



SHORT CUTS

Steady as she goes for construction jobs

The first quarter of 2026 yielded a U.S. construction industry employment summary that's not too hot, and not too cold.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported on April 6 that 33 states – not including Michigan – added construction jobs between March 2025 and March 2026. Michigan's construction industry job losses (-1.2 percent) during those 12 months ranked No. 44 among the states, but here and in most states near the bottom of that list, the actual decline in jobs has been relatively modest.

"March construction employment data show the industry continues to add jobs in many parts of the country, but hiring momentum has moderated compared to the rapid expansion seen over the past several years," said Macrina Wilkins, director of market insights for the Associated General Contractors of America. "Taken alongside the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey released May 5, the data suggest contractors are continuing to retain existing workers while taking a more cautious approach to expanding headcount."

Michigan lost 2,300 building industry jobs in the 12 months preceding March 2026, while seeing a decline of 600 jobs from February to March 2026. The first quarter of the year has seen the industry employment needle fairly stable in Michigan and nationwide.

Some larger states – Florida, New York and New Jersey among them – lost construction jobs during those 12 months, but the percentage losses were all less than 2.2 percent. The worst percentage job losses from March 2025 to March 2026 were in Alaska (-6.5 percent) and New Mexico (-4.9 percent).

The AGC said "that while hiring has become more cautious in recent months, many contractors continue to struggle to find qualified workers for specialized projects...."

'Holding pattern' seen for industry

Another take on the federal construction employment numbers comes from the anti-union Associated Builders and Contractors, who reported on May 5 that construction industry had 224,000 job openings on the last day of March. That's a decline of 54,000 from the same time last year.

"The industry's labor market continues to be defined by an utter lack of churn," said ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. "Construction industry hiring rebounded from February's low level, but remains extremely subdued. Contractors also remain reluctant to fire workers; the layoff/discharge rate fell to the slowest pace since early 2024 and is lower than at any point prior to 2022. At the same time, workers are also reluctant to quit compared to the prevailing trend of the late 2010s and early 2020s."

"While contractors remain confident that their staffing levels will improve this year... these stagnant labor market dynamics suggest that the industry remains in a holding pattern, one it will not exit until economic uncertainty lessens."

Quotable

"When they discover the center of the universe, a lot of people will be disappointed to discover they are not it."
 —Bernard Bailey (1916-1996)



TUCKPOINTING around a new HVAC duct opening in the gallery of the Detroit Aquarium on Belle Isle is Ryan Dahl of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2 He's employed by Ram Construction Services. Taking little notice at right is a tankful of piranhas. According to the Belle Isle Conservancy, architect Albert Kahn intended for the fish tanks to be framed, like art hanging on the wall in a gallery. The aquarium was one of the largest in the world when it opened in 1904. The Christman Co. is managing an extensive renovation of the building, mainly focusing on HVAC work and foundation improvements. More photos – See Page 12.

Trades install new HVAC into old Belle Isle Aquarium

By Marty Mulcahy
 Editor

DETROIT – The oldest operating aquarium in the nation is getting some much-needed TLC, in order to make a better, more stable environment for the aquatic creatures it houses and the humans who visit and work there.

The Belle Isle Aquarium is undergoing a complete overhaul of its HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems, which includes the replacement of some fixtures that date to the facility's opening in 1904. The trades have also done extensive work to stabilize the aquarium's foundations, with the addition of dewatering systems that seek to stop the building from experiencing the flooding which has plagued it in the past due to a high water table on the island.

The \$8.5 million, 18-month project, funded by federal American Rescue Plan Act money, began nearly a year ago and is being managed by The Christman Co. The aquarium has remained open to the public during the renovation.

"This project involves performing a lot of work in the background," said Christman Project Supt. Manuel Martinez. "We have seen some newer fixtures, but for

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HEFTING DUCT WORK that will feed forced air to the gallery above at the Belle Isle Aquarium is Don Jones of Sheet Metal Workers Local 80. Beside him are fish holding tanks. He's employed by Forced Air Systems, Inc.



TINY BY TODAY'S STANDARDS, the 10,000-square-foot aquarium on Belle Isle remains an architectural gem and continues to welcome the fish-curious. "The front of the slender, brick building features an elaborate Baroque entrance with carvings of dolphins and a grotesque of Neptune, the Roman god of water," writes Dan Austin for Historic Detroit. "In the center is the city's seal showing the two maidens and the Detroit motto, *Speramus meliora; resurget cineribus* ("We hope for better things; it will rise from the ashes").
 Tradesman file photo, 2014

Court upholds Biden/Trump PLA rule for federal construction

By Marty Mulcahy
 Editor

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The nation's construction labor unions won an important ruling on April 21, as a U.S. Court of Appeals panel upheld former President Joe Biden's mandate that project labor agreements be used on federally funded construction projects exceeding \$35 million.

The case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit sought an injunction to stop the executive order, and was filed, unsurprisingly, by the anti-union Associated Builders and Contractors and its Florida First Coast chapter. What has been surprising is the Trump

Administration's support for the union-friendly rule.

"The ruling is notable in part because the Trump Administration defended the Biden-era rule in court, a rare instance of the current administration backing a labor policy inherited from

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U.S. workplace fatalities drop; state rates average

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federal statistics and their release always lags a year – with this information being based on year-end 2024. The report found 5,070 workers died on the job in 2024 – 213 fewer than 2023 and 416 fewer compared to 2022. Nationally, the on-the-job fatality rate was 3.3 per 100,000 workers in 2024, down from 3.6/100,000

in 2023.

"Every worker should be able to go home safe and healthy at the end of their shift – but 55 years after the founding of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, that fundamental right is in danger," said AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler. "From the dismantling of critical federal

agencies and laws to the expansion of unregulated, untested AI technology, the protections that workers fought and died for are under serious threat.

"The labor movement refuses to go backward. More than five decades after a Republican signed the landmark Occupational Safety

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Higher work zone deaths buck lower trend

By Travis Parsons
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The latest federal data presents a sobering "good news, bad news" reality for the American workforce. While overall workplace deaths trended downward at the end of 2024, working in highway work zones has become significantly more dangerous for Laborers.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries, 5,070 total workers died on the job in 2024 – a four percent decrease from the previous year. However, deaths in highway construction work zones jumped from 48 in 2023 to 61 in 2024, representing a staggering 27 percent increase.

This spike isn't an anomaly, but part of a decade-long crisis.

From 2013 to 2023, there was a 31 percent increase in fatal construction work zone crashes. The rise in fatalities is fueled by an

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A 31 PERCENT increase in fatalities in U.S. road work zones from 2013-2023 is prompting calls for change, including enhanced use of concrete barriers.



Photo credit: Michigan Department of Transportation

Big technology, big opportunities 'Demand is real,' and union trades are ready for data center projects

By Marty Mulcahy
 Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – As recently as a year ago, data centers were being erected in states across the nation, but they had yet to become a hot topic in the building industry, much less anywhere else. But like Golden Tempo, this year's Kentucky Derby winner, the subject of data centers has come roaring from the back of the pack into a leading position for the building trades.

Unsurprisingly, data centers, energy-related projects and construction associated with artificial intelligence led the remarks of North America's Building Trades Unions President Sean McGarvey at this year's NABTU Legislative Conference April 21-23. That's because short of an economic bubble bursting, building all that infrastructure is almost certainly going to drive employment in



NABTU President Sean McGarvey

North America's Building Trades Unions Legislative Conference

the building trades over the next decade.

"Here's the part Washington and Wall Street need to hear loud and clear," McGarvey told the 3,000 assembled building trades delegates from all 50 states and Canada. "Today, as the economy shifts, industries transform, and new technologies reshape what gets built, the building trades aren't shrinking back. We're surging forward. Membership is growing."

McGarvey said collectively, building trades unions in the U.S. added 47,000 new members and 88,000 new apprentices this year. And that's on top of the 100,000 new members and apprentices who were added to the union rolls in 2023 and 2024. "That doesn't happen by luck," McGarvey said. "It happens because demand is real. And when American needs a job done right it still turns to the building trades. We're remained the best-skilled, safest, highest skilled workforce in the world."

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AFL-CIO chief:

No way billionaires should set agenda for new AI economy

By Marty Mulcahy
 Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. – "A Deal's a Deal: Delivering Certainty and Predictability for America's Workforce" was the central theme of the 2026 N A B T U Legislative Conference, emphasizing the need for project stability, consistent and strong labor standards and safe working conditions for union construction workers.

The theme sounds about right, according to one of the featured speakers at the conference, AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler, who along with most economists, said the nation is



AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler

North America's Building Trades Unions Legislative Conference

lacking economic certainty, with the imposition of tariffs, and on-going higher consumer prices and construction material costs.

But she said uncertainly extends beyond economics. "I travel this country, and where I'm seeing the most uncertainty in workers that I talk to and the anxiety that they're feeling is around two letters, AI. And advanced technology," she said. "We're seeing these technologies, these algorithms, robotics invading our workplaces, and more."

Shuler made a simple case that the nation should not necessarily combat the encroaching AI boom, but to harness it, with workers, not billionaires, driving the bus: "We have to make sure we have a human working alongside the technology to make our jobs better and safer," she said. "Not just replace us and turn us into cogs in a machine."

"We are at the most important fork in the road our economy has faced in 100 years. There is no question that technology is going to transform work. The question is, are we going to put workers in the driver's seat to define that future? Or are we going to let a few billionaires like Elon Musk decide who wins and who loses? Are we going to let half a dozen big-tech billionaires determine who succeeds and who gets left behind?"

Shuler said there are real-life examples of AI gone amok. Hospital executives telling nurses to ignore their professional judgement and treat patients based on consulting with AI. Or bartenders

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Viewpoints



Data centers and unions

Lately, it seems like data centers have taken on an almost mythic status in the minds of Michiganders. It's hard to go anywhere without hearing about how they might disrupt communities, strain local resources or fundamentally change the economy.

Those concerns aren't coming from nowhere. People have seen the worst examples from other states with fewer regulations and are asking reasonable questions about energy use, land, water and whether these projects will truly deliver long-term benefits for the communities that host them. If the worst fears about data centers were true, it would be right to fight tooth and nail against their development, but the facts tell a more nuanced and positive story.

Whether we realize it or not, data centers are simply the digital infrastructure that powers our modern economy. Whenever we stream a movie, hail a ride share service or use an app to send money to a friend, we are using a data center. They are in the background of operations for nearly every industry in the state. It should be no wonder then that demand for them is growing.

According to a recent study by Anderson Economic Group, the construction of even a single reasonably sized data center can generate an annual economic impact comparable to hosting the NFL Draft.

The union trades have always understood that a project that doesn't invest in the community isn't really an investment; it's extraction. Fortunately, Michigan isn't approaching this opportunity blindly. Lawmakers have taken a very deliberate approach, putting regulations in place to ensure these projects are developed responsibly from the start. The state's data center tax incentive program is a good example. It's a performance-based tool that requires data centers to create high-paying jobs, use green energy and minimize water use. In addition, Michigan energy regulations require data centers to pay in full for the electricity they use and the infrastructure needed to serve them, so that new data centers won't be able to push their energy costs onto working people.

With strong protections like these, Michigan can benefit from well-regulated data center construction. Because the fact is, data center development is accelerating nationwide, and states are competing aggressively for these projects. If they aren't built responsibly here, they will be built with fewer regulations and lower environmental standards elsewhere.

Our state has real advantages in this competition for growth, including a moderate climate, available land and a highly skilled workforce. The workforce piece is why unions across the state have joined in support of responsible data center development.

Each data center project will require a wide range of skilled tradespeople. From the construction of the sites to the installation of the power and cooling systems to the telecom specialists who run the fiber networks, there will be union-scale, benefits-eligible jobs required for each buildout. When data center developers commit to labor agreements and local hiring, they also support the training programs that build the next generation of Michigan's skilled workers.

Data center job sites support careers that don't disappear when construction ends, either. Once a facility opens, it requires a steady stream of contract work for regular maintenance that can keep skilled tradespeople employed for years afterward.

At the end of the day, the discussion around data centers is about people, and whether new development strengthens our communities, supports working families and creates lasting opportunities. With the right standards in place and a commitment to doing things the right way, data centers can be an important part of Michigan's future.

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From *The Detroit News Labor Voices*, April 28

Belle Isle Aquarium gets HVAC upgrades

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the most part everything we're dealing with is old. So we're modernizing everything mechanical, while we're preserving the character of this historic building."

Design work for the project is being handled by G.H. Forbes Associates Architects. The aquarium, the group said, "was designed by Albert Kahn and built in 1904. The historic building uses a hot water heating system that is intertwined with the heating system in the adjacent conservatory. Lack of maintenance and aging infrastructure has resulted in inadequate conditions."

Small by modern standards but of significant size when it was built, the 10,000-square-foot aquarium holds 50 tanks containing a variety of fish from the world's lakes and rivers. Managed by the Belle Isle Conservancy, the Beaux-Arts gem was closed by the city in 2005 due to budgetary constraints. The building was maintained by the Friends of the Belle Isle Aquarium volunteers until it was reopened in 2012.

For more than a century, the aquarium employed hot water, radiated heat, which generally created a lot of moisture throughout the building. "The equipment just couldn't keep up with the needs of the water tanks," Martinez said. "Each of them have different temperature needs."

The new system will introduce a modern water temperature regulating system, and use forced air to heat and cool the gallery. The aquarium will also get new utility service and new electrical service.

Not unlike a construction project next to an active hospital or school, Martinez said the project team is sensitive to the well-being of the aquarium's aquatic

inhabitants. "We have live animals in here, and aquarium staff monitoring the place 24-7," he said. "So we have to take greater care when we've had to do things like wall penetrations or vibration compaction of the soil. We're trying to work in the least intrusive ways possible to maintain a good environment."

Martinez added, "historic preservation comes with a lot of

surprises," such as the discovery that there was a bar, perhaps a speakeasy, down in the building's basement. He produced several old bottles that were found during site excavation.

About 30 tradespeople have been employed at any given time on the project, which is anticipated to be complete at the end of the year.

"I'm proud to be working

with a team of tradespeople who are good problem-solvers," Martinez said. "An old, unique building like this comes with a lot of curveballs, but this team rolls up its sleeves and finds solutions. We all function together to work on making this a successful renovation, and to do things the right way as we keep the historic nature of this beautiful building."



UNCOILING 600 KCMIL GENERATOR wire at the Belle Isle Aquarium project in Detroit are electricians Nick Gross and Leonard Robinson. The IBEW Local 58 members are employed by W.J. O'Neil. Behind them and next door to the aquarium is the magnificently restored Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, which also opened in 1904.

Government by, and for, billionaires

By Jim Hightower

Congress keeps churning out laws that the great majority



of us have explicitly, consistently, and loudly said we do not want! Are those lawmakers deaf? No, their ears are stuffed with ever-increasing wads of political cash from corporations and the super-rich, so our words can't reach their eardrums.

Take Tim Sheehy, a Montana Republican elected two years ago to the U.S. Senate. He quickly

proved to be a tail-wagging fetcher of more plutocratic tax-giveaways and most anything else the billionaire class desires.

Why? Money. His campaign was launched and supercharged by such barons of Wall Street and Silicon Valley as Steve Schwarzman. Honcho of a private equity powerhouse, Schwarzman greased Sheehy's political skids with an \$8 million check. A New York Times analysis later found that at least 63 other billionaire families bought a piece of the fledgling Montana senator that year.

He's not their only purchase, of course. *The Times'* tally found 300 billionaire families invested more than \$3 billion in federal candidates in 2024.

Meanwhile, not only does

Congress do what We the People don't want, they also refuse to do what we do want. Most emphatically, that includes a huge, bipartisan majority who want all corporate money out of political races and solid limits on donations by the rich.

Big Money is a stark threat to America, says Marc Racicot, Montana's former Republican governor. It's turning our democratic republic into a place where a few wealthy people can legally spend millions to direct how the government runs. "Does any reasonable person on the planet think that's appropriate," he asks?

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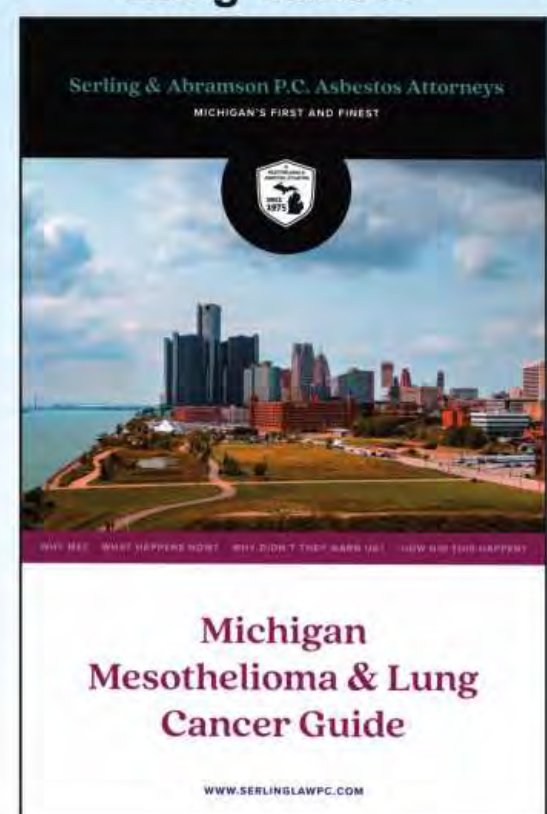
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BUILDING MICHIGAN: Belle Isle Aquarium HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



THE FRESHWATER AND SALTWATER tanks are shown at the Belle Isle Aquarium's gallery in Detroit in 2014, little changed from its 1904 appearance. Architect Albert Kahn's design sought to make the water tanks resemble an art gallery. "The most magnificent part of the interior was the grotto ceilings lined with shiny jade green tiles, giving visitors a unique feeling of being underwater," says a history by the Friends of the Belle Isle Aquarium.

Image credit: Tradesman file photo

No city really needs an aquarium. Detroit didn't need one, but it got one. And it's about as cool, unique and historic a place to watch aquatic creatures as you will find.

In 1901, due to a reorganization of the Detroit Commission of Parks and Boulevards, Robert E. Bolger was left as the sole member of the commission. He declared that a proposal for building a new aquarium and conservatory on Belle Isle was an expensive luxury. But ultimately he wasn't able to stop their construction.

"Belle Isle's celebrated siblings, the Belle Isle Aquarium and the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, opened together on Aug. 18, 1904. The two landmarks have fascinated and delighted generations of Detroiters," wrote Dan Austin for *Historic Detroit*.

The City of Detroit originally funded the construction of the side-by-side Belle Isle Aquarium and Conservatory (basically a big greenhouse) in 1904 through municipal bonds authorized by the state Legislature in 1899, and a vote by Detroiters. They were built as part of the growing "City Beautiful" movement, a nationwide effort thoroughly embraced by Detroit around the turn of the last century to build parks and to add and improve public spaces.

Hometown Albert Kahn designed both Belle Isle attractions before he went on to become the world-renowned, rock-star architect for designing automotive industry plants and other buildings.

Upon the opening of the pair of Belle Isle landmarks, wrote Albert Meister in *Albert Kahn's Daylight: An Architect Reconsidered*, Commissioner Bolger had changed his tune.

"The Belle Isle Aquarium and Horticultural Building was a resounding success," Meister wrote. "In its first 18 days of official operation, over 80,229 visitors toured the exhibits. Within a year railroads and passenger ship lines were promoting the attraction around the country. Park Commissioner Bolger — who called to cancel the project when he came into office — now boasted, 'its value as a drawing card for the city cannot be overstated.'"

Combined, the conservatory structure and aquarium only take up 25,000 square feet

CONSTRUCTION of the aquarium is shown in 1902.

Image credit: Detroit Public Library



of space — pint-sized attractions compared to a modern attractions. But at the time, they were unlike anything anyone had seen.

Having featured the conservatory's renovation on these pages two years ago, here we will focus here on the aquarium.

"The Belle Isle Aquarium is the oldest public aquarium in the continental United States and, at the time of its opening, the third-largest in the world," says the Detroit Historical Society. "A carving of Neptune, the Roman god of the sea, greets visitors above the entryway, inviting guests into the long, domed-ceiling structure that houses over 50 tanks of fresh and salt-water aquatic life. Glass sea-green tiles line its walls and ceiling to give it an 'underwater' feeling. According to the Belle Isle Conservancy, Kahn intended for the fish to be like art hanging on the wall in a gallery."

The building's price tag: \$165,000 (about \$6.15 million today). Its modern equipment allowed for the keeping of both seawater and fresh-water marine life and the keeping of the right water temperatures in the tanks. The saltwater was originally siphoned from the Atlantic Ocean, and transported to Detroit by a rail tanker. Pumps circulated and aerated the water.

"The water was recycled through the tanks because, it was said, that fish survive better in water they've been in before," wrote Austin. "Originally, a 8,531-gallon center tank with a railing around it occupied the center of the building. It was topped off with filtered water that snaked through five miles of pipes."

The aquarium survived the Great Depression — but its saltwater fish were sold because of the expense in keeping them. The facility had more than 2,000 fish in 1948 and then 3,600 in 1955, when the facility

was reopened after a year-long renovation. Fish were placed into new refrigerated aluminum tanks. Old floor pools that had been filled with carp were replaced with tropical fish exhibits.

At the time of the mid-1950s renovation, the aquarium had about 150 species on display. It was, according to then-curator Keith Kreag, the largest collection of freshwater fish in North America. It boasted everything from piranhas to lampreys to electric eels.

In 2014, masons performed extensive repairs to the building's exterior. Roof and skylights repairs were made. HVAC improvements to the aquarium are currently ongoing.

The Society of Architectural Historians' description called the Beaux Arts-style building's exterior a "subdued red brick aquarium." They added: "access is gained through an exuberant baroque doorway surmounted by a pediment of carved dolphins. A marvel in its time, housing both saltwater and freshwater fish and a variety of marine life beneath a vaulted ceiling laid with sea-green tile, the aquarium is still remarkably intact."

Dwindling public enthusiasm for fish-watching over the ensuing decades, but more so tight municipal budgets, eventually led to the city's closure of the aquarium in 2005. Up until then it was the longest continually operated aquarium in the nation and only aquarium in Michigan.

Fortunately, Friends of the Belle Isle Aquarium volunteers maintained the building until its much-anticipated reopening in 2012. Since then, fundraising efforts by its current operator, the non-profit Belle Isle Conservancy, have continuously worked to improve the building and restock exhibits.



THE BELLE ISLE Aquarium was one of the nation's first, and is shown in a 1910 postcard view that was based on a contemporary photo. "The design created by a young architect named Albert Kahn," wrote Jeff Morrison in *Guardians of Detroit: Architectural Sculpture in the Motor City*, "was the biggest project yet in the early career of a man who was to become a world-famous designer of industrial and commercial buildings in Detroit and around the world. Before Kahn completed his design, he studied aquariums in New York, Washington, D.C., and Hamburg, Germany. He created a facility that was widely hailed as the finest aquarium in the world, and that later served as an inspiration for later aquarium designs in Boston, Chicago and other cities." Pillars on either side of the door are adorned with carved bands of seaweed, and the keystone of the entrance arch features Neptune with a crown of cactails.

Image credit: Friends of Belle Isle Aquarium

'Demand is real,' and union trades are ready for data center projects

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Building trades unions, he said, are meeting the challenges of finding new workers through the use of groups like Helmets to Hardhats, which transitions military veterans into building trades positions. H to H has transitioned 14,000 Helmet-wearers into Hardhat-wearers over the past five years.

In addition, NABTU-affiliated "Tradeswomen Build Nations" conferences have brought together the largest gathering of union building trades members in the world, women from all construction crafts for networking, workshops, leadership development, and solidarity building.

And "Apprenticeship Readiness Programs" (ARPs) are union-associated educational programs that provide participants with the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary to choose, obtain, and succeed in a formal registered apprenticeship in the construction industry.

"We uplift programs that widen the door without lowering

the bar," McGarvey said. "We are all for expanding our programs to meet the demand for the next generation of infrastructure. We reject cheap, watered-down training schemes built to exploit workers and undercut standards. And we will not tolerate the misuse of visa programs to underpay foreign workers, treating them like disposable labor. Or to sidestep prevailing wage laws and avoid a hiring of American workers."

Data centers and AI-related construction are closely intertwined with the energy industry — which in its many forms has been a hot topic over the past decade-plus. McGarvey said building trades unions "are the only workforce that can deliver all of it. Wind, oil, gas, pipelines, transmission, solar, hydrogen, geothermal, nuclear — all of it. Our members are leading the way on any energy builds. We're the only workforce to meet this moment at scale, safely and on time."

McGarvey said he questioned whether there is a skilled

workforce shortage in the trades. Where a shortage exists, he said, is in good planning and decision making among those hiring for projects and owners writing the checks to pay for them. Decisions on how and when to proceed with building mega-projects need to be made with plenty of lead time.

And governmental agencies — some of whom have instituted temporary moratoriums on data center construction — need to reform their permitting process so that every proposed project isn't weighted in favor of whoever shouts the loudest at public hearings.

"Here's the truth: America does not have a workforce shortage," McGarvey said. "America has a decision-making problem. When those decisions are made right, and early, the building trades deliver. When companies plan responsibly, choose high-road labor, and begin workforce conversations early, the workforce is there. Projects are 40 percent less likely to experience a workforce shortage with building trades union labor."

Some of that responsible planning was announced at the conference, with the focus of the \$7 billion Stargate data center project in Michigan's Saline Twp. that will employ some 2,500 tradespeople. McGarvey announced that it will be union-built under a model project labor agreement with developer OpenAI.

"Data centers are the backbone of today's new technological economy," McGarvey said. "They power everything that moves information. And brothers and sisters, maintaining them is not simple work."

"These facilities require massive, complex, round-the-clock construction and maintenance. Precision power, advanced cooling and water systems, hardened security, Supportive utility and energy infrastructure that never fails. This is building trades work."

"Now, the layer on top of that foundation is artificial intelligence, driving unprecedented scale, speed and demand for these builds. That's why we built formal partnerships with major tech leaders like OpenAI and Microsoft to build out their facilities under building trades agreements. With both companies we're ensuring their data center construction supports building trades union careers, strengthens apprenticeship and delivers long-term benefits for the communities and all working people."

No way billionaires should set agenda for new AI economy

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being replaced by robotic drink-makers. Or on-board cameras constantly surveilling bus drivers. "We are seeing it everywhere," she said "There is no industry, no worker this does not touch. Because every job now is a technology job."

And how does AI affect the building trades? "As you all know," said Shuler, who hails from the Electrical Workers, "the building trades have always been on the front lines of technological change. We embrace technology that makes our jobs safer and better. We learn to use it proactively and harness the power of it."

"And this (building trades) leadership has laid out a vision on AI to focus on worker safety and high quality standards and making sure that there's always a human in the loop on our job sites. And we also have a vision on jobs that every job related to data centers, their supply chains and the industries that support them should be a good union job."

Shuler said real and proposed stoppages of building data centers are hardly the answer. (There is legislation pending in Lansing that would introduce a moratorium on new data center construction).

"Now some people would say that we should stop building data centers until we get guard rails on AI," Shuler said. "That's like saying we should stop making steel or concrete or fiber optic cable until we have guard rails on AI. These are the infrastructure for our modern economy in construction and far beyond. So these data center moratoriums: they should not be used as tools to divide the working class. We have to make sure that technology benefits people. And that the future is worker-centered and human-made."

Shuler said that to a great degree, building trades jobs in today's workplaces should — *should* — be protected from AI. Skilled workers, not robots, should be entrusted with operating cranes, welding steel six floors in the air, or handling high-voltage wires. Although, who knows what technology advances will be made: we have reported in past years on bricklaying robots laying brick and block — but alongside their human handlers.

"It should be humans and technology working together," Shuler said. "Building this infrastructure responsibly and with precision and expertise and the speed that this moment demands."

U.S. workplace fatalities drop; state rate is average

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and Health Act into law, we urge all members of Congress — from both sides of the aisle — to join us in this fight."

Michigan experienced fewer worker fatalities in 2024 compared to 2023, as well as a lower fatality rate. Our state experienced 152 workplace deaths in 2024, compared to 166 in 2023.

The 166 workers who died in Michigan in 2023 was the highest this century since the deaths of 175 workers in 2001. Michigan's 2024 on-the-job fatality rate of 3.3 per 100,000 workers matched the average of all 50 states, and both state and federal rates were down from the same 3.6/100,000 in 2023.

Wyoming has led the nation in on-the-job death rates by a wide margin over the past five years. Its worker fatality rate was 13.9/100,000 workers in 2024, which was an improvement over 2023's rate of 16/100,000

workers. Next were Mississippi (8.0/100,000) and Alaska (7.1/100,000).

The states with the lowest worker fatality rates in 2024 were Rhode Island (1.1/100,000), then New Hampshire and New Jersey (both 1.7/100,000).

In terms of worker injury/illness rates, Michigan's 2.5/100,000 rate was near the national 2.3/100,000 rate in 2024. The states with the lowest injury/illness rates were Louisiana (1.4/100,000) and Texas and South Carolina (both 1.7/100,000). States with the highest injury/illness rates in 2024 were Maine (4.1/100,000), Montana (3.3/100,000) and Nevada (3.0/100,000).

There are now only five federal and/or state job safety and health inspectors per million workers, *Death On The Job* reports. That's the lowest level in 45 years and it would take

181 years for OSHA to visit all workplaces in the U.S.

And that doesn't take into account President Trump's proposed budget for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. He'd cut OSHA alone by \$50 million, to \$582 million and job safety, health and workplace wage and hour enforcement overall by \$234 million.

"Over the last 35 years of this report," the AFL-CIO said, "job safety agencies' resources have diminished dramatically, even as their responsibilities have grown immensely. For instance, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is now in charge of 85 percent more establishments, 44 percent more workers and new hazards and technologies, yet Congress has reduced its budget by 10 percent and staffing by 26 percent, including a 16 percent reduction in inspectors. These percentages have massive impacts on such a tiny agency...."



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Local 636
Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters,
Refrigeration &
Air Conditioning Service

UA Local 636
DETROIT – Our next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at St. George Romanian Cultural Center 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd. (Southfield Service Drive) Southfield, MI 48075.

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

PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 636 ONLINE MERCHANTISE STORE IS LIVE! Sign into the members section on our website www.pipefitters636.org and click the link.

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

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

March 2026 – Edward Bolin
April 2026 – Anthony Kleinsorge, Mark Petzke, and Mark Solomon.

Deceased Members – 37 Year Member Patrick Spurlock April 22, 2026.

Condolences to the Spurlock Family on the passing of Brother Pat Spurlock.

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

Congratulations to Erik & Brooke Wofford on the birth of their son Noah Patrick March 21, 2026; Jacob & Beatrice Fendt on the birth of their daughter Eden April 24, 2026.

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

The Ulliance Member Assistance Program is available to all members and retirees.

This benefit includes free and confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. In addition, there are free 30-minute consultations for legal and financial matters. There is a great discount for goods and services as well as free identity theft protection. To find out more, go to lifeadvisor.com or call 800-448-8326.

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

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

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

SUBPAY - NEWS. Participants should continue to send all applications and weekly proof to the SUB Fund office for review and processing by emailing sub-

pay@pipefitters636.org.
For direct deposit information, please contact the Union Hall or BeneSys.

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

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

Defined Contribution Pension Plan. The number for the Voice response unit is 877-410-9984. Plan provider no. is 7526. You can login to your Defined Contribution account on the Local's Website, while logged in as a member Just click on the "Defined Contribution login here tab" and it will take you to the website www.accountplanaccess.net/benesys.

Your initial login information is as follows: Username – Social Security number, without the dashes. Password – Full birth date, without the slashes. (mmddyyyy). You will be prompted to update your username and password after initial login. Upon login, the site will take you to the "My Dashboard" page. Here you will be able to review a snapshot of your account balance, investments, and recent transactional activity.

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

Are you "Work Ready"? Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at mustbsafe.org and if it is time for renewal call the Training Center 248-585-0636 and they will register you. Be "ready" when the calls come in. Safety modules and drug tests are paid for by the Contractors Association.

WHEN YOU STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR SAFETY MODULES, DRUG TEST AND FIRST AID, from January 1 – December 31 you will be eligible for your ready to work payment.

"The Americans have need of the telephone, but we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys."

– Sir William Preece, chief engineer of the British Post Office, 1876

"Tell me what you eat, and I will tell you what you are."

–Anthelme Brillat-Savarin (1755 - 1826), The Physiology of Taste, 1825

"Cheese - milk's leap toward immortality."

–Clifton Fadiman (1904 - 1999)

"Jealousy is all the fun you think they had."

– Erica Jong

"To know the road ahead, ask those coming back."

–Chinese Proverb

"The great thing in this world is not so much where you stand, as in what direction you are moving."

–Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809 - 1894)

"I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker."

–Helen Keller (1880 - 1968)



Local 357
Plumbers,
Pipe Fitters &
HVAC Service

UA Local 357
KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING: The next Union Meeting has been changed and will be on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be the Finance Committee at 4:30 and the Executive Board at 6:00.

WAGE ALLOCATION. The Raise Allocation will be voted on at the Union Meeting on Tuesday, June 16th. If you wish to submit a wage proposal you will need to have it in to the Hall by Friday, June 10th.

UA LOCAL 357 JATC PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR: The UA Local JATC program is seeking a 44-hour full time Co-Ordinator. Qualifications for this position include experience in every part of the trade, particularly running job sites along with basic computer skills and project management. The position will be fulltime 44 hours a week at the Local 357 Foreman wage with the Local 357 benefits package to include UA Officers Pension, two weeks paid vacation and two weeks paid upgrade training.

Please upload your resume by May 27th, 2026, to www.ualocal357.com. This link will be on the home page. All qualified applicants will be notified, after the date above, of requirements along with the date and time of their interview.

UPCOMING UNION EVENTS:

Sportsman Alliance Dinner – Friday - July 10th, 2026 (Limited Seats still available)

Growlers Baseball Game – Saturday - July 11th, 2026 – A Postcard and email with all the details will be sent.

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

Golf Outing – Saturday - Sept. 12, 2026 – Details to follow at a later date.

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

UNION DUES REMINDERS: Phone call reminders to pay your dues will not be made. Cash is accepted at the Union Hall for any payments. You also have the option to pay your union dues through the Local 357 website @ www.ualocal357.com. 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 MEETING: Retiree lunch meetings will now be BREAKFAST on the 1st Monday of every month. Breakfast will commence at 9 am at The Crew located at 5200 Portage Rd, Portage, MI. The phone number for the location is (269) 337-9800.


CHANGE OF STATUS: If you have a change of status for example: married, divorced, re-married, birth, death, workers comp, address change, etc., please call Lori at the Union Hall. It is very important that we keep all our records up to date and you only have 30 days from the date of the event to make the change.

There also seems to be a continuing problem regarding notification of divorcees. 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 Jamyson Wyatt Neel and family on the birth of a daughter, Navy.

Congratulations to Dylan Rehm and Family on the birth of a son, Avery.

CONDOLENCES: Condolences to the family of life member, Donald Bell, who passed away recently.



Local 85
Plumbers & Steam Fitters

UA Local 85
SAGINAW – The next Union Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the Union Hall at 3535 Bay Road at 7:00 PM.

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

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

The new website is up and running. Please check out www.ualocal85.org. Click on Local 85 Members to access members only information. Login information is username: first initial with full last name. Password is 00 with your UA Card Number. If you should have any difficulties logging in, please call Kristin at (989) 799-5261 ext. 8511.

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

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

GOD BLESS ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT!

SUB Fund: Print Unemployment Payment History located underneath the Certification Tab when logged into your MiWAM account. Deadline for

submittals is Noon on Thursday in order to receive a check that Friday. Checks will be mailed out on Friday. No in-person pickups allowed. If a holiday falls on a Friday, checks will be issued on Thursday and deadline will be moved up to Wednesday by noon.

Where to submit documents: Address: UALocal Union 85 SUB, 3535 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603 Fax: (989) 791-3468 Email: SUB@ualocal85.org
SUB Application for Benefits: Must be on file in order to receive SUB Check. Available at the Hall.

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

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

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS: Address & Phone Update: Please call the Union Hall to update any address or phone number changes at (989) 799-5261.

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

Website Address: Please visit www.ualocal85.org.

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

RETIREE LUNCHEON: The next retirees' luncheon will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 12 Noon at UA Local 85 Administration Office located at 3535 Bay Road Saginaw, MI 48603. We ask if you are able, please bring a dish to pass.

CONDOLENCES: Our

thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Philip Hochstetler, who passed away on April 8, 2026.

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

"The only way most people recognize their limits is by trespassing on them."

–Tom Morris

"All men profess honesty as long as they can. To believe all men honest would be folly. To believe none so is something worse."

–John Quincy Adams (1767 - 1848)

"I shut my eyes in order to see."

–Paul Gauguin (1848 - 1903)

Court upholds Biden/Trump PLA rule for federal construction
(Continued from Page 1) its predecessor," says a report by the Carpenters Contractors Trust. "Earlier this year, the Office of Management and Budget confirmed the administration supports PLAs on federal construction projects when they are practicable and cost-effective, and barred blanket deviations from the requirement."

Project labor agreements can be employed both publicly and privately, and generally outline the terms and conditions of hiring for construction projects. They can include provisions for pay standards, hiring of workers that are part of a collective bargaining agreement, no-lockout no-strike stipulations, the availability of overtime pay, drug and alcohol testing, training and safety standards, and various other work rules.

PLA requirements for union-level pay are only one of the turn-offs for nonunion contractors seeking to bid on federal work. Drug and alcohol testing for workers, as well as an often-required status as being signatory to a collective bargaining agreement, are other irritating barriers. "Every qualified contractor should have the opportunity to build America," said Associated Builders and Contractors President and CEO Michael Bellaman, to Construction Connect.

In the decision, Chief Judge William Pryor said any appeal would likely not succeed given the Trump Administration's support. Pryor wrote that the president has broad discretion under federal law where an executive order "has a close nexus to the ordinary hiring, firing, and management of labor."

Just joking

At a couples counseling meeting the moderator mentioned that couples are so disconnected that 85 percent of husbands don't know what their wives' favorite flower is.

"A husband turned to his wife. "It's self-rising, isn't it?"

...

"Hello animal control? I found a suitcase with a mother possum and her two babies inside."

"Are they moving?"
"I don't know but it would explain the suitcase."

...

A truck loaded with Vick's Vapor Rub turned over on the state highway.

Amazingly there was no congestion for eight hours.

...

So I was in a shoe store this morning and started to try on a new pair. I said to the clerk, "I can't get this shoe on, it's too tight."

She said, "it will go on easier if you try it with the tongue out."

I tried again and said, "ith no ghood, ith thitill too tight."

Higher work zone deaths buck trend

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unfortunate storm of hazardous circumstances. By merging driver behavior with structural vulnerabilities, we can see a clearer picture of why these work zones have become so lethal.

Transportation incidents remain a leading cause of workplace deaths, accounting for over one-third of all fatalities. For Laborers union members, this means "struck-by" incidents, equipment runovers, backovers and high-speed vehicle intrusions. However, while these fatalities have several causes, driver error sits at the center of the issue, accounting for over 90 percent of fatal work zone crashes. Driver error can look like speeding, distracted driving or impaired driving.

Beyond human behavior, the physical layout of work zones often increases the likelihood of high-speed intrusions. Crews frequently work mere feet away from vehicles traveling at high speeds, often without adequate positive protection like concrete barriers or trailer-mounted attenuators. When higher traffic volumes and complex patterns – such as narrow lanes and sudden stops – overwhelm even attentive drivers, there is zero margin for error if a vehicle veers off course. Furthermore, a critical lack of federal safety inspectors has weakened jobsite oversight, leaving workers to face these complex environments with less institutional protection.

Reclaiming safety through policy and solidarity. The Laborers Health and Safety Fund of North America is calling for a shift away from "business as usual" to address these preventable tragedies. One primary solution is mandating the use of physical barriers within bid specifications. In a "low-bid" environment, safety is often treated as a variable expense that contractors feel pressured to trim.

By making positive protection a non-negotiable cost of doing business, safety becomes integrated into the process rather than treated as an afterthought. Additionally, every jobsite should implement Internal Traffic Control Plans (ITCPs) to coordinate the movement of heavy equipment and workers, a strategy that has been shown to reduce "struck-by" incidents while simultaneously increasing production.

Stronger oversight and public accountability are also essential. This includes more "boots on the ground" for OSHA and DOT inspections, as well as the adoption of automated speed enforcement by state DOTs. While the data is troubling, it underscores the need for strong safety standards, peer-to-peer hazard recognition and the empowerment of workers to speak up without fear of retaliation.

The recent spike in work zone fatalities is not an inevitability, it is a failure of policy and public awareness. We have the playbook and controls to prevent these incidents. It's now a matter of will to fund and deploy these controls and protect our workers. Ultimately, every cone and barrier represents a human life; behind every statistic is a worker who deserved to go home at the end of their shift.

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Local 190

**Plumbers,
Pipe Fitters,
Service Technicians,
Gas Distribution**

UA Local 190

ANN ARBOR – THE NEXT UNION MEETING: is scheduled for Monday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. All members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

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

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

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

PAY UNION DUES ONLINE: Members can now pay your union dues online. <https://mtp.ua190.org/mtpweb> Username will be your full social security no., temporary password is the last four digits of your social security no. There is a 3% fee charged. Feel free to call the hall for a QR CODE.

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

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

E-MAIL ADDRESS: Please contact the union hall 734-424-0962 to make sure we have a current e-mail address.

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

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

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

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

The Training Center is open to members wishing to update any certifications, licenses, or qualifications. Office hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8am. to 5:00pm. Friday 8am. to 4 pm. We will be closed for lunch from Noon to 1pm. Please call Kristyn with questions regarding certifications and training schedules or visit us on UA190.org members only section under training to register for classes online.

Please submit all continuities, certifications and licenses to the Training Center, so we can keep your profiles up to date. Email: kristyn@190jtc.com or mail to 8040 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor, MI. 48103

Available Journeyman classes:
Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs): Please register through the website: ua190.org/2026Schedule - **Mondays – July 20, and Sept. 28.** Each class will start at 5 pm.

First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs): Register through the website: ua190.org/2026Schedule - **Mondays – July 27, and Oct. 5.** Each class will start at 5 pm.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Re-certification (8hrs): Please register through the website: ua190.org

Michigan 2021 Plumbing Code Class (48 hrs.): Journeyman members who are registered

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Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service
Local 111

UA Local 111

UPPER PENINSULA - **The NEXT UNION MEETING** will be held in Escanaba on Thursday, May 28 at 7:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

YOUR INVITED: The Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee (JATC) will host a Grand Opening Celebration for its newly completed training center on **Friday, May 22 at 11 a.m.** A cookout will be provided, and all are welcome to attend this exciting milestone. The event will be held at 2601 N. 30th St., Escanaba, MI 49829.

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

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

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

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

MEMBER RECORDS: Please keep your records current by contacting April or Rose with any changes to your address, phone no., email, or family status.

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

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

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

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

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

MSHA TRAINING: Registration and cancellations are handled online at upconstruction.org under the MSHA Calendar.

Local 190, continued

with the State of Michigan as **Apprentice Plumbers** with a **minimum of 3 years and 6000 hours** of documented work experience **under a Master Plumber**, can register for the Michigan 2021 Plumbing Code Class. This class will prepare members for the written code and practical sections of the State of Michigan Plumbing Test. Please contact the Training Center to reserve your spot. Dates will be announced when the class roster is full. Members must meet all the requirements to sign up.

RETIREE MEETINGS – The next Spades meeting will start at 9 a.m. and be held on Thursday, June 4 at the Union Hall. Come and join us for card games, pastries, and coffee.

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



UA Local 671

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

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

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

Condolences: It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Sister Sharon Schreiner who passed away on April 28th, 2026. She was a 46-year member who cared deeply of her community. Rest in Peace Sister Sharon. There were no formal funeral services.

It is also with deep sadness that I inform you of Brother William (Bill) Hewitt passing on May 5th, 2026. Bill was a 58-year member of the UA and Local 671. He spent most of his career serving our Local Contractor Thompsons Plumbing and Heating. Bill enjoyed life to the fullest and was a proud UA member. Condolences to his family and current member, his son Steve Hewitt. There will be a celebration of life at a later date. Rest in Peace Bill.

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

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

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

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

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

In Closing: Both outages at the power plants are wrapping up. Another one in the books. We had some bright spots and some setbacks, but in the end, we always got them to the finish line. I always consider it a successful outage when everyone goes home a little heavier in their wallet and healthy with no injuries. I would like to thank everyone who stepped up and took leadership roles to help make the outages a success.

The Foreman and Supervisors are the key part to all successful work. Thank you and God Bless Local 671 and the UA! Mike Jewell: email: mike@ualocal671.com Kirk Lavoy: email: kirk@ualocal671.com Carly Neely: Insurance Line (734) 241-6180 email: carly@ualocal671.com



Local 370 and HVAC Service

UA Local 370

FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday June 16, 2026.** Please note the change to the **3rd Tuesday of the month** due to the State Pipe Trades Convention. This will be a refreshment meeting.

Condolences to the family and friends of brothers David L. Burton and Terry G. Shourd. Brother Burton passed April 14th with 58 years in the local and Brother Shourd passed May 1st with 41 years in the local. Rest in peace brothers.

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

Retiree Breakfast will be on Monday, **June 16th** at 9:00 am.

The Ulliance Member Assistance Program is now available to all members and retirees as of March 1st. This benefit includes free and confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. There are free 30-minute consultations on legal and financial matters. To find out more, go to lifeadvisor.com or call 800-448-8326.

Upcoming Night Class Schedule:

STAR HVACR Prep Class Test on May 14th

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

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

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

Committee and Board meetings are as follows:

Examining Board – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 4:00pm

FMR Committee – Tuesday June 16th, 2026 at 4:00pm

PAC committee – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 5:00pm

Executive Board – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 5:00pm

Building Committee – Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee -Tuesday, June 16th, 2026 at 6:15pm

JATC Committee – TBD

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

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

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

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

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

Our web site is up and running. Check it out: ualocal370.org We are now able to accept Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express for window dues. If you want to take advantage of this service there will be a \$1.00 per month charge added to the monthly window dues fee and a 3% fee for all other transactions.

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

Members wishing to take the U.A. welding certification test can contact the Training Center for application and testing dates. T.I.C. fringe administrators' toll free number is 1-888-797-5862.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Local 333

UA Local 333

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

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

ATTENTION MEMBERS: We have a new phone system, so when you call please listen carefully to the prompts as they have changed.

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

Local 333 welcomes our new office professional Jamie Shank who is at the Lansing Training Center. We are very pleased that she is a part of our staff.

DUES: Effective immediately we are no longer able to accept money orders as a dues payment.

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

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

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

Weld classes are ongoing: Lansing Training Center, 16180 National Parkway, Lansing, MI. 48906; Monday and Wednesday 4-8pm; Tuesday and Thursday 4-8pm

Jackson Training Center. 3101 Allied Industrial Dr. Jackson, MI. 49201; Tuesday and Thursday 4-8pm; Monday and Wednesday - we will schedule a class if we have sufficient sign-up Battle Creek Weld Class

(KCC) RMTCC, 405 Hill Brady Rd. Battle Creek; Monday & Thursday 4-8pm

PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CERTIFICATIONS: Per the UA as of Jan. 1, 2019, all Braze and Weld certifications must be updated within 120 days of their expiration date, or you will lose your certification. Check the dates on your certifications and if they have expired call the Lansing Training Center 517-323-0333.

Please sign up for classes on the website or call the Lansing Training Center at 517.323.0333. Battle Creek Retiree's Breakfasts are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at Lux Café. 2587 Capital Ave, Battle Creek, at 9 am.

Retirees Breakfast in Jackson: Retirees meet the third Tuesday of every month at 10 am at the Alpha Coney Island, 1188 Jackson Crossing, Jackson.

"The Ulliance Member Assistance Program is available to all members and their families. This benefit includes free and confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. In addition, there are free 30-minute consultations on legal and financial matters. Go to lifeadvisor.com or call 800-448-8326 or call your respective agent or Dustin at the Union Hall

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

ATTENTION: When you have a life change, marriage, divorce, birth of a child, change of address or phone number, please contact your regional office with the updated information. Request new beneficiary information if changes need to be made.

Deepest condolences to Steve Lawson and his wife on the loss of their son Hunter Lawson who passed away April 30, 2026. Our thoughts and prayers with you and your family during this difficult time.

Local 333 wishes a very happy birthday to Milo Livermore who turned 97 years old on April 12.



Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

UA Local 174

COOPERSVILLE – MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7:00pm in our Assembly Hall at 1008 O'Malley Dr in Coopersville. This will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of wage allocation. The front office will remain open until 6:55pm.

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

The retiree breakfast will be held **Thursday, June 4, 2026** at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

Condolences: Brother Cody Marston passed away 5/3/26. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Office Closure: The office will be closed Monday May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day.

Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing: Saturday Aug. 1, 2026 at The Falls at Barber Creek with an 8:30am Shotgun start. This is a 4-person scramble, \$80 per person, \$320 per team. Each team must have 2 UA members on the team. Please contact Therese at the front office to sign up. Space is limited to the first 30 teams to sign up and pay. Money must be paid no later than July 24.

Operation United: Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the 2026 Operation United event supporting West Michigan veterans. Because of your generosity, hard work, and dedication, we were able to help 32 veterans with projects aimed at improving the safety, accessibility, and upkeep of their homes.

We had more than 70 Union members volunteer their time that day, and over 400 volunteers participate overall. From yard work and cleanup to repairs, deliveries, and organizing materials, every person played an important role in making this event a success.

This event is a great example of what solidarity and community service truly look like. Our Union members continue to step up to support those who served our country, and we could not be prouder of the impact made together.

As we begin planning for next year's event, 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.

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.

Organizing Update: When scrolling on social media, look out for workers that are looking for an opportunity. Recently one of our members sent me a Facebook link of a non-union company looking for workers. You will find business owners looking for workers and workers in the trade looking for a better opportunity! Agree or disagree with social media, it can be a powerful tool, which I use frequently to educate workers.

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

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

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

FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR: (SOLXSYS). West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No. 174 Fringe Benefit Funds, 5600 New King St, Suite 330, Troy, MI 48098. (855) 407-5862 Toll Free

Health Insurance Contact Info:

Active and NON-Medicare Retirees

Aetna: (855) 878-4101

EAP: (888) 238-6232

Save-Rx: (800) 228-3108

Medicare Retirees:

Retiree First: (616) 345-0788

Current Health Insurance Premiums:

Active Member/Working Retiree \$1,110.33

Non-working Pre-Medicare Retiree \$791.10

Medicare Single \$123.63

Medicare Couple \$247.26

Medicare with Pre-Medicare Spouse \$497.13

Medicare Surviving Spouse \$126.67

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

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

Training News:

ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations to the following apprentices on fulfilling their apprenticeship obligations and becoming Local 174's most recent Journeyman!

Cody Eldred

Gregory Geistel

Reid Shwartz

Jonathan Stephens

FIRST AID: First Aid/CPR/BBP class will be the second Thursday of the month (every month – unless otherwise noted), from 5:00pm-9:00pm. The next class will be held **Thursday, June 11th, 2026.**

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

WELD TEST: Test Events will be the second week of every month. Capabilities will be Tuesday nights with weld tests on Thursday nights. In the event of a union meeting being that Tuesday, we will move capabilities to a Wednesday. Next capabilities will be Tuesday, May 12th, and the test to follow Thursday, May 14th at 5pm.

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

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

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

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



Plumbers Local 98

UA Local 98

DETROIT – Membership of Plumbers Local 98.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Our next regular monthly union meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 6:00pm.

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

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.

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

The next retiree luncheon is Wednesday, June 10 at Noon at the Local 98 hall. Please contact Dave Schroeder or Dominic Fanto if you have questions, or call the hall.

Thank you to the players and everyone who attended the UA Hockey Tournament in Hamilton, Ontario. The team played 3 tight games and left it on the ice.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Memoriam: Let us remember our family, friends, brothers and sisters who have recently passed: Brother Richard Bartsch, initiated on 9-22-1994 and was a member for 31 years; Brother Felice Rea, initiated on 10-11-1951 and was a 75 year member; and Brother Arnold Moran, initiated on 1-10-1957 and was a 69 year member.

Membership Dues: Friendly reminder to stay up-to-date on your membership dues to avoid

suspension fees and/or being expelled. If you have not paid your second quarter dues yet, please pay them as soon as possible to avoid interruption to your benefits.

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

Benefits. We have dedicated BeneSys employees at the Union Hall to help with the following issues: Health Insurance, HRA, SUB, Short Term Disability, Eligibility, and Claims. In order for them to best track all issues **PLEASE CALL BENESYS at (248)641-4988 or (866)646-8919.**

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: 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 Kavalor, Business Agent (313)938-1554 jkavalor@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, July 10, 2026. Applications are submitted online only. Go to our website and read all requirements for the application process. The Training Center is open for normal business 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call the Training Center at 248-585-1435 if you have any questions.

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

Monthly Code Class – Next class is **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 Paul Baker** at the Training Center at 248-585-1435 ext. 123 to register.

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

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

All Fall classes will begin the week of Sept. 14, with a deadline to register by Aug. 28.

ASSE Backflow Tester Re-

(Continued next column)



UA Local 704

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

Our condolences to the Parada Family on the passing of Brother Gary Parada, a 46-year member.

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

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

There will be a vote to fill the following positions:

-Examining Board (2) and

-Finance Committee (1)

The vote for the positions will be held on June 17 2026. Polls will be open from noon until 5:30pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

A speedy recovery for all our sick and injured members.

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

4 hour recert class July 21 & 22

Deadline is June 19

4 hour recert class October 20 & 21 Deadline is Sept. 25

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

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

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

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

Hydronic Heating and Cooling: \$100

Steam Fundamentals for the Repair Plumber: \$100

CAD/BIM: \$100

****2026 brazing and welding sessions will be scheduled on the 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 June 6. 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 – 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.

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 25 Iron Workers

Iron Workers Local 25

NOVI – The May Union Meeting is Monday May 18, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Novi Union Hall in-person ONLY. This meeting will be the swearing in of all newly Elected Local Union Officers after the May 15th Election. ALL OUTSTATE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED!

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

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

The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6 pm. The Flint Steward meeting will be Wednesday May 20, 2026 at 5:30 pm. The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday May 28, 2026 at 6 pm. All are welcome.

A HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE from the Fringe Benefit Fund office will be at the Novi Union Hall on Wednesday May 27 from 8am to 12 noon to meet with any member(s), to address health care issues or HRA substantiation concerns Call ahead, or walk-in!

A FRINGE FUND PENSION DEPT REPRESENTATIVE will be at the Novi Union Hall on Wednesday June 3 from 8 am to 12 noon. If you wish to book an appointment or have questions, give us a call 248-344-9494. Walk-ins are welcome!

June vacation check schedule: There are no more early distributions for vacation check pulls. The last day to call to have your June vacation check pulled is Tuesday June 2 at 12 pm (Noon).

Pulled checks will be available at the Novi Hall Thursday June 4th, by 2:00 pm.

All other checks will be mailed to you by the end of business day on Tuesday June 2.

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

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

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

If you have moved recently, please be sure to update the Union Hall 248-344-9494. We will 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; you must have an appointment to turn in an application. 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-April 30).**

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

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 your 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.

The Iron Workers' Local 25 Novi Chapter Retirees' Club. The Retirees' meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday May 19 at 10 am. The Retirees' Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday June 2 at 8 am. All are welcome.

The West Michigan Chapter Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday June 2 at 9 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, MI 49330. All are welcome.

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

The Downriver Chapter next quarterly Retirees breakfast to be held 9 am July 31 at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, 48183. All are welcome.

The IRONWORKER Magazine To subscribe to the digital edition please use the following link: <https://www.ironworkers.org/s/ironworker-digital-sign-up> **Veterans Crisis Line:** Dial 988, then press 1. Or, you can send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24/7. For more information visit www.veteranscrisisline.net

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). Help is available – its free & confidential.

Suicide Prevention Resources on IMPACT: <http://www.impact-net.org/safety/suicide-prevention-resources>. US Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 from anywhere in the United States, anytime, about any type of crisis. A Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds.

In Memory: Edward Walker #668287 passed away April 21, 2026 in Arizona at the age of 86. He a 65-year member and is survived by his wife JulieAnna. Michael "Mick" Maple #1121095 passed away April 24, 2026 at the age of 76. He was a 40-year member of Local 340/25. Jack Christian #1163639 passed away May 6, 2026 at the age of 70. He was a 37-year member of 340/25 survived by his wife Carla. Eyer passed away May 2, 2026 at the age of 79. He was a 59-year member of Local 25. He was predeceased by his wife but he leaves many friends in the ironworking industry. **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 (May 11, 2026 9:00 AM E.S.T.).



Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

BAC Local 2

WARREN – UPCOMING MEETINGS.

MARQUETTE CHAPTER SEMI-ANNUAL: Saturday, May 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855.

SAGINAW CHAPTER: Tuesday, May 26th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 1300 W Thomas Street, Bay City, MI 48706

BRETT HOUGH-GIERAK TON CHAPTER: May Meeting is CANCELLED.

METRO DETROIT CHAPTER: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, at 5:30pm, 21031 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091

ANNARBOR CHAPTER: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, at 6:00pm, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road, Dexter, MI 48130

FLINT CHAPTER: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, at 7:30 PM, 1701 W Genesee Street, Lapeer, MI 48446

LANSING CHAPTER: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, MI 48906

KALAMAZOO CHAPTER: Thursday, June 11th, 2026, at 6:00 PM, 11847 Shaver Road, Schoolcraft, MI 49087

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Dennis P. Helfrich Sr** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 02/01/2026. Brother Helfrich Sr had been a member for more than 67 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Gregory Hendershot** (Bricklayer, Cement Mason & Stone Mason) who passed away on 02/01/2026. Brother Hendershot had been a member for nearly 60 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother William Jones** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 2/14/2026. Brother Jones had been a member for nearly 61 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother David Buckland** (Bricklayer Cement Mason) who passed away on 03/03/2026. Brother Buckland had been a member for over 45 years.

Our sincere condolences go to the family and friends of **Brother Michael Crawford** (Bricklayer) who passed away on 04/03/2026. Brother Crawford had been a member for nearly 41 years.

Invitations for the **Metro Detroit Retiree Luncheon**, which is scheduled for **June 12, 2026**, have been mailed to all good standing Detroit retirees. Please remember to call and RSVP by May 27, 2026, so we may have an accurate count for food & beverages. Please call **586-754-0888 to RSVP.**

APPRENTICE HOURS PORTAL: We have moved the Apprentice Hours Portal to a new platform called WorkHands. You should have received an email or text message with an invitation to join the platform.

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

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

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

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

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

BAC LOCAL 2'S TRAINING CENTERS: Both of Local 2 Training Centers are open to our members. To make your appointment for your annual RESPIRATOR FIT TEST, or for other scheduled appointments at the Warren or Lansing Training Center, please contact Nate Nestor directly at (313)

467-5382. Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org>, to view the Apprenticeship and Training website and register for future 2025 training classes.

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

TEXTING PROGRAM: Local 2 wants to use every means possible to communicate with you. Sometimes we have time sensitive information (such as job openings, picket lines, funeral arrangements and other such communications) that would be most efficiently done via text message. You must be signed up to receive these messages. You can sign up via the following: Text **2MI to 50607**

You'll receive a confirmation text asking for your member number (IU#) Respond with your six-digit IU number and you will receive Local 2 Text Messages going forward!

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

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

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

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

PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION BAC of Michigan Health & Welfare Fund – (248) 828-6000 CALL-A-DOC – (800) 835-2362

Cement Pension & Vacation Funds – (248) 645-6550

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

Metro Detroit Bricklayers Pension – (248) 641-4954

Michigan BAC Pension Fund (Outstate) – (248) 641-4954 Michigan BAC Vacation Fund – (248) 828-6000.

"Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us."

–Bill Watterson (1958 -)

"If you believe everything you read, better not read."

–Japanese Proverb

"You have not converted a man because you have silenced him."

–John Viscount Morley

"The strongest man in the world is he who stands alone."

–Henrik Ibsen (1828 - 1906)

"Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy."

–Norman Vincent Peale (1898 - 1993)

"Nothing travels faster than the speed of light with the possible exception of bad news, which obeys its own special laws."

–Douglas Adams (1952 - 2001)

"That's the way things come clear. All of a sudden. And then you realize how obvious they've been all along."

–Madeleine L'Engle (1918 - 2007)

"Thanks to the Interstate Highway System, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything."

–Charles Kuralt (1934-1997)



Local 514 Cement Masons & Plasterers

Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons Local 514

DETROIT – The next membership meeting is Tuesday, May 19, at 7 pm. We will be having food and refreshments. There will also be an executive board meeting that day at 5:30 pm. Please make every effort to come and fellowship with your brothers and sisters.

Membership Gold Cards- Congratulations!

May 2026

Jesus Benavides-40 Years Gerald Baker-70 Years
Bro. Miles Crowther passed away on April 8, 2026. Please keep the Crowther family in your thoughts and prayers.

If you haven't updated your MUST profile, please log in to MUSTsafe.com to update your MUST username and password.

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

Please get in touch with the local at 248-548-0800 or email your updated information to aajrouche@opcmiami.org. Please send your updated information promptly.

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

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

Beneficiary Reminder: Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice, especially after a divorce, on all your OPCMA Local 514, American Income Life Accidental

Benefits, 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.micementplasterertraining.com to enter your work hours. When you get to the website, click the link "About" and then click on "Apprentice."

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

The Local's website is: www.opcmiami.org.

Please refer to the website for updated information.

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

Members working for non-signatory commercial contractors are negatively impacting our market share. This year's work forecast looks better than last year's. Members working non-union will be brought up on charges and fined. Let's work together to secure our future!!

We must stay vigilant in our efforts to promote our trade. If you are working in a crew of 5 or more, an Apprentice must be on

the crew. Help out! Call the Local at (248) 548-0800. Training is the key to our future!

Please make sure your modules and drug test are up to date; some plant jobs require the MUST modules. You can go online at www.mustonline.org or call the Local if you need a drug form sent out.

Please make sure we have all of your current contact information, address, and phone number so we can keep the fund offices updated on your health care and pension, and whether you are having your vacation checks mailed out. If you have moved, please get in touch with the Local, and we will update your address with all fund offices.

Important Notice For Plasterers and Detroit Commercial Cement Masons: You can find out more about Fund investments, change your investments, obtain your balances, and, during regular business hours, speak to a representative by contacting Principal either via its website, www.Principal.com, or by telephone, 800-547-7754.

Access and make changes to your account in two easy ways:

Go online: Principal.com
If you are a first-time user, go to Principal.com/Welcome Select Get Started.

Enter your first name, last name, date of birth, mobile phone number (this is the quickest way to verify your identity), and your ID number (this is either your Social Security number or a specific ID provided by your employer) or ZIP code.

Agree to do business electronically and click Continue.

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

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

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

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

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

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

As always, if you have any questions or need help with any matter relating to the Fund, you can contact the Fund Office at (248) 645-6550 or 5600 New King Dr., Ste 330, Troy, MI 48098. The fund office's business hours are 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Plasterers and Cement Masons: It is your responsibility to complete reciprocity forms if you plan to work outside the local 514 area. This will ensure your hours are returned to your home fund. If you have any questions or need any forms, please get in touch with the Local.

Please make sure your beneficiary information is up to date. Any changes to your beneficiaries can be made at the Local.

If you have questions concerning your pension benefits,

Road Builders can call: Toll Free at 1-877-876-9357 or (517) 321-7502.

Plasters and Commercial Cement Masons can call: (248) 645-6550 for pension and annuity, and Toll Free 1-877-876-9357.

All Plasterers and Cement Masons can contact (517) 321-7502 for health & welfare information now through Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan.

For the INTERNATIONAL PENSION, Call 1-888-880-8222 (Toll Free) or (202) 638-1996.

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Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Next General Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26th at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield. A special membership meeting will be held for the ratification vote for our contract. An official notice for the ratification vote will be sent out at least 15 days prior to the meeting.

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

ELECTION NOMINATIONS NOTICE: 2026 is a general election year. At the May 26, 2026 general membership meeting we will be taking nominations for the general election. The Election will take place on Tuesday June 23, 2026 at the Local 80 Union Hall. You will be voting on the positions of Business Manager, Business Agents (4), Executive Board President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Executive Board Members (5), Warden, Conductor and Trustees (3).

In order to be nominated or elected your dues must be paid prior to the first day of the current month, for example May's dues must be paid prior to May 1st. Candidates must have a record of continuous good standing for a minimum of 2 years prior to the nomination, election or appointment. Poll hours are 12:00 noon until 8:00 pm. An official election notice shall be mailed to the last known home address of each voting member no less than 15 days prior to the election.

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

RETIREE NEWS & MEETING SCHEDULE: 2026 Retiree Meetings: Monday June 15th, August 17th, 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: Justin Petretis, Anthony Sanutelli, Zach Bohn, Jacob Rawlins, Ryan Cousino, Chip Herndon, William Lovell, Matthew England, Mitchell Weir, Brian Haynes, Joseph Botoms, Paul Gareau, Glenn Lamb, Jeffrey Huffman, Nicholas Yelencich, Logan Matthews, Austin Eitnrear, Michael Walker, Brian Neuman, Christopher Sanchez, Chris Salter, Jose Cespedes, Ronan LaRoy, Alexander Swenson, Max Delonis, Anthony Pliva, Licon Howard, Harold Marsh, Matthew Harding and Michael Poir.

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

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

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

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

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Local 7 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 7

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

The next Statewide Meeting will be June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

- *Zone 1 July 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- *Zone 2 May 19th at 6:00 p.m.
- *Zone 3 July 8th at 6:00 p.m. (Freeland)
- *Zone 3 June 4th at 6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)
- *Zone 4 July 14th at 6:00 p.m.
- *Zone 5 June 6th at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

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

Zone 1 Info: Work in the Zone 1 area has started picking up recently and looks to remain strong throughout the year. If you become unemployed, please update your status with Eric and Vance (Apprentices please notify Ryan as well).

If you are experiencing any difficulties with Unemployment, ESTA, Insurance, or Pensions, please contact Eric or Vance for assistance. Any Journeypersons interested in any upgrade classes, please contact Ryan at the Zone 1 Training Center for additional information (269) 781-7183 (class availability depends on the number of individuals interested).

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

In Solidarity, Eric Farrington and Vance Saunders.

ZONE 2 Info: Work in Zone 2 looks good for the spring and into the summer. If your employment status changes please let me know and apprentice's also let Tanner know as well. As always, keep me informed of any changes in address or phone numbers, so we can get them corrected with the Lansing office and TIC Midwest. The Local 7 golf outing is September 12th at Blair Ridge. **In Solidarity, Mike Adams**

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

Meetings -June 23th Retiree meeting is at the Ponderosa in Bay City on Wilder Rd. **In Solidarity, Joe Dotson**

ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City) Our next regular meeting is June 4th at 6pm. The work outlook is busy as we are looking for new apprentices. Make sure you don't forget to schedule your physicals (one year and one day after your last). SASMI has a new app to download, it makes it easier to submit claims. Work safe as we look forward to Memorial Day weekend. **In Solidarity, John Amalfitano**

ZONE 4 Info: Work in Zone 4 is busy again. It looks to be a great summer and fall. Thing are moving along pretty good at the new training center. We are very excited to get this done. For those of you who don't know we are looking at The MAAC in Clio MI to be our new training center. We are keeping our fingers crossed that everything continues smoothly.

Also don't forget about the Local 7 golf outing it will be held at Briar Ridge Golf course in Montrose MI for this year and next, the registration forms will be available soon for sign up. Hopefully warmer weather is coming soon please submit some of your summer fun pics of travels or big catches and I can submit a photo or two to one of the upcoming newsletters. **Thanks your brother Scott Brotherton.**

ZONE 5 Info. Work in the UP will be back in full swing within the next month. Don't forget to get your Mine Safety Training up to date. If you need a refresher please sign up for that at www.upconstruction.org. If you have a change of address please call me or the Lansing hall to get that updated. **Reminder:** 2026 union meetings at the hall in Gwinn have been changed to Saturdays at 10:00 am. Also the Local 7 Statewide Picnic on July 18th at Timber Ridge has been cancelled. **In Solidarity, Brandon Langenfeld.**

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

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

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

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

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

Local 7 Officers:
Samual Fuller (Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer) 517-882-4064
Eric Farrington (Agent-Lansing/Jackson) 517-242-3223
Vance Saunders (Agent-Battle Creek/Kalamazoo) 269-569-9200
Mike Adams (Agent-Grand Rapids/Muskegon) 616-299-3752
Joe Dotson (Agent-Saginaw) 989-225-0095
John Amalfitano (Agent-Traverse City) 231-590-1112
Scott Brotherton (Agent-Flint) 810-836-3552
Brandon Langenfeld (Agent-Upper Peninsula) 906-372-9288

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

SAVE THE DATE:

Golf Outing - July 11th

Picnic - August 1st

Training Center News.

Apprenticeship Entrance Exam. The Entrance Exam for the next **Sheet Metal Workers' Local 80 Building Trades Apprenticeship** class is scheduled for Wednesday July 22, 2026. The deadline to apply is July 17, 2026. Requirements include a high school diploma or GED, a valid driver's license and applicants must be 18 years old by October 5, 2026.

Applications must be submitted in person and are accepted by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Local 80 Training Center @ (586) 979-5190.



Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, **June 10, 2026, at Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois, Troy 48083.** Use the Banquet Entrance. The **E-Board/Stewards meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6 p.m.** at the Union Hall.

ELECTIONS: Elections will be held on June 26, 2026, from 12 (noon) - 8:00 pm at The Apprenticeship School, 64 Park St, Troy MI 48083. A dues receipt is required to vote.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRUE HEARING: 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 new 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. 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, May 16, and May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, July 11, July 20 & July 25.

These classes would be for members ready to obtain an AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or need to practice welding.

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


Call the Apprentice School at 248-589-3237, Dave's cell 313-623-9390 or Quintin's cell 248-495-6764 to reserve a spot.

Remember we must have the deposit before you will be scheduled for the class.

UWM OUTING: Join us for a fun-filled evening at UWM Field! Enjoy a night out with your fellow Local 292 members and their families. Friday, June 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm. Includes free buffet & soft drinks. Cash bar is available. Children's play area, Group photo, kids can run the bases after the game, and a free Fireworks show at the end of the game.

Reserve your spot by contacting your Shop Steward or call the Union Hall to sign up. Spots are still available!

BUILDERS LICENSE TRAINING
MIDDLETON 248-885-8311
Real Estate Training Inc.
901 Tower Drive, Suite 120
Troy, MI 48068
www.middletontraining.com
248-885-8311



IBEW LOCAL 906

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UPPER PENINSULA-MEETINGS. There will be normal unit meetings for the month of June:

Marquette – Tuesday, June 2, 7:00pm EST @ 119 S Front St, Marquette, MI

Iron Mountain – Tuesday June 9, 7:00pm CST @ 1800 N Stephenson Ave, Iron Mountain, Escanaba – Wednesday June 10, 7:00pm EST @ 1219 Ave S, Escanaba, MI

Work Outlook- Work is steady. Upcoming projects include Harden Hall 1st floor remodel in Marquette, VA Hospital in Marquette, and Naubinway compressor station.

We currently have a 1 man call for J. Ranck Electric in Sault Ste Marie, a 1 man call for Billy Electric in Escanaba, and a 1 man foreman call for MJ Electric in Iron Mountain. 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 cfeury@ibew906@gmail.com for all book 2 signings.

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

Golf Outings- The U.P. Building Trades are having their 41st annual golf outing at the Terrace Bluff in Gladstone, MI on June 20. Shotgun start at 9am. If you are interested in playing please call the hall by June 3 to sign up.

IBEW Local 906 is once again the title sponsor for the Project Jade golf outing on Aug. 23 at Wawonowin Country Club in Champion, MI. Shotgun start at 9am. With Local 906 being the title sponsor we get 2 four person teams, if you are interested in playing for Local 906, please call the hall to sign up.

Merchandise- 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 some new shirt designs so please take a look!

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

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

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 8:00 pm 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- Congratulations to local 906's newest Journeyman, Phillip Hood and Samuel Peterson.

"The world is not yet exhausted; let me see something tomorrow which I never saw before."
-Samuel Johnson (1709 - 1784)



Local 275

IBEW Local 275

COOPERSVILLE – Work Outlook: Work in the jurisdiction remains steady for journeymen with calls on the job recorder regularly. Please continue to call the job line if you are seeking work in Local 275. We have solar calls coming weekly for both Hart and Freshwater solar as well as local contractors picking up jobs.

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 August 1st we are still working with the administrators for the cards. 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.

Golf Outing: Please join us for the 4th annual IBEW Local 275 golf outing on Saturday June 13 at Gracewil Country Club in Grand Rapids. It will be a shotgun start at 9am, and 18 holes with a cart is \$55. You must register and pay with Kaleb Kerkstra by no later than June 5th. To Register, call or text Kaleb at 231-780-7625.

PICNIC: Mark your Calendars for August 8th to join us for the annual Local 275 picnic. The picnic will be held at the union hall with more details to follow. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the hall or Niko Jend to sign up.

Volunteer Info: We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with Postal Workers' food drive! Please be on the lookout for future volunteering 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. The EWMC has a challenge coin that is for sale at the hall as well! \$20, cash only while supplies last. **Please note that May's meeting will be in person at the hall.**

RENEW: If you have any interest in helping re-launch the Local 275 Renew committee, please reach out to Mark at the union hall.

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

Training: Code update will only be available online going forward. Please go to the JATC website at www.wmejatc.org and click the Code Update Course link to sign up. The cost for members is \$40.

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

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

General Info: If you are working on a project in our jurisdiction and are told that you were selected for a random, DO NOT take it, call the Hall first. Randoms are part of the MUST program that was agreed to by NECA and the IBEW in our contract. We've been seeing our contractors who are subs being told by the G.C. that one of our members was selected for a random through their program. We are not signatory to B&V, Barton-Malow or any other G.C., therefore we are NOT subject to their drug testing.

We've had a few instances of inappropriate comments on the job site. Be aware that the IBEW Constitution that we've all sworn an oath to uphold states, in part; *"This Brotherhood will continue to oppose communism, Nazism, racism, sexism, fascism or any other subversive 'ism'."* We have adopted a Zero Tolerance approach to these behaviors and NO ONE - black, white, brown, gay, straight, male or female should have to endure that treatment from anybody. If you are the victim of this behavior, let your Business Manager, Jonas Talbott know and it will be dealt with.

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IBEW LOCAL 948

IBEW Local 948

FLINT – Meetings.
Membership Meeting - Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will be June 8th, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Retiree Meetings - Retirees next meeting will be June 2nd, 2026 at 9:00am.

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

Work Outlook - Our work outlook is steady with a slow ramp possible leading to the upcoming months. For further details on job information please ensure the hall has your email address for our job calls and resigns.

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. Stock includes shirts, hoodies, hats, and other apparel. For any questions or purchases please contact Jenny Wallace.

New Membership - Welcome to our latest members Hunter DeVasher and Alex Gregory. We look forward to working with you and hope to see you in the field.

Retirees - Congratulations to Robert Bishop and Rolland Eastwood on your pension application. The membership would like to wish you a healthy and relaxing retirement.

Draping of the Charter - Our condolences to the family of David Botbyl. We are tremendously sorry for your losses and will continue to keep our Brother in our hearts.

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

For any members still using the 1-800 number to call the Union Hall Offices, please note that we removed that line several months ago. If you are having trouble reaching the office, please double check that you aren't using that number.

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

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

Delinquent Members: At the time of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Dave Daum, Ronnie Dunmore, Wade Langdon, and Mike Nielsen. Please make every effort to get caught up.

"Nice guys finish last, but we get to sleep in."
-Evan Davis



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KALAMAZOO – June 9th General Meeting - There will be vote on June 9th on whether to adopt a bylaw change with a variable working dues rate. All members eligible to vote should have received a notice in the mail with the proposed language.

June 11th Steward Training: Local 131 is hosting a steward training at the Hall on June 11th. If you would like to register, please feel free to reach out to office@ibew131.com

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

Media and Anniversaries Photos: If you are able to take photos or videos at work, please send them our way! We are in need of media for our Downtown Media campaign and our 110 year anniversary. Look out for more information in your email on how to upload your media content.

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:

The next **Renew & EWMC** meeting will be held on Tuesday May 19th 5PM @ the hall

Veteran's Committee Meeting: July 2nd @ South Haven American Legion Post 49, 129 Michigan Ave.

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

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: (Official) IO Steward Training – June 11th

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


Local 131 Picnic – August 1st

Local 131 110th Anniversary – September 12th @ Gun Lake Casino

Fall Member Orientation Breakfast – October 10th

Work Outlook: Blue Oval Battery Plant in Marshall continues to wind down. As work slows down there, more members are taking calls at Palisades Nuclear Facility. Pfizer and the Downtown Event Center Parking Garage have picked up and several calls have been placed there recently. **The work situation in and around Local 131 appears to be steady through spring.** Palisades recommissioning work continues to require manpower with Westinghouse, Champion, Martell, and Allied Power still placing requests. That work is expected to continue until at least June.

Liberty Solar Project: is expected to need 70 wiremen at peak, but it's anticipated April start has been pushed back to at least August. This is due to local political opposition. The **(Continued next column)**



IBEW LOCAL 557

IBEW Local 557

SAGINAW – MEETING START TIME CHANGE - The next Local 557 Union Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2 at 5:30pm. A motion passed at the May Union Meeting to start the meetings at 5:30pm.

GOVERNOR CANDIDATE CHRIS SWANSON at LOCAL 557 - IBEW Michigan has endorsed Sheriff Chris Swanson to be the next Governor of the State of Michigan. Sheriff Swanson spoke to the 557 membership after the last monthly meeting. Many members walked away impressed with the candidate and also got some great selfies. Please do everything you can to spread the word about this amazing candidate for Governor who is a great friend of Labor.

IMPORTANT: SPECIAL FUND CARDS EXPIRING - Special Fund debit cards that are expiring in May 2026 will be automatically reissued. Current cards will remain valid through May 31, 2026, and cardholders may continue using them until that date. The reissued cards will have the same card numbers as the existing cards but with an updated expiration date. The cards will be mailed with enough time to ensure delivery well before the end of May. Please be on the lookout for these new cards and do not mistakenly throw them away. If you are unsure if you are set to get a new card, please check the date on your current card.

LOCAL 557 GOLF LEAGUE - Tee times are 6:00pm every Thursday at Twin Oaks.

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

35th SENATE SEAT SPECIAL ELECTION - Congratulations to Senator-Elect Chedrick Greene. Thanks to those who helped canvass, phone bank and attended events leading up to his election.

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

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

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

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

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

IBEW Local 131, continued

politics around solar, like everything else, has become rife with disinformation, hyperbole, and an unbalanced focus on NIMBY issues. All while ignoring the very real need to increase our electrical capacity and infrastructure. There is a Richland Twp. Planning Commission meeting on May 27. All are encouraged to attend.

Retiree's Lunches at the following locations: May 20, Yogi's Diner, 2070 E. "VW" Avenue, Vicksburg, MI. @11AM June 17, Roxie's Breakfast & Lunch, 4010 Gull Rd., Kalamazoo, 11AM

Every Tuesday, a group of Retirees meets at The Crew, 5200 Portage Road, Portage, MI @ 10 a.m. On the last Friday of each month, a group of retirees and others, meet at Jac's Cekola's Pizza, 3112 S. 9th Street, Kalamazoo, MI. 49009 @11:30.

Death of Members: **Members Three Months in Arrears or More:** Mathew Alworden, Chad Arlington, Grant Beach, Kenneth Chamberlain, Marty Maher, James Pecho, Jeremiah Pojar

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ANN ARBOR – MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER: We are trying to update our list of employers that are currently NOT providing Earned Sick Time pay. Please email info@ibew252.org or call 734-424-0978 if your current employer is not providing ESTA pay.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR IBEW LOCAL UNION 252: The nominations for all officers of Local Union 252 will be held on May 13, 2026, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Union Hall, 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. Anyone desiring to be nominated must be present during the nominations or provide a written and signed statement that they will accept the nomination, email a written statement to 252electionjudge@gmail.com that they will accept the nomination, or mail a written statement to 252 Election Judge, P.O. Box 172, Adrian, MI 49221, that they will accept the nomination. No member may be a candidate for more than one office. Anyone nominated to more than one office must choose the office for which they will be a candidate. Nominations will proceed in order of office as listed in the IBEW Constitution whose term of office shall be 3 years: Nominations will be taken to fill the following offices: President/ Delegate to International Convention, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary/ Business Manager/ Delegate to International Convention, Executive Board (6 to be elected), Examining Board (3 to be elected). Additionally, nominations will be held for 5 delegates to the International Convention in the manner described in Article VIII, Section 2 of the local union bylaws. The President and the Business Manager shall be candidates for delegate positions contingent with their offices as stated in Article VIII, Section 3 of the local union bylaws. This leaves 3 delegate positions open to nominations for the at-large election. No member nominated for offices of Business Manager or President may be nominated for the at-large delegate positions if they are delegates by virtue of their offices. In order to be nominated, a member must have a minimum of two years of continuous good standing in Local Union 252. Good standing means that the member is current in their payment of dues, and has been current for two years preceding the nominations. No Apprentice shall be eligible to hold office in the Local Union unless they have previously held a Journeyman's card at any time during their membership with Local Union 252 so that they shall remain eligible to hold office (IBEW Constitution Art. 15, Sect. 14). Pat Ulanowicz was appointed Election Judge on Feb. 8, 2026 (IBEW Constitution, Art. 16, Sect. 11, Amendment 30). The IBEW Local 252 President will appoint Tellers as required. None of these may be a candidate for any office. All Tellers will be vetted for a minimum of 2 years of continuous good standing in Local Union 252 by the Local 252 Financial Secretary (IBEW Constitution Art. 16, Sect. 11).

In order to vote you must have a dues receipt not more than 3 months in arrears (paid through March 2026). The election of officers shall take place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at the Union Hall, 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. The ballots will be counted immediately following the closing of the polls and the results shall be announced immediately after all ballots are counted.

A complete listing of the results shall be posted on all union bulletin boards, union social media, or other appropriate place by the close of business on the day following the election. In the event a runoff election is required, same shall be held a special called meeting on Saturday, June 27, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI.

The same rules shall apply to the runoff election as were applicable to the regular election. Members who requested an absentee ballot for the regular election will automatically receive same for the runoff. Absentee ballots shall be available to any member upon written request to the election judge. Written requests can be mailed to 252 Election Judge, P.O. Box 172, Adrian, MI 49221, or emailed to 252electionjudge@gmail.com. Such requests will be accepted up to 5 days prior to the date of the election. Anyone receiving an absentee ballot will not be entitled to vote at the polls without first presenting the election judge with their unused ballot and the envelope used in the mailing. Absentee ballots received at the Post Office after 1:00 p.m. on June 6, 2026 will not be counted. All officers shall be installed and begin their 3-year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. Candidates shall be entitled to an observer at the polling place, during the counting of the ballots and when the absentee ballots are picked up from the Post Office.

The candidate themselves may be the observer. Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted is urged to contact the election judge as soon as possible before the election is certified. Once the election is certified, any protests of the election are to be filed in writing with the International Vice-President of the District within 30 days following the election. The decision of the International Vice-President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW. In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice-President, the member may submit his/her protest to the U.S. Department of Labor. Any questions about the conduct of the 2026 IBEW Local 252 election can be mailed to 252 Election Judge, P.O. Box 172, Adrian, MI 49221, emailed to 252electionjudge@gmail.com, or phone consult, (517) 918-8948.

TRAINING CLASSES 2026: All classes start at 5 p.m. BICSI Fiber/ Tech- Every Monday beginning June 8 and ending Aug 31

Fire Alarm- Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Sept 2 and ending Oct 21.

NICET PREP- Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Oct 28 and ending Dec 23 (book purchase required, call the training center for more information

CPR- June 2 & 9, Sept. 1 & 15, Dec. 1 & 8.

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

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

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

RETIREES' BREAKFAST: will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

DETROIT TIGER'S UNION DAY: game will be on Sept. 26 against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Tickets are \$30 and include entry to the game, bus transportation, and \$10 fun money to spend at the park. The bus will depart from the union hall at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are first come, first serve, and will not be held until they are paid for. Call or stop by the union hall to sign up.

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

M.U.S.T.DRUG TESTING: Please make sure your MUST drug testing is current as you cannot work on a U of M project or several other projects in the jurisdiction without being current.

ERTS: Please make sure that you are signed up for the Electronic Reciprocity Transfer System.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Local 252 partners with Health Management Systems of America to provide Employee Assistance for several

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IBEW Local 58
DETROIT – The next General Membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. Dinner with the brotherhood begins at 5:30 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

UPDATE – Sub Pay is available for Limited Energy ONLY at this time. If you have 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 at 313-802-4970.

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

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Our next board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 10 at the local union hall in the main conference room. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, June 24 at The Gazebo Banquet Center, 31104 Mound Rd., Warren 48092. Doors open at 11 a.m. and lunch is served at 12:30. The cost is \$25 per person (payable to the Retirees Association), mail your reservations and checks to IBEW #58, Attn. Retirees Association, P.O. Box 32756, Detroit MI, 48232-0756. Questions, call Elaine Crawford at 313 408-5885.

There are a few seats still available for our Bus Trip to New York City. The trip is Sept. 10-16. Cost per person, double occupancy is \$1050. Send in your \$75 per person deposit (checks payable to the Retirees Association) to hold your space, send it to 22700 Grove St., St. Clair Shores, 48080. Balance of trip is due July 3, 2026. Questions, call Dave Riley at 586 206-8075.

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regarding Local 58 Pension, Annuity, Health insurance or Life insurance should be directed to the IBEW Local 58 Benefits Office at 586-575-9200. They also distribute the 1099R tax form for the Local 58 Pension.

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

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

Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund (DEWBF): Next meeting will be Tuesday June 2 at 5:30 pm.

Congrats to Arianna Ortiz – she is the winner of the 3rd Annual John Mayernik Scholarship. She received a check for \$2000 that she can use as needed; there are no stipulations. Thank you to all the apprentices who applied. It was a very tough decision. We look forward to more apprentices applying next year.

The 17th Annual Walleye Tournament was Saturday, May 2. We had 20 boats and 70 fishermen participate. It was a cold day but the boats did pretty well catching fish.

1st Place with a total weight of 20 lbs was Boat "Sheet Metal Workers Local 80"

2nd Place with a total weight of 19 lbs 5 oz was Boat "22B4" consisting of electricians

Big Fish weighed in at 8 lbs 11 oz was Boat "Big Eyes" consisting of carpenters

Battle of the Trades winner was the boat of Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

Big Thanks to all the committee members and volunteers who made this happen. Also, special thanks to Dennis Dolan, Don Wilhelm, Steve Weiss and Vince and Lori Leonetti for donating fish and food for the fish fry. Also, the Boat "Liquid Jain-O" from IBEW Local 131 for the generous gift of swag for raffle items.

Next event up is the 25th Annual Gaudi Open on Friday, June 5 at the Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford. This event is Sold Out. Our next golf outing will be the Brad Ballard Memorial Golf Outing. This year it will be Friday, Aug. 28 at Pine Valley.

Members of the Community Service Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 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.

Members of the Entertainment Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 9, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m.

EWMC of Southeastern MI – The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18 at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. The fourth coin in the series for our challenge coin fundraiser is now available for sale. Our IBEW car flags are also in. We will be selling them at any upcoming union events and Membership meetings.

The Safety Committee meeting will be on Monday, June 8 at 5:30 PM.

The IBEW Veterans Committee serves all those who have served, building community and strengthening veteran voices within the IBEW and throughout the entire electrical industry. We meet on the 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, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Committee Chair Angela Panicucci (586-291-8014) Email at 58womencommittee@ibewlocal58.org

Political Action Committee: meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month via Zoom and in person at the Hall at 5:30 pm. If you have questions or would like to attend a PAC meeting, you can reach out to our registrars at registrar1@ibew58.org.

The RENEW Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings take place every Wednesday, 6 p.m. at the IBEW Local 58 Union Hall, (1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226).

Electrical Workers Credit Union: Our website is <http://WWW.EWCU.NET> (313) 963-6060. Electrical Workers Credit Union is offering a short time special for **Auto Refinancing** starting at 4.25%* **Terms: Must come from another financial institute, up to 60 or 72 months.** Give the Credit Union a call to see if you qualify! 313-963-6060. Credit Union hours are Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm; Closed Friday between 11:30 am – 12:30 pm for lunch). You may now apply for membership online. Go to ewcu.net.

Local 58 Senior Softball: Looking for seniors 55+ years old to join and have some fun. Beginning in May 2026 on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Please contact: Dennis Schwiager 586-725-0452 or Jim Miles 586-933-3551.

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

June 11 – Pontiac Country Club 4335 Elizabeth Lake Rd Waterford, MI 48328

July 16 – Rouge Park Golf Course 11701 Burt Rd Detroit, Aug. 13 – Rackham Golf Course 10100 10 Mile Rd Huntington Woods

Sept. 17 – Bee Tee Golf Course 22871 21 Mile Rd Macomb, MI 48044

Oct. 8 – Sanctuary Lake Golf Course 1450 E. South Blvd Troy, MI 48084

Please contact Jeff Gregory via phone call/ text @ 248-240-7449.

This year the **2026 Wiremen's Golf Association Tournament** will be hosted by Local 306, Akron, OH on Aug. 18-21 in Ohio. Anyone looking for information or to join the WGA this year can feel free to reach out with any questions to Ron Krajenke at 313-475-0487 or Brad Garrity at 313-850-1837.

UPCOMING EVENT: The CHOOCH Foundation Partners with IBEW Local 58 for A Mind in Motion: Mental Health Maintenance Fair. The CHOOCH Foundation is partnering with IBEW Local 58 to bring the upcoming A Mind in Motion: Mental Health Maintenance Fair to the Local 58 Union Hall in Detroit. While the event is not a clinical treatment setting, licensed professionals and mental health advocates will be available on-site to answer questions and provide guidance on accessing support services.

Event Details: June 6, IBEW Local 58 – 1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226 10 AM – 4 PM

IBEW Pension: Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: John Arnold, Randy Flannigan, Thomas Lambrecht, Mark Leidholdt, Robert Menard, Joseph Niemiec, Vince Taylor and Joseph Zdanowski. We wish you all the best as you begin your new journey.

Members who 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. **Clyde Allen**, Journeyman Inside Wireman; **Darren Baker**, Pension member, 26 year IBEW membership; **Carl Barrett**, Pension member, 64 year IBEW membership; **(Continued next column)**



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BATTLE CREEK – First Aid/CPR JIW training The First Aid/CPR will be on Sept. 14, 2026, after the Union Meeting.

IBEW 445 Golf Outing Save the date for the IBEW 445 Golf Outing of July 25, 2026.

The wage allocation meeting will be held on May 20, 2026, at 4:45pm. Please be prompt. We have \$2.99 TPI.

Local 445 Election of Officers Please add to your calendar the elections for Local 445 Officers will be on June 8, 2026. Watch your mailboxes for additional information. You will want to attend the June Union Meeting for the results of that day's Officer Elections.

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

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

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

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.

2025 dues structure The Delegates of the 40th IBEW International Convention in 2022, approved several amendments to Article IX of the IBEW Constitution. As of Jan. 1, 2026, the following due's structure:

JJWs: Monthly \$61.00 Quarterly \$183.00

Apprentices: Monthly \$50.00 Quarterly \$150.00

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

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

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

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

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

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Beverly Curry, Wife to James "Jimmie" Curry, Pension member, 59 year IBEW membership; **James "Jimmie" Curry (who passed shortly after his wife)**, Pension member, 59 year IBEW membership; **Edwena Harris**, Widow to the late Pension member Hoover Harris. **James Nicolai**, Pension member, 61 year IBEW membership; **Fredrick Seib**, Pension member, 77 year IBEW membership; **Frank Spadafore**, Journeyman Inside Wireman/Project Manager at Motor City Electric; and **Ronald Weaver**, Pension member, 28 year IBEW membership.

IBEW Local 692
BAY CITY – The next monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, June 1st, 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

The work report in our jurisdiction remains solid.

AZCO continues work at Consumers Energy's Karn Solar site in Essexville. Although weather has been an issue, more calls are still expected this spring.

Bay Valley Electric is working at a nice dorm project at Alpena Community College.

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

Conti Electric has ongoing work at the Karn Generation Facility and Consumers Energy's dams along the Au Sable. Conti's ongoing work at Michigan Sugar may see a few calls. Phase 3 of Little Trout Solar in Hawks is wrapping up early summer.

Countyline Power continues work at Midland Waste Water, has upcoming work on the Tittabawassee dams, and secured a high voltage termination project at Michigan Sugar.

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

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

J. Ranck Electric will be adding a battery storage facility on the Mission Road Solar project in Rosebush late this spring. J. Ranck has begun pole testing at solar sites in West Branch and Cheboygan to fully mobilize in 2027.

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

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

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

Northern Valley continues work at the AMRIZE Cement Plant and has started Alpena's Meijer remodel. Their residential and generator divisions continue to secure a fair amount of work.

S&G and Hardies Electric are keeping their crews busy this spring on various projects.

Swan Electric has secured a decent upcoming project at TCE Charlton in Johannesburg.

Teds Electric continues work at Clare Schools.

Van Ert Electric continues work on their solar project in Gladwin, calls for this project will pick up soon.

Consumers Energy has recently announced plans for future work in our jurisdiction. Essexville's Karn site plans to add a new battery storage facility and two new gas-fired turbines to replace units 3 & 4. Three large solar sites will start civil and dirt work this spring and require substantial manpower in 2027. Those sites are in Prescott, Spruce, and Harrisville.

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

In Solidarity,
Ryan Charney, Business Manager / Financial Secretary

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.

Solar calls may become a great onboarding opportunity for licensed electricians. If you know anybody currently working nonunion who may be interested working those jobs, please have them reach out to organizers. The latest solar call has been filled with Book 2 and 3 applicants.
Brendon Baranek 989.327.4131
Kevin Klapish 989.252.9225

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

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

Death Benefits. We regret to inform you of the following member deaths: Retired Brother John Dixon Jr., Card No. C40708, who passed away on April 29, 2026. Brother Dixon was born on June 3, 1932 (93 years old). He was initiated on Dec. 7, 1950. John resided in Pensacola, Florida.

Retired Brother Edmund Gruszczynski, Card No. C89880, who passed away on May 4th, 2026. Brother Gruszczynski was born on Aug. 30, 1935 (90 years old). He was initiated on Feb. 27, 1956. Eddie resided in Bay City. A funeral service will take place on Friday, May 15 at 11AM at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish-St. Stanislaus Church. Visitation is being held on Thursday, May 14 from 3-7PM at Ambrose Funeral Home and on Friday, May 15 from 10AM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider donations to Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

#357 (Dixon) & #358 (Gruszczynski). Local death fund assessment **\$10.00 each** (due within 30 days) payable to: IBEW Local 692, Bay City, MI 48706

Retirees Lunch. The May retiree lunch is scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 21 at Boulevard Lounge, at 316 S. Saginaw Street in Midland.

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

REMINDER: If you contact the Health Plan Office about going on short term disability, it is important for you to notify the Hall as well. A copy of your paperwork will need to be submitted to the Hall for your file. This will also freeze your position on the out of work list.

Important links & numbers
Health Plan & Pension Fund 855.633.4584 – ASK FOR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
www.michiganelectrical.org
NEBF/NEAP: 301.556.4300
IO Pension: 202.833.7000

"You don't get anything clean without getting something else dirty."

– Cecil Baxter

"He who reigns within himself and rules his passions, desires, and fears is more than a king."

– John Milton (1608 - 1674)



IBEW Local 498
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IBEW Local 498
TRAVERSE CITY – Meetings.

Regular E Board- The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Monday, Jun 8, 2026 @ 5:30pm.

Regular Meeting – The next regularly scheduled membership meeting is Scheduled for 7pm Monday, Jun 8, 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS - to these newly topped out Journeyman: Trace Homan, Justin Gronostalksi, Hudson Richards, Damian McLeod, Austin Caldwell, Timothy Irland, Noah Lambertson, Greg Dube, Steven Eames, Ethan Wagner, Charles Gronda & Josh Clark.

Elections- All members in good standing shall be mailed a ballot not less than 15 days prior to June 8, 2026. Returned ballots must be mailed, in time to be received not later than noon of Monday, June 8, 2026. Instructions on the use of the mail ballot will be enclosed with the ballot. In you do not receive a ballot in the mail by May 29, 2026 please call the election judge immediately at 231-463-8751 and request a replacement ballots.

In the event a run-off election is required, same shall be held on June 29, 2026. The same rules shall apply to the run-off election as were applicable to the regular election.

All officers shall be installed and begin their 3-year terms at the regular meeting of the local union on July 13, 2026. (The date of installation must be in the month following the election and no later than the first meeting of the local union during that month.)

Candidates shall be entitled to an observer at the polling place, during the counting of the ballots and when the absentee ballots are picked up from the P.O. Box. (The candidate themselves may be the observer.)

Any member who believes a protest of the election is warranted must present their protest to the election judge prior to the certification of the election results.

Further, protests of the election may be filed in writing with the International Vice President of the district within 30 days following the election.

The decision of the International Vice President shall conclude the processing of a protest within the IBEW.

In the event the protesting member is not satisfied with the decision of the International Vice President the member may submit their protest to the U.S. Department of Labor. James D. Pierce II Election Judge Local 498

Resale Items – We still have Tee shirts for resale. Proud Union Home signs are in and available at the hall. Free to members in good standing.

Retiree breakfast- Several of the retirees meet at Sparky's Diner off of South Airport road every Monday morning at 9am. So, if you are retired or not and want to join in the conversations and possibly some old wives' tales or other embellished stories, show up at Sparky's.

Scholarship – Past charter member Brother Bob Dost has a scholarship 'Robert Paul Dost Scholarship Endowment' for High School seniors in the 5-county area around Traverse City. To access it go to www.gtrf.org/scholarships/. Local 498 Union members' children get preference to the endowment. A huge thank you in Memory of Bob Dost for his generosity and being a great union member.

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

Email Addresses - Any member that would like to have Local 498 forward communication to them from the International, Local 498, AFL-CIO or the Building Trades, to help stay informed to current events, 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:

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Local 1191

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

DETROIT – 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 May General Membership meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2026. The General Membership Meeting for June will be held on the 5th of June, 2026. Please be advised that the July 2026 Membership Meeting will be moved to July 10, 2026, in observance of Independence Day.**

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

Info Updates – Any member with a new address, phone number, email address, etc. should contact Local 498 with these changes.

Remember to check the hall recorder Job line at night after 4:00pm for any jobs that might be available. 231-943-4980 ext 2.



Local 36 Elevator Constructors

Elevator Constructors Local 36

DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED; Due to the Holiday our May 25, 2026 membership meeting will be cancelled. Our next regular membership meeting will be June 22, 2026 at 5:30pm at 1640 Porter Street, Detroit, MI 48216. Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on May 18, 2026, at 5pm at the same location. Any changes to this schedule or venue will be in the Building Trades Article or sent via email.

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

Attention All Members, upcoming meetings:

May 18th – Executive Board meeting at 5 pm

June 22nd – General Membership meeting at 5:30pm.

Save the date: The Local 36 Annual Picnic will be July 25, 2026 at St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Picnic Grounds, 11541 21 Mile Road, Shelby, Mi. 48315. More Details with follow as the date nears. Please contact Jon Bujan (586)787-1114 if you would like to volunteer.

Save the date: The Kyle Owsley Memorial Golf Outing will be held on Saturday Sept. 26, 2026 @ Links of Novi 50395 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48374. More details will be available soon.

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

The International has set up The Veteran Assistance Program to help veterans navigate the VA benefits they deserve. The email is vap@iuec.org or contact Jason Gray, IUEC National Chairman @ 404-290-1012 or Ryan Donnell, EIWPF 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 rickyazzopardi@yahoo.com if you would like to get involved or have questions.

Local 36's website is up and running, this is still a work in progress, and we would appreciate any feedback to improve the site to work for our members and retirees. Visit www.iueclocal36detroit.org. Please be patient as we continue to improve the site. If you have any questions, contact the hall.

If you start a new job in MOD/construction, you MUST report those jobs to the hall!! If you are going to be working a 4/10 job in construction or MOD, it MUST be submitted in writing to the Local Business Representative per Article VII Par. 2A. and Article VIII(A) Par. 2A. When starting a new job please use the website job reporting at www.iueclocal36detroit.org/job-reporting. This will help us keep track of jobs easier than just calling the hall.

If you move or your address changes, call the hall and make sure you fill out the address change form on the NEIBP website. Mail a copy to the fund office and one to the hall.

If you are going to be off with an injury (work related or non-work related), surgery or illness for a prolonged length of time, call the fund office (800)523-4702 and inform the hall. When you are off and go back to work. The weekly Income Benefit through the international has increased to \$715 weekly after the one week waiting period.

The IUEC would like all active members and Probationary Apprentices to sign up for Safety alerts. The only thing you will receive are safety alerts, nothing political, just safety alerts. Text (855) 957-1801 and sign up to receive Safety alerts via text and email.

If you are unloading a job and you find the fishplates already attached to the rail, predrilled holes on machines/beams, door equipment already installed, or any other violation, take pictures and send them to the hall via email or text with the address of the job.

Attention All Mechanics, just a reminder to Mechanics that passed the Mechanic's Exam on or after July 9, 2022, starting Jan. 1, 2023, and each calendar year thereafter, each mechanic shall be required to successfully complete at least eight hours of online continuing education from the curriculum published annually by NEIEP. Required Mechanics (including assistant mechanics) that do not comply with the continuing education requirements shall not receive the wage rate increase until completion of the required continuing education curriculum.

Attention All Apprentices, if you are scheduled to sit for the Mechanic's exam, you must fill out your OJTs till you get your passing results. Kenny and I would like to thank all of you for keeping up on your OJTs, schooling, and commitment to your future. Check your NEIEP emails frequently. OJT forms need to be filled out COMPLETELY by the 9th day of the following month. There is NO excuse for these to be late!!!

Attention All Temporary Mechanics, your Temporary Mechanic's Agreement MUST be signed by the end of each month at the Union meeting. If you can't make the Union meeting (for good reasons) to sign your agreement, then come down to the hall NEXT MORNING. If we continue to have problems getting these signed, you will be called down in front of the Executive board. If you are put back to Apprentice status, your personal tools MUST be taken off the job, out of your vehicle and notify the hall.

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

If you are NOT receiving my emails, contact the Hall so I can put you on the email list.

We wish everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day weekend and a speedy recovery for the Brothers and Sisters on our sick and injured list.

Laborers 1191, continued

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

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

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TIDYING UP THE gallery at the Belle Isle Aquarium in Detroit is laborer Shawn Anderson of Local 1191. He's employed by Ram Construction. The collection of piranha watching at left seem to approve of his work.

Belle Isle Aquarium project snapshots



AT WORK INSTALLING a hot water heating pipe at the Belle Isle Aquarium in Detroit is Derek Vandekerckhove of Pipe Fitters 636. He's employed by Watson Brothers.



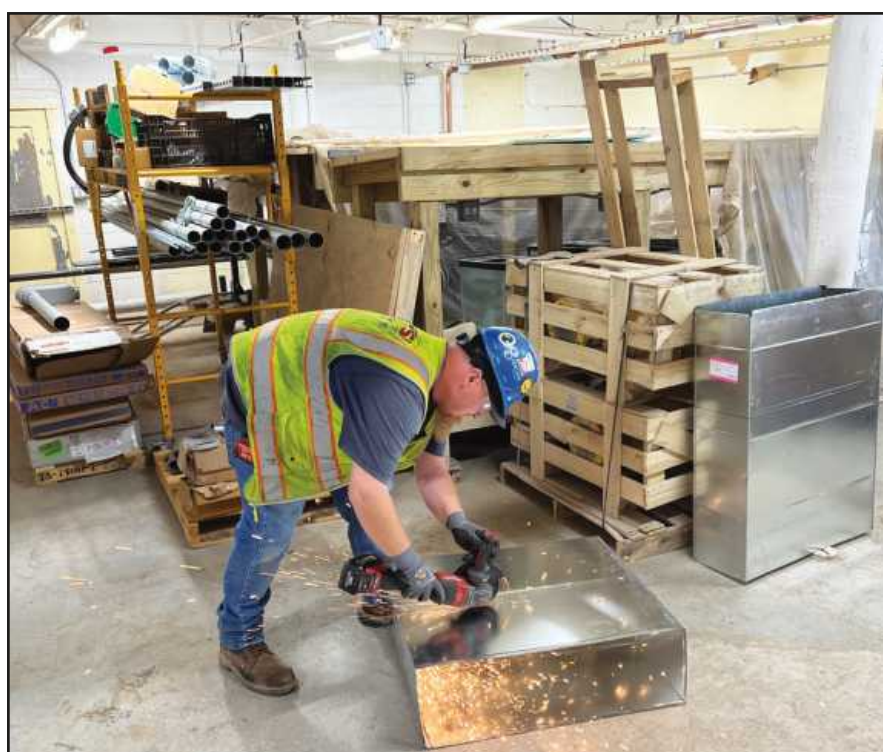
TAPING A PLASTIC BARRIER prior to sandblasting and painting the mechanical room of the Belle Isle Aquarium in Detroit is Casey McLaughlin of Michigan Painters District Council Local 1052. He's employed by Murray Painting.



IN THE PROCESS of dismantling and moving an access ramp to the Belle Isle Aquarium in Detroit is Elijah Evans of Laborers Local 1191. He's employed by Christman Constructors.



WELDING A GAS LINE at the Belle Isle Aquarium project in Detroit is Austin Sinda of Plumbers Local 98. He's employed by Watson Brothers.



CUTTING A FORCED AIR duct down to size at the Belle Isle Aquarium project in Detroit is Rob Fair of Sheetmetal Workers Local 80. He's employed by Forced Air Systems, Inc.



SETTING UP A HANGER in the mechanical room at the Belle Isle Aquarium in Detroit is electrician Nicholas Parkin. The IBEW Local 58 member is employed by W.J. O'Neil.



Local 149 Roofers & Waterproofer

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, May 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216

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

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

Condolences. It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of the following Brother.

Brother Millard Lundy, Sr. Brother Lundy was 85 years old and a 48-year member. Brother Lundy passed on 5/2/2026.

Rest in Peace Brother. Thank you for your years of service.

Detroit Wage Allocation Proposals. The members voted for Proposal 1- \$1.00 Check, \$0.93 Annuity, \$0.07 Vacation, \$0.10 DET Training Center. The raise will go into effect on June 1, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How to win. Individuals interested in obtaining one of four (4) scholarship grants, should submit an essay to the Joint Scholarship Committee. The essay should contain 250 words or more. You may select one or more of the following topics:

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

Deadline: All materials must be received—not postmarked—by Monday, June 1, 2026 via mail, or email. Submission Address: Local 149 Scholarship Grant Program, Attn: Scholarship Committee 8155 Annsbury Drive, Suite 104, Shelby Township, MI 48316 Email: heather.hadley@smrc.org

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

Detroit Training Center Information. Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Detroit LU 149 members. Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center.

If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Training Center, 248-543-3847.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The publication above is as 5/11/2026, 1:00pm

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

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– Alan Moore (1953 -)

"There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness."

– Josh Billings (1818 - 1885)

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Contact Director Shawn O'Neill for more information or to sign up.

(517)304-4425 or email dot@iupatdc1m.org
D BAR A MIX FIX 2026.

The Mix Fix this year was a big success. Thank you to all the members who came out for the event. Big thank you to the staff of the FTI of the Great Lakes Apprenticeship. They did a great job coordinating and organizing the work load and our Apprentices.

Also thank you to D-A Scout ranch Legend Rob Wells and his Family who come out every year and help beautify the Scout Ranch.

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M SMART PHONE APP. Painters District Council 1M is pleased to announce its' all new APP. For IPHONE go to IOS store, For ANDROID got to Google Playstore

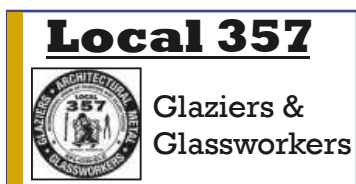
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Password: painters
With this APP you can access training classes, Local Union meeting times and dates, receive alerts, and communications from your Union, etc.

GET INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATE IN YOUR UNION!

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

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

Get involved. Work smart. Work safe.



Glaziers & Glassworkers 357
WARREN – Our next regular scheduled union meeting will be on Monday, June 1 at 5pm. Please make it a priority to attend.

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.

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

"Be very circumspect in the choice of thy company. In the society of thine equals thou shalt enjoy more pleasure; in the society of thy superiors thou shalt find more profit. To be the best in the company is the way to grow worse."

–Francis Quarles (1592 - 1644)

"Beware when the great God lets loose a thinker on this planet."

–Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803 - 1882)

"A man is not idle because he is absorbed in thought. There is a visible labor and there is an invisible labor."

–Victor Hugo (1802 - 1885)

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, June 2, 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

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

Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at 14587 Barber Avenue, Warren, MI 48088. Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M** in care of Glassworkers #357.

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

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

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



Boilermakers Local 169
ALLEN PARK – Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will take place June 12, 2026 at 8 pm at the IBEW Local 692 1300 W. Thomas St. Bay City, MI 48706.



MICHAEL CARD
Attention members, Scott Ivey is the new Business Agent

for Area 3, he will be take over all the duties of agent including dispatching and out of work list. His contact info: office (989) 662-6491 cell (989)274-6974.

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

Congratulations to the elected delegates to the 35th Consolidated Convention. Mike Card and Don Fajardo by Office, Elected Tony Herrera, Jamie Ratliff, Terry Sullivan, Scott Ivey and Brad Dame. These delegates will represent the members of Local 169 at the convention to be held July 20-23, 2026.

Congratulations to Matt Root he will be representing our Local at the regional apprentice competition in Hobart Ind. the first week of June. We wish him luck.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hoodies have arrived in all sizes at the Union Hall. The cost is \$50 XL and smaller \$55 for 2XL, \$60 for 3XL and \$70 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 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 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. Apprentice, Matthew Comcannon passed away on April 27, 2026. Please keep his family in your thoughts during this difficult time.



Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25
SOUTHFIELD – THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEMBERSHIP MEETING will take place Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge St. Southfield, MI 48033.

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

Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 ANNUAL PICNIC will take place on Saturday, Aug. 1 at Willow Metropark, Chestnut South Picnic Shelter, 23200 S. Huron RD., New Boston, MI.

INSTRUCTORAPPLICATIONS: The J.A.T.C. is accepting applications for instructors. If you are interested in applying, please submit your resume to marty@heatfrostinsulators25.org. If you have questions, please contact the Apprentice Coordinator, Marty Allen.

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.

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. Future failures to report a job start will result in the amount of the fine being levied left to the discretion of the President. **PLEASE** call in all job starts so we can avoid fining members.

PER CAPITA: Please be reminded that any member working 32 hours or less during a month must pay their own Per Capita of \$14 per month. Per Capita payments should be made on a **monthly** basis. If a member works as a traveler in another Local's jurisdiction, the member must remit double Per Capita of
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Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47
LANSING – The next Regular Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 11 a.m., and will be held Fitzgerald Park, 100 Fitzgerald Park Dr., Grand Ledge, MI 48837 (Site 6). Please note, this is a Mandatory Meeting for All Apprentices. After the Union Meeting has finished the Awards Ceremony/Lunch will begin.



PATRICK WELCH

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

Please notify the Local Union Office with any phone and home address changes.

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

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

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

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

We are now taking Reservations for this year's Golf Outing, which will be held on Saturday, July 18. To participate please Call or text the Union Office, (517) 708-0665, with the names of your team along with whether each person would like chicken or steak for dinner. The cost of this years outing is \$85/person or \$340/team. Spots fill up fast, and be sure to have your team in no later than July 3rd.

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

Members must notify the office before ANY overtime is worked.

Pension and Health Welfare: Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671
Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive Lansing, MI 48917-9275. Toll Free : (800) 323-8079; Telephone: (517) 321-7502. Email: joshkroell@insulators47.com

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\$28.00. Please forward payments **monthly** to Local 25, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.

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.

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Outdoors

Three new Pure Michigan pathways



By Heather Johnson Durocher
Michigan Department of
Natural Resources

One trail stretches miles along southeast Michigan's coastline, while another travels through three Oakland County communities and connects to a larger cross-state route between Lakes Michigan and Huron. A third, the state's second-longest rail trail, connects 15 towns and cities.

Each one of these pathways is known for offering unforgettable trail experiences, and this spring they have this in common, too: All have been named recipients of the Pure Michigan Trail designation, an annual recognition highlighting the state's top trails.

This year's recipients: **The Great Lakes Way**, an interconnected set of 160 miles of greenways and 156 miles of blueways stretching from southern Lake Huron through western Lake Erie.

The Michigan Air Line Trail, which travels through Wixom, Walled Lake and Commerce Township.

The Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park, a 92-mile paved pathway linking more than a dozen communities between Grand Rapids and Cadillac.

The announcement was made during last month's Pure Michigan Governor's Conference on Tourism at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa near Traverse City.

"The White Pine Trail, the Michigan Air Line and The Great Lakes Way are tremendous additions to the growing network of Pure Michigan Trails," said Kelly Wolgamott, vice president of Pure Michigan, part of the Michigan Economic Development Corp. "These pathways and waterways showcase the incredible natural beauty of our state while connecting visitors and residents to attractions, small businesses and local communities along the way. Whether hiking, biking or paddling, these Pure Michigan Trails offer unforgettable ways to experience the outdoors here in Pure Michigan."

The Pure Michigan Trail and Trail Town Designation Program, a partnership between the



THE AIR LINE TRAIL connects with the Huron Valley Trail on the west and the West Bloomfield Trail on the east, plus a junction with the M-5/I-275 Metro Trail to the south. The trail is part of the Great Lake to Lake Trail, a 270-mile cross-state pathway that stretches from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Pure Michigan, is designed to help boost the state's position as the "Trails State."

"The Pure Michigan Trail program recognizes Michigan pathways that provide a quality trail experience, whether these trail users are hiking, biking, riding or paddling," said DNR state trails coordinator Tim Novak. "The organizations and dedicated individuals helping maintain these high-quality trails have worked hard to support and advocate for trails and trails users while providing safe, accessible recreational experiences year-round."

Applicants apply for the designation, with an annual deadline of Jan. 15. Recipients must submit required documentation to the DNR and receive recognition in the form of signage with branding placed in appropriate trail locations and inclusion in Pure Michigan trail maps and marketing material.

Some years, the program also designates Pure Michigan Trail Towns. This year, however, recipients include only three specific trails.

"This year's Pure Michigan Trails have broad community support," Novak said. "Their respective organizations understand and support the economic and

social impacts of trails and how important they are to improving quality of life for residents and visitors. That is why we are proud to designate them as Pure Michigan recipients."

Pure Michigan Trails promote healthy lifestyles, conserve natural resources and provide a catalyst for economic activity in local communities. Here's more about this year's recipients.

The Great Lakes Way is a national greenway and blueway system with 160 miles of greenways and 156 miles of blueways linking residents and visitors to nature and outdoor recreation, including fisheries, bird migration paths, parks, working waterways, preserved woodlands and restored wetlands.

"We're delighted that The Great Lakes Way has received a Pure Michigan Trail designation," said Sarah Baltman Wedepohl, vice president of community impact at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan. "It provides residents and visitors with access to world-class fresh water, wildlife, recreation and heritage right in our backyard."

The Great Lakes Way initiative includes connecting waterfront communities through water trails. A water trail is a designated route along a lake, river, canal or bay specifically designed for

people using small boats like kayaks, canoes, single sailboats or rowboats. In general, southeast Michigan has 450 miles of designated water trails with 171 launching points along their routes.

"Our continued stewardship of this regional jewel reflects our commitment to investing in parks, trails and climate-smart infrastruc-



FOLLOWING THE HISTORIC Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad bed, the White Pine Trail traverses 15 towns and cities and rural farmland, and offers scenic overlooks, picnic areas and abundant wildlife viewing opportunities.

ture that improve environmental health and quality of life as part of our public space and environment focus area," Baltman Wedepohl said. "We are deeply grateful to the dedicated partners, community leaders and trail advocates whose vision and persistence have made this recognition possible."

The Michigan Air Line Trail is a 7.5-mile, multi-use pathway that travels through three communities in western Oakland County: Wixom, Walled Lake and Commerce Township. The Air Line connects with the Huron Valley Trail on the west and the West Bloomfield Trail on the east, plus a junction with the M-5/I-275 Metro Trail to the south. The trail is part of the Great Lake to Lake Trail, a 270-mile cross-state pathway that stretches from Lake Michigan to Lake Huron.

"We are thrilled that the Michigan Air Line Trail has been designated as a Pure Michigan Trail," said John Hensler, trail manager for the Michigan Air Line Trail. "Whether passing through a downtown or enjoying some solitude under a wooded canopy, we love showing off the trail to guests and users from near and far, introducing them to our three welcoming communities along the trail and celebrating our link in the Great Lake to Lake Trail, Route 1.

"Whether it's a local family

out on an evening ice cream run or bike tourists on a multi-day trip, the Air Line is a great reason to celebrate Michigan's status as 'The Trails State.'"

The trail is named for the historic Michigan Air Line Railway that dates to the early 1880s. "Air line" refers to a route on the ground that was as close to a straight line as possible, "a route that a bird would follow."

The Michigan Air Line Trailway Management Council, operating under an interlocal agreement, has worked to develop an unused railway corridor into the Michigan Air Line Trail since May 2009. Construction on phase two wrapped in 2023.

Spanning 92 miles, the paved Fred Meijer **White Pine Trail** State Park links Comstock Park near Grand Rapids to Cadillac. Following the historic Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad bed, it traverses 15 towns and cities and rural farmland, and offers scenic overlooks, picnic areas and abundant wildlife viewing opportunities.

"The Friends of the White Pine Trail has been intimately involved in the trail for approximately 28 years," said David J. Heyboer, chairperson of the friends group. "Our original goal of the trail being completely paved was finally, joyfully realized this past year. The friends group has taken on many tasks to work with the DNR in the day-to-day maintenance of the trail, as well as fundraising for things like picnic tables, park benches and, most importantly, paving."

The Friends of the White Pine Trail has been instrumental in raising more than \$6.5 million for improvements and paving of the trail.

"Now that the trail has been designated a Pure Michigan Trail, we have together with the DNR made the 'big time,'" Heyboer said.

As a soon-to-be-named state heritage trail – several historical railroad stations still exist along the trail – the White Pine Trail soon will feature more signs along the trail with historical information.

Trail amenities include benches, picnic pavilions, repair stations, a gazebo with benches, seasonal port-a-johns, pit toilets, river overlooks and a water fill station. The trail passes by parks with picnic tables, benches, municipal restrooms and playground equipment.

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