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Michigan voters will go to the polls to vote in the statewide General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3, but absentee ballots are arriving in mailboxes around the state.

For many it's time to consider who to vote for in the election. A list of candidates endorsed by the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and its affiliated councils appears in this issue on Page 4. The list includes candidates who have requested an endorsement.

Union members are urged to research, support and vote for candidates who share the goals of organized labor.

**Judge gives 'F' to
Trump loyalty query**

A "loyalty" question on federal job applications to test applicants' fealty to the president has been temporarily erased by a federal judge's ruling.

The third of four essay questions forced civil service job applicants to write extensively on what President Trump policies they endorse, and why. On Sept. 11, U.S. District Judge George O'Toole in Boston gave a qualified "no" to that scheme, adding such a demand is likely unconstitutional.

"Question three and the related guidance 'unconstitutionally politicize the career employee hiring process,' violating the APA (Administrative Procedures Act) and the First Amendment to the United States Constitution," the judge wrote.

The judge issued a temporary stay banning the scheme's further implementation, adding the unions would likely win their case on its merits. But the judge didn't issue an injunction, which is stronger and more comprehensive.

Some 70,000 potential job applicants have already faced answering the question. Trump's Office of Personnel Management says doing so is optional and will not affect hiring decisions.

A lawsuit challenging the loyalty oath question was filed by three major federal unions.

"Requiring federal job applicants to answer politically motivated questions goes against the very nature of the nonpartisan civil service, and we are pleased the judge has put an immediate stop to the administration's loyalty questions," said American Federal of Government Employees (AFGE) President Everett Kelley. "Federal employees should be hired based solely on their ability to perform the job – not their allegiance to any particular administration."

The loyalty test is part of the Trump Administration's war against what it calls the "deep state" among the federal Civil Service workforce.

In particular, Trump denounced the AFGE union as "traitors" and "enemies" after they protested Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency taking a chainsaw to 300,000 federal jobs, and canceling union protection from 1 million civil service workers.

Just like Trump and his cabinet, all federal civil service workers take an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution

Quotable

"October, the extravagant sister, has ordered an immense amount of the most gorgeous forest tapestry for her grand reception."

—Oliver Wendell Holmes (1841-1935) from his poem *Autumn*.



Masons' touch restoring Fisher Building's exterior

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

DETROIT – Subject to the sun's rays, as well as the rain, wind and snow, it should come as no surprise that the masonry exterior of "Detroit's largest art object" needs some maintenance now and then.

We refer to the Fisher Building, completed in 1928 in the city's New Center area, which has in recent months been getting the care it needs, with the work of masons and laborers employed by RAM Construction Services. "Our team is performing masonry restoration work that helps preserve the building's historic character while protecting the craftsmanship and architectural details that have made it a landmark for nearly a century," RAM said on its Facebook page.

A National Historic Landmark, the 30-story tower along West Grand Boulevard was designed by renowned architect Albert Kahn, and built for \$9 million (about \$175 million in today's dollars). Remarkably,



TUCKPOINTING A WINDOW enclosure above a west entrance to the Fisher Building in Detroit is mason Martin Martini of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2. He's employed by RAM Construction Services.

construction only took 15 months, but the speedy work of the trades at the time yielded a timeless classic.

"The building was the project of the seven Fisher Brothers, of

Fisher Body prestige," says the Detroit Historical Society.

"Originally carriage-makers, the brothers popularized

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World Trade Center iron now a memorial in Wixom

Numerous structural iron sections cut from the collapsed World Trade Center towers have been transported around the country, put on public display as reminders of the terrorist attacks and lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001.

It took 25 years, but one of those iron sections made its way to the front entrance of the Wixom Fire Department, where it was put on permanent display outdoors thanks to the help of Iron Workers Local 25 members and their employer, B & A Structural Steel.

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HAVING SET THE IRON piece from the World Trade Center towers, orange-shirted Iron Workers Local 25 members Vinnie Demagio and Steve Bailey, employed by B & A Structural Steel, are joined by Wixom workers and firefighters outside their fire station.

Photo credit: Jimmy Horvath

NYC mayor reveals city, feds hid toxic 9-11 threats, with trades among those affected

By Mark Gruenberg
Press Associates Staff Writer
NEW YORK (PAI) – In the days after the Sept. 11, 2001, al-Qaeda terrorist attacks on Manhattan and Washington, D.C., New York City officials – along with President George W. Bush's Environmental Protection Administration – hid the health threat of toxic fumes, asbestos particles, ashes, dust and flaming jet fuel



from unionized first responders, New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani announced on Sept. 8.

That exposed the first responders – including hundreds of building trades workers, fire fighters and others – plus residents, office workers and even school children in lower Manhattan to dangerous and often fatal illnesses, including rare cancers.

That's especially true for the

Set blanket moratoriums on data centers? Be careful what you wish for

By Mark McManus
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Every text message, hospital record, digital streaming platform, bank transaction and smartphone app that Americans rely on operates through a data center. Data centers are the engine behind the new technology and infrastructure that Americans use daily, both now and in the future.

There's a charged debate right now around data centers and a growing push for a moratorium on their construction across the country. Opponents have cited concerns about energy costs, water and grid strain – concerns worth taking seriously. However, a one-size-fits-all moratorium on the federal, state or local level, like the one recently announced in New York, would not address these concerns.

But a blanket moratorium would remove decision making from localities who are best positioned to evaluate responsible project and investment opportunities, the benefits they can provide and the community needs they can help address. A moratorium would eliminate the economic benefits that communities across this country are counting on, without addressing the underlying challenges. It's also a bet against the tens of thousands of workers building, maintaining, operating, refurbishing and supplying the goods and services for data centers across the nation.

Although proponents have framed this as protection for ratepayers and the grid, halting construction will not fix the grid nor lower anyone's electricity bill.

Research shows that states with many data centers, like Texas and Virginia, have seen lower utility rates, not higher ones. Under the right conditions, data centers and other large loads can even lower rates for other customers. When large customers like data centers share the fixed costs of

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grid infrastructure, they can help reduce the burden on other ratepayers.

The reality is that our country needs significant investments in our energy infrastructure regardless of data center development. Policymakers should be leveraging the opportunity to increase investments into our energy systems from outside of residential ratepayers instead of driving future investments outside of our borders.

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Researchers offer data center points to ponder for communities

A lot of residents and local lawmakers in Michigan and around the nation have a kneejerk "not in my backyard" attitude when data centers are proposed, but beyond that, there is often a significant information gap about their construction.

On Sept. 1, the nonpartisan, independent Citizens Research Council of Michigan issued a report titled *Local Government Considerations in Hyperscale Data Center Development*. The group said Michigan has 70 data centers in operation, with 15 more large projects in the works.

Following are a few factors for local governments to consider from the research group when it comes to allowing data centers in backyards in Michigan, with quotes coming directly from the report.

"*In December 2024, Michigan adopted a state law exempting large 'enterprise' data centers from state sales and use taxes. This made Michigan more attractive to hyperscale data center developers. While dozens of data centers have quietly operated in

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Nuclear fuel loading begins at Palisades

By Marty Mulcahy, Editor
COVERT TWP. – Filler up.

The process of loading nuclear fuel into the reactor vessel at the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant has begun.

On Aug. 30 owner Holtec announced the "historic milestone" for the plant, which is in the process of becoming the first commercial American nuclear power plant to reopen after being shut down. "America's first shuttered nuclear power plant begins its step-by-step return to active power generation," Holtec said.

The reactor core, consisting of 204 fuel assemblies, including new fuel and partially used fuel from the plant's most recent operating cycles, is designed to support the plant's 805-megawatt electric output. The fuel is uranium, and any chain-reactions are still months away. Still, "this

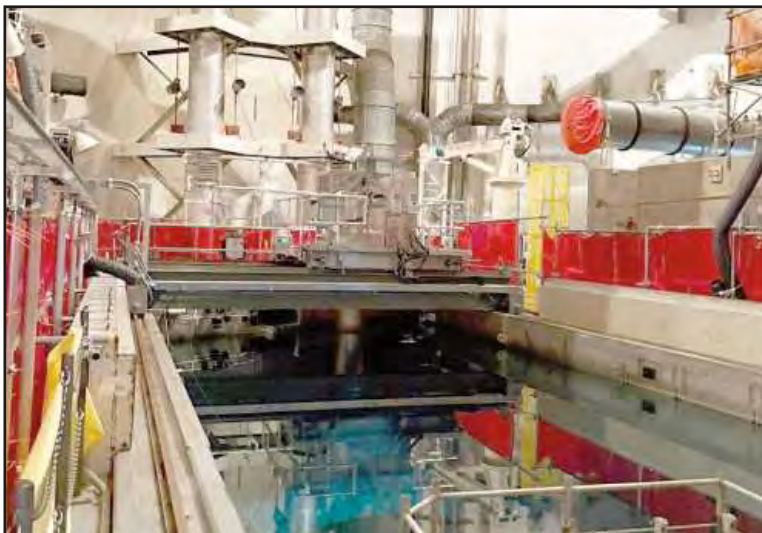
milestone follows more than two years of extensive inspection, maintenance, refurbishment, testing, and equipment upgrades across the station to ensure utmost reliability and resiliency for long-term operation," Holtec said.

Major work completed during the restart effort included extensive reinforcement of tubes in the two steam generators; removal of accumulated corrosive species from their steam generation space; replacement of the plant's control rod drive mechanism nozzles; chemical decontamination and passivation

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A NEW FUEL-HANDLING machine installed as part of Palisades' upgraded Fuel Handling System, which recently completed installation and testing.

Photo credit: Holtec



Nearly 10,000 union trades helped clear ‘The Pile,’ and were honored Sept. 11

By Neal Tepel, Publisher, LaborPress

On Tuesday, Sept. 15, a special program honored the thousands of construction workers that volunteered to clean up of the World Trade Center following the Sept. 11, 2001, attack. The ceremony was led by Gary LaBarbera, president of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York.

“Because we have risen, we have come back, and every building you see, every tower you see, every paver you see at the World Trade Center campus was put up or put in by building trades members of the New York City Building Trades Council,” LaBarbera said.

The program was held steps away from the 9-11 Memorial. Union members from around the country came out to provide support for those who helped New York City get back on its feet 25 years ago. The New York City Building and Construction Trades lost 61 members on Sept. 11, 2001, with thousands more suffering and dying from subsequent 9/11-related toxic illnesses during the Ground Zero clean-up.

Nearly 10,000 construction and building trades workers volunteered or worked on the Ground Zero pile, making up roughly 80 percent of the overall cleanup workforce. Clean-up operations at the World Trade Center site ran 24 hours a day, seven days a week, continuing officially until May 30, 2002. Thousands of trade workers have faced severe respiratory conditions, cancers, and other chronic illnesses. Federal data indicates that over 5,000 responders and survivors enrolled in programs like World Trade Center Health Program have died from 9/11-related medical complications.

Approximately 1.8 million tons of debris were removed from the World Trade Center site following the September 11 attacks. This includes over 275,000 tons of structural steel. The clean-up process required more than 108,000 truckloads to haul the material.

“When I was here on September 11, and for the nine months that I spent down here working with all of you on a daily basis, I was really moved by two things – your skill, experience – but also your big hearts,” said Bill Keegan, a retired Port Authority Police Department lieutenant, special operations founder and president of HEART 9/11. “I saw how much you wanted to bring home to loved ones their family members.”



MEMBERS OF LABORERS Local 79 (NYC) were just one group among the rest of the building trades unions in New York City who took part in the 25th anniversary ceremony on Sept. 11, 2026, honoring the responders who helped clean “The Pile” left by the collapsed World Trade Center towers. Photo credit: Labor Press

NYC mayor: city, feds hid toxic 9-11 threats

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breathe – but that city officials, led by Mayor Rudy Giuliani, echoed that line while searching for ways to avoid city liability for the illnesses and deaths.

“People got sick because the leaders they trusted lied and told them they were safe to breathe in toxic air. And then when they began to contend with the symptoms of the illnesses that followed, the government that had not hesitated to send them into harm’s way was nowhere to be found,” said Mamdani.

He announced the city had found a cache of 170,000 documents in 68 boxes in a locked, disused storeroom. Mamdani expects more documents will be found and more people will come forward to apply for funds from the federal program which covers the medical bills, disability payments and survivors benefits for 9-11 victims and their family members or survivors.

The 9-11 payments go to people in all 50 states, but that doesn’t include many lower Manhattan residents exposed to the dust, gases, asbestos and ash blowing into their homes and apartments as the Twin Towers crashed, or to then-school children, now adults, who could seek aid. Many first responders from around the country converged on New York after the attacks.

The results have been millions of dollars in medical bills,



PART OF “THE PILE,” after the collapse of the World Trade Center towers in September 2001. Building Tradesman file photo by David Nadeau

Yorkers were owed,” he said. “It would be one thing if government had stood alongside survivors and provided them with everything they needed at every step of the way. And yet, we know that could not be further from what actually happened.”

Added the sole union leader to speak at the September 8 session, Tom Hart, president of Operating Engineers Local 94: “You can’t heal what you don’t reveal.” His members also dug through the rubble, or manned the cranes to move the debris.

Giuliani and Bush EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman both said the air around The Pile was safe to breathe and the first responders didn’t need personal protective equipment, particularly masks and respirators. In an interview with CNN, Whitman also said she recommended no protection based on initial advice from EPA scientists, without detailing that advice.

The original Sept. 11 Victim Compensation Fund established by Congress operated until 2004 to offer compensation to the injured and the families because of the terrorist attacks. The fund was reopened by Congress in 2011, extended until 2015 and then re-extended in 2019 after comedian Jon Stewart passionately reminded Congress of their promise to support victims, who have continued to show latent effects of the exposure to the Pile’s carcinogens.

years ago. His 9/11-related illness was not disclosed.

The Fire Fighters from New York City Locals 94 and 354 were called to rush to the Twin Towers after the al-Qaeda-commandeered jets hit the buildings that morning. A third jet hit the Pentagon in the D.C. suburbs. A fourth jet crashed in rural Pennsylvania, killing everyone, when the passengers fought the hijackers aboard the plane.

Mamdani took questions after his remarks. He said other mayors since Giuliani knew about the cache of documents, and the efforts to avoid city liability.

“This was multiple mayoral administrations refusing to release documents that New

Liberty and justice for ALL

By Jim Hightower

Growing up, I received a wealth of working-class values from my parents, including this nugget about egalitarianism: “Nobody is better than you,” they said, “and you’re no better than anybody else.”

That’s the ethical underpinning for “We’re all in this together” – it’s what Thomas Jefferson enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and it’s what Lincoln consecrated in his Gettysburg

address; it’s in our own pledge of allegiance to “liberty and justice for all;” it’s what the Statue of Liberty welcomes; it’s Woody Guthrie’s anthem to the Common Good; and... well, it’s AMERICA!

Unless, of course, you’re Elon Musk, Peter Thiel, or other far-out, plutocratic supremacists who do indeed consider themselves better than the rest of us. For this ilk of technocratic elites, government’s role is not to promote the Common Good, but to protect their wealth from the Common Good.

Their grandiose sense of self-esteem is as silly as it is dangerous, but it is not new, and we commoners have risen up many times in our history to beat down such crushing arrogance.

For example, John C. Calhoun, a venerated “statesman” of the mid-1800s, led a national crusade to convert all workers to slave laborers owned by monied masters; and in the Civil War, a family of profiteering bankers got one of their sons exempted from duty in the Union Army by asserting “there are plenty of lives less valuable” than his; and in the 1920s, a prominent, anti-woke academic proclaimed that races are inherently un-equal, so “democracy is an unrealizable absurdity.”

This is the legacy of moral and political failure that Musk, Thiel, et al are trying to ride to victory today.

Let’s rise up... and crush them again.

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Selfridge Air National Guard Base HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



"TODAY, SELFRIDGE Air National Guard Base is one of the busiest, most diverse military installations in the United States," says *Global Security*, a dispenser of security news and military information. "A base of operations for five military branches of service, Selfridge encompasses some 680 buildings, 9,000- and 4,870-foot runways, over a million square yards of taxiway and paved aircraft parking ramps, 39 miles of paved roads, and seven miles of railroad track." Founded in 1917 and located adjacent to Lake St. Clair near Mount Clemens, Selfridge has been a home to military aviators since the dawn of military aviation.

Photo credit: Selfridge Air National Guard Base

The Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Harrison Twp. has been around for just about as long as military aircraft.

Located about 20 miles north of Detroit on the western shore of Lake St. Clair, the site has been used by the military since 1917, when it was dubbed "Selfridge Air Field." But over the next 109 years, calling it a "military base" is about as general a description as you can apply to the site, which has undergone various name changes, and hosted all manner of military missions and aircraft and civilian uses during its lifetime.

Selfridge managed to escape the "base closure" fate that ended operations at hundreds of U.S. military sites not only after World War I, but after World War II and from the 1950s into the 1990s. More modern calls for Selfridge's closure have also been successfully resisted.

"After World War I ended (in 1918), a lot of the men that were enlisted previously were being discharged and no new personnel were being trained since the United States was now at peace," wrote Owen VanTiem for *The Military History of the Upper Great Lakes*. "This decline in numbers of military men and arms meant that Selfridge Air Field was not guaranteed a future in air power, being airborne military force.

"Despite these setbacks, Selfridge Air Field experienced expansion and even prosperity during peacetime. Not only did it overcome the obstacles posed by peacetime, the base proceeded to be a very important fixture in air power and the community in the interwar period, a fame that extends until the present day."

Today, the site is designated the Selfridge Air National Guard Base, which describes its current status: "Selfridge ANGB is hosted by the Michigan Air National Guard's 127th Wing, a dual Mission Design Series unit, which operates and maintains the 9,000-foot-long runway used for Department of Homeland Security operations and active/reserve Department of Defense service components training.

"Selfridge is also home to more than 40 tenant units that form TEAM SELFRIDGE, working together to make the best possible use of training resources and opportunities, unmatched anywhere in the United States."

Currently the facility is home to aircraft that includes the 127th Wing's A-10 Thunderbolt II (the Warthog) for close air support, as well as the 127th's KC-135 Stratotanker which operates aerial refueling missions. The base also hosts the heavy-lifting CH-47 Chinook helicopter operated by the Army National Guard. Also

on site are the MH-65E Dolphin helicopter operated by the Detroit Coast Guard Air Station, and air and marine operations aircraft used by Customs and Border Protection.

But as we said, very little has stayed the same at Selfridge over the decades. Scheduled to arrive in 2028 to replace the retiring A-10 fleet are 21 new F-15 EX Eagle II aircraft to replace the Warthog, and the KC-46A Pegasus to replace the current refueling air tanker mission.

With the announcement last year, the addition of those new aircraft and the missions they create effectively gave new life to Selfridge, and the Michigan Legislature pledged \$152 million for runway and infrastructure upgrades at the base.

In addition, federal money is expected to help fund more than \$1 billion in improvements to the base, including runway improvements, new maintenance hangars, repair bays, and crew training complexes. That's all great news for Selfridge – which had more humble beginnings that belie its current status.

"In early 1916, Mount Clemens was abuzz with gossip that an aviation field would soon be located in the area," says "The Founding of Selfridge Field," a history prepared by the Mount Clemens Public Library. "In the 13 years since the Wright Brothers' historic flight, aviation had come a long way and was being used in the prosecution of the European war. A large tract of land on Lake St. Clair was acquired by the Packard Motor Car Co. at the urging of Packard president Henry B. Joy, who took a great interest in aviation and led the company to begin developing aircraft engines."

In the spring of 1917, Joy, the Mount Clemens Business Men's Association and other Detroit industrialists began lobbying federal lawmakers to locate a military airfield at the site of Joy Aviation Field on Lake St. Clair. The U.S. had just officially entered World War I on April 7.

"Proponents of the site" the library's history said, "pointed out the advantages of the field's proximity to the auto capital of the nation and the availability of the lake for practice bombing. In May 1917, word came from Washington that a deal had been closed, making Joy Aviation Field one of only nine military airfields in the country. Work commenced immediately to provide necessary road and rail access to the site.

"Within a month, the newspaper was reporting that 1,000 men were at work at the field constructing hangars, barracks, supply depots, machine shops and a school building. The name of the base had be-

come Selfridge Field, in honor of the late Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge, who had perished in an airplane crash in 1908, the first military fatality of powered flight."

The local *Mount Clemens Monitor* reported that on July 9, 1917, local citizens saw the first airplane from Selfridge Field aloft over the city. Accommodations were underway for 150 aircraft at the field. With airplanes still a novelty, the *Monitor* remarked that locals looking to the skies were "suffering severely from *stiffitis neckitis*."

The base survived a threat of closure after World War I. Between the world wars, Selfridge hosted various air squadrons, with its campus offering specialized training in gunnery maneuvers, radio communications, and other operational techniques such as mechanic school. It hosted air races, which were particularly popular among local skywatchers.

A number of famous names in pre- and post-World War II passed through Selfridge, including one of its commanders, Major Carl Spaatz, who would later become the first chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force. Curtis LeMay – who organized bombing raids in Europe during World War II, was a young lieutenant in 1929 at Selfridge.

"Selfridge Air Field would go on to be a fixture in air power, serving as the jumping off point for careers for over 100 servicemen and officers that would later go on to be very influential in the world of United States air power," says *The Military History of the Upper Great Lakes*.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Selfridge expanded from its original 641 acres to more than 3,000 acres. The base trained thousands of aerial gunners, pilots, and aircraft mechanics. It acted as a base for the First Air Force, and also hosted the 332nd Fighter Group – the African Americans of the Tuskegee Airmen.

In 1971 the U.S. granted a license to the State of Michigan and the facility was transferred from the U.S. Air Force, becoming an Air National Guard base.

The facility survived another closure recommendation in 1995, this time by the Defense Department.

Various upgrades to the base have taken place over the years, including construction of two major facilities related to fighter aircraft operations, and a new jet fuel storage and delivery system more than a decade ago.

Today about 6,000 personnel work at Selfridge, including nearly 3,000 full-time civilian and military workers alongside about 3,000 part-time National Guard and Reserve members.



U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE planes are seen at Selfridge on Dec. 11, 1941, a few days after the Japanese struck Pearl Harbor. During World War II, Selfridge became a site for basic training of raw recruits.

Photo credit: Detroit News Archives

Data center points to ponder

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Michigan for decades, hyperscale data centers are different. Most notably, they are bigger – potentially much bigger. Hyperscale campuses can occupy hundreds of acres of land and require electric power equivalent to hundreds of thousands of homes."

"Data centers have become a focus of public attention and controversy. While it was state tax policy that prompted hyperscale data center proposals in Michigan, it is largely the task of local government officials to evaluate, negotiate, and potentially approve each project."

"Considering the vehement public backlash to data center proposals, it is understandable that local governments may desire to use moratoriums as a perpetual delay tactic. Such a tactic may be successful; Michigan's power grid can accommodate only a limited number of hyperscale developments until excess electrical power generation is accounted for. Once grid capacity becomes limited, new proposals are likely to slow considerably."

"Critically, local government elected officials should work closely with legal counsel experienced in Michigan municipal law to enact moratoriums."

"A well-designed moratorium can be legally defensible while protecting the community from potential harms from hyperscale data centers as well as other developments."

"On the other hand, in a future scenario where data center proposals are rare and public opposition has waned, local governments may regret discouraging such investments. Hyperscale data centers offer a unique opportunity for local governments to expand the property tax base, increase revenue, and obtain additional value through community benefit agreements."

"Despite public opposition, attracting and approving a hyperscale data center could be sound policy. Data centers can substantially increase local property tax revenue. Van Buren Township estimates that the Google hyperscale data center approved there will generate an average of \$9.3 million annually for all taxing jurisdictions during its first 12 years, including \$1.8 million for the township."

"The Oracle/OpenAI 'Star-gate' hyperscale AI data center in rural Saline Township has requested the IFT (Industrial Facilities Tax) exemption on an astonishing \$43 billion in property value. Using 2025 millage rates, this would result in average tax revenues of nearly \$50 million per year to all taxing jurisdictions, with about \$3.5 million to the township. Expansion of the tax base in this magnitude may

allow for meaningful tax rate reductions to benefit all taxpayers."

"Residents often fear that data centers will raise electric rates or cause blackouts. These concerns have some basis but are often overstated. With appropriate planning and cost allocation, data center electric loads may reduce rates and improve reliability. Because power is essential, developers usually consult the local utility before formally proposing a development. Local governments can generally rely on utilities to determine whether the load can be served."

"Outside of Michigan, some data centers have constructed their own off-grid natural gas power plants as a 'bridge' solution until they are approved to connect to the grid. So far, no data center proposals in Michigan have pursued this."

"Data centers generally have small but measurable impacts on air pollution. Like many commercial and industrial facilities, data centers are typically equipped with emergency backup generators. If operated to fully permitted levels, the emissions from backup generators could have substantial local air quality and health impacts. However, most data centers operate backup generators very rarely."

"Many data centers use closed-loop cooling and require minimal water. The Saline Star-gate data center will be drawing groundwater from on-site wells. Yet the developer anticipates using only about 20,000 gallons per day when fully operational, including for bathrooms and landscape irrigation. For context, a typical restaurant uses about 5,000 gallons per day."

"Google's evaporative-cooling system may use more than three million gallons of water daily, but GLWA (the Great Lakes Water Authority) can supply over 1.5 billion gallons and currently operates well-below capacity. The added demand may modestly strengthen the regional system's finances in addition to Van Buren's local system."

"Noise pollution is controlled through local ordinances, not state or federal laws. While most local governments have adopted noise ordinances, traditional approaches are often not sufficient to protect against the unique type of noise emitted by data centers."

"A detailed noise study should be a central part of the approval process, and should be conducted by an acoustic engineer familiar with the unique issues specific to data centers. Best practices in regulating data center noise pollution remain unsettled."

"Michigan's local govern-

ments did not ask to become the primary decision-makers on hyperscale data center development. State tax policy created the conditions that brought these proposals to Michigan. Yet it is township boards, city councils, and planning commissions who are now tasked with determining how individual developments are evaluated, negotiated, and potentially approved.

"These decisions are being made under considerable political pressure. Residents have turned out in large numbers to oppose proposals, and officials who appear receptive may face significant backlash, including the prospect of recall. At the same time, local governments face real fiscal constraints, and the prospect of substantial new property tax revenue is difficult to dismiss."

World Trade Center iron now a memorial in Wixom

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"This morning, during Wixom's Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony, the Wixom Firefighters unveiled their Sept. 11 Memorial, a piece of steel from the World Trade Center that will forever serve as a reminder of all those who were lost that day," the Fire Department said. "The Wixom Firefighters Foundation obtained this piece of steel in June 2011 through a program established by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Since then, it has been proudly displayed in the lobby of the Wixom Fire Station."

"Today, it has found a permanent home outside the main entrance, where it will serve as a lasting tribute and a reminder to all who pass by of the lives lost, the sacrifices made, and the courage shown on Sept. 11, 2001."

Wixom's display of the 1,540-lb. section of World Trade Center iron joins numerous others in Michigan and around the nation.

The Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund said of the 2,977 victims from the World Trade Center collapse, the attack on the Pentagon and the downing of the two commercial planes, 42 victims had Michigan connections.

Just joking

A new employee is hired at the Tickle-Me-Elmo factory.

The personnel manager explains her duties, and tells her to report to work tomorrow promptly at 8 a.m.

The next day at 8:45 a.m., there's a knock at the personnel manager's door. The assembly line foreman comes in and starts ranting about this new employee. He says she's incredibly slow, and already the whole line is backing up.

The foreman takes the personnel manager down to the factory floor to show him the problem. Sure enough, Elmos are backed up all over the place.

At the end of the line is the new employee. She has a roll of the material used for the Elmos and a big bag of marbles. They both watch as she cuts a little piece of fabric, wraps it around two marbles, and starts sewing the little package between Elmo's legs.

The personnel manager starts laughing hysterically. After several minutes, he pulls himself together, walks over to the woman, and says, "I'm sorry, I guess you misunderstood me yesterday. Your job is to give Elmo two test tickles."





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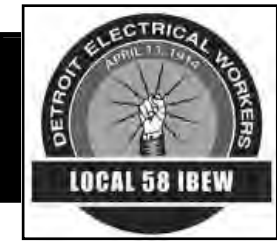
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DETROIT – The next General Membership meeting: will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2026. Dinner with the brotherhood begins at 5:30 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

UPDATE – Sub Pay is NOT available at this time. **If you have any questions, please contact the Local 58 Union Hall 313-963-2130.** If you have any questions regarding the Port Huron office, please contact Business Agent Paul Ledsworth, 313-802-4970.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) offers 24/7 call, text and chat access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress. Please Call, Text, Chat! IBEW Local 58 Cares! Call 988!

IBEW Local 58 Brick Pavers– are available for purchase, if you would like to purchase a brick, please contact the Union Hall for an Order Form. 7x9 brick pavers can have up to 6 lines of lettering and 17 spaces per line, \$100.00 Donation per Brick. NOTE: No symbols or clipart can be added to brick pavers. To purchase or for questions about the brick pavers please contact Stacy at the Union Hall 313-963-2130, extension 3015.

Local 58 Dues Department – Please check your dues receipt. If your dues receipt has a paid-through date of 03-31-2026 you owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee, and dues. You will lapse your membership at the end of the 3rd quarter, (September 30, 2026), if your dues are not paid. Dues Statements have been mailed. You can pay on the APP/Website, send a check, or call and pay over the phone. We ask that you keep the Local up to date with your address, email, and phone number. Thank you.

IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association: The next RETIREES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING takes place on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026 in the Retirees Room in the lower level of the union hall. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

The October luncheon will be happening on Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at the Gazebo Banquet Center, 31104 Mound Rd., Warren 48092. Doors open at 11 and lunch is served at 12:30. Tickets are \$25 per person, (checks payable to the Retirees Association), please send your checks and reservations to IBEW #58, Attention Retirees, P.O. Box 32756, Detroit MI 48232-0756. Questions, call Elaine Crawford at 313 408-5885 for more information.

Electrical Workers’ Joint Boards of Trustees (Fringe Benefits Office) – Any questions regarding Local 58 Pension, Annuity, Health insurance or Life insurance should be directed to the IBEW Local 58 Benefits Office at 586-575-9200. They also distribute the 1099R tax form for the Local 58 Pension.

Retirement: The NEBF pension applications are no longer available at the Local 58 union hall. They are available either by contacting NEBF directly at 301-556-4300 or through your online account at NEBF.com. Standard processing time for NEBF pension applications has been 90 days. Please allow at least 3 months prior to your retirement date to submit your application to NEBF directly for processing. The IBEW PBF (International Pension Benefit Fund) applications can still be obtained at the Local 58 union hall. For questions regarding the NEBF or IBEW PBF pensions, please call Rebecca at 313-963-2130 ext. 3013. Questions regarding the Local 58 Pension or Annuity should be directed to the Local 58 Benefits Office at 586-575-9200.

Detroit Electrical Industry Training Center - Know anyone interested in learning the Electrical Trade? Please inquire with the Training Center at www.detroitetc.org for information on Apprenticeship and training opportunities.

Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund (DEWBF): Next meeting will be Tuesday October 6, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

The 6th Annual Brad Ballard Memorial Golf Outing was Friday, August 28, 2026. It was a great day for golf with beautiful

weather and Pine Valley golf course was in great shape.

A Big Thank You to all the Benevolent Fund members, Women’s Committee members, Local members and spouses for making the event a great success. Also, Gayle and her staff at Pine Valley for hosting us and A Moveable Feast Catering for providing the dinner.

We had 3 teams that tied with a score of 58 (14 under); Craig Odren, Brandon Alexander and Nathan Kelly. After using the tie breakers on like holes by hardest handicap holes, the winner was Craig Odren’s foursome.

Also, like to give a Big Shout Out to all the trades, vendors and Locals who were generous with sponsorships to make this event a success: Graystone Consulting Morgan Stanley, HealthJoy, Milwaukee Tools, Conti Electric, IBEW Local 58, Operating Engineers Local 324, IBEW Local 665, Sheet Metal Workers Local 80, Miller Cohen PLC, Vapirpo, the Local Credit Union, Joyview Market, Coyne First Aid and Motor City Electric.

All proceeds benefit Benevolent Fund with member assistance and the Women’s Committee with the ARC Scholarship.

Anyone looking for appliances or electronics, please contact Ryan Heinrich at ABC Warehouse 734-981-7780. Ryan has helped out the Benevolent Fund with many purchases and is always willing to help out anyone in the Building Trades.

Members of the Community Service Committee: The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 5:30p.m. The Wobbly Kitchen (Sundays in the Park) will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting at the union hall and then traveling to Cass Park. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8 a.m. to help with food prep, organization, and loading. Questions can be directed to Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916 (call, text, leave a voicemail).

Local 58 is very active with community service in the Metro Detroit area and has a variety of upcoming projects that require the help of volunteers and helping hands. Contact the Union Hall (313) 963-2130 or Ray Kujawski (number above) for further information about volunteering or participating.

The next Entertainment Committee meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m.

EWMC of Southeastern MI – The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 19, 2026 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.

Save the date - Friday, Nov. 13, 2026 - for our “Tux & Chucks Casino Night Party”. Flyers will be available soon. More information to come.

The Safety Committee meeting will be on Monday, October 13, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

The Veterans Committee - The IBEW Veterans Committee serves all those who have served, building community and strengthening veteran voices within the IBEW and throughout the entire electrical industry. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at the hall with an option to attend via Zoom. At our next meeting we plan on reviewing the Veterans Committee field manual that has been put together by the I/O.

In recognition of service to country and union, all IBEW members who have served in the military can claim their free challenge coin by visiting the website: <https://ibew.org/about-ibew/affinity-groups/veterans-committees/>

Local 58’s Women’s Committee – The next meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Committee Chair Angela Milam (586-291-8014) Email at 58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org.

The Political Action Committee: Political Action Commit-

tee: PAC meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom and in person at the Hall at 5:30 pm. If you have questions or concerns or would like to attend a PAC meeting, you can reach out to our registrars at registrarl@ibew58.org.

The RENEW Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings take place every Wednesday at the IBEW Local 58 Union Hall, (1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226), starting at 6:00 pm. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. All trades welcome.

Electrical Workers Credit Union: Our website is <http://WWW.EWCU.NET> (313) 963-6060.

Electrical Workers Credit Union is offering *New Auto loans* starting at **3.99%** and *Used Auto loans* starting at **4.99%** Give the Credit Union a call to see if you qualify! 313-963-6060. Credit Union hours are Monday– Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm; Closed Friday between 11:30 am– 12:30 pm for lunch). You may now apply for membership online. Go to ewcu.net.

Dormant accounts! Please call the credit union to see the options to make your account active.

Be sure to keep the Union Hall updated with any changes to your phone number, address, email and beneficiaries. If your marital status has changed, please be sure to **update any beneficiary forms** for the Local 58 Pension and the IBEW.

Local 58 Senior Golf: Looking for seniors 55+ years old to grab your clubs and join us for multiple dates of golfing and fun. Golfing starts at 9 am for each date.

October 8, 2026 Sanctuary Lake Golf Course 1450 E. South

Blvd Troy, MI 48084

Please contact Jeff Gregory via phone call or text @ 248-240-7449. Thank you!

IBEW Pension: Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: Roland Aubry, Brian Bianchi, Duane Bishop, Ronald Christie, Raymond Danol, Jason Duda, Kathleen Goodnow, Wayne Hilbert, Mark Kasprzyk, David Lemond and Jeffery Neuhalven. We wish you all the best as you begin your new journey. Thank you for your years of service with the IBEW.

Members that have Passed Away: Our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of our fallen Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss. **Phyllis Beare**, Mother to Jeff Beare, Pension member, 26 year IBEW membership; Widow to the late Pension member Thomas Beare; **Byron “Buck” Buckhanon**, Pension member, 60 year IBEW membership, **Daniel P. Diamond**, Pension member, 63 year IBEW membership; Son to former Local 58 Business Manager and Financial Secretary and the late Pension member Daniel J. Diamond; Brother to former Installer Tech Richard Diamond and Robert “Mike” Diamond, former Local 58 Business Agent & Pension member, 58 year IBEW membership; Son-in-Law to the late Pension member Alfred Lockman; Brother-in-Law to Richard Lockman, Pension member, 57 year IBEW membership and the late Pension member Charles Lockman; Nephew to the late William Diamond, Sr; Cousin to William Diamond, Jr, Pension member, 46 year IBEW membership and Steven Diamond, Pension member, 48 year IBEW membership; Uncle to William Lockman, JIW; David Younger, JIW, first cousin once removed; and **Betty Price**, Mother to Sidney Price, Journeyman Inside Wireman.

Set blanket moratoriums on data centers? Be careful what you wish for

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The cost of delaying all data center construction is greater than most realize. Data centers are the foundation for every industry in modern life: banking, hospitals, schools, medicine, logistics and government services, among many others. Manufacturers, small businesses, service providers and virtually all other businesses are racing to adopt digital tools to stay competitive in the 21st-Century economy; these tools rely on high-speed access to data.

Consider the workforce building the data economy. For the first time ever, more data center space was constructed nationally last year than office space. That signifies a structural shift in what this country is building. At a time when data centers are a critical growth sector for the construction professionals building them, a moratorium would result in fewer in-state job opportunities for steamfitters, pipefitters, plumbers, sprinkler fitters and welders, in addition to electricians, operating engineers and other building trades.

These are the kinds of good, union jobs that the American dream was founded upon: The United Association’s members hold over 90 percent market share on U.S. data center construction. Nationally, each direct job in the data center industry supports more than four jobs elsewhere in the U.S. economy according to PwC research commissioned by our organization.

Rather than a blanket expansion of these moratoria, common-sense proposals that address the concerns of everyday Americans are paramount. For example, there are now over 100 large load tariffs approved or proposed across 37 states to protect residential consumers from shouldering the cost of expanded energy needs.

And the data center industry continues to invest in practices that reduce freshwater demand, including cooling approaches that use little or no water, water recycling, and AI-driven cooling optimization. Companies are also co-investing in regional water reuse infrastructure and partnerships that support local watersheds.

When scaled nationally, the economic cost of moratoria would be massive. They would eliminate hundreds of thousands of high-wage jobs, drain billions in local tax revenues that benefit our economy, limit internet capacity, and ultimately raise costs for families and small businesses. Consider that in 2024 alone, U.S. data centers supported 5.5 million jobs and generated \$204 billion in tax revenue that helps enable local tax relief, schools, roads, and public safety – helping make life more affordable for Americans across the country.

A more prudent approach would be to work in partnership with the labor union members who build these projects and the industry that operates them, while also acknowledging local community concerns. This is where our two voices matter together: Labor sets the standard for how these projects get built, and industry brings the investment and technical expertise to build them right.

Every transformative technology – including rail, electricity, automobiles, airplanes, pharmaceuticals and the internet itself – arrived with questions about what the future would look like. Ultimately, what we learned from those moments was not to halt progress until every question was answered, it was to build responsibly as these new technologies continue to evolve. Moratoria will halt this process. It is not too late to change course.

(Mark McManus is the general president of the United Association, which represents approximately 407,000 plumbers, pipefitters, sprinkler fitters, HVACR service technicians, welders and related trades in North America.

Josh Levi is president and CEO of the Data Center Coalition, the membership association for the U.S. data center industry.

“A man is left in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone.”

–Henry David Thoreau (1817 - 1862)

“Saying what we think gives us a wider conversational range than saying what we know.”

– Cullen Hightower



Election: Tuesday, Nov. 3

Vote in the statewide Michigan General Election.

Here are Building Trades endorsements



Following are candidates endorsed by the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and its local affiliate councils for the statewide Nov. 3 General Election.

This list will continue to be updated prior to the election. Updates can also be found at www.michiganbuildingtrades.org

Governor: Jocelyn Benson
U.S. Senate: Abdul El-Sayed
Attorney General: Eli Savit
Secretary of State: Garlin Gilchrist
Michigan Supreme Court: Megan Cavanagh, Noah Hood
State Board of Education Trustee: Judy Pritchett, Tiffany Tillee
Michigan State University Trustee: Brianna Scott, Kelly Tebay Zemke
University of Michigan Regent: Paul Brown, Amir Makled
Wayne State University Board of Governors: Shereef Akeel, Richard Mack

U.S. House of Representatives

District 1: Callie Barr	District 10: Christina Hines
District 4: Sean McCann	District 11: Jeremy Moss
District 6: Debbie Dingell	District 13: Donovan McKinney

Michigan State Senate

District 1: Justin Onwenu	District 13: Sean Carlson
District 2: Abbas Alawieh	District 15: Felicia Brabec
District 4: Darrin Camilleri	District 18: Anthony Pennock
District 5: Matt Koleszar	District 19: Julie Rogers
District 6: Mary Cavanagh	District 22: Rob Hower
District 7: Jason Hoskins	District 27: John Cherry
District 8: Dayna Polehanki	District 30: Carol Glanville
District 9: Theresa Brooks	District 32: Rebecca Amidon
District 10: Amanda Treppa	District 35: Chedrick Greene
District 11: Veronica Klinefelt	District 38: Sara Cambensy
District 12: Kevin Hertel	

Michigan House of Representatives

District 2: Joanna Whaley	District 53: Brenda Carter
District 5: Candace Calloway	District 54: Sarah Pounds
District 6: Melanie Macey	District 55: Alex Hawkins
District 8: Helena Scott	District 56: Sharon MacDonell
District 13: Mai Xiong	District 57: Tom Turner
District 14: Mike McFall	District 58: Katrina Manetta
District 16: Stephanie Young	District 61: Denise Mentzer
District 17 Laurie Pohutsky	District 66: Ned Zimmer
District 18: Kelly Garrett	District 68: Matt Schlinker
District 19: Samantha Steckloff	District 71: Stephen Shlaack
District 22: Lisa McIntyre	District 73: Julie Brixie
District 23: Jason Morgan	District 74: Harold Pope
District 27: Jaime Churches	District 75: Penelope Tsemoglou
District 28: Sherry Berecz	District 76: Angela Witwer
District 31: Shannon Dare Wayne	District 84: Khristian Silvis
District 32: Jimmie Wilson Jr.	District 86: Joseph McClusky
District 38: Joey Andrews	District 87: Will Snyder
District 40: Matt Longjohn	District 88: Kiel Reid
District 41: Jen Strebs	District 91: Frank Lafata
District 44: Jim Haadsma	District 94: Amos O’Neil
District 46: Jan Maino	District 96: Christopher Girard
District 48: Jennifer Conlin	District 109: Anna Rink

Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council Macomb County
39th District Judge, non-incumbent (Fraser): Derek Boedecker

Oakland County
Oakland County Community College Trustee: Robin McGregor
Oakland County Probate Judge: Jessica Ann Hallmark (non-incumbent)

Wayne County
Wayne Executive: Warren Evans
Wayne County Commission- District 5: Angelique Peterson-Mayberry
River Rouge Treasurer: Mike Bowdler

Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees: Brian Broderick, Jackie Coleman, Candy Little

Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee Building Trades Council
Flint City Mayor: Sheldon Neeley
Genesee County Probate Court Judge: Ashley Prew, Andrea L. LeGendre
67th District Court Judge (Fenton area): Cheryl A. Lopez

Upper Peninsula Building Trades Council
Marquette County Commission- District 1: Cody Mayer
Marquette County Commission- District 3: Jenna Smith
Ishpeming City Council: Collin Fleury (IBEW Local 906 member)
Gladstone School Board: Brandon Langenfeld (SMART Local 7 member)
Masonville Township Trustee: Travis Cary (IUPATDC Local 7 member)

Washtenaw Skilled Building Trades Council
Washtenaw County Probate Court Judge: Alethia Battles
Ann Arbor Mayor: Yusef Rabhi
Ann Arbor City Council: Sandy Aldrich, Jennifer Cornell, Ashley Hall, Cynthia Harrison, Aidan Sovo
Ann Arbor School District Board of Education: John Benson, Becca Hogan, Racheal Goldberg, Cassie Haynes, Gaurav Kulkarni, Rima Mohammad, Aaron J. Puno, Brandon Smith
Saline Mayor: Brian Marl

Southeast Building Trades Council City of Jackson

Mayor: Derek Dobies
Jackson Board of Education: Tabitha Williams
Jackson School Board: Tabitha Williams
12th District Court Judge: George Lyons, Stormie Megee

Lansing Building Trades Council
Delta Township Supervisor: Andrea Cascarilla

“The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion.”

– Thomas Paine (1737 - 1809)



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**IBEW
LOCAL 252**

IBEW Local 252

ANNARBOR – ESTAMES-SAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER: Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America have filed a new federal lawsuit regarding ESTA. We continue to get favorable decisions from Michigan Wage and Hour Division, but those decisions are currently on hold due to the new lawsuit. If you are requesting ESTA payment from your employer, we are asking you to email those requests to your employer. If denied ESTA pay, please file a complaint to the State of Michigan Wage and Hour Division at <http://www.michigan.gov/wageclaim>. The act references substantial fines and penalties for failure to comply, but you must file your complaint with the State.

BE SURE 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 2025: ALL CLASSES START AT 5 PM

1. First Aid/ CPR- Sept 1, Sept 8, Dec 1, Dec 8
2. Fire Alarm- Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Sept 2 and ending Oct 21
3. NICET PREP- Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Oct 28 and ending Dec 23 (book purchase required, call the training center for more information)

Additional classes will be added as they become available. For interest in a class not listed, call the training center. All classes require a \$50 deposit. Call the school 734-475-1180 to add your name to the desired class ahead of time. All evening classes are held from 5-9 PM.

IBEW 252 APP FOR ANDROID: If you use an android phone, you must redownload the IBEW 252 app, which is now available in the app store.

RETIREE’S CARD GAME: The first Thursday of every month Local 252 and UA 190 retirees meet at the Union Hall for card games and donuts. The games start at 9 a.m.

RETIREE’S BREAKFAST: The Retirees’ Breakfast will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at **9 a.m. (new time)** at Leo’s Coney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor. There is parking and entrances at both the front and rear.

DUES PAYMENTS ONLINE: We can now accept payments for union dues online. Visit our website www.ibew252.org and click on “Pay Dues”. Follow the instructions to create your account through the payment portal. Your dues receipt will be mailed to you.

VETERAN’S COMMITTEE: We are looking for veterans to join our veteran’s committee. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Union Hall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact John Gilbert at (517) 920-1422.

LOCAL VEHICLE FOR SALE: The Local’s White 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe with 88k miles is open for bids starting at \$27k. Please turn in your sealed bid to the union hall prior to the October 7th Executive Board meeting.

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 for the Electronic Reciprocity Transfer System. You must be signed up for ERTS before working outside Local 252’s jurisdiction or your benefits will not be transferred back.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Local 252
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**IBEW
LOCAL 948**

IBEW Local 948

FLINT – Membership Meeting - Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will be Oct. 12, 2026 at 6 PM.

Retiree Meetings - Retirees meeting will be Oct. 6, at 9 am.

Book Signing - For any members looking to sign our books please refer to our hotline at (810) 767-3308 Ext #5 or report directly to the hall.

Work Outlook - Our work outlook is steady. For further details on job information please ensure the hall has your email address for our job calls and re-signs.

Dues Reminder - Members, please ensure your dues are paid in full. For any questions, concerns, or payments please see Jenny Wallace or call the main office at (810) 767-3308.

Seeking New Membership - As always, we are actively seeking to organize new membership. For any questions, concerns, or interest please contact Organizer Eric Crites.

New Store Stock - To all members interested, we have merchandise at our hall, including shirts, hoodies, hats, and other apparel. For questions or purchases contact Jenny Wallace.

Retirees - Congratulations to Steven Cox, Douglas Roth and Arnold Shangle on your pension application. The membership would like to wish you a healthy and relaxing retirement.

Draping of the Charter - Our condolences to the family of Gerald “Butch” LeVasseur II and Christopher Clark. We are tremendously sorry for your losses and will continue to keep our Brothers in our hearts.

Local 252 cont’d

partners with Health Management Systems of America to provide Employee Assistance for several issues. For confidential 24/7 assistance, call toll-free 1-800-847-7240, or visit www.my-life-resource.com and use username: hmsa, password: myresource for more information.

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.

RETIREMENT: NEBF and IBEW PBF applications take 3 months to process but can be filled out as early as 6 months before your planned retirement effective date. If you are nearing retirement, please contact Alana at the Union Hall to start your paperwork at least 3-6 months before your planned retirement date. You will be asked to submit copies of social security cards, birth certificates, marriage certificate, divorce decrees, etc. for you and your spouse with your applications. For a full list of required documents please contact the Union Hall.

NOTICE TO RETIREES: If your 50-year commemorative watch stops working for any reason please contact the hall.

DUES PAYMENTS - Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 9/2026, your dues are not current. The Union Hall accepts payment by cash, check or credit card. There is a 3% discount for paying by cash or check. Dues for “A” members are \$143.25 by cash or check, or \$147.55 by credit card per quarter for 2026. Dues for “BA” members are \$73.80 by cash or check, or \$76.01 by credit card per quarter for 2026.

Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your fourth quarter dues (October through December) are due now. **Payments for fourth quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2026.**

IMPORTANT DATES:
Oct. 24: Trunk or Treat
Dec. 12: Holiday Party



**IBEW
LOCAL 557**

IBEW Local 557

SAGINAW – NEXT UNION MEETING - The next Local 557 Union Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6 at 5:30pm.

LOCAL 557 GOLF NIGHT - Tee times are now moved up to 5:00pm every Thursday at Twin Oaks. Earlier tee times will continue until the end of the golf season.

2026 MID TERM ELECTIONS - As you may have heard before, this year’s election is the most important of our lifetime. We have an opportunity to put in place Labor Friendly candidates. The IBEW and the AFL-CIO do an excellent job recommending candidates that should do the best for working families. If you are interested in helping the cause, many door-knocking and phone banking opportunities are available and all the help we can get is greatly appreciated. Please either reach out to Gus or someone at the Hall for further details.

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

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

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

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

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

WORK OUTLOOK - Local contractors continue to work on various projects at schools, hospitals, auto plants, wastewater plants, and other various jobs. Some of their jobs are winding down at the moment. The Saginaw Township schools re-light project has begun with some hiring. Calls should continue for Battery Energy Storage System

(B.E.S.S.) projects in multiple locations within the Local’s jurisdiction. Locations include Alma, Merrill and Fairgrove. All are expected to hire more moving forward.

We will need our members to take these calls as well as calls at the Solar Field in the Freemont Township area. New contractor W.S.G. has the Freemont Solar job and are currently waiting for permitting to go through before beginning the work. The Ingersol Township Solar Farm has been delayed with no clear resolution in sight. Local 557 is expecting more calls to be coming in shortly that may prove to be challenging to fill. It is very important to fill these calls to protect our market share and contract conditions.

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

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

WEX APP - To download the WEX app on your smartphone, search for “MI IBEW Special Fund” in the Google or Apple store. The app allows you to monitor your special fund balance and other great features.

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

STAY CURRENT ON DUES - Paying dues can now happen through the Local’s new website & app.

CONTACT NUMBERS - Michigan Electrical Employee Pension fund and Michigan Health Plan (855) 633-4584. Website is: www.michiganelectrical.org

*In Solidarity,
Evan Allardyce, Business Manager*

*“If you tell the truth you don’t have to remember anything.”
-Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)*



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TRAVERSE CITY – Meetings.

Regular E Board - The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Monday, Oct 12, 2026 @ 5:30pm.

Regular Meeting - The next regularly scheduled membership meeting is scheduled for 7pm Monday, Oct 12, 2026.

First Aid/CPR - Classes are scheduled for:
Oct 5th at 8:00 am
Oct 7th at 5:00 pm
Oct 8th at 8:00 am
Nov 30th at 12:00 pm
Nov 30th at 5:00 pm

Please contact the JATC to get signed up for the class 231-943-4193.

DEC 2026 Meeting Date Change - Reg Meeting change to Friday, Dec 11, 2026 to help with traveling Brothers and Sisters to attend the Christmas Party after the General meeting. Please bring a dish to pass. Postcard reminders will be sent out soon.

SANTA PARTY - The Santa Party is scheduled for Saturday the 12th of December. Please bring your kids!!! We need your kids here to meet Santa and submit their Christmas wish lists. Food and snacks provided. Postcards will be sent out in November to RSVP. Please remember to RSVP so we can plan for supplies and gifts for everyone attending.

PICNIC - The picnic this year at Timber Ridge Resort & Campground on Aug 29, 2026 was a fun time had by all. A special thank you to everyone who helped make it a great time. We couldn’t have done it without all the volunteers.

Retiree breakfast - Several of the retirees meet at Sparky’s Diner off of South Airport road every Monday morning at 9am.

Service Pins - Service Pins are still available at the union hall for those members who have not received them. Stop by and get yours today!

Email Addresses - Any member that would like to have Local 498 forward communication to them from the International, Local 498, AFL-CIO or the Building Trades, to help stay informed to current events, 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 Fax# 1-952-854-1632
Website: www.michiganelectrical.org
MEEPP (MI Pension) 1-855-633-4584

(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan)
3001 Metro Drive Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55425
NEBF 1-301-556-4300
NEAP 1-301-556-4300
IO Pension 1-202-833-7000
DUES RATES
Jan 1, 2026 – \$164.10/Quarter.



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BATTLE CREEK – Pension Benefits Workshop The Benefits Workshop will be on November 12, 2026, at 5pm. Please RSVP for this event.

Battle Creek Christmas Parade The Battle Creek Christmas Parade will be held on Nov. 21, 2026, at 5:45pm. Parade float build dates will be announced soon.

Christmas at the Hall The date for Christmas at the Hall is Dec. 12, 2026, at 9 am. You will be seeing postcards for the event in November. Please RSVP for this event.

The Retiree monthly breakfast is at 9am at Lux Café at 2587 Capital Ave SW. Mark your calendar for the third Thursday of each month to attend.

Paying dues late If you pay your Monthly/Quarterly Union Dues late, you will be charged a \$10.00 assessment for each month late. If you do not pay for the Late Fee Assessment, it will be added to your account as a delinquent amount due. If you are unsure if you have an amount due on your account, please call Wanda at the Hall to verify your status.

Death Benefit Assessments Please contact the Hall to verify if you have any Death Benefit Assessments due on your account before paying your dues so that you can add it to your quarterly due’s payment.

Organizing If you know of any Electricians interested in joining the IBEW, please contact Travis at (269) 339-8377. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 2022 Constitution states **“The object of the IBEW is to organize all workers in the entire electrical industry”**.

IBEW Local 445 App/Website Local 445 Members can register to access the app. You are now able to pay your dues online via the app or website. Please visit the app & website to access the calendar of events. Please notify the Hall if you have any questions or concerns with the App or Website.

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

Local Website - Please check the Local 445 website for the latest information, including job postings. The Local 445 web address is **IBEW445.com**. Make sure you check out the **Benefits Tab** for important related websites.

2026 Personal information Please keep your address, phone number and email address up to date at the Hall. Also, contact the Hall with marriages, births of children and divorces. You have a limited time frame to add/remove dependents. Beneficiary cards and forms are also available at the Hall when you need to update them.

Executive Board E-Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month starting at 4:30 p.m. **Respectfully Submitted, Wanda Secret/Recording Secretary**



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KALAMAZOO – Local 131 brought nearly 50 people to Justin Verlander’s final start on Saturday 9/26 for what turned out to be a historic game. JV pitched 5.1 innings with 6 Ks and Eduardo Valencia crushed a walk-off 2R homerun in the bottom of the 9th for the win. It was a great time and we loved seeing everyone out for the Tigers 4th Union Day game.

FREE WMU Broncos Football Season Tickets – Local 131 has once again partnered with WMU athletics, which includes 50 season tickets to see the Broncos @ Waldo Stadium all season long! Any member can go to every game if they choose (so long as tickets are available). Please call the hall or text Jon Current @ 269-716-7577 to reserve your tickets!

WMU’s next home game is **Saturday, October 10th vs Kent State** – get your tickets today!

Orientation Breakfasts – This educational breakfast features a wide breadth of information to introduce members to our local contract, benefits, and

Facebook Open Enrollment! Local 131’s Facebook group is normally hidden and private, but we are temporarily making it visible so new members can request access.

Media and Anniversary Photos: If you are able to take photos or videos at work, please send them our way! If you took photos at the anniversary party please send them our way! You can upload your videos and photos to our google drive folder.

IBEW Local 131 App and Website Launch: Local 131 has launched its new app, which can be found on Apple Store and Google Play Store by searching “IBEW 131” or you can download the new app by scanning this QR Code:

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

Veteran’s Committee Meeting: September 3rd 2026

Executive Board: Oct. 19th 2026, 5PM @ the Hall

RENEW Committee: October 20th, 6PM @ the Hall

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

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

Upcoming Events:

Saturday October 10th : WMU vs Kent State -Free Tickets Available

Saturday October 10th: Member Orientation Breakfast 8AM-10AM

Saturday October 31st : WMU vs Bowling Green -Free Tickets Available

Tuesday Nov. 17th : WMU vs Eastern Michigan University Free Tickets Available

Tuesday Nov. 24th : WMU vs Miami OH Free Tickets Available

Work Outlook: Palisades continues to chug along as more “emerging work” pops up every time a new system is activated. The immediate work picture is slowing outside of Palisades as we have several apprentices on the books waiting for assignment. Everyone still seems to be finding work in neighboring jurisdictions.

Retiree’s Lunches at the following Locations:

October 21: Berries Famous Pancake House, 5585 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

November 18: Marjo’s West, 325 N Grand St, Schoolcraft, MI 49087

Monthly Pizza Gathering (Last Friday of the month):

September 25 at 11:30 AM: Jac’s Cekola’s Pizza, 3112 S 9th St, Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Weekly Tuesday Coffee/



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UPPER PENINSULA–

MEETINGS. There will be normal unit meetings for the month of October, 2026.

Marquette –October 6, 2026 @ 7:00pm EST. Located at 119 S Front St, Marquette, MI 49855

Iron Mountain –October 13, 2026 @ 7:00pm CST. Located at 1800 N Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Escanaba –October 14, 2026 @ 7:00pm EST. Located at 1219 1st Ave S, Escanaba, MI 49829

Work Outlook- Work is busy. Upcoming projects include, VA Hospital in Marquette, Brimley Solar, and Republic Solar.

We currently have a 1-man foreman call for MJ Electric, a 4 man call for J. Ranck Electric in Sault Ste. Marie and a 2 man call for Code Electric in the Marquette area. Please call the hall 906-226-7497 if you’re interested in any of these calls.

IBEW Local 906 accepts book 2 signing via email. Please email cflouryibew906@gmail.com for all book 2 signings.

Union Hall Hours of Operation- Normal Business Hours are Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

Merchandise- To all members interested, we have merchandise at the hall. It can be picked up or coordinated to be brought to a union meeting. Payment can be done in person, over the phone, or on the website/app under the Merchandise order form page.

All products are available for viewing on the website/app. We have new baseball caps and new broadcast tee shirts.

Retiree Events- There is a retiree lunch the third Thursday of every month at the Vierling Restaurant in Marquette at 11:00 am EST.

There is a retiree breakfast the first Saturday of every month at Hardees in Iron Mountain at 8:00am CST.

There is a retiree breakfast the fourth Thursday of every month at Burger King in Houghton at 10:00am EST.

Website/App- We have a new website and mobile app. Please reference those new tools for any new announcements and updates within the local. The website can be found at ibew906.org and the app can be found under IBEW 906. Dues payments can also be made through the app and website. If you are in arrears, you will not be able to pay on the app or website. If you have any questions or are having trouble with the app please call the hall.

RENEW- There is a RENEW (Reach out and Engage Next Generation Electrical Workers) zoom meeting held the first Thursday of every month at 8:00pm est. To get the zoom link please reference the calendar section of the app or website.

Union Dues- A friendly reminder that dues are \$49.00 per month. Please keep this in mind if you are mailing a check for dues payment. There will be no Dues increase for 2026. If you are paying for the whole year at one time you receive a free tee shirt.

Fringe Benefits- Please make sure to make sure your beneficiaries are updated, especially if you’ve recently been married, divorced, had children etc. Beneficiary forms can be obtained at the union hall.

New Journeyman- None

Retirements- None

Members that have passed away- Our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends our of fallen Brothers and Sisters. Brother **Gary Gravelle**, Pension member, 62- Year Member

Labor History- IBEW Local 906 is looking for labor history in the Upper Peninsula for our local/union. If you have any information that you’d like to submit or meet up for an interview please call the hall.



Local 665

IBEW Local 665

LANSING – **WORK OUT-LOOK:** Projected to be busy throughout 2026. There are many projects going currently in IBEW Local 665 jurisdiction. LG battery plant is still going strong with more work to come. MSU plans to spend 2 billion dollars over the next four to five years.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: Local 665 has reached a milestone. We have 900 members in the Local. Of which 220 are apprentices. With all the new faces around please remember it is a Journeyman’s job to teach first and empower the next generation to learn and grow.

Upcoming Events: October 1, 2026, is the start of IBEW Locals 665 Annual Food drive and goes until November 20, 2026. Please drop your donation off at the hall.

The Renew Committee will be hosting a Euchre Tournament on October 17, 2026, at the Hall. Look for the Flyer in your email.

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

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

APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS: We often get calls or emails on how and/or where to apply to Local 665’s apprenticeship program.

To apply, go to www.lejatec.org and navigate to the application page on the website. Applications are accepted on the **THIRD** Monday of each month.

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

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS: The Executive Board meets on the second and third Monday of each month starting at 5:00 p.m.

DUES AND DEATH BENEFITS: Quarterly dues are due. We are on death benefit #370. Please look at your dues to ensure that you are current.

BENEFICIARIES: Recently married, divorced, had children, etc.? Please make sure you update your beneficiaries. Forms are available at the hall.

IN REMEMBRANCE: In remembrance of 665 local members who have passed away.

May their memory be eternal. Brian Thompson 05/26/26, Charles Vanhorn 05/09/26, Ronald Bullen 04/09/2026, Steven Goodine 03/17/2026, James Foster Jr. 02/28/2026, Joseph Perkins 02/20/2026, Bruce Pettinger 12/01/2025, Charlie Fabiano 12/21/2025, Richard Dunlap 12/11/2025, Darold English 11/28/25, Michael Quintieri 11/15/25, Douglas Maki 09/17/25, Randolph Dehate 07/01/25, Glendon “Bill” Toaz 06/10/25, David McLellan 05/28/25.

Local 131 cont’d

Breakfast: Every Tuesday at 10 AM: The Crew, 5200 Portage Rd, Portage, MI 49002

Delinquent Members:



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Elevator Constructors Local 36

DETROIT- **ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED;** our next regular membership meeting will be **October 26, 2026, at 5:30pm** at 1640 Porter Street Detroit, MI 48216. Any changes to this schedule or venue will be in the Building Trades Article or sent via email.

This paper is to serve as official notice to the membership. This is how we get information out to all our members, as repetitive as it might be there is new information in each article, please read it carefully and call the hall or attend a union meeting if you have any questions.

Attention All Members,

Upcoming meetings:

October 5th – Probationary Meeting at 5 pm

October 19th – Executive Board Meeting at 5pm.

October 26 – General Membership meeting at 5:30pm.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the Klye Owsley Memorial Golf Outing such a successful and memorable event. It was a beautiful day to come together in fellowship and support a great cause.

A special thank-you goes to Brother Justin Smith, whose hard work and dedication are instrumental in making this outing possible. His commitment, along with the support of everyone involved, reflects the spirit of brotherhood and solidarity that makes our union community so strong.

I look forward to seeing the positive work the IUEC Local 36 Lift Up Foundation will accomplish in the future. Thank you again to everyone who participated, volunteered, and supported the outing.

Be on the lookout for next year’s outing date and be sure to sign up early. We hope to see everyone back for another great event!

If you haven’t already signed up for the IUEC Voluntary Income Protection (VIP) Plan for short-term, Long-term, Life and AD&D insurance, there are two enrollment dates, the second enrollment will open September 1, 2026, to Oct. 31, 2026, and effective Nov. 1, 2026. This will be the **ONLY** chance to sign up for this till 2027. www.IUECVIP.com or call (224) 487-5030

Just wanted to remind everyone that we **DO NOT** provide personal identification as a condition of entering or working on a job. Please refer to the CBA Article XXII Par. 6, when your company tells you to give your license to enter a job or call the hall.

The International has set up The Veteran Assistance Program to help veterans navigate the VA benefits they deserve. The email is vap@iuec.org or contact Jason Gray, IUEC National Chairman @ 404-290-1012 or Ryan Donnell, EIWP National Co-Chair @ 410-312-1474. Locally contact Scott Erison (Local 36 VAP Chair) (586)482-0768 or email him at sanosire1973@gmail.com or Ricky Azzopardi (Local 36 Co-Chair) (586)719-7465 or email him at rickenyardi@yahoo.com if you would like to get involved or have questions.

The Local 36 Veterans Committee is happy to announce its first annual Side by Side Ride. This fundraiser is to benefit the Charitable Support Fund at Michigan Veterans Homes at Chesterfield Twp. This event will be held at the Belle River Course.

The ride will begin and end at the golf course with dinner to follow. Tickets are \$50 and are cash only. Tickets will be available at the union hall or through Ricky Azzopardi. Ricky is also in the process of securing a second location to purchase tickets. Ricky will keep you all updated through this paper, on Facebook, or if you like you can contact Ricky direct at 586-719-7465 or by email rickenyardi@yahoo.com. Also, if you ride dirt bikes or four wheelers you are more than welcome to join us. The more the merrier!!

If you start a new job in MOD/construction, you **MUST** report those jobs to the hall!! If you are going to be working a 4/10 job in construction or MOD, it **MUST** be submitted in writing to the Local Business Representative per Article VII Par. 2A. and Article VIII(A) Par. 2A. **When starting a new job please use the website job reporting at (Continued next column)**



IBEW Local 275

IBEW 275

COOPERSVILLE – **Work Outlook:** Work has started to pick up with calls coming in for various projects and contractors. Please be sure to call the recorder if you are interested in taking a call at home.

Healthcare coverage: At the April 2026 allocation meeting the body voted to add vision coverage as an additional benefit. Benefits will be in effect as of Aug. 1 and we are being told by the administrators that there will not be an additional card but would be the same information as your delta dental cards. They also have an app that we will work on distributing. Some members have reached out about their special fund cards expiring. Please keep an eye on your mail for new cards coming, your current card will remain working until the end of the month.

Building Corp: We are approaching the final stages of the building in Walker. Please be sure to keep an eye out for more information as it comes. If you have stopped by the union hall recently, you may have noticed the for sale sign out front. The realtors understand that the building cannot be sold until we are able to take possession of the new one but wanted to get it on the market to gather interest. We will let the body know the plans for moving once everything is finalized.

Volunteer Info: Please keep an eye out for future volunteer events.

West Michigan EWMC: Meetings will be held monthly on the 4th Tuesday of every month, 6pm via ZOOM. The ZOOM link will be available on Local 275 Members Only Facebook group as well as on the Local 275 Mobile app. Please Join the EWMC on Oct. 11 at Millennium Park in Grand Rapids as we walk to raise awareness for suicide prevention. Check in starts at 11, and the walk starts at 1pm. All are welcome to attend!

RENEW: continues to meet monthly and discuss future events. If you are interested in joining, reach out to Mark for the next date.

Veterans’ Committee: Meeting will be held monthly on the 4th Tuesday of every month, 6pm. Please keep an eye on the app for locations.

Training: Apprentices- Please pay attention to Tradeschool for upcoming schedules for classes for the 26/27 year.

The JATC is now offering master’s Exam Prep courses. Please reach out to the JATC for more information. wmjatec@gmail.com

Anyone interested in signing up for Foreman training or Steward training, please reach out to Jonas at the Hall to get on the list.

If you want to get added to our blast email list, please reach out to Nicole at the Hall to get on the list.

For any members still using the 1-800 number to call the Union Hall Offices, please note that we removed that line several months ago.

As a reminder, the Local Union Hall offices have changed their hours. The office will be open from 8am-12:30pm, 1pm-4:30pm and is closed from 12:30-1pm for lunch.

Monthly dues are still \$50.90 per month, and as of this writing we have not heard of an increase. If you pay for 1 years dues at once, there is a challenge coin that can be picked up at the hall.

Delinquent Members: At the time of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Jamie Butcher, Tim Davis, Dan Foster, Damien Keglovitz, and Kevin Koon. Please make every effort to get caught up.



IBEW LOCAL 692
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS **BAY CITY MICHIGAN**

IBEW Local 692

BAY CITY – **Union Meeting.** The next monthly membership meeting will be held at 6 P.M. on **Monday, Oct. 5, 2026.**

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, October 19th, 2026.

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

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

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

If you are looking for work, please do not hesitate to contact the Union Hall. Please note when calling the job line to use ext. #1.

In Solidarity,

Ryan Charney, Business Manager / Financial Secretary

Union Dues. There is no dues rate increase for the 2026 calendar year. Monthly dues will remain at \$49.20.

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

Retirees Lunch. The October retiree lunch is scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 15th at Auburn Hotel and Tavern located at 101 W. Midland Road in Auburn.

REMINDER: If you contact the Health Plan Office about going on short term disability, it is important for you to notify the Hall as well. 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.

Organizers’ Report. Job calls are now posted on our website, www.ibew692.net. The out-of-work list has been updated with additional information such as ding detail, a job log, and a list of recently rolled members. Please note initial sign of the out-of-work list should be in person at the hall. Re-signs after rolling can be done by emailing, texting, or calling Business Manager Ryan Charney.

-Brendon “Deon” Baranek 989.327.4131, Kevin Klapish 989.252.9225

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Important links & numbers.

Health Plan & Pension Fund

855.633.4584 – ASK FOR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

www.michiganelectrical.org

NEBF/ NEAP: 301.556.4300 • IO Pension: 202.833.7000

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www.iueclocal36detroit.org/job-reporting. This will help us keep track of jobs easier than just calling the hall.

Attention All Retirees, if you requested an Honorary Card and have not received it, please contact the Hall.

It’s with a heavy heart that I must announce the passing of Honorary Brother Timothy O’Callahan and Honorary Brother Richard “Dick” Foster, please keep the O’Callahan and Foster families in your thoughts and prayers. We would also like to wish a speedy recovery for the Brothers and Sisters on our sick and injured list.



Local 25 Iron Workers

Iron Workers 25

NOVI – The October Union Meeting is Monday October 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm and will be IN PERSON ONLY. All Union Halls will be open. We would like to encourage members to come in person to the October meeting for solidarity & fellowship! We continue to communicate through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS for alerts & emails.** You can download our APP for android on google play or for iphone at the APP store just search “Iron Workers Local 25” Martinez web shop. Or sign up via our website (www.ironworkers25.org).

The Flint Steward meeting will be Oct. 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm. The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday Oct. 26, 2026 at 6 pm. The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026 at 6 pm. All are welcome.

The **West Michigan Informational meeting** will be Thursday Oct. 1, 2026 at 6 p.m., at the Masonic Temple Lodge 34, 233 Fulton St. E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. All are welcome.

A FRINGE FUND PENSION DEPT AND HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE NOVI UNION HALL on Wednesday Oct. 7, 2026 from 8 am to 2 pm, NEW TIME. If you have questions, give us a call 248-344-9494. Walk-ins are welcome!

The cut off for any early checks before the freeze period takes place is Oct. 28, 2026 and this will be the last early check processing before the semi-annual disbursement for Dec. 5 2026.

December vacation check schedule: The last day to call to have your December vacation check pulled for in-person pick up is Monday, Nov. 30, 2026 at Noon. Pulled checks will be available at the Novi Hall Thursday, Dec. 3, 2026 after 2 pm. All other checks will be mailed to you by the end of business day on Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2026. **All members that a receive ACH deposits, your vacation check will be on deposit Friday, Dec. 4, 2026.** All Vacation checks will be dated Saturday Dec. 5, 2026.

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

Apprentice applications accepted electronically. Visit our website (ironworkers25.org) where you can apply online, make your application appointment & pay the application fee online; We take appointments Tuesday – Thursdays! No walk-in foot traffic.

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

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

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

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

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

BENEFIT FOR NEW CHILD: Any member who has a new born child, or a new dependent child through marriage **MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office of your new dependent within 31 days; otherwise wait**

until the open-enrollment period (April 1-30).

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

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

Check your HRA/Benny Card Balance: my.wexhealthcard.com (where you can create a log-in)

Check you online benefit information: ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/

HRA/Benny Card Audit is continuously under way via US Mail – please respond if you have been contacted. You need to save your receipts for three years.

Special Meeting: Wed., Oct. 14, 2026 at 1 pm for Retired Members who are enrolled in the Local 25 BCBSM Health Plan are encouraged to attend an important informational meeting with LaborFirst at the Novi Union Hall 25150 Trans X Rd. Novi MI. Representatives from LaborFirst will explain upcoming changes to the retiree health plan & outline LaborFirst's role as a healthcare navigation & advocacy resource for retirees. We strongly urge all affected retirees to attend. Come prepared to learn about the changes to your health care coverage & how LaborFirst will assist you in understanding & navigating your benefits.

The Iron Workers' Local 25 Novi Chapter Retirees' Club. The Retirees' Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday Oct. 6 at 8 am. The Retirees' meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026 at 10 am. All are welcome.

The **West Michigan Chapter** Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 9 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting for the **Bay City Chapter** will be Oct. 15 at the Iron Workers Local 25 Saginaw Union Hall, 11 Bridgeview S. Saginaw MI 48604 at 12 pm. All are welcome.

The **Downriver Chapter** next quarterly Retirees breakfast to be held 9 am Oct. 16 at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton. All are welcome.

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

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

Suicide Prevention Resources on IMPACT: <http://www.impact-net.org/safety/suicide-prevention-resources>. US Crisis Text Line: Text **HOME** to 741741 from anywhere in the U.S., anytime, about any type of crisis. A volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.

In Memory: Brigid McDonell beloved wife of Ron McDonell #824764 passed away Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026 at the age of 84. She was the dearest mother of Kevin McDonell #1104199. **Our sincere condolences to all of the family and friends on the loss of your dear loved one(s).**

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (Sept 28, 2026 9:00 am E.S.T.):



Local 169 Boilermakers

Boilermakers 169

ALLEN PARK – Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will take place on **Oct. 9, 2026 at 8:00pm** at IBEW Local 692, 1300 W. Thomas St., Bay City, Mi. 48706.

Our monthly dues will stay at our current rate of \$5.85 for 2026.

We have a very busy outage season coming this fall let keep safety and quality number one this season and show our owners and contractors why Local 169 is their best choice.

Boilermakers Local 169 Area Picnics.

Labor Day was an immense success in all areas that had parades and picnics. Please send pictures to lynn@boilermakerslocal169.com

There are some tees and hats at the Union Hall for any members interested.

Congratulations to our members who hit milestones in years of service this year.

65 years - Charles Heim, Salvatore Zarb

60 years - John Miller, Gary Mitter, Dave Gandy, Roger Sylvester, Richard Clish, Gerald Taylor, James George, William Tessin

55 years- Larry Lindroth, Todd Chambers, John (Jack) Easley, Louis Nagher, Larry Yates, Bill Cogswell

50 years - Bill Brush, Larry Siegel, Greg Rokuski, Wally Stockwell, Rick Bobzien, Irvin Klein, Tom Kopp, Michael Dodge, Greg Hintz, Joe Batory, Cleat Bridge, Dennis Muxlow, Woody Spaulding, Jim Larsen, Ed Lobdell, Steve Sella, Tim Bell, Ken Uhl, Richard Doneth. **45 years -** Bruce Harbenski, Larry Huber, John McLeod, Eric Rasmussen, Dave Robb, Michael Legrand.

35 years - Bob Hutsell, Chris Campbell, Jack McAlpine, Gary Bublitz, Keith Paquette, Jerry George, Jerry Schultz, Bob Wilson, Dan Pentecost.

30 years - Brian Kuntze

25 years - Aaron Campbell, Dave Chambers, John Cox, John Emerick, Ben Ryers, Adam Trousdale, Brandon Vermeesch, Mark Wertz, Mark Behmlander, Hank Felcoskie, Willis Stewart, Clark Tagger, Don Williams, Maurice Mays.

20 years - Tom Campbell, Tim Kelley, Robert Laroque, Graig McLain, Brian Rose, Joel Williams, Martin McElvany, Jeff Stegall, Tim Corradin Jr., Gary Daniels, Jeff Kerr, Casey Malotke, Zach Moore, Dan Webster. **15 years -** Eric Strom, Mike McDonald Jr., Jeff Jelsone, Ryan Olson, Frank Williamson.

Local 169 Scholarship Winner.

Zeniya Dean, daughter of member Zerbin Dean, won 1st place. We would like to congratulate her and wish her continued success in college.

We want to stress that every year we do this competition and only 1-2 people apply. We should encourage all graduating children of current members to apply. It's money that will help them incur

a bit less debt through their college career. It is too costly not to take advantage of someone giving them free money.

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

Any member interested in getting the Great Lakes Safety background check for Corteva please contact Business Agent, Scott Ivey at (989)662-6491.

Any members interested in EPRI Rigging, which is required for working in the Nuclear Plants. Please contact Tony Herrera at 616-296-9131, or Jamie Ratliff at 313-584-8520. Your name will be added to the list. Once we have a full class, you will be notified when and where to attend. Per your International, any member with EPRI training will not be required to have Rigging 1 through 4 for placement on the BDS.

Retirees: Retiree luncheons

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

Area 2 Retirees hold 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 luncheon is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11AM. The next lunch will be on Oct. 21 at The Auburn Hotel and Tavern. The address is 101 W. Midland Road, Auburn, MI. 48611. As always, everyone from all areas is welcome to attend.

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

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

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

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

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

“We don't know a millionth of one percent about anything.”
–Thomas A. Edison (1847 - 1931)

“I'm very pleased with each advancing year. It stems back to when I was forty. I was a bit upset about reaching that milestone, but an older friend consoled me. 'Don't complain about growing old - many, many people do not have that privilege.'
–Earl Warren (1891 - 1974)

“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)

“Any reviewer who expresses rage and loathing for a novel is preposterous. He or she is like a person who has put on full armor and attacked a hot fudge sundae.”
–Kurt Vonnegut (1922 - 2007)

“Liberty without learning is always in peril; learning without liberty is always in vain.”
– John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

“It is a profitable thing, if one is wise, to seem foolish.”
–Aeschylus (525 BC - 456 BC)

“I have been through some terrible things in my life, some of which actually happened.”
–Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

“The secret of greatness is simple: do better work than any other man in your field – and keep on doing it.”
–Wilfred A. Peterson

“All progress is precarious, and the solution of one problem brings us face to face with another problem.”
–Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

“The ordinary acts we practice every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest.”
–Thomas Moore (1779 - 1852)

“There is nothing sadder in this world than the waste of human potential. The purpose of evolution is to raise us out of the mud, not have us grovelling in it.”
–Diane Frolov and Andrew Schneider

October 2, 2026

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Heat and Frost Insulators Local 47

Heat and Frost Insulators 47

LANSING – The next Regular Meeting will be held on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Local 47's Union Hall located at 16475 Ingersoll Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.

Please make sure to call or text all starts and layoffs to the Union Office. Be sure to leave your name,

the contractor name, and the start or layoff date.

To ensure all Active Members and Retirees continue receiving Robo Calls, please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804) 441-8365. Several members currently have this number blocked and therefore are not receiving important notifications. 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 Union Office so we can verify your phone number and ensure the number has not been blocked.

Please notify the Local Union Office of any phone number or home address changes. We need current member information updated throughout our system, TIC records, and with the International.

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.

ATTENTION RETIREES: Effective Immediately, the 79 hour rule is now in effect beginning Sept. 1, 2026.

Congratulations to Steven and Andrea Mauro on the birth of their daughter Cassidie Mauro born on Sept. 6, 2026!

Pension and Health Welfare: Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671

Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917 Toll Free: (800) 323-8079

Phone No.: (517) 321-7502 Email: joshkroell@insulators47.com

Joshua Kroell is available by phone to answer questions regarding Pension, Welfare, Vacation Funds, and Special Benefits. To all Active Members: if you have not submitted your Coordination of Benefits Form, Spousal Form, or Birth Certificates for your children to TIC, no one will be covered under our insurance plan until these items are received. Please contact TIC immediately at (800) 323-8079 and submit the required documentation as soon as possible. Coverage will be reinstated retroactively once the information has been received.

Auto and motorcycle accidents are not covered under our plan. These claims should be covered through your personal automobile insurance policy.

Members with questions regarding Pension and Welfare Funds may contact TIC International at the numbers listed above or visit <http://www.heatfrostlocal47benefits.org>. Please also remember to complete and return all Working Spousal Forms to TIC.

JATC Coordinator Mitchell Carpenter (616) 375-0538.

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Heat and Frost Insulators Local 25

Heat & Frost Insulators 25

SOUTHFIELD – UNION MEETING: The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge St., Southfield, MI 48033.

APPRENTICE TURN-OUT: A class of apprentices will be turning out as Mechanics at this month's Membership Meeting. Please join us in celebrating their achievement.

PANCAKES WITH SANTA: The Union will be hosting Pancakes with Santa at the Union Hall on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Santa will be joining us from 9 a.m. until noon.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Mark your calendars for the Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. This year's celebration will be held at **The Henry, at 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, Michigan, 48126.**

WEBSITE: Visit our updated website at www.heatfrostinsulators.org to access helpful links and additional member resources.

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

REPORTING JOBS: A reward will be provided to any member that reports nonunion or union mechanical installing insulation under our scope of work. Members with valid leads should contact Eloany Rodriguez at (248) 750-4992 and you will receive a \$50.00 gift card.

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

PLEASE report all job starts promptly so we can avoid having to fine members. Reporting is now easier with our **QR code** --- simply scan, fill out and submit your jobs. Visit our Facebook page for additional information and access to the QR code.

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

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: All employment changes including hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall within 48 hours. This includes employment changes for members, retirees, and travelers. This is the only way to guarantee you are on the out-of-work list, and your employment records remain current and correct. Failure to report will result in an automatic \$50 fine.

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

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Applications are now open for the Apprenticeship Program. Please call the Union Office or visit insulators47.com to complete an application.

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 no later than 10 days from the end of the current work week.”

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Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

TROY – Due to a scheduling conflict, the next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **October 7, 2026, at Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy 48083.** Use the Banquet Entrance. The regular meeting schedule will resume in November.

The **E-Board/Stewards meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall.

RETIREEES NOTICE: The next Retiree Luncheon will be on 12/3/26 at 12:30 pm at Madhouse Bar and Grill, 32787 Stephenson Hwy, Madison Heights, 48071. It's always nice to catch up and stay connected. Please contact the union hall via our website, www.sheetmetal292.com. Click the "Contact Us" page if you would like to be added to the retiree email list.



PAUL GUALDONI

BENEFIT INCREASES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026: The Board of Trustees of Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 Supplemental Unemployment Fund is pleased to announce the following benefit improvements effective June 1, 2026.

Journeyman/Apprentice: The Benefit payable under this Plan will increase from \$225 to \$275.

Classified A/B: The Benefit payable under this Plan will increase from \$102 to \$124.

Classified C: The Benefit payable under this Plan will increase from \$30 to \$37.

Please note that all existing credits will also be increased.

HRA BENNY CARD APP: We want to share an important update regarding your Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) and your Benny Card. Effective June 8, 2026, your HRA will move to a new platform designed to make managing your benefits easier, faster, and more convenient. To access the Mobile App, search for the **BeneSys Member Reimbursement** app in your app store. Our Member Services team is still here for you. If you have questions or need help during the transition, please don't hesitate to contact the Fund Office at 248-641-4992

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

ANNUITY FUND ACCOUNT ACCESS: You can now access your Annuity account online, by phone, or by mobile app. The phone number to reach John Hancock is 833-388-6466. To create an online profile and a PIN, visit johnhancock.com/myplan and click "register now." Be sure to choose a strong password. Keep your password safe and change it regularly. To establish your PIN by phone, call 833-38-6466 or 888-440-0022 for Spanish.

MEMBER ASSISTANCE: Local 292 has a new partner for Member Assistance.

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

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

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

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

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

TEXT BLAST NOTIFICATION: If you haven't been receiving texts and would like to be added or wish to opt out of text blast, please get in touch with the Union Hall and we will make the change.

TRUHEARING: This benefit of premium hearing aids is available to active eligible participants, dependents, and Pre-Medicare retirees. To get started, contact TruHearing at 1-833-898-1255 for an appointment.

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. If you haven't already done so, you must create an account to access your information. If you cannot access the MUST site to complete your safety mods you need to contact the Union Hall.

DUES: Membership dues must be paid in advance of the month for which they are due. The union hall is not open on Saturday or Sunday; therefore, if you pay dues on either of those days, it will not be processed until Monday. If you are on suspension warning, your dues are 60 days late. To avoid suspension, dues must be paid online or at the union hall by 4:00 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 paid online (sheetmetal292.com).

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

CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL: The latest Constitution and Ritual of the 3rd 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 now has hard copies if anyone is interested in having one.

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

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

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 certifications) with the 4 Plus logo, 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 at 248-495-6764.

Attention all Welders! We are looking for any members interested in a Saturday welding class on, October 10, October 24, October 31, November 7, November 14, and November 21. These classes would be for members ready to obtain an AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or need to practice welding.

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

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



SHEET METAL WORKERS Local 80 members participate in the Detroit Labor Day Parade on Sept. 7.



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 (*Special Order of Business*) will be held in Lansing, MI at 4931 Contec Drive at 6:00 p.m. will be held on **October 8, 2026. *Installation of Officer will take place.**

Regular Area MEETINGS are as follows:

Zone 1 – (December 9, 2026) – 6 p.m. at 1612 Brooks Drive/ Marshall

Zone 2 – (December 8, 2026) – 6:00 p.m. held at VFW 5209 Grand Haven Rd Norton Shores

Zone 3/Sag – (December 2, 2026) – 6:00 p.m. held at Xmas mgt Back Orchard Barn 11001 Wilkinson Rd Freeland

Zone 4 – (December 1, 2026) – 6:00 p.m. held at 4070 Dolan Drive/Flint

Zone 5 – (December 4, 2026) – 10:00 a.m. held at 511 Avenue D Gwinn

Zone 3/TC - (December 3, 2026) – 6:00 p.m. held at 406 Hyde St Kalkaska Traverse City

Business Manager. Please be aware that we are all required to report into the Local/Zone/Area/Jurisdiction which we are traveling outside of our home Local/Zone/Area/Jurisdiction per the SMART Constitution Article 16 Section 10. Failure to report could result in charges and fines that you alone will be responsible for. Do not rely on your contractor or others to report on your behalf, it is your responsibility. Call your Business Representative if you are unsure of who to contact, they will get you the correct reporting information.

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

ZONE 1 Info: Work in Zone 1 has slowed down a bit as we head into fall but still looks to remain strong. If you become unemployed, please update your status with Eric and Vance (Apprentices please notify Ryan as well). If you are experiencing any difficulties with Unemployment, ESTA, Insurance, or Pensions, please contact Eric or Vance for assistance.

Any Journeypersons interested in any upgrade classes, please contact Ryan at the Zone 1 Training Center for additional information (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the number of individuals interested.)

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

ZONE 2 Info: Work in Zone 2 remains steady and looks good into the fall. Thank you to all who came out to the Zone 2 meeting on the 15th. It was greatly appreciated. Congratulations to the new Journeyman that was sworn in that night. Keep me informed of any address or phone number changes. Dues are always due prior to the first of the month. Archery deer season starts soon. Good luck to all of the hunters and be safe while you are out there in the woods. Shoot straight and aim small. **In Solidarity, Mike Adams**

ZONE 3 Info: Work in the area remains steady. Make sure to contact me if you are out of work, there is travel work available. Be sure to check your dues receipt to make sure you are current; dues are due before the first of every month.

Please contact the Lansing office if your address or phone numbers have changed.

The next Zone 3 membership meeting is December 2 at the Back Orchard Barn at 6pm.

Next Zone 3 Retiree meeting is December 1st at the Ponderosa on Wilder Road in Bay City. **In Solidarity, Joe Dotson**

(Traverse City Info): Work is slowing down in the area. Please keep your phone and address updated with the Hall and Benesys. Contact me if you get laid off as there is going to be work available in other areas in the state. Good luck in the woods and on the waters this Fall. **In Solidarity, John Amalfitano**

ZONE 4 Info: Work is starting to slow a bit in Zone 4 there are some talks of picking up closer to fall. We had the local 7 golf outing this past Saturday, we had a great turnout and a lot fun thank you for all of you came and helped and golfed. Please contact Kurt at the training if you need upgrade classes. We are still in the process of purchasing the new training building in Clío, everything is still on track please keep your fingers crossed. **Thanks Scott Brotherton**

ZONE 5 Info: Work in the UP is holding steady. Don't forget to get your Mine Safety Training up to date. If you need a refresher please sign up for that at upconstruction.org. If you have a change of address please call me or the Lansing hall to get that updated. The next retiree breakfast will be October 14th at 10:00 am at The Summer Place in Republic. - **In Solidarity, Brandon Langenfeld**

NEWS: Local 7 – **Union Hoodies/ T-Shirts** will be available soon through the Lansing office

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

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

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

CONTACT US: 4931 Contec Drive/Lansing, MI 48910– **517-882-4064** or visit us online at www.smwlu7.org.

Local 7 Officers:

Samual Fuller (Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer) **517-882-4064**

Eric Farrington (Agent-Lansing/Jackson) **517-242-3223**

Vance Saunders (Agent-Battle Creek/Kalamazoo) **269-569-9200**

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

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

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

Scott Brotherton (Agent-Flint) **810-836-3552**



Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Next General Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 27th at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Next executive board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th at 5:00 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.

RETIREE NEWS & MEETING SCHEDULE: 2026 Retiree Meetings: October 19th (annual party) & December 21st. All membership meetings start at 12:30 pm, held at the Local 80 hall. Please enter the hall through the ramp entrance. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593. Retiree lapel pins with the SMWIA logo are available to all members of the 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.

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

THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE: Phillip Maslonka, Michael Felosak, Justin Quigg, Brett Boardman, Randy Casey, Eric Olechowski, Samuel Hemmerling, Nicholas Kusa, Gabriel Russo, Michael Mallett, Patrick Neesley, Jason Constantine, Wesley Hartsuck, Thomas Grzebyk, Casey Duquette, Ryan Decker, Colin Poniewierski, Ryan Wyskiel, Jordan Watts, Michael Jewell, Xavier Watts, Matthew Shaffer, Patrick Butler, Jack Hernandez, Nicholas Pauwels, Michael Boyle, Thurman McGlothlin, Owen Vannatter & David Collar.

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

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

BENEFICIARY REMINDER: Please ensure that you have designated or updated your beneficiary choices for all Local 80 and International Association benefits.

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

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

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

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

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

SUB Application Deadlines and Requirements:

Submit your SUB application within 7 days of your layoff to avoid forfeiting benefits.

Layoff slips must accompany your application to qualify for SUB benefits.

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

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

Important: Do not submit your UIA proof directly to the fund office.

For questions, call the hall at **248-557-7575**.

SHORT WORK WEEK SUB PAY: If you miss work due to weather, and you are not laid off, the company must provide written documentation confirming the loss of hours was weather-related. If you work 16 hours or less in a week, you may be eligible to collect SUB, but only if the hours worked are at the beginning or end of a layoff.

To apply:
Complete the SUB application at the hall.
Provide a pay stub for the week.
The hall will submit your information to the fund office.
Make sure to follow these steps to ensure your eligibility.

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

NOTARY: We have a notary public available at the hall at no charge.

"The worst sin - perhaps the only sin - passion can commit, is to be joyless."
—Dorothy L. Sayers (1893 - 1957),

"The one thing more difficult than following a regimen is not imposing it on others."
—Marcel Proust (1871 - 1922)



UA Local 190

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

CONDOLENCES: Our lifetime member David Doe passed away Aug. 9. David initiated on Nov. 26, 1974, retired

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Mike Jewell: email: mike@ualocal671.com
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Carly Neely: Insurance Line
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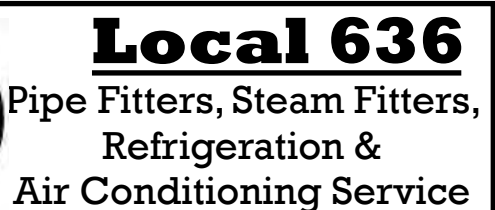
Please submit your resume, Michigan plumbing license, transcripts, and certification documents to the UA Local 190 Training Center **by Oct. 2, 2026**. Qualified candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted for a scheduled interview after the October deadline.



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.

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THE BUILDING TRADESMAN 9

988 crisis help line. The UA and the MCAA have made a joint investment to spread awareness on the way we approach mental health and suicide prevention. With the implementation of the Department of Health and Human Services 988 Lifeline, new resources are now available. When people call or text 988, they will be connected to trained counselors who will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources.

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****We will accept applications again for CONSTRUCTION Apprentices beginning in Dec 2026. ONLINE ONLY @ www.pipefitters636tc.org**

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Plumbers Local 98

UA Local 98
DETROIT – *Membership of Plumbers Local 98.*

Local 98 is proud to welcome Omar Amoles as our second Michigan Pipe Trades Organizer. We're excited to have Omar stepping into this role and helping grow Local 98 as well as the UA, organize workers, and build a stronger future for our members and the entire United Association.

Our next regular monthly union meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026 at 6 pm. A proposed by law change was read, seconded and signed by 39 members in good standing at September's union meeting. It will be read the second time, discussed and voted on under a special order of business at our next union meeting Oct. 8, 2026.

The next board meeting is Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026 at 4:30pm. The Executive Board meetings are *generally* held the first Thursday of the month at 4:30pm and before all Union Meetings.

Retiree Luncheon: The next retiree luncheon is **Wednesday, Oct. 7 at Noon** at the Plumbers 98 hall. Please contact Dave Schroeder or Dominic Fanto if you have any questions, or call the hall.

Save the Dates: Thursday, Nov. 5, Executive Board Meeting; Thursday, Nov. 12 Regular Monthly Meeting plus Turkey Night; Monday, Nov. 30 5-8pm Annual Wrapping Party; Tuesday, Dec. 1 5-8 pm Children's Christmas Party. Look for updates in the Tradesman article, check Local 98 website, Facebook and Instagram pages for updates.

Adopt-A-Highway: Our semi-annual Plumbers 98/Mike Kalso Memorial Clean Up of I-94 in Macomb County was Saturday, Sept. 19 A huge "Thank You" to the following members for spending their rainy Saturday morning filling 100 trash bags along the I-94 freeway in Macomb County; Ethan Alexander, Liam Bauer, Travis Beaupre, Gavin Brewer, Sylvon Brown, Duffy Callert, Josh Cauzillo, Jimmy Cools, Alaister Corey, Dave Eastman, Gage Gall, Luke Garcia, Rich Gladwin, Gary Glaser, Rufus Hamilton, Brandon Hendrick, Jeff Kavalal, Daniel Ladd, Neako Nash, David Putnam and Hannah Tas.

Marathon Health: Our first two Marathon Health Clinics (Sterling Heights & Novi) are now open. For more information, please see their website at my.marathon.health or call 866-434-3255. Participants enrolled in the Fund's Medicare Advantage program are unable to utilize Marathon Health. Contact an officer with any questions.

NOMI is part of our health care benefits which started Aug. 1, 2026. The NOMI Health Network is an additional power network to make your healthcare experience more accessible, affordable and tailored to your unique needs. Information has been mailed to our active membership, under 65 and do not have retiree Humana health care. Any questions, please call BeneSys for additional information.

Benefit Update: To better serve you, Local 98 has changed record keepers for our Defined Contribution plan from BeneSys to Empower. Empower can be reached at (833) 569-2433. We have also changed our HRA tracking portal. Any questions on setting up your new accounts please call an officer. In addition, the monthly status reports will only include the past hours and contributions reported since the previous statement. To check your balances please go to fund-office.lh1ondemand.com The username is your first initial last name and last four of social security number. For additional information please call the hall or BeneSys.

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

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

Membership Dues Reminder: Friendly reminder to

stay up-to-date on your membership dues to avoid suspension fees and/or being expelled. You may do auto deduction, pension deduction, pay online, pay in person or call the hall.

SUB Apps/Out of Work List: SUB You have 48 hours to report being out of work and to fill out a SUB App whether you qualify for SUB or not. It is your responsibility to check your location on the Out of Work List. This also includes notifying the hall for jury duty, bereavement, short term disability and worker's compensation. *We have a dedicated email to send your unemployment certifications and/ or backup documents to receive SUB pay.*

Please email correspondence to: sub@ualocal98.org by Thursdays at 3:00pm to ensure ample time to process the payments. Make sure your contact information is up to date, as well as MUST and other certifications. If you have any problems with state agencies involving unemployment, or questions on MUST models and staying current, please contact Rufus Hamilton.

In Memoriam: Please remember the family of Brother John "Pete" Burns, he was initiated on 3-27-1969 and was a 57 year member. My he rest in peace.

Benefits. We have dedicated BeneSys employees at the Union Hall to help with the following issues: Health Insurance, HRA, SUB, Short Term Disability, Eligibility, and Claims. In order for them to best track all issues **PLEASE CALL BENESYS at (248)641-4988 or (866)646-8919.** If they are on the other line, please leave a message and they will get back to you promptly.

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

Applications are now being accepted for our apprenticeship program. Learn more at www.plumbers98TC.org/apprenticeship.

Additional information can be found at www.ualocal98.org, Facebook and Instagram.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Hall Operating Hours 8am to 4pm

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

Dan Nixon, FST (248) 752-3702 dnixon98@ualocal98.org
Rufus Hamilton, Business Agent (313)542-2758 rhamilton98@ualocal98.org

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

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

Jeff Kavalal, Business Agent (313)938-1554 jkavalal@ualocal98.org

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

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

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

The Apprenticeship Application process is currently open. The application deadline for the next class is Friday, Dec. 18, 2026. Applications are submitted online only. Go to our website and read all requirements for the application process. The Training Center is open for normal business 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call the Training Center at 248-585-1435 if you have any questions.

Monthly Code Class – Next class is **pending**. This is **not** a code update class. Open to any member looking to have discussions about the interpretation of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Great refresher for anyone wanting to take a state plumbing exam. **Please call Training Center to register.**

If you are a member that has the practical portion of the state test scheduled for Nov. 10, 2026, we have two available evenings to come in and practice for it, Wednesday, Oct. 8, and Wednesday Nov. 4. **Call** the Training Center if you are interested in attending either of these sessions, or both. You will be required to bring all your supplies as you would for going to the actual test.

CLASS LISTS FOR 2027 WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY OCTOBER 12th. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY CLASSES YOU MAY BE LOOKING TO GET IN TO. All classes are register and pre-pay (Continued next column)



Local 357 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

UA Local 357
KALAMAZOO – **UNION MEETING:** The next regular Union Meeting will be on **Tuesday, Oct. 13th** at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be the Finance Committee at 4:30 and the Executive Board at 6:00. A special question and answer session with the outside administrators, Solxsys, will be held at the beginning of the meeting.

UNION DUES REMINDERS: Phone call reminders to pay your dues will not be made. Cash is accepted at the Union Hall for any payments. You also have the option to pay your union dues through the Local 357 website @ www.ualocal357.com. 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: On the 1st Monday of every month, retired members can meet for breakfast that will commence at 9 am at **The Crew**, at 5200 Portage Rd, Portage, MI. The phone no. for the location is (269) 337-9800. We are also planning a Retiree Breakfast at the Union Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 9am. A postcard will be going out with the details. Call Lori at the Union Hall (269) 679-3708 to RSVP. **Note that this DOES NOT replace the 1st of the monthly retiree breakfast noted above.**

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

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Norm O'Meara IV and family on the birth of a son, Norman O'Meara V. Congratulations to Tyler Griffin and family on the birth of a son, Atlas. Congratulations to Shawn Pyle on his recent marriage.

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by check or money order only.

****2026 brazing and welding sessions will be scheduled on the 1st Saturday of the month.** If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next **Welding and Brazing sessions** will be Nov. 7, 2026. ****You must call to schedule your brazing OR welding tests at least 3 days prior to the test.** Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

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

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

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

If the person you are trying to reach at the Training Center is unavailable, please leave a message to ensure we can return your call.

We attempt to return all messages by the end of the business day.



Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

UA Local 174
COOPERSVILLE – **MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7:00pm in our Assembly Hall at 1008 O'Malley Dr in Coopersville. The front office will remain open until 6:55pm.

Note: the upcoming November membership meeting will be changed to Monday, November 2, 2026. This is due to Election Day being on 11/3/26.

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

Retiree Breakfast: The retiree breakfast will be held **Thursday, October 8, 2026** at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

Hiring New Organizer: The Michigan Pipe Trades is currently accepting resumes for an organizer. Any UA journeyman member from Michigan can apply. If you have any questions or are interested in applying, please contact Ryan Bennett.

Operation United: As we begin planning for next year's event supporting West Michigan Veterans, we are currently working to identify veteran Union members in need of assistance with yard work and minor exterior home projects next spring. If you know a veteran Union member who could benefit from help, please reach out so we can begin building our project list for 2027.

Local 174 Peer Support Group: Sometimes talking with people who understand makes all the difference. Join fellow Local 174 members for an **anonymous, judgment-free, Peer Support Group at 6 PM the Tuesday after each Union Meeting.** Come talk, listen, share, or just be there. There is **strength in numbers** – the more members who participate, the more experiences, perspectives, and support we bring to the room. **No pressure. No judgment. Members supporting members.** Reach out to Chirs Phillips or Josh Herrick with any questions.

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

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

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

Language changes:

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

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

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

Wage Allocation: The 2026 wage allocation was voted on at the June 2, 2026 membership meeting. Results were \$2.25 increase on the check, \$0.05 increase to the Retiree Bonus Program, \$0.50 increase to the Pension fund, and \$0.50 increase to the Health Fund.

Organizing Update: *The best organizers are our members in the field. I became a member 25 years ago from a member that worked alongside me, I was skeptical because of what we were told about unions, but the relationship that I had with this member, I took the leap and I'm glad I did! Everyone that does our work deserves membership! It all starts with a conversation. Even the most ANTI Union workers can change their mind. I've seen this firsthand. Please keep talking to the workers that are working next to you, it's working. Better wages, benefits, insurance you don't have to pay for, and a defined pension - the message is clear; all workers deserve a UNION!* Work safe, Johnny Ortiz: (616) 307-8551.

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

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

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

Benefit Funds, 5600 New King St, Suite 330, Troy, MI 48098. (855) 407-5862.

Health Insurance Contact Info:Active and NON-Medicare Retirees

Aetna: (855) 878-4101

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Medicare Retirees:

Retiree First: (616) 345-0788

**New rates reflected below effective 9/1/26.*

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Active Member/Working Retiree \$1,300

Non-working Pre-Medicare Retiree \$926.00

with Non-Medicare Spouse/Dependents

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

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

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CEMENT MASONS Local 514 members participate in the Detroit Labor Day Parade.

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DETROIT – The next membership meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026 at 7 p.m. An executive board meeting will also be held that day at 5:30 p.m.

Membership Gold Cards- Congratulations! October 2026
Josh Cyman-25 Years
Secundino Jimenez-25 Years
James Quinn-25 Years
John Carducci-30 Years
Antonio D’Orazio-50 Years
Marvin Ervin-60 Years

After 18 years of dedicated service, Michael Stanfield will be retiring from his position as our Outstate Agent, a role he has proudly held since 2008. We are grateful for Michael’s many years of hard work, commitment, and service to our members, and we wish him nothing but happiness and all the best in his retirement. As Michael begins this exciting new chapter, we are pleased to welcome Patrick Tejkl, who will be stepping into the role of Outstate Agent. Please join us in thanking Michael for his years of service and welcoming Patrick to his new position!

We are pleased to announce that Membership Gold Cards will be distributed to our members at this year’s Christmas Party. We encourage all members to make every effort to attend this special event and receive their Gold Card in person. The date and additional details for the Christmas Party will be announced soon. We look forward to celebrating the holiday season together and recognizing our valued members!

Marcus Martinez is the new Apprenticeship Coordinator; he can be reached at (313)-350-0389 or by email: mmartinez@opciami.org

Please contact the local office at 248-548-0800 or email your updated information to aajrouche@opciami.org. Please send your updated information promptly.

MUST Safety Awareness Training: Please check the MUST website at www.Must-safe.com to see how many modules you have. You must create a new username and password. We will send ALL MUST drug authorization forms to the members’ email addresses.

Please activate your Blue Cross Blue Shield account. To activate your Blue Cross member account online, go to bcbsm.com/register and select Register Now.

Beneficiary Reminder: Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice, especially after a divorce, on all your OPCMIA Local 514, American Income Life Accidental Benefit, Pension, and Healthcare funds. The law requires that, in the event of an untimely death, your benefits go to your estate and may be taxable. Each benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary.

All members need to keep the Local updated on addresses, email, and phone numbers. If you need to change an address or add an email and phone number, please call the Local at (248) 548-0800.

Death Certificates: Please always notify the Union Hall by phone when a member of the Local has passed away and submit a copy of the Death Certificate for any deceased active or retired member.

Attention, all Apprentices: you will now need to go to the website www.micementplastertraining.com to enter your work hours. When you get to the website, click the link “About” and then click on

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Bricklayers
and Allied
Craftworkers

BAC Local 2
WARREN - UPCOMING MEETINGS
DETROIT CHAPTER: Tuesday, October 6th, 2026, at 5:30 PM, 21031 Ryan Rd, Warren, MI 48091
ANN ARBOR CHAPTER: Tuesday, October 6th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Rd, Dexter, MI 48130
FLINT CHAPTER: Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 7:30 PM, 1701 W Genesee St, Lapeer, MI 48446 – *Apprentice meeting starts at 7:00 PM*

LANSING CHAPTER: Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 3321 Remy Dr, Lansing, MI 48906
KALAMAZOO CHAPTER: Thursday, October 8th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 11847 Shaver Rd, Schoolcraft, MI 49087
HOUGHTON CHAPTER: Thursday, October 8th, 2026, at 7:00 PM, 37737 Highway 26, Trivola, MI 49965
GRAND RAPIDS: Thursday, October 8th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 233 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

MARQUETTE CHAPTER: Monday, October 19th, 2026, at 7:00 PM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855
SAGINAW CHAPTER: Tuesday, October 27th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 1300 W Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706
APPRENTICE HOURS PORTAL: We have moved the Apprentice Hours Portal to a new platform called WorkHands. You should have received an email or text message with an invitation to join the platform.

All monthly hours must now be submitted through the WorkHands app. After you submit your hours, they will be reviewed by your foreman or superintendent, who will complete an evaluation of your progress before forwarding them to the Training Center.

Submitting your hours monthly through WorkHands is a requirement of your apprenticeship and is necessary to stay on track for your scheduled raises. All submissions must be completed online and include detailed information about the work you performed during the month.

If you need assistance accessing the portal or help submitting your hours, resources are available online at: <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org/resources>

You may also contact Nate Nestor at (313) 467-5382 for additional support.

For more information about the Training Centers, please visit: <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>

BAC LOCAL 2’S TRAINING CENTERS: Both of Local 2 Training Centers are open to our members. To make your appointment for your annual RESPIRATOR FIT TEST, or for other scheduled appointments at the Warren or Lansing Training Center, please contact Nate Nestor directly at (313) 467-5382. Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>, to view the Apprenticeship and Training website, and register for future 2025 training classes.

UNION DUES: Pay 9 months, get 3 free. To receive the discount, you must be current on dues. **Members will only be able to pay 2 years in advance.**

TEXTING PROGRAM: Local 2 wants to use every means possible to communicate with you. Sometimes we have time sensitive information (such as job openings, picket lines, funeral arrangements and other such communications) that would be most efficiently done via text message. You must be signed up to receive these messages.

You can sign up via the following:
Text **2MI** to **50607**. You’ll receive a confirmation text asking for your member number (IU#)

Respond with your six-digit IU number and you will receive Local 2 Text Messages going forward!

CRAFTWORKERS NEEDED: We need Skilled Bricklayers, Restoration workers and Caulkers in Metro Detroit. If you are available for work, or know anyone who is skilled in our crafts, contact your Field Representative on their cell phone. You can also have those who are interested call either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781.

A SPEEDY RECOVERY: A speedy recovery is wished to all those who have been sick or injured. Let’s keep them all in our thoughts and prayers.

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE: The IUBAC Member Assistance Program has a number of services available for free or at a discounted rate to BAC members and their families. These confidential services can be seen at <https://bacweb.org/member-service/member-assistance-program-map> and are also available via telephone at 1-833-MAP TALK (1-833-627-8255) Monday – Friday 8 am – 7 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

FACEBOOK: “Like” Local 2 on Facebook “Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Union, Local 2 of Michigan.”

PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION
BAC of Michigan Health & Welfare Fund – (248) 828-6000
CALL-A-DOC – (800) 835-2362
Cement Pension & Vacation Funds – (248) 645-6550
International Pension/Annuity Fund – (888) 880-8222 or (202) 638-1996 (bacbenefits.org)
Michigan Masonry Trades Pension – (248) 828-6000

Cement Masons 514, continued

“Apprentice.

If you are a Military Veteran, please get in touch with the Local so we can update our records. Please call (248) 548-0800.

The Local’s website is: www.opcmiami.org.
Please refer to the website for updated information.

O.P.C.M.I.A. Local 514 has a satellite office in Flint, Michigan. We welcome Members and Contractors in the Flint area to handle their business transactions at 2630 Grand Traverse, Flint, MI 48503. Appointments may be made by contacting Business Agent Mike Stanfield at (517) 719-2316 or the Business Manager Henry Williams at (313) 215-5063.

If you have questions concerning your pension benefits, **Road Builders** can call: 1-877-876-9357 or (517) 321-7502.

Plasterers and Commercial Cement Masons can call (248) 645-6550 for pension and annuity, and toll-free at 1-877-876-9357.
All Plasterers and Cement Masons can contact (517) 321-7502 for health & welfare information now through Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades



TIDYING UP on the west side of the Fisher Building in Detroit is Anthony Dyson of Laborers Local 1191. He’s employed by RAM Construction Services.

Masons’ touch restoring Fisher Building’s exterior

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the closed body for the automobile which made year-round car travel possible. When they decided to build offices for Fisher and Company, they were willing to spend whatever it took to make it the world’s most beautiful office building.”

The Fisher Building won the designation “Building of the (20th) Century” by the American Institute of Architects-Detroit.

“The Fisher was built – with only slight exceptions – entirely

out of granite and marble, including on the exterior,” says *Historic Detroit*. “More than 40 kinds of marble from all over the world were used. From the base of the building to 50 feet up – the first three floors – the exterior is finished in polished Minnesota pink marble and Oriental granite. With more than 325,000 square feet of exterior marble, the Fisher is the largest marble-clad commercial building in the world.”

Actually, more of the build-

ing’s “wow” factor is found on the interior, with its street-level, three-story arcades with hand-painted ceilings, and use of mosaics, marble corridors, and extensive bronze detailing.

In 2023 Michigan State University announced its endowment fund had made it a majority investor in the Fisher Building. MSU said it anticipates supporting an array of educational, administrative and community-facing functions within the building.



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WARREN – Dear Mem-

bers, **DC1M WEBSITE:** www.iupatdc1michigan.org

DC 1M UNION CARDS*

Any questions regarding lost, damaged Union cards, or have dues inquiries or if you have not received a card please contact the DC1M offices at:

Warren Office: (586)552-4474 extension 100

Freeland Office: (989) 695-6888

STARS Picnic. Thank you to all who attended the STARS Picnic. Even in the rain, hundreds of Members and their Families came out for the fun. Thank you for the hard work put in by the DC1M and FTI staff.

ROBERT GONZALEZ

UNION DAY DETROIT TIGERS GAME. What a fantastic day, we saw Justin Verlander's last game. The weather was great; the Members were happy and having a good time. Thank you to Tony Parker and the DC1M staff for setting this up and distributing the tickets. Great Success!

FTI UPGRADE CLASS-ES. Warren FTI School- October 10th: Silica/Asbestos Awareness Owosso FTI School- October 13th, 14th, 15th: LIFT TRAINING 5pm

October 17th LIFT TRAINING 9am

ONE UNION. ONE FAMILY. ONE FIGHT

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

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

Get involved. Work smart. Work safe.



Glaziers & Glassworkers Local 357

WARREN – Our next regular scheduled union meeting will be on Monday, October 5th at 5pm. Please make it a priority to attend.

On Saturday, September 19th we had our 4th annual STAR safety picnic. Even with the rain coming down hard all day we still managed to have a great event. Thank you to the over 500 brothers, and sisters that took the time to attend. Congratulations to everyone who took the training throughout the year, and made this event a big success.

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

Apprenticeship School is back in session. If you have a question about your schedule please reach out to Frank Tate, the apprenticeship coordinator.

The IUPAT pension has updated the pension website. There is new information that could be helpful. Iupatpension.org

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

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

Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at 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 remind-

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District Council 1M

Business Manager: Robert Gonzalez

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

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

Local Union 514

Business Rep: Scott Mikulen

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

Place: 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI.

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 – Ed Bracamontes

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

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

Local Union 1052

Business Rep – Jake Fluty

Meeting date: 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: Tony Parker

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

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



Sign Pictorial & Display 591

WARREN – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 6, at 6:00p.m. Trustees and union stewards meet at 5:45 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 who willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4, and 19.8 of the District Council By-laws

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

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

Local 357 cont'd

ed 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**

"Always render more and better service than is expected of you, no matter what your task may be."

–Og Mandino (1923 - 1996)



Local 149

Roofers & Waterproofers

Roofers Local 149

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

The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tues, Oct. 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216

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

Mid-Michigan. The Mid-Michigan meeting is scheduled for Tues., Oct. 13, 2026, at 6 pm. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420.

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 at the Training Center, 248-206-7620, or TJaranowski@DetroitRoofers.org to make arrangements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The date of this publication above is 9/29/2026, 2:00pm **In Solidarity, Brian Gregg Business Manager, Roofers & Waterproofers Local No.149**

"Preach not to others what they should eat, but eat as becomes you, and be silent."

–Epictetus (55 AD - 135 AD)

"Honesty pays, but it doesn't seem to pay enough to suit some people."

–Kin Hubbard (1868 - 1930)

"We succeed only as we identify in life, or in war, or in anything else, a single overriding objective, and make all other considerations bend to that one objective."

–Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890 - 1969),

"Nothing fixes a thing so intensely in the memory as the wish to forget it."

–Michel de Montaigne (1533 - 1592)

"Any man who afflicts the human race with ideas must be prepared to see them misunderstood."

–H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956)

"Adventure is just bad planning." –Roald Amundsen (1872 - 1928)



ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS Local 36 members march in the Detroit Labor Day Parade on Sept. 7.



BRICKLAYERS AND ALLIED CRAFTWORKERS Local 2 members participate in the Detroit Labor Day Parade.



Laborers Local 1191 (2161 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48208)

DETROIT – Get Out to Vote in the 2026 State of Michigan General Election (November 3, 2026). YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!

Get Registered to Vote: Get Registered to Vote by Monday, October 19, 2026 online at <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/register-to-vote>. Michigan voters are encouraged to register as early as possible before an election.

Methods and requirements for voter registration depend on the following deadlines: If there are 15+ days before an election, voters can register online, by mail, or in person. Within 14 days of an election, and on Election Day, voters may only register by visiting their local clerk's office to register in person with proof of residency documentation. Voters can check their voter registration status and look up their local clerk information at <https://www.michigan.gov/vote>.

Early in-person voting: Early in-person voting is available now! Find your early voting sites at <https://www.michigan.gov/vote>.

Absentee Ballots: A registered voter in Michigan may request an absentee ballot to cast a vote in the 2026 General Election. Request an absentee ballot online at <https://www.mvic.sos.state.mi.us>, by mail or in-person at your local clerk's office. **Voters must submit an absentee application form by 5 pm on the Friday before the election (although it is recommended that you apply at least 2 weeks before Election Day to avoid mail and processing delays).** Ballots must be received by local clerk's office by 8pm on Election Day (Tuesday, November 3, 2026) to be counted.

Vote in-person on Election Day (November 3, 2026): At your local polling location. Please visit <https://www.michigan.gov/vote> to find your local polling location. **In order to vote in person, voters will need to either bring photo ID (or an alternate acceptable ID) or sign an affidavit verifying their identity and stating they are not in possession of picture ID at the polling site.** Affidavits can be challenged if there is a reason to disbelieve a voter's attestation. If someone is found to have lied on such an affidavit, their vote is thrown out. It is illegal to lie on such an affidavit, and the voter will also face legal consequences.

LABORERS RISING: Laborers Rising is a powerful initiative focused on building power and making a difference with our fellow sisters and brothers. Through Laborers Rising, Laborers Local 1191 will be asking its Membership to volunteer their time to support various issues that enhance the lives of working families. If you wish to join our Laborers Rising volunteer list, please call the Local Union at (313) 894-2241 Mon-Fri 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM to provide neces-

sary contact information.

Regular Membership Updates: Please check out our website at www.laborerslocal1191.org and the "Laborers' Local 1191" Facebook page for important information about your Local Union.

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

Monthly General Membership Meetings: All General Membership Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Local Union, located at 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208 (except for holidays), unless the Membership receives notice of a meeting cancellation, rescheduling and/or a venue change. **The General Membership Meeting for November 2026 will be held on Friday, November 6, 2026, at 7:00 PM. The December Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, December 4, 2026 at 7:00 PM.**

Monthly Retiree Council Meetings: Retiree Council meetings are held on the last Friday of each month at 11:00 AM at the Local Union, located at 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208.

The October Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Please note that the October Retiree Council Meeting is the last meeting of the 2026 calendar year.

Union Dues For 2026: Regular monthly dues are \$35.00 for Active Members. Retiree monthly dues will remain the same at \$8.00. Members can now Pay Dues online 24/7 on our website at www.laborerslocal1191.org!!! To make online dues payments, click the "Pay Dues" tab in upper right-hand corner and follow the instructions.

Important Notice Regarding Dues Payments: According to the Uniform Local Union Constitution Article VIII sec. 4. The monthly dues are due on the

first day of the month and unless paid on or before the last day of the following month, the member will be suspended by the International Union without notice. **To better serve our membership, the Local accepts in-person Cash, Credit and Debit payments.**

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

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

Referral List: Every member who is looking for work must call or come to the Local Union Office on Mondays between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 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. **FYI: It is the Member's responsibility to regularly notify the Local Union of any changes to his/her skillsets. It could mean the difference between being sent to work or not!**

Roll Call: All members on the out-of-work list must re-register every quarter within the first (1st) five (5) days of the following months: March, June, September and December. Your failure to do so will result in your name being removed from the referral list.

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Outdoors

Fish rebound after Four Lakes flood



By April Morey
Michigan Department of
Natural Resources
Many folks in Michigan re-
member the dreadful day of May
19, 2020.

Severe weather pushed the
Edenville and Sanford dams in
Midland and Gladwin counties
past their limits, resulting in cata-
strophic flooding in the area.
These dams, along with Sec-
ord and Smallwood dams, on the
Tittabawassee and Tobacco rivers
create the Tittabawassee River
Impoundments, also known as the
Four Lakes: Secord, Smallwood,
Sanford and Wixom.
The flooding likely displaced
many fish downstream into the
Saginaw River and Saginaw Bay
while also limiting access for an-
glers throughout the Four Lakes
system – an important aspect of
the local economy.

Present day.
Six years later, the light at the
end of the tunnel is approaching
for the Four Lakes complex, with
Sanford Lake refilled to the legal
summer lake level.
Locals have been working
tirelessly to restore the area to its
former state. A variety of entities
have stepped up to fulfil their
responsibilities to the Four Lakes
residents and visitors, including
the Michigan Department of
Natural Resources Fisheries Divi-
sion.
In their heyday, the Four
Lakes attracted anglers from
around the state in search of pre-
miere walleye, muskellunge, bass
and panfish that didn't require
venturing out to Saginaw Bay or
Lake St. Clair.
This is a time that folks still
dream of, lost when flooding
decimated those desirable fishing
opportunities.
Many anglers fear that they
might never see Four Lakes like
that again in their lifetime.
However, as the local DNR
fisheries biologist, I believe the
glass is half full when it comes
to this important fishery.
Cycles and concepts.
In a natural river system,
heavy rain and snowmelt result
in seasonal flooding that allows



Michigan Department of Natural Resources Southern Lake Huron Management Unit staffers are pictured with a walleye and northern pike captured and released in Secord Lake on May 13, 2026. MDNR photo

fish to move into new habitat to
spawn and forage and enables
fresh nutrients to be added to the
aquatic system – this is called the
“flood pulse” concept.
Unfortunately, damming
rivers and shoreline development
restrict a river's ability to com-
plete the natural flood pulse cycle,
resulting in interrupted nutrient
cycling.
Dams can block fish passage,
preventing them from accessing
habitat upstream, and the nutri-
ents, like plants and organic mat-
ter, that would typically enter the
system through flooding instead
remain on the landscape.
As the Four Lakes refill and
water begins to cover the exposed
bottomlands, it mimics the sea-
sonal flooding process, allowing
fish to explore recently refilled
areas.
It's their very own gold rush
for newly discovered (by them)
habitat and food. Biologists call
this the “new reservoir effect.”
As the changing water levels
stir up nutrients that have been
trapped in the sediment and ter-
restrial (land) plants that are now
underwater begin to decompose,
releasing nutrients into the water,
the phytoplankton and zooplank-

ton populations will explode.
Zooplankton are tiny aquatic
animals that serve as a food
source for fish and other aquatic
animals, making a strong founda-
tion for the rest of the food web.
This foundation, along with
drowned insects, will attract
crawfish, baitfish and panfish.
With all that extra energy and
space, these species will experi-
ence rapid growth and reproduc-
tion.
You know what loves to eat
those high-fat forage species?
That's right – largemouth bass,
smallmouth bass, walleye and
muskellunge.
The newly flooded habitat
will provide more than just ad-
ditional food for these fish spe-
cies. Newly submerged trees,
plants, fallen wood and rocks
will provide refuge and spawn-
ing grounds for these game fish,
further amplifying the bottom-up
energy cascade.
While immediate, the benefit
of this boom is short-term, since it
will not be a naturally reoccurring
event.
Lake monitoring.
To harness this ecological
potential, the DNR Fisheries
Division's Southern Lake Huron

Management Unit has established
a fluid management plan and
began monitoring the accessible
lakes earlier this field season.
Secord and Sanford lakes
were surveyed in May and June,
respectively, following the status
and trends protocol established by
Fisheries Division, to establish a
baseline.
This protocol uses a variety
of gear types to capture small- and
large-bodied fish (bonus: crayfish
and turtles) to paint a picture of
the lake's fish community.
The biggest benefit is that it
allows biologists to make com-
parisons to other lakes throughout
the state – and in this case, to the
fish community of the Four Lakes
before the dam failure.
If resources are available, the
plan for the lakes will be to survey
them annually for the next several
years to maintain an adaptative
management strategy for the
system, one of my top priorities
as the fisheries biologist for the
area.
This is critical because the
entire ecosystem will take time
to balance out, and as fisheries
managers, we want to be able
to relieve pressure or give the
system a boost as needed to keep

up the momentum as the system
recovers.
The final reports for the two
lakes surveyed so far, including
a fish growth analysis, will likely
be available in late winter.
This report will be available
to the public through multiple
venues, including the Four Lakes
Task Force and lake association
outlets, but folks are always wel-
come to directly reach out to the
management unit for a copy.
But until then – how about a
little preview?
Results. Sanford Lake was
surveyed nearly immediately after
reaching summer water levels.
This effort captured nearly 1,500
fish comprised of 30 species and
a high number of large crayfish.
The catch was dominated by
minnows and shiners, aligning
with the expectations that the bot-
tom of the food web would take
off first.
The survey on Secord Lake,
which only experienced low
water levels during the last six
years, captured roughly 1,300
fish comprised of 15 species. This
lake was dominated by bluegills,
ranging from 1 to 9 inches long.

But what about the trophies,
you may ask?
The crew netted every sport-
fish species that was in the im-
poundments prior to the dam
failure, except muskellunge.
Muskellunge – along with
walleye and northern pike – are
underestimated in these surveys
because the gear targets the shal-
low water, while these species are
swimming around in the deeper,
cooler water.
Some notable catches in
Sanford Lake included a 27-inch
walleye, 11-inch black crappie
and, surprisingly, a brown trout!
The team will have to inves-
tigate that last one further, but it's
safe to say the brown trout symbol-
izes the movement in and between
systems during the lake's “river
era” that kept the fishery alive.
While some may look back
at the pre-2020 Four Lakes and
think that the good old days are
gone, the flooding that changed
the fishery is also, through the
flood pulse and new reservoir
effects, aiding in its recovery.
These lakes are far from be-
ing written off with “back in my
day ...”

DNR confirms state's first
cases of deer EHD in '26

(From the Michigan DNR)
The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has detected
epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) virus in free-ranging white-
tailed deer from Branch, Ingham, Jackson and Lenawee counties.
The DNR Wildlife Health Section and Michigan State University
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory confirmed the EHD virus in the
first detections for 2026. As samples are submitted from additional
counties, any further detections will be posted on the DNR's EHD
webpage. (Search “Michigan DNR EHD”).
EHD is a viral, sometimes fatal disease that periodically affects
white-tailed deer in Michigan. It is transmitted through the bite of an
infected midge, or biting fly. Deer cannot transmit the disease directly
to one another; the virus must pass through the insect.
There is no evidence that humans, household pets or other Michi-
gan wildlife can contract the EHD virus. Venison harvested in areas
affected by EHD is safe for consumption.
“We do not recommend consuming any animals that are visibly
sick, but healthy deer harvested from areas where EHD has been
present are still safe to eat,” said Brent Rudolph, deer, elk, and moose
management specialist for the DNR Wildlife Division. “So far, we are
seeing EHD on the landscape at levels similar to 2025.”
EHD typically affects deer in late summer and early fall. Out-
breaks can be more severe in years when there is a wet spring followed
by a hot, dry summer, but the first frost kills the midge population and
stops disease transmission. Occasionally, localized outbreaks have
been detected in a dozen or more counties, including as many as 30
in 2012.
If you suspect you have found a deer that has contracted or died
from EHD, please submit a diseased wildlife report through the DNR's
Eyes in the Field online system. (Search “Michigan DNR Eyes in the
Field”).

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