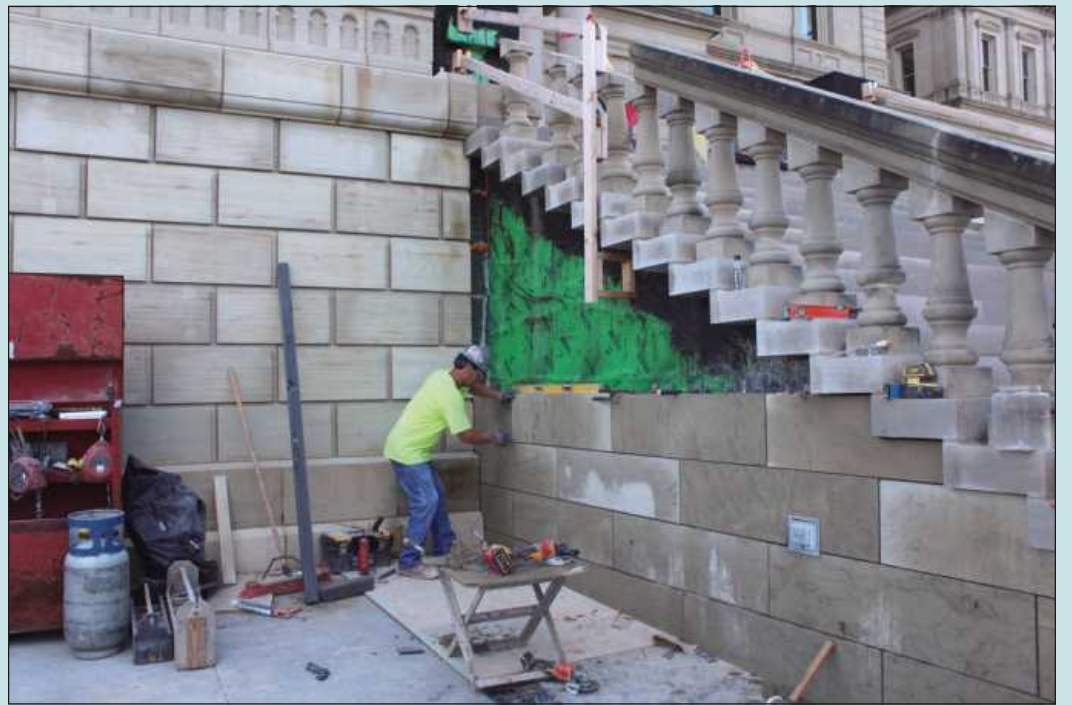
FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 and follow the prompts. Hours 7:30 am to 4:30pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT-related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta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

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 next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

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 next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

New Apprentice Applications are being accepted BUT you MUST go to ironworkers25.org, print the application, gather documentation then phone the school for an appointment; no walk-in foot traffic. The Wixom Training Center – Phone: 248-960-2130

Apprentices: Fill out your monthlies online at the website or mobile app located under the apprenticeship tab "Monthly Report Sign-In" this gives you the ability to electronically submit your monthlies. Also located under the apprenticeship tab you will find "Evaluation Form" Journeyman/Supervision can use this to submit apprentice evaluations using computer/cell phone and submit electronically. **Please also note, you must check your email for your pay raise slips.**



Setting it in stone

SETTING NEW SANDSTONE in a newly reconfigured stair structure on the west side of the Michigan Capitol Building is Phil Reed of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Local 2. Employed by Davenport Masonry, the crew is using matching sandstone from the same Ohio quarry where it was obtained back during the building's original construction in the 1870s.

To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School, please go the ironworkers25.org to view the block schedule. The 2022 Raising Gang Training schedule is one the website. Please call the school to make up days

Do not just show up and expect to be allowed to stay.

The Iron Workers' Local 25 Retirees' Club: The Novi Chapter Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 9:00 am. The Retirees meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 10:00 am in Novi. All are welcome.

The West Michigan Chapter Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday, Sept 6, 2022 at 9:00 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. Future meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

The Bay City Chapter: The next quarterly meeting will be October 20, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the

Bay City American Legion Post 18, 700 Adams Street, Bay City, Michigan 48708. All are welcome. The **Downriver Chapter** Retirees breakfast will meet Friday, October 21, 2022 at 9:00 am at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. Future meetings **scheduled every quarter going forward.** All are welcome.

(NEW) Dial 988 for help in a Time of Crisis. Call 988 if you or someone you know is in danger of suicide or experiencing a mental health crisis. 988 connects cell phones & land lines to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24/7. **Whatever you are struggling with, help is available – its free & confidential.** Alternately 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255).

In Memory: JIW David Molnar #974331 passed away Monday, August 1, 2022 at the

age of 63, and was a 45-year member. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joleen. Lifetime Rigger Ernest J. Scalzi passed away July 6, 2022 at the age of 101. He was a member for 68 years and was predeceased by his wife Irene.

Lifetime Str Ironworker, David Meyers #1158500 passed away July 28, 2022 at the age of 68. He had 33 years in the trade and is survived by his wife Jerri Lynn. JIW Gordon A. Bukowski #1058875 passed away August 16, 2022 at the age of 68 years and was a 41-year member.

Former member Joseph Ribby #1141121 passed away August 21, 2022 at the age of 56. He was a 31-year member. **Our deep condolences to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!**

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (Aug 22, 2022 12:00 pm E.S.T.).

Labor Day Greetings & Best Wishes



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Local 665

IBEW 665

LANSING – HAPPY LABOR DAY: At the core, unions are working men and women, unified as one force. Despite any personal differences that may exist between us, we band together to protect and improve the lives of our brothers and sisters. We rise up together for the greater good. We defend one another like family.

Unions have done more for humanity than any other organization of people that ever existed. They have done more for decency, for honesty, for education, for the betterment of the human race than any other organization.

The benefits that unions win doesn’t just go to the union members, they become the standard. When labor won the fight for an 8-hour day and 40-hour workweek with overtime pay, that became the standard. When labor fought for minimum wages, that became the standard, when labor fought for workplace safety, that became the standard. Labor’s fight is a fight to set the standard for all working men and women.

From the Officers and Staff of IBEW Local 665, **Happy Labor Day Brothers and Sisters.**

IBEW LOCAL 665 HAS MOVED! Our new location is: 5710 Ivan Dr., Lansing, MI 48917

WORK OUTLOOK: The work outlook in Local 665 is promising for the next several years.

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.lejatc.org and navigate to the application page on the website. Applications are accepted on the first Monday of each month.

FIRST AID / CPR. First Aid / CPR is scheduled for Thursday, August 18th at the JATC. Please contact Sara at the JATC to sign up. The Lansing Electrical JATC phone number is 517-483-9688

DRUG TEST/MUSTMODS. Please contact the hall if you need your annual drug test or the completion of your 18 must mods.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: is on the third Monday of each month and starts at 6:30 pm at the Hall.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS: They meet the second and third Monday of each month starting at 5 p.m.

DUES AND DEATH BENEFITS: 3rd quarter should be paid at this point. We are currently at death benefit # 330. Please check your dues receipt to ensure that you are current.

BENEFICIARIES: If you have recently gotten married, divorced, had children, etc., please make sure you update your beneficiaries. Forms are available at the hall.

IN REMEMBRANCE. In remembrance of Local 665 members who have passed away this year. May their memory be eternal.

DB 330 - John Freshwater – 07/26/2022

DB 329-Dale Cole - 09/07/2021

DB 328-Keith Reimel - 05/04/2022

DB 327-Elden Rockafellow - 02/11/2022

DB 326-Victor St Clair - 03/09/2022



IBEW 252

IBEW Local 252

ANN ARBOR – ELECTRICAL VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING PROGRAM (EVITP) The \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment Act passed last year will provide millions of labor hours for the IBEW! We need to be ready for the installation of upcoming electric vehicle charging stations. This training is critical to securing this work.

Please call the JATC and get on the list to get the EVITP training.

BESURE TO KEEP BENEFICIARY FORM UPDATED: A friendly reminder that beneficiary forms are available at the fund office **AND** at the hall for anyone that may need to update beneficiary information. If your information needs to be updated it needs to be updated at **BOTH**.

TRAINING CLASSES 2022: ALL CLASSES START AT 5:00 PM

1. CPR/FIRST AID: Tuesdays, September 6th & 13th, December 6th & 13th
2. BICSI IN101 Installer 1: Mondays, August 29th thru December 5th. GOOD FOR 35 BICSI CEU’s!
3. EVITP Electric Vehicle: Mondays, September 12th, 26th & October 10th
4. Journeyman License Prep: Thursdays, September 15th, 22nd, 29th, October 13th & 20th
5. Conduit Bending: Wednesdays, September 21st, 28th, October 5th, 19th & 26th
6. Instrumentation Part A: Mondays, October 3rd thru December 19th

There will not be a code update required in 2022. We will offer classes as soon as the state adopts a new NEC 2020 or 2023.

There is a \$50 fee to hold a spot in all classes except First Aid/ CPR. You must register one week prior to class start date. Call the Training Center at (734) 475-1180 to register. Masks must be worn at all times in school.

Retirees’ 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. Please come join the fun.

Retirees’ Breakfast: The Retirees’ Breakfast will take place the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. at Leo’s Coney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. There is parking and entrances in both the front and rear of the restaurant.

Union 4 Life Charity Golf Outing: This year’s golf outing will be on Sunday, September 18th at Stonebridge Golf Club, 1825 Clubhouse Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 and is open to all union members and others. Registration 8 a.m., Tee-off at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$100 per player, \$400 per team. Includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, and two drink tickets.

The Tournament will be played in scramble with 4-person teams. If you do not enter a team list, you will be placed with others. Contact Hope Salyer with any questions at hopes@aaejatec.org or (734) 475-1180. Register online at union4lifecharity.com or make checks payable to “Union 4 Life” and mail to 13400 Luick Drive, Chelsea, MI 48118.

Retirees’ Night: This year’s retirees’ night will be celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 14,

IBEW LOCAL 252

2022. Please make every effort to attend. This meeting is in honor of our retired members who have worked so hard to make the Local what it is today.

Members receiving their 50 year pins are: Ernest Aldrich, Richard Aseltine, John Briston, Cecil Coronado, Richard Cunkle, Gary Kittel, Dale Nowak, Jimmie Snyder, and Thomas Squires. Members receiving their 55 year pins are: Robert Hendricks, Tommie Hutchins, Stanley Kasprzycki, Larry Lange, David Ollila, Richard Peruski, Terry Phillips, Rodolfo Rodriguez, and Keith Vandenbosch. David G. Alstrom is receiving his 60 year pin. Gerald Brittain is receiving his 65 year pin.

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.

ERTS: Please make sure that you are signed up in the Electronic Reciprocity Transfer System. You must be signed up in ERTS before working outside of Local 252’s jurisdiction or your benefits will not be transferred back.

Aflac Insurance: Aflac has teamed up with the IBEW to offer its members Aflac benefits at a reduced rate. Contact Representative Lisa Enerson for information about Accident, Cancer, Critical Care, Dental and Vision insurance from Aflac. Phone number: (517) 306-0144.

AT&T Discount: Union members can save up to 15% on the monthly service charges of qualified wireless plans, or unlimited calling for \$15/mo. for AT&T Wireless Home Phone plans. Visit UnionPlus.org/ATT with discount code 4924966.

Local 252 Website, App, and Facebook Under Construction: More updates to follow.

RETIREMENT: NEBF and applications take 3 months to process but can be filled out as early as 6 months before your planned retirement effective date. IBEW PBF applications usually take 3 months to process but are running a couple months behind. IBEW PBF applications can be filled out 6 months before your planned retirement date. If you are nearing retirement, please contact Alana at the Union Hall to start your paperwork at least 3-6 months before your planned retirement date.

CREDIT CARDS: The Local is now accepting credit cards to pay union dues. We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express and Discover. There is a fee of 3.5% to use your card.

DUES PAYMENTS– Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 6/2022, your dues are not current. “A” members pay \$119.25 per quarter for 2022. “BA” members pay \$61.80 per quarter for 2022. Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your third quarter dues (July through September) are due now.

Payments for third quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022.

The Business Office would like to wish all of our members and their families a happy and safe Labor Day.



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KALAMAZOO – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on September 12, 2022, at 6 p.m.

The next **Executive Board** meeting will be held on September 19, at 5 p.m.

Local Union Leadership Training was held on August 17. Lisa Page and I.O. Representative did a wonderful job presenting a variety of information to the leadership of the local.

President Leroy Crabtree is looking for members who are interested in serving on Committees. Please Send an email to leroycrabtree@yahoo.com or mapplebey92@gmail.com.

The Executive Board appointed Ryan Lewis and Paul Barrons to the Examining Board. If you believe we do not have your email address or correct cell phone number, please email Jonathon Current at jcurrent@ibew131.com.

At the time of this writing, the following members are three months or more behind in counter dues payments: Kyle Barga, Christopher Conforti, Brian Ellis, Anthony Falvo, Stephen Gay, Russell McBride, Mark Melching, Nic McKenna, Jason Streit, Christopher Shell, William Wolgast, Joseph Zirkelbach II.

Life events happen, and we’d always like to make sure you have updated beneficiary forms. If you’re questioning whether yours is up to date, stop on down to the Hall to get new documents.

If you’re interested in receiving updates from the Hall, please email Jon at jcurrent@ibew131.com to get your email address added.

Local Website. Check out the Local 131 website. Christine has done a fantastic job organizing it. Under Members Login we have integrated Death Benefit and Retirement payments into

the online portal you should expect to start seeing them accounted for in your monthly dues’ payments, both at the window and in the form of online payments. There are links for Benefit Information Wage sheets, the Agreement, and Job listings.

All Memorials (members and members families) and full obituaries can be viewed on the website under the Memorials Tab. If you hear of anyone’s passing, please notify the Hall.

Richard Olson 53-year member passed on August 14, 2022 (75).

Drug Test Renewals: Please keep track of your drug test expiration date through www.safe2work4you.com. It is your responsibility to stay current on your drug test. Please contact Nicole (269) 388-4434 to get your authorization form printed for you to pick up. If you don’t want to come to the Hall to pick it up, please email Nicole and request your form to be emailed to you. office@kalamazoojatec.com.

Apprenticeship. Has moved classes to a new building. Location is 4371 West “U” Avenue Schoolcraft, Michigan 49087. Offices will be moving there shortly. Please contact the apprenticeship for information about EVITP training. The apprenticeship number is (269) 388-4434.

Retirees: We are working on updating the Retirees’ List for Julius, if you believe we do not have a good phone number for you please call the hall 269-382-1762.

Retiree Lunches all start at 11 A.M. at the following Locations:

September 21st Main Street Pub, 5462 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI. 49048

October 19th Nob Hill Bar & Grill, 4218 S. Sprinkle Road, Kalamazoo, MI. 49001

Every Tuesday, a smaller group of Retirees meets at Uncle Ernie’s Pancake House, 4005 Portage, Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49001 the time for this breakfast is at 10 a.m.

Local Picnic next year on July 22, 2023.

Morris Applebey Business Manager

“Fashion is a form of ugliness so intolerable that we have to alter it every six months.”
–Oscar Wilde (1854 - 1900)

“My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me.”
–Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881)

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**IBEW
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906**


IBEW Local 906
UPPER PENINSULA – MEETINGS
MARQUETTE UNIT – First Tuesday
IRON MOUNTAIN UNIT– Second Tuesday
ESCANABA UNIT– Second Wednesday
There are Labor Day parades being held around the U.P. IBEW 906 will participate in two parades this year. Ishpeming and Escanaba respectively. DJ Dean is handling the Escanaba parade and Kurtis Monroe will take care of the Ishpeming one. Please contact the Brothers for details on the lineup, time, etc.

A tip of the hat to the Escanaba area folks who hosted, planned and worked the Summer Picnic. This event was well attended and managed very well. All had a great time visiting with the retired members who told stories and fables of the old days. Again to the apprentices, **thank you.**

We had a meeting at Nutini’s restaurant in Hancock. We had a great turnout and handed out Service Pins to the retirees that were in attendance.

The IBEW won the UP Building Trades golf outing this year. Our team of apprentices and newly topped out Journeyman were 5 under after 5 holes. A great start but then the beer wagon came by and that was the end for them. The old Journeyman had to carry the banner across the finish line. Congrats to all who enjoyed a day of Brotherhood in Newberry.

We salute all of our Brothers and Sisters across the Labor Movement both past and present. Come out and celebrate the holiday named in your honor.

A reminder that the monthly dues are \$40.00. We have received some at the old rate of \$39.00 and a few members are overpaying. This makes the bookwork difficult. Please if you have a service that pays your dues monthly inform them of the correct amount.

Please remember that address changes and phone changes along with new additions to the families need to be passed on to the Hall and the Pension and Health Plans.

If you have any information you would like to see noted in this article or something you believe should be published please email the Hall with your request. Ibew906@gmail.com




IBEW Local 275

COOPERSVILLE: Dear Brothers and Sisters,
The work outlook for the Local remains the same as I’ve been reporting for the last few months. We are getting sporadic calls for various contractors and locations, so call the recorder each night as we have been having trouble filling calls lately.

As you are all aware, we are rapidly approaching political season. Many labor-friendly candidates in west Michigan will be reaching out to the Local for support on their campaigns. Please try to find time to help if asked by the Local.

Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, **the Hall will be closed Friday, September 23rd.** We apologize in advance for any inconvenience.

At the time of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Nick Dantzer, Timothy Davis, Jacob Hallatschek, Brian Kelly, Kevin Koon and Casey Wilcox. Please make every effort to become current with your dues as soon as you can. Dues for 2022 are \$42.90 per month. Please adjust when making payments through the mail and automatic bank payments.



IBEW Local 498
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IBEW Local 498
TRAVERSE CITY – **Meetings.**

Regular E Board- The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Monday, September 12, 2022 @ 6pm.

Regular Meeting –The next meeting is Scheduled for 7pm Monday Sept. 12, 2022. Currently, the Solidarity Picnic before the Regular meeting is on hold for now due to Covid.

Property Company – There will be a Property Company Meeting prior to the Regular Union Meeting on Sep 12, 2022.

Death Notice – James Baker Memorial service is Saturday Aug 27, 2022 1:00pm at his home 10893 Townline Road, Charlevoix, MI 49720.

Work Outlook – Work is good. As of this writing we have 1 on Book I and 22 on Book II. Service truck jobs are going unfilled regularly. More Swan Electric calls will be coming eventually. There is still movement on Newkirk Electric’s solar farm work.

RENEW COMMITTEE - The Committee is planning for a corn hole tournament and a barbeque for Sep 24th at 12 pm. It is open to all members, retirees, and family members. Please RSVP to Bill Lee at 231-313-0407 (text is preferred) and Shaine Kuczynski at 231-429-7383 (text is preferred). There will also be a post card sent out soon. Food will be provided, drinks are bring your own. The location is at the Blair Township park at the townhall/fire barn in Grawn, MI.

Resale Items – Local 498 Challenge Coins are in the hall for your purchase. They are \$10 each. We also have Local 498 t-shirt, and Beanie Hats for resale. Proud Union Home signs are in and available at the hall. Free to members in good standing.

EVITP –Please call the JATC and get signed up for your EVITP training. There are state and federal requirements for all workers that are on Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure projects to have this training. Tim will get you set up

if you call him, it is an online class and a proctored exam at the hall when completing the class.

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.gtcrf.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!

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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, politics, contracts, work, etc. Please call or email your current email address to Local 498 at ibew@local498.net Thank you!

Important numbers for you to write in your address book:
MEEHP (Health) 1-855-633-4584 or 1-517-321-7502 Fax# 1-517-321-7508

MEEPP (MI Pension) 1-517-321-7502
(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan)
TIC International Corporation, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917

NEBF 1-301-556-4300
NEAP 1-301-556-4300
IO Pension 1-202-833-7000
DUES RATES. Jan 1, 2021 – No increase. Still remains \$140.10/Quarter

Info Updates – Any member with a new address, phone number, email address, etc. should contact Local 498 with these
(Continued next column)



**IBEW
Local 445**

IBEW Local 445
BATTLE CREEK – **IBEW Local 445 would like to wish all a Safe and Happy Labor Day! Unions did in fact build the middle class. And here’s what that did. That built the United States as we know it.—Joe Biden**

Local 445’s Annual Picnic– *The Local 445’s Annual Picnic will be held at the Hall on September 10, 2022. If you haven’t been able to stop by the new Hall, this is your opportunity to see how the Local is growing. Watch your mailboxes for additional information. Also, this is when we give out the Service Pins, so please plan on attending.*

Christmas at the Hall: The date has been set for the Christmas at the Hall. It will be held on December 10, 2022, at 9am at the Hall. Please add this to your calendar and watch for mailings in a few months.

General Membership Meeting is the second Monday of each month and starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Hall.

Executive Board meets the fourth Monday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m.

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.

Local Website - Please check the Local 445 website for the latest information, including job postings. The Local 445 web address is **IBEW445.com**.

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changes.

Please remember it is your responsibility to pay your dues on time.

Remember to check the hall recorder at night after 4:00pm for any jobs that might be available. 231-943-4980 ext. 3#



**IBEW
LOCAL 948**

IBEW Local 948
FLINT – Our September Union Meeting will be held on Monday September 12th, 2022, at 6:00pm.

Our September Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 26th, 2022, at 4:30 pm.

The Next Retiree Club Meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th, at 9:00am then Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, at 8:00am.

Do not forget to check our website for new content. Be sure to log in to see all the new content. www.local948.com.

You can pay over the phone with debit or credit card. You can also stop by the Hall during business hours (7am-noon/ 1-4pm) and pay by cash, check, debit or credit card. **Do not wait till you owe a reinstatement fee (4 months behind).**

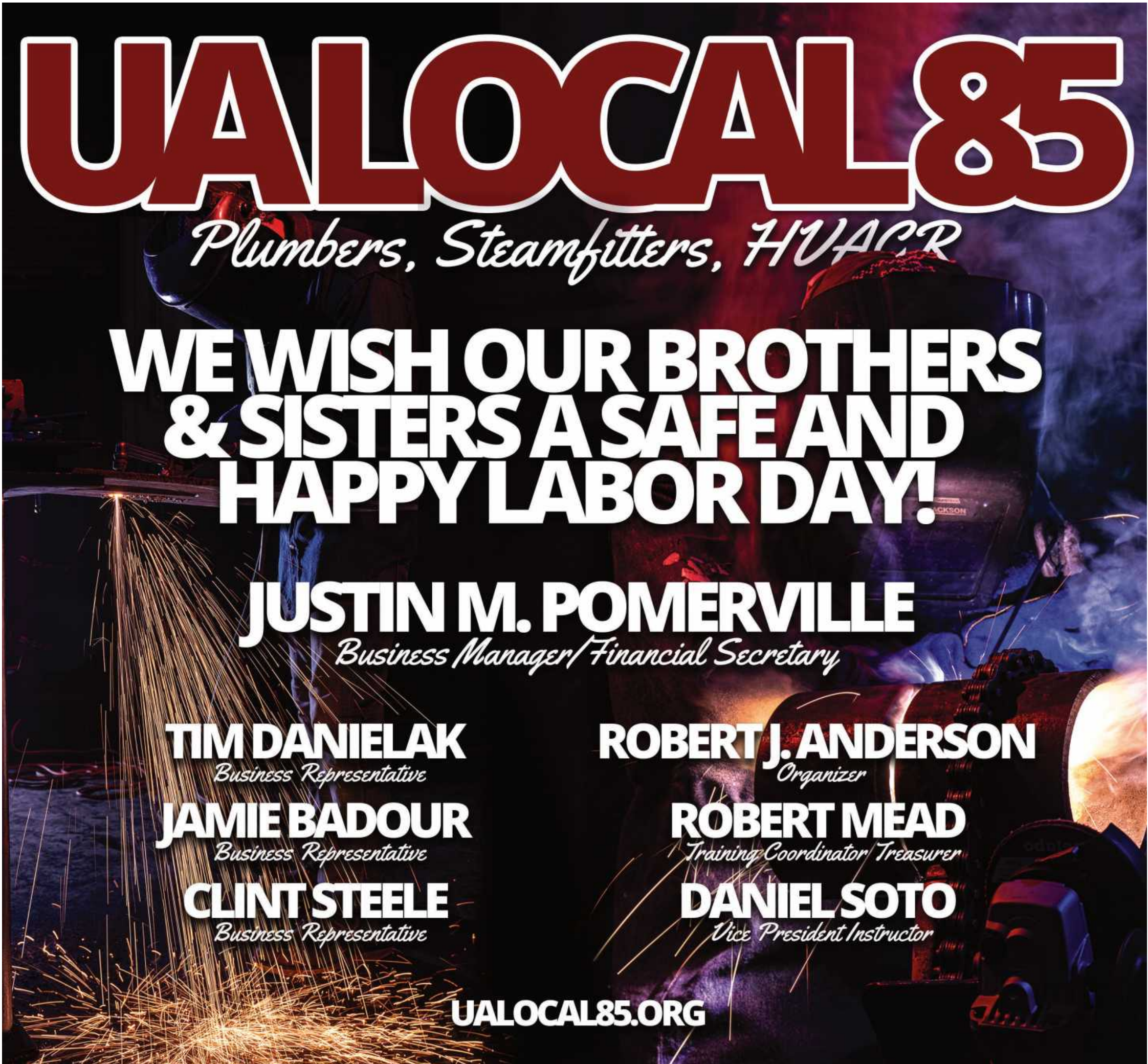
2023 – Monthly Dues – Journeyman \$45.70 a month – Apprentices, CE, Sound Tech \$42.70 a month
2022 – Monthly Dues – Journeyman \$43.70 a month – Apprentices, CE, Sound Tech \$40.70 a month

If you are unfamiliar with our referral procedure, please refer to our website @ http://local948.org/job_referrals/

**Gregory Remington
Business Manager**

E-mail and Re-signs: If the Hall does not have your e-mail address it would be a good idea to send us an e-mail to jwallace@local948.org so we can add you to the e-mail list. This is a great way to keep up with the latest information on job calls and other information sent from the Hall.

“No one gossips about other people’s secret virtues.”
–Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)



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James Johnson Jr. – Business Representative
Erik Kane – Organizer
Mike Cox – President/Business Representative**

**Douglas Sanders - Vice President
Lisa Grove - Recording Secretary
Erik Kane - Treasurer**

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Geoffrey Morning, Andrew Neeb, and Rick Plisko**

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IBEW LOCAL 58



IBEW 58

DETROIT – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. Dinner begins at 5:30 and the meeting will start at 6:30.

Effective Monday, August 22nd, 2022 masks will be required to enter the Union Hall. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe!

On Saturday, August 27, 2022, a Pre-Retirement Seminar will be held at the IBEW 58 Union Hall from 9:00 AM to Noon at 1358 Abbott Street in Detroit. Presenters will include Charles Mott, the Retirees Association President, Sarah Padgett and Michele Davis, the Assistant Benefits Directors of the IBEW 58/NECA Benefit Funds, and Jason Mack, Account Manager with Genex Services Inc.

This Pre-Retirement Seminar is usually held every three years to discuss your local, national (National Electrical Benefit Fund or NEBF) and international (IBEW Pension Benefit Fund or PBF) retirement benefits and Social Security retirement and disability benefits. If you are preparing to retire in the next few years, you may be interested in attending this educational seminar! No RSVP is required, just show up and prepare for a morning of retirement information to be presented to you.

Electrical Industry Training Center is offering Continuing Education classes. Please check them out at <http://www.detroitetc.org/continuing-education/>. We will start to cancel classes if they don't meet the minimum enrollment requirements, or more hopefully we will order books for those of you who've signed up. Members on the Storm Book must secure their training through the Continuing Education Program offered by the school. If you need assistance in registering for a class, please call the Training Center at 586-751-6600.

Local 58 Dues Information:

PLEASE NOTE: You can now pay dues to the end of the year. It takes 24 hours for processing of your payment if you pay on the APP/Website. If you have not enrolled in the new dues' payment system – you will need to do so before you can pay. If you forget your login ID or Password, you can request it through the APP/Website on the Existing Users Login Page. You can call the hall and pay over the phone if you choose to or mail in a check.

If you have lapsed, you will not be able to pay on the APP/Website. You will need to call and talk to a Business Agent.

REMINDER – When registering, please use your legal name as it appears on your dues receipt. i.e., Kenneth not Kenny. If your number starts with a letter, use a capital letter. Thank You!

Local 58 Motorcycle Group: Group meetings have moved to Sundays at different restaurants before a ride. Open to everyone and all riders are encouraged to join us! Requirements need to be met for patched membership. For more information, please visit our Facebook page for planned rides and updates @ IBEW Local 58 Motorcycle Group. Contact Anthony Anderanin @ aanderanin@gmail.com or Grace Trudell @ 517-715-7563 for more info. Join us at our upcoming meetings to plan for next year's events and rides.

Local No. 58 Benevolent Fund: The next Benevolent Fund meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

Benevolent Fund and Women's Committee are hosting The Brad Ballard Memorial East Side Golf Outing on September 23, 2022 at Timberwood Golf Course in Ray Township. Shotgun start at 10AM. \$500 for Four-some, Limited to 160 Golfers – pre-registration required, Registration will be open for this event on June 20, 2022. Sponsorship Opportunities are also available. For more information contact Mike Bellhorn at 586-612-5964 or Felicia Wiseman at 313-963-2130 ext. 3044.

The 7th Annual Local 58 Poker Run is back and will be held Saturday, September 10, 2022 honoring Rod Durham. This year will be a new route starting and ending downtown Detroit at the Local 58 Union Hall following a Downriver loop. All are welcome to participate, pre-registration option is available for \$40 per Rider, \$50 per Rider Day of Ride.

This event is made possible by the great volunteers of Local 58. All proceeds go to the Benevolent Fund. For more information contact Mike Bellhorn 586-612-5964.

Members of the Community Service Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

The Wobbly Kitchen is up and running again and we are assisting them every 2nd and 4th Sunday with food prep and distribution at Cass Park. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8:00 am to help with the Wobbly Kitchen program. To get involved with future community service projects contact Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916. 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 for further information to volunteer or participate.

Members of the Entertainment Committee: The next meeting of the Entertainment Committee will be Tuesday, September 13, 2022, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 pm.

EWMC of Southeastern MI: The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022 at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. Please make sure your cell phone number and your email address are up to date. The meeting information will be sent out as soon as available. If you are not receiving the notices, please make sure that your information is updated here at the hall. Please bring any suggestions that you have for EWMC involvement and engagement. What can we safely participate in that continues to promote the IBEW in the community?

Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities in the near future.

Solidarity Forever.

The RENEW Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

The Safety Committee meeting will be on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

The Veterans Committee will now be meeting monthly immediately after the Safety committee meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Union Sportsman's Alliance Wild Game Dinner will be held at IBEW Local 58 on Friday, August 26, 2022. *This is an all-trades Event* sponsored by IBEW Local 58 and SMART Local 80. Single tickets and tables are still available. Contact Kim L'Heureux 586-243-0559 or Bryan McConnell 586-405-0377 for more information.

The Political Action Committee (PAC) meets the 1st Wednesday of each month Via Zoom. To be added to our email list please contact Jeannette Bradshaw (313-408-1287). PAC contributions can be made through the APP, and at the Union Hall. You can contribute more than the \$4 that is suggested on your quarterly dues, but you cannot exceed \$175.00

per calendar year. The loss of our deduction cut our resources in half, and we would like to assist local candidates and our members looking to run for office.

Local 58's Women's Committee: Our next regular meeting is Thursday, August 25, at 5:30 pm at the hall and on zoom. Please watch for emails with further updates and zoom info. Coin number 3 in the "She needed a hero" set is now available. Hurry and get yours before they are all gone! They are \$25 apiece, funds raised are for the ARC Scholarship. PayPal, Venmo, and of course cash is available for payment.

The 4th coin in the set will be released at a later date! Applications for the ARC Scholarship are now available! If you have a dependent that is heading to or enrolled in college have them, try for this Scholarship! We also award a scholarship for a whole year of school to one of our apprentices! The due date will be the end of May. Applications are available at the hall and on the website. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call. u can Email us at: 58Womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org, or call committee chairs Angela Panicucci (586) 291-8014 or Kayla Pauli with any questions.

Follow us on Instagram @ibewomen58; Check us out on Facebook Local 58 Women's Committee.

Local 58 Senior 55+ Softball Team – Games will be played again at Shelby Twp Ford Fields on 23 Mile Rd. just west of Van Dyke. 10:00am is the game times. If you have any questions or want more information, please call Joe Schraufnagel at 586-255-1205 or Gerry Cassani at 586-804-8026.

Local 58 IBEW Senior Golf Outings 2022- September 15, 2022, Rouge Park Golf Course, 11701 Burt Rd, Detroit, MI 48228 tee time 9:30; October 6, 2022, Tanglewood Golf Course, 22805 Country Club Dr, South Lyon, MI 48178, tee time 9:30 am, \$30.00. Call Art DeCoste at 248-887-3396, two weeks in advance for a headcount due to the security deposit at most of the golf courses. Remember, All IBEW Local 58 members are welcome to participate!! Call Art for questions or concerns.

IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association of Retirees Wives and Widows: Our next board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the local union hall in the Bill Rushford Room in the lower level of the building. This meeting is open to all members, please come and join us. We are always happy to welcome visitors and possible new members to our Board of Directors. Come to a meeting and see what we are all about. The more the merrier!

And, of course, come join us at our monthly luncheons too.

Our September luncheon will be at Corsi's Banquet Center, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Send your reservations with your checks for \$20 per person, to Ray Owen, 428 Welch Road, Northville, 48167, or call Ray at (248) 348-3626 with your ques-

tions. We look forward to seeing all of you there!

The Retirees Association will be hosting a Retirees' Seminar on Saturday, August 27th at the Union Hall, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you are contemplating retirement in the next year or two, you will find this informational meeting helpful for planning your retirement future.

Once again mask wearing is in place at the Local Union Hall. Wayne County is experiencing a spike in cases, and this most recent mask requirement will help keep staff and union members safe and healthy while moving around the union hall. It's important to keep up with the hand hygiene, and be aware that covid is still swirling around us! Happy

August!

Electrical Workers Credit Union - Not A Member? Stop by Monday-Friday 9am-4pm or give us a call at (313) 963-6060 and we can mail you an application to join packet. You can also check us out at WWW.EWCU.NET. We are located right across the street from the union hall.

Be sure to keep the Union Hall updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and email.

IBEW Pension: Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension Joseph Dimech, and Arthur Lavallee.

Members who have Passed Away: Desmond Johansen, Technician I; Joseph Kot, Pension member, 53 year IBEW membership; Shelby Lawhorn, Pension member, 42 year IBEW membership; Maryann Rausch, Widow of the late JIW Frederic Rausch, Mother to Pension member Scott Rausch & Tech I Kenneth Rausch. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss.

"Organized crime in America takes in over forty billion dollars a year and spends very little on office supplies."
–Woody Allen (1935 -)

"To have a right to do a thing is not at all the same as to be right in doing it."
–G. K. Chesterton (1874 - 1936)

"Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature.... Life is either a daring adventure or nothing."
–Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)

"Remember that there is nothing stable in human affairs; therefore avoid undue elation in prosperity, or undue depression in adversity."
–Socrates (469 BC - 399 BC)



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Labor Day 2022

BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE LABOR DAY

FROM THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF SHEET METAL WORKERS' LOCAL 292



IBEW Local 692

BAY CITY - Union Meeting. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the September monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, Sept. 12, 2022.** Hopefully we will see everyone there.

Executive Board Meeting. The September Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, Sept. 19, 2022.**

Message from the Business Manager. First and foremost, Happy Labor Day! This is the working man's holiday. Be sure to spend the day with family at the lake, beach, pool, barbecuing or wherever that special place is for you. It is always important to look back at the impact organized labor has had on our society. We have a lot to be proud of but still have much work to do! Pursuant to our contract, no work will be done on Labor Day unless approved by the Business Manager. With this being said, enjoy your day off and spend it with those you love.

A bylaws change was proposed and will be voted on at the next general membership meeting on Sept. 12, 2022. The proposed change will increase the Local Death Benefit from the current rate of \$5 to the amount of \$10 per death. Please consider attending the next meeting to vote on this proposal.

Message from the President Just a reminder that we have a block of rooms at the Doubletree set aside for the Oct. 7 retirement party. These rooms must be reserved one month prior to the party (by September 7) or the rooms will be released.

Reservations can be made by calling the Doubletree Hotel directly at (989) 891-6000.

Work Report. Ongoing projects in our jurisdiction that may require additional manpower include; Clements Electric - Lib-

erty Bridge (short calls) and 7 Mile Grow Facility in Bay City as well as Kalitta Air's new hanger in Oscoda. Conti Corporation - multiple projects in Midland's I-Park as well as the grounding and bonding at Michigan Sugar in Bay City.

Nelson Electric - GM Powertrain work starting Labor Day thru the end of the year. Swan Electric - Multiple DTE natural gas pumping stations throughout Zones 1 and 2. J.Ranck Electric - continuing work on phase 1 of the SK Siltron semi-conductor chip manufacturing facility, the second phase of which is valued at over 300 million and slated to kick off in January 2023. Goyette Mechanical continues PFAS filtration and mitigation work in Oscoda.

Countyline Power has secured upcoming wastewater treatment facility work at Sagining Eagles Landing in Standish, multiple pump stations in the Mt. Pleasant and Clare areas, MDOT Welcome Center remodel in Clare, and runway lighting at Gladwin Airport.

Bay City's Karn 3 & 4 seems to be remaining operational until 2031, which will likely lead to multiple electrical projects this Fall. Robinson Industries in Coleman plans to rebuild facilities damaged in their recent fire, our contractors are expected to secure that work and hire late this year. Northpointe Distribution Center (Frito Lay) will be awarded shortly, signatory contractors are likely to secure the electrical work.

Projects that are currently bidding include East Tawas Wastewater, Bay City State Park Welcome Center, Mio DNR Field Office, and Soaring Eagle Reservation Education Center, all of which are Prevailing Wage projects. Midland City Hall and

Isabella County administration buildings re-lighting projects and the Oscoda Holiday Inn Express are also out for bid.

Future projects we are keeping an eye on include Ascension Emergency Room, Waiting Area and Medical Office Building in Standish, Ascension Birthing Center in Tawas, North Peak Brewing in Bay City, and further De-sugarization Process upgrades at Michigan Sugar.

Rest assured both organizers and myself are working very diligently to secure whatever work is being bid in our jurisdiction for our membership. Detroit, Traverse City and Lansing may soon have calls getting into Book II if you are looking to travel. Please contact the hall if you would like to sign any books.

In Solidarity,
Ryan Charney
Business Manager /
Financial Secretary

Organizers Report. 692's Organizing team continues to reach out to unrepresented workers in our jurisdiction about the benefits of joining the IBEW. The third quarter of 2022 will see demand for local manpower increase considerably. Sister local 498 also expects to need help manning projects in their southeastern region, which provide opportunities to 692 members residing in Isabella, Clare, and Gladwin counties. The ability to provide adequate manpower to larger-scale projects will only strengthen our contractors' chances of continually securing this type of work. If you'd like to register on any other IBEW out-of-work lists, please reach out to the hall for details on which locals accept fax registration.

We have noticed a rise in IBEW members employed by out-of-town contractors checking in
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IBEW Local 557

SAGINAW - Union News- Happy Labor Day Brothers and Sisters! Please take a moment to reflect on all the things our predecessors have done to ensure we have better working conditions. Lives were lost so that we may better enjoy these conditions. Never forget the cost. Stay United and enjoy some much needed time with family.

We have the **Labor Day Picnic on Tuesday, August 30th from 5pm to 7:30pm** at the **Saginaw Art Museum!** We'll have free food, games and you can dunk the mayor in our Dunk Tank! Billy Link's Band will be playing, woohoo! **All proceeds from the dunk tank go to Foster Families Navigation and Resources.** Proudly put on by Mid-Michigan Area Labor Council. We also have new t-shirts available for purchase and new stickers will be coming soon.

Thank you to all who came out for union night at The Loons game. Also, the IBEW is making a big push to get more of our members certified through the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP). Please contact the Hall, or JATC, or visit www.evitp.org/training for more details.

Sadly, retired member David A. Johnson passed away on August 3rd. Brother David was born on March 6th 1941 and initiated into the IBEW on June 17th, 1962. He retired on April 1st, 1996. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Apprentices, the Service Learning Policy was reinstated at the March 21st JATC meeting. You'll need to start attending union meetings again or make up the absence.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS- Our next meeting will be September 6th at 5:30pm. Be there or be square!

MICHIGAN INITIATIVE- Please contact Brother Gus Voisine for any organizing issues you see or have. If our members have any questions or work tips they can reach out to him on

his cell: 989-941-8046.

UNION HALL OPERATIONS- If you have any questions or issues, our Business Hours are M-F 7-4:30pm.

BOOK SIGNING- 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. If you are a Saginaw member and receive a lay off, please come to the hall and sign Book 1 in-person.

WORKOUTLOOK- Sorry guys-same ol' same ol'. Hemlock Semi Conductor work looks very promising in the near future. Background checks are mandatory for these calls. J Ranch will be working on two large solar farms on the western end of the jurisdiction later this year/early next year. Van Herweg should ramp up Handly Schools in the coming weeks. Thiel hopes to ramp up at the new Saginaw United High School later this month. Leddy Electric and Nelson Electric are in the middle of work on the St. Louis schools. Master is the low bidder on the Learning Center in St. Louis. Bender is doing the Isabella Bank on State Street.

ELECTIONS- 2022 brings with it Election time! If you would like to stay informed and contribute to labor friendly candidates, please visit www.ibew.org/IBEWPAAC. It's going to take all of us to contribute to labor-friendly candidates so please do your part to ensure our future yields labor positive results. Thank you to all who voted in the August 2nd primary!

HEALTH CARE- We would like to inform our members that **any purchased at-home Covid test is now reimbursable through the Health Plan and Blue Cross.** The Michigan Electrical Employee's Health Plan continues to cover 100% of the costs related to testing for COVID-19. During this pandemic, remote care is encouraged and Blue

Cross members can call the 24-Hour Nurse Line at 800-117-BLUE. You may also want to inquire if your primary care provider offers telemedicine. Also, if you used Express-scripts for your RX needs, BCBS has opted to use Optum RX in its place. This mainly applies to members who have their RX delivered to their homes. You may need to contact Optum to make sure the change is seamless. This is also part of the reason we were issued new BCBS cards in January.

Don't forget to schedule your annual physical with your doctor. By completing your annual physical, you could catch a health concern early and also 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. 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: 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 requests.

WEX APP- Search for the "TIC HRA" app in Google or Apple and download it today. Utilization of this app will give you access to account balances, receipt reviews and submittals, barcode scanning for covered items, other helpful services. This is a great tool to accompany your Health Care benefits.

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
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Best Wishes for a Safe and Enjoyable Labor Day Holiday!



Abatement Workers

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Michigan District Council

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TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS & ASSOCIATES IN THE BUILDING TRADES



BEST WISHES ON LABOR DAY 2022

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT MASONS LOCAL 514



FROM
LABORERS’ LOCAL UNION 1191

Michael Aaron – Business Manager
Jesus Pena Jr. – Secretary-Treasurer

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AUDITOR



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with the hall before performing their work in Local 692. This is a welcome development as it prevents organizers from making additional trips while policing our large jurisdiction. The easiest way to ensure that contractors are adhering to portability standards is to issue portability referrals to eligible traveling workers. This allows assessments to be paid to Local 692, as they should be. Also, if a contractor is porting the maximum number of employees allowed under our Agreement, they will be required to utilize 692 members to perform any additional work. Bottom line – if you are working for a signatory contactor and told to report to a job outside of your jurisdiction, check in with the hall where you will be working, every time. It’s simply the right thing to do.

692 Organizers continue to visit jobsites within our jurisdiction to speak with unrepresented electricians, building relationships and making those workers aware of the opportunities that exist by joining our union. We should never lose sight of the organizing mission that guided the birth and growth of the Brotherhood. Our founders built a strong union by organizing all qualified workers, which allows us to build a higher union density and ultimately increases our bargaining power.

Unfortunately, we haven’t always made the best decisions when it comes to welcoming all

qualified electricians into membership. Organizational policies of the past were often focused on keeping membership numbers steady, often employing electricians to work under our Agreement for years without officially swearing them into membership (some veteran members may recall utilizing *white ticket* workers to fill open calls decades ago). Exclusionary practices such as that, though perhaps well-intentioned at the time, have proven to be a misstep that we are currently working to correct.

There are many simple tasks that all members can perform to help our Local’s organizing efforts. Know any non-union electricians? Talk to them about the benefits of becoming a Brother or Sister. Volunteering your time at a community event? Wear an IBEW shirt and represent our Local and speak about the positive aspects of your involvement within our organization. Notice a construction project taking place within our jurisdiction? Call organizers so we can schedule a visit during our travels. Every bit of additional effort by members strengthens our organizing program and makes us a stronger union.

Brian Klele 989.252.9225
Brendon Baranek 989.327.4131

Union Dues. Dues can be paid via phone, on-line, by mail or automatic withdrawal from your bank account. *Please note when using a credit card for pay-*

ments there will be a 2% charge applied.

2022Dues
Monthly \$41.20
Quarterly \$123.60
6 months \$247.20
Yearly \$494.40

To avoid a reinstatement fee, please remember to keep your dues current.

Death Benefits. We regret to inform you of the death of active Brother Wallace “Wally” R. Luttermoser, Card Number 7535564, who passed away on August 5, 2022. Brother Luttermoser was born on December 7, 1970 (51 years old). He was initiated on June 6, 2016. Wally resided in Sanford.

Per the wishes of Wally, cremation has taken place. Personal messages of condolence may be offered to the family at www.wilson-miller.com

#337. Local death fund assessment **\$5.00 each** (due within 30 days) payable to: IBEWLocal 692
1300 W. Thomas
Bay City, MI 48706

Local 692 Retirement Party. Invitations for this year’s party were recently mailed out. The event will be held on **Friday, October 7, 2022** at the DoubleTree in Bay City. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend this great event to honor our retirees!

Retirees Lunch. There are no scheduled dates in August; lunches will resume again in September.

RENEW. Our annual Bags for Brotherhood event will take place on September 17, 2022. Please come out and support us!

It is the goal of the RENEW committee to increase younger members’ involvement in their local union. If you are a member in good standing, 35 years old or younger and would like to participate in 692’s RENEW committee, please contact Jacob (989.316.6811) or Cody (989.600.4643) for more information. RENEW meetings are held once a month following our general membership meeting.

Fringe Benefits. REMINDER: if you have recently been married, divorced, had children, etc. make sure your beneficiaries have been updated accordingly. Beneficiary forms can be obtained from the hall.

REMINDER: If you contact the Health Plan Office about going on short term disability, it is

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Boilermakers Local 169

ALLEN PARK – Our next membership meeting will take place on **September 9 at 8:00 pm.** It will be in Area 4 at the United Trades Building. Located at 119 S. Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855.



Current Union dues for 2022 are \$52.35 in accordance with the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Constitution. The Union Hall accepts, Visa, Mastercard, and Discover. Payments can be made both at the Union Hall and over the phone.

OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 safety training can now be taken online. Please visit our website – www.boilermakerslocal169.com for more information.

Save the dates:

Area 4: Annual picnic will be **August 20**, at Pioneer Trail Park, 6822 US-2 Gladstone, MI 49837. Food and drink will be provided. We are excited to see everyone!

Area 3: Annual Picnic will be **August 27** at Lake of Dreams Campground, 1000 South

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important for you to notify the Hall as well. A copy of your paperwork will need to be submitted to the Hall for your file. This will also freeze your position on the out of work list.

Important links & numbers

IBEW Local 692
989-684-4510
www.ibew692.org

Health Plan
517-321-7502
www.mielectricalhealth.org

Michigan Pension Fund
517-321-7502
www.michiganelectrical.org
First time logging in, use your Social Security Number in the “ID Box”

NEBF/NEAP: 301-556-4300
IO Pension: 202-833-7000

Local 169 Boilermakers

Fenmore Road, Merrill, MI 48637. Food and drink will be provided, and we can’t wait to see everyone!

Area 2: Picnic will be at Heritage Landing Park directly following the Labor Day Parade, September 5th. Food, beverages and games provided. Dish to pass would be great. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

Labor Day Parade: Corner of 4th St and Western Ave downtown Muskegon 11:00am. Picnic: Heritage Landing 1050 7th St Muskegon, Mi.

Labor Day: Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Labor Day Parade has been cancelled. Anyone interested in attending a repeat of last year’s motorcycle ride should arrive at the Union Hall at 9:00am.

We will depart at 9:30 for a two hour ride and meet our brothers and sisters back at the Union hall for a picnic lunch starting at 11:30. T-shirts and hats will be distributed at the luncheon. I’m looking forward to seeing you all on the ride and at the picnic. While pandemics and political wrangling regarding our parade have thwarted our efforts to march, nothing can stop our Union pride and our commitment to gather in solidarity. Please make every effort to enjoy this opportunity of fellowship with your Union family.

Retirees: Retiree luncheons have resumed.

Area 1 Retiree luncheon is held on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am at the Brown Derby Bar, 10661 West Jefferson, River Rouge, Mi.

Area 2 Retirees are holding

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

Area 3 retirees’ lunches are on the third Wednesday of every month. Next luncheon is **September 21st** at 11am. the luncheon will be at Beaverton Tavern. It is located at 102 W. Brown Street, Beaverton, MI. 48612

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 been restocked and are available in sizes ranging from medium through 3XL. Cost is \$40.00. Payments can be made with cash, check, or credit. If you live out 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.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Commonarc test. With over 100 testing apprentices and an 80% success rate, we have added a significant amount of certified tube welders throughout our local. A special thank you to Brother Chris Lanzon for his continued dedication to our Commonarc program.


“One of the most basic principles for making and keeping peace within and between nations. . . is that in political, military, moral, and spiritual confrontations, there should be an honest attempt at the reconciliation of differences before resorting to combat.”
– Jimmy Carter (1924 -)

“There are people who, instead of listening to what is being said to them, are already listening to what they are going to say themselves.”
–Albert Guinon (1863 - 1923)

“Chance fights ever on the side of the prudent.”
–Euripides (484 BC - 406 BC)


“A desk is a dangerous place from which to watch the world.”
–John le Carre (1931 -)

“Economics is extremely useful as a form of employment for economists.”
– John Kenneth Galbraith (1908 - 2006)



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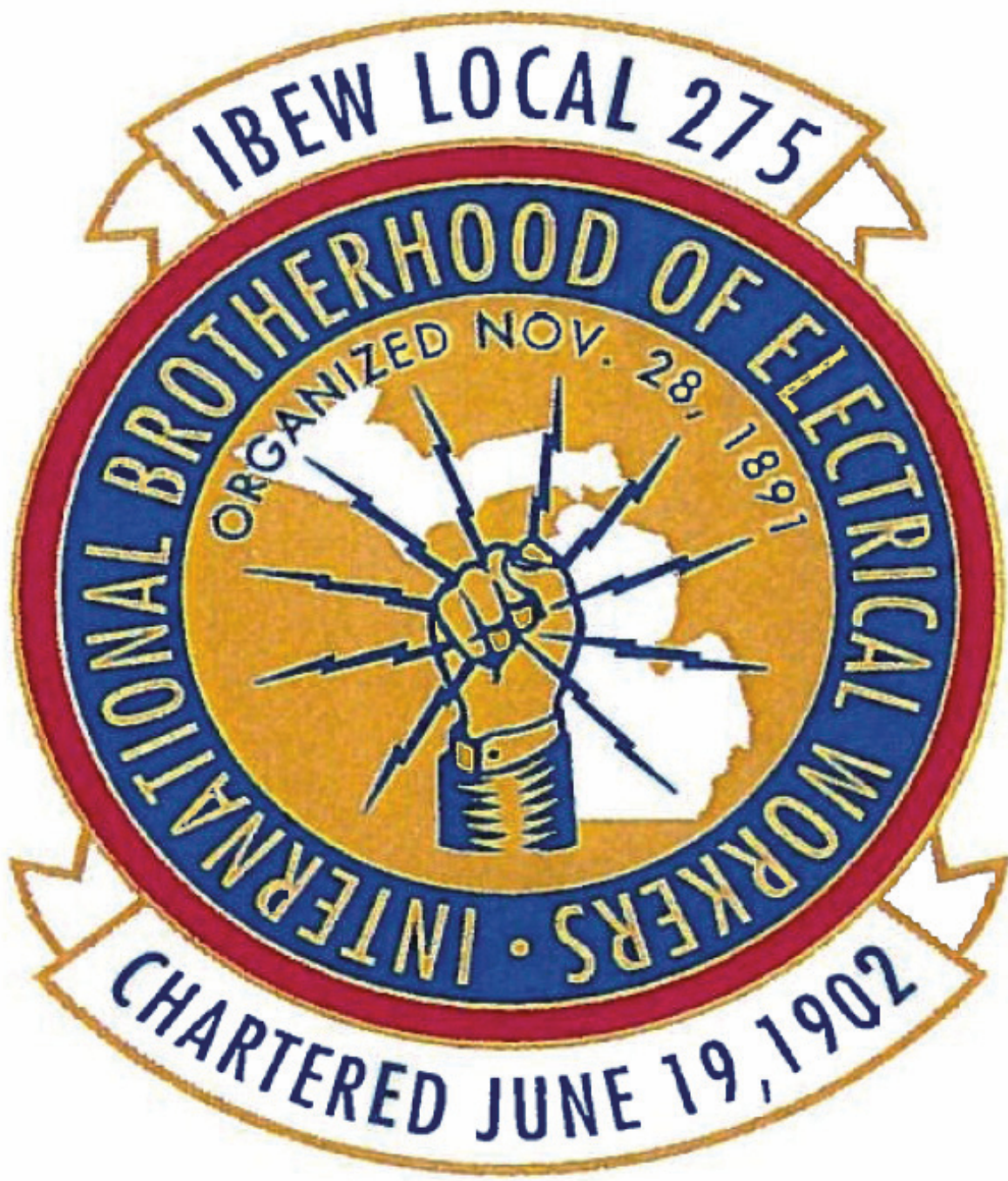
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CAULKING GLASS ON an interior partition at the Michigan Capitol Heritage Hall project in Lansing are Jeremy Metevier (Glaziers and Glassworkers Local 357) and Rich Root (Local 826). They're employed by Calvin & Co.



Michigan Painters District Council



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 312
Business Rep: Tim Schwerin
Meeting date: 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Place: 1473 N. 30th St., Galesburg, MI 49053
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.
Web site: 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 845
Business Rep – Fred Frederickson
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: The 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: Keith Anderson
Meeting date: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Place: District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave, Warren, MI.



Local 357 Glaziers & Glassworkers

Glaziers & Glassworkers 357
WARREN – Our next scheduled union meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd, 2022 at 6pm. Please attend.
May all of the brothers, and sisters of Glaziers Local 357, and our families have a happy, and healthy Labor Day Weekend. Remember this is a paid holiday. NO WORK!
We will be attending this years annual Detroit Labor Day Celebration on Monday, Sept. 5th. We will be meeting at the IBEW union hall. 1358 Abbott Street, Detroit Mi. We will have a get-together, but the parade has been canceled.
As of August 22nd JATC apprenticeship school fall semester has resumed.
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 all 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 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 48098-066; 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

Painters DC 1M
WARREN - Dear Members,
DC1M WEBSITE: www.iupatdc1michigan.org
DC1M FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/iupat1m
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Any questions regarding a lost, damaged Union card, 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
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***LABOR DAY CELEBRATION ON SEPTEMBER 5TH**
The 2022 Labor Day Parade will **NOT** be taking place Monday Sept. 5. Unfortunately, due to issues with the AFL CIO and other affiliate Unions we will **NOT** be able to march this year.
But, Members can come down to your Union tent and get your shirts and hang out with your Union Brothers and Sisters. Apprentices who show up will also get their credit.
The Staging Area will be at the IBEW Local 58 parking lot in Detroit, 1358 Abbott St. Detroit.
All Members should meet there at 8am.
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.
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WARREN –The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30p.m. Trustees and union stewards meet at 6:20 p.m.

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 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
Any questions on local union issues, please call Jeremy Haviland at 586-899-0183, or Keith Anderson at 586-899-7958, your Business Representatives.
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.
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Local 149 Roofers and Waterproofer's

Roofers 149

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

Regular Membership Meeting. The regular membership meeting is scheduled for Tues, Oct. 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., Aug. 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

September Regular Membership Meeting. The regular membership meeting scheduled for September 6, 2022 is cancelled.

The Detroit Labor Day Parade/March is cancelled.

Detroit Labor Day Picnic. Monday, September 5, 2022. The Roofers & Waterproofer's Union Local No.149 Members will have a BBQ picnic at our Union Hall, at 1640 Porter St, Detroit, MI 48216, at 10:00am.

The Union Hall will be handing out a shirt and hat, we will be having a raffle for big prize items for all Detroit members in good standing at the Labor Day picnic. Follow on Facebook @ United Union of Roofers, Waterproofer's, and Allied Workers Local 149, for pictures of the gifts. There will be Face Painters and Balloon Artists for the kids (or the adults, we don't judge). There will also games for kids and adults.

Labor Day Volunteers Needed. We are seeking volunteers to help set-up Monday, September 5, at 8:00am. In addition, we will need volunteers cooking and prepping the food. If you are available to assist our Union on Monday, please contact the Union Hall 313-961-6093 ext. 0.

Union Dues. Make sure you pay your monthly dues before the end of every month to stay in good standings. You can pay dues at the Hall with a cash, money order, credit, or debit card. Union dues can be paid over the phone with a credit or debit card. Monthly dues can be taken out of your vacation check by filling out a form at the Hall (active Members only). The mailbox is only to be used for checks and money

orders do not put cash in the mailbox. To be eligible for the International Union Burial Benefit, a member must be in continuous good standing.

If you have any questions, please call the Hall at 313-961-6093

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.

Vacation and Holiday Check Direct Deposit. Members have the option to have their Vacation and Holiday check direct deposited in their bank account. This includes all contracted areas.

To get your Vacation check direct deposited, members will need to complete a direct deposit agreement. The form will be available at the Detroit and Mid-Michigan Union Hall.

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.

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 call 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 Thomas Jaranowski or Dean Kucharski at the Training Center, 248-543-3847, to make arrangements.

Website for announcements, news, and updates
www.rooferslocal149.com

Election Results

Business Manager/ Financial Secretary: Brian Gregg
Business Agents: Joe Gilliam and Gary Johnsen

Executive Board: Tim Sampson, Joe Zsembery, Robert Colston, Luke Brown, Don Watkins III, and Alternate Joe Precourt
President: John Johnson
Vice President: Rick Baird
Recording Secretary: Tom Jaranowski

Sergeant at Arms: Dennis Mehler
Trustees: Lee Bruner, Jim Micovich, Walt Connell
Pension Trustee: Lee Bruner
Health & Welfare Trustee: Gary Johnsen.

MID-MICHIGAN AREA – Clio Office

Mid-Michigan Labor Day Picnic

The annual Mid-Michigan Labor Day picnic is Monday, September 5, 2022, at 810 Tacoma Ct., Clio, MI 48420, at 11:00am. The Union Hall will be having a raffle for big prize items for all Mid-Michigan members in good standing at the Labor Day picnic.

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, or midmichroofers149@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Notice. When contractors call the Union Hall for help, we need to know who is available, and have an up-to-date phone number. 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.

The publication above is as 8/22/2022, 2:00p.m.

*In Solidarity, Brian Gregg
Business Manager, Roofers & Waterproofer's Local No.149*

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DETROIT – **Monthly Membership Meetings: Union meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 7 pm at the Union hall (except for holidays), next membership meeting will on the Sept. 2, 2022.**

Retiree Council's meetings are the last Friday of the month. The meetings are held 11 a.m. at the Local Union Hall, 2161 West Grand Blvd., Detroit MI 48208.

Union Dues For 2022: Effective **Jan. 1, 2022** regular monthly dues are **\$35 for active members**. Retiree monthly dues will remain the same **\$8.00**.

Reminder: Be sure to keep the Local Union updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and/or email.

Members can now Pay Dues online 24/7 on our website at www.laborerslocal1191.org! Upper right-hand corner Pay Dues tab, and follow the instructions... Please also check out our website and "Laborers' Local 1191" Facebook page for important information about your Local Union.

NOTICE: 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 shall be deemed suspended by the International Union without notice.

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.

Members who sign up for Vacation monthly dues deduction and pay six months at a time will receive a 1-month rebate! To better serve our membership, we are accepting Credit & Debit payments.

Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction Authorization: Members may revoke vacation monthly dues authorization at any time by signing a vacation

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deduction cancellation form. This form must be sent to the Local Union 1191 office, however understand that Local 1191 needs to have this form on file at least 60 days before the next vacation checks are distributed for the months of May or November.

Vacation Check Direct Deposit: If your mail delivery is slow or your mail is getting lost, then it is highly recommended to get your vacation check direct deposited into your bank checkings or savings account. A Payee Deposit Agreement must be completed and signed, and the member must return the payee deposit agreement at least 60 days before the following vacation distribution for the month of May, or November to Michigan Laborers Vacation Fund, 6525 Centurion Dr. Lansing Michigan 48917.

MUST Safety Awareness Training: Please check the MUST website at www.mustb-safe.com to see how many modules you have.

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 visit the training school website 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: Asbestos Awareness-Silica Awareness-Infectious Disease Awareness-Respirator Awareness-Hazard Communication-Blood borne Pathogens Awareness-Covid-19 Awareness-Lead Awareness.

NOTE: Classes & Certifications contractors have been asking for are: OSHA 30, Asbestos & Lead Awareness, Hoisting

& Rigging, Pipeline Safety, Class A Cdl License, Asbestos Removal Supervisors Licence, Confined Space Permit Required, Grade Checking Blueprint Reading & Measuring Tools, Gps Location. The above training and certifications are all available at the training center. It could mean the difference of being sent to work or not! FYI: 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.

Referral List: Every member who is looking for work must call, or come to the Local Union Office on Mondays between 1-4 pm and put their name on the out-of-work list. You must have an out-of-work skills sheet filled out and on file in order to be referred out for work by the Local Union. Also be sure to Check & Update your Skills regularly.

CONTACT NUMBERS
Michigan Laborers' Fringe Benefits Funds (Annuity, Pension & Vacation)

Telephone: (877) 645-2267
Website: www.michiganlaborers.org

Delta Dental: (800) 524-0149
Metropolitan Detroit Laborers' (Pension)
Telephone: (248) 641-4942
Fax: (248) 813-9898

Metropolitan Detroit Laborers' (Healthcare) (800) 228 0048
Metropolitan Detroit Laborers' (Vacation) (877) 645-2267

Web Site: www.metrodetroitlaborers.org

BENEFICIARY REMINDER: Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice especially after a divorce on all of your LIUNA Local 1191, 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 individual benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary.

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/union-plus-scholarships

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