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**Primary election set for Tuesday, Aug. 4**

The state's Tuesday, Aug. 4 primary election is just a few weeks away.

The Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and its affiliated local councils have compiled on Page 4 a limited list of endorsed candidates for the primary.

When you go to cast your ballot either absentee or at your local polling place, remember that in a primary election in Michigan you can only vote straight Democrat or Republican – crossover voting will spoil your ballot.

**Washtenaw Co. still a magnet for trades**

ANN ARBOR – Building trades international union leaders really, really like it here in Washtenaw County.

On June 24, Washtenaw Community College and the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofer and Allied Workers signed a 10-year extension of their six-year training partnership.

The Roofers, like a list of other building trades international unions, have used the union-friendly school to conduct train-the-trainer courses for local apprenticeship staff from across North America. This contract ensures the union's National Instructor Training Program will continue to be hosted at WCC through 2035.

"We are proud that the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofer & Allied Workers has chosen WCC as its national training partner," said WCC President Dr. Rose Bellanca. "This partnership not only advances the skilled trades, but also creates pathways for union members to earn college credentials that support lifelong career growth."

The formalized agreement strengthens a partnership that prepares roofing industry instructors from across North America to return home equipped with the latest technical knowledge, safety practices and instructional skills to train fellow union members.

"Providing our members the resources and knowledge to be successful in their respective positions is a fundamental obligation," said Roofers, Waterproofer & Allied Workers General President Jim Hadel. "Our partnership with Washtenaw Community College over the past six years has provided us the capacity to achieve that obligation. Today signifies not only our strong confidence in this partnership but a successful future for our union."

The Roofers have brought more than 700 instructors to the WCC campus for training since the partnership with the college began.

And they're not the only instructors who make the annual trek to Washtenaw County to the WCC and the nearby University of Michigan. Union instructors from the United Association of pipe trades, the IBEW, the Iron Workers and the Plasterers and Cement Masons converge on different weeks annually at Washtenaw County training sites.

WCC said each summer it "hosts thousands of members from those five unions for advanced training programs that strengthen industries nationwide and generate approximately \$23 million annually for the local economy, according to a 2025 'Destination Ann Arbor study.'"

**Quotable**

*"To keep the heart unwrinkled, to be hopeful, kindly, cheerful, reverent – that is to triumph over old age."*

–Thomas Bailey Aldrich (1836-1907)



**IRON WORKERS** and operating engineers set the final section of structural steel on the 20th story of the tower structure at Henry Ford Health's \$2.2 billion "Destination Grand" project. Work is proceeding under a joint venture created by Barton Malow, Turner Construction and Dixon Construction. Photo credits: Henry Ford Health

**Topped out: Henry Ford Hospital's new patient tower**

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

DETROIT – The structure for Henry Ford Hospital's new patient tower is now complete, with a May 14 topping-out ceremony marking the final, safe placement of 6,800 tons of steel up to the 20th story.

Members of Iron Workers Local 25 and Operating Engineers Local 324 have been setting the steel at the \$2.2 billion "Destination Grand"

project over the past year. A joint venture created by Barton Malow, Turner Construction and Dixon Construction, are on track to complete the hospital in 2029.

"This steel beam symbolizes the strength of our commitment to the city we've called home for more than a century," said Henry Ford Health President and CEO Bob Riney. "This milestone moment brings us one step closer to opening the hospital of the future, where people from Detroit and

around the world will have access to the very best in medical breakthroughs, technology, treatment, and healing environments, regardless of where they live or their socioeconomic status."

A large gathering watched the setting of the final 32-foot, 1,400-pound steel beam. All the trades on site, according to Henry Ford Hospital, have logged more than 600,000

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**IRON WORKERS** Local 25 members set the final 32-foot steel section that will be part of the new patient tower at Henry Ford Health's Destination Grand project.

**Nice try, but expansion of prevailing wage is blocked by federal court**

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

A Biden Administration effort introduced in the fall of 2023 to expand a federal rule that widens construction industry pay standards finally got its day in court last month.

And a federal judge on June 24 ruled that he didn't care much for the Biden Labor Department's worker-friendly interpretation of the rule – and it will likely be the last word in the matter.

Importantly, the Davis Bacon Act of 1931 remain in effect – it wasn't the target of the lawsuit, and it continues to uphold prevailing wage standards for construction workers across the nation working on projects that involve federal tax dollars.

But Biden's Labor Department attempted to expand the DB Act, extending the potential enhanced pay standards beyond the construction industry to other subcontracted workers, such as those who supply materials and to truck drivers.

U.S. District Judge for Northern Texas James Wesley Hendrix agreed with the plaintiffs, led by the Associated General Contractors of America, that the Biden Labor Department's widening of the prevailing wage rule was "arbitrary and capricious or otherwise not in accordance with law."

The Trump Labor Department said it would drop its defense of the rule.

The anti-union Associated Builders and Contractors, to no one's surprise, welcomed the ruling. "ABC appreciates the DOL's decision to drop its defense of part of these regulations," said ABC Vice President of Government Affairs, Kristen Swearingen. "In a victory for the construction industry, taxpayers and the rule of law, yesterday's order recognizes the illegality of former President Joe Biden's efforts to expand Davis-Bacon requirements beyond the scope Congress set out."

And of course the ABC executive couldn't resist the opportunity to take a bigger dig at

the Davis-Bacon Act, which is the most important law on the federal books supporting the wages of construction workers. Biden added a few other worker-friendly tweaks to the DB Act that are still in place, but are the subject of another lawsuit.

"However," Swearingen added, "there is much more to be done. This decision leaves in place the vast majority of the costly and burdensome Davis-Bacon regulations promulgated under the Biden Administration. The misguided and unnecessary 2023 final rule continues to unlawfully distort the accuracy of prevailing wage surveys, discourage small business participation in federal contracting and unnecessarily increase costs for taxpayers."

The AGC is comprised of both union and nonunion contractors. The group's CEO, Jeffrey Shoaf, said of the ruling: "Our legal challenge was about the prior administration bypassing Congress and attempting to expand a construction wage law to cover a wide range of manufacturing and shipping operations that was not authorized by that law. AGC respects the purposes underlying the Davis-Bacon Act, and our members recognize the need to comply with Davis-Bacon requirements to the extent authorized by law."

**Big projects driving U.S. construction economy**

Project starts in the U.S. construction industry posted a strong month in May, rising an impressive 34.1 percent from the month before and up 12.5 percent vs. May 2026.

It's a construction economy primarily driven by megaprojects – we're looking at you, data centers and infrastructure – as smaller-scale residential construction starts have been spinning their wheels.

"Megaproject starts within healthcare, manufacturing, utilities and data centers drove sizeable gains across the month," said Sarah Martin, director of economic research at Dodge Construction Network, on June 18. "Outside of this activity, however, pockets of weakness across institutional construction, warehouses and residential construction remain."

From May 2026 to May 2027, the starts in the entire non-residential building sector grew by 12.7 percent. And within that sector, "nonbuilding" starts – usually infrastructure, and fueled by money made available by passage of the American Infrastructure Act in late 2021 – leaped 32.9 percent. And within that sector, significant dollars are being directed to growth in electric/power utilities (up 125.9 percent over the past year) and highways and

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**Heads up! New jobless claim system starts**

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

LANSING – Buckle up, here we go again.

The Michigan Unemployment Agency has introduced its latest generation of computer system as a tool to administer jobless benefits to the state's unemployed.

Normally, this shouldn't be news. With the state UIA in re-

cent years, it's always news.

The UIA on June 23 issued a media release announcing that it "is transitioning to a new unemployment tax and benefits system called MiUI (say 'My You-I') which will replace the current Michigan Web Account Manager (MiWAM). MiUI is being



launched in two parts, with tax functions now live, and benefits functions scheduled to be available later in 2026."

MiUI represents the next generation of computer system for the state Unemployment Agency, and hopes are cautiously high that it will be an improvement over the

previous generation.

The agency is transitioning away from the awful 13-year-old MiDAS (Michigan Integrated Data Automated System) benefit processing system, as well as that system's customer-facing MiWAM interface, which is what claimants see when they log on to the UIA website.

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**Workplace penalty match would align state, federal OSHA programs**

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

LANSING – The Michigan Senate on June 23 adopted legislation that would set upgraded penalty levels for employers who violate workplace laws. The state penalties would match federal OSHA penalties, putting Michigan in compliance with federal

safety standards. "Failure to update our statute to match federal amounts may result in U.S. OSHA taking over jurisdiction in Michigan," MIO-SHA Director Bart Pickelman told lawmakers.

Federal OSHA updated its maximum civil penalties in 2016, and Michigan is one of only six

states that have not yet adopted the updated fines and sanctions.

Subsequent federal audits have warned Michigan to get in compliance, with failure to act meaning the state could lose its authority to oversee workplace safety.

According to the Michigan

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**Where the rubber meets the (recycled rubber) road**

**Michigan Tech researcher studies use of shredded tires in road-building**

By Coby Dillon-English, Michigan Technological University

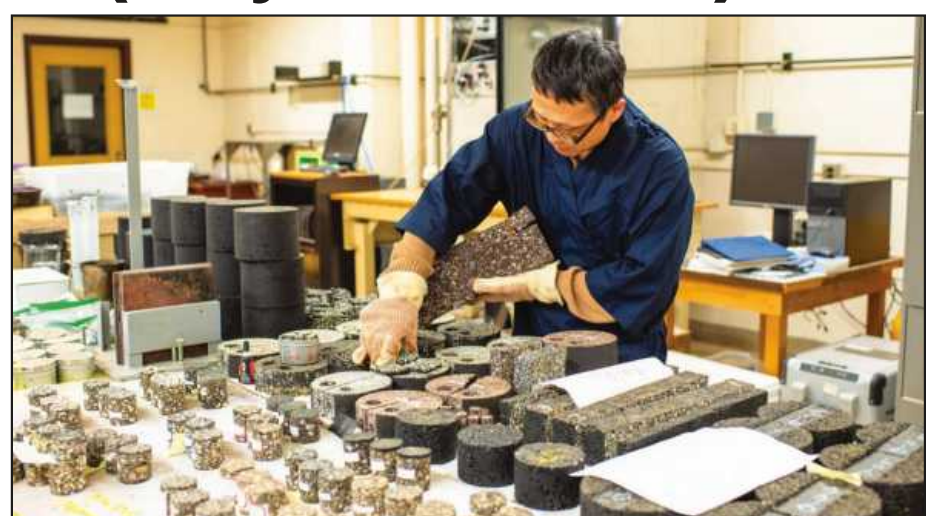
HOUGHTON – More than 10 million scrap tires are produced annually in Michigan alone. Michigan Technological University researcher Zhanping You is recycling those tires and turning them into new, more durable roads across the state, expanding the field of sustainable infrastructure.

When Zhanping You first came to Michigan Technological University as an assistant professor in 2005, using recycled rubber materials to improve roadways was considered something of a failed experiment. "People tried using bigger pieces of scrap tires and most products did not work well," said You. "Naturally, there was a lot of reluctance to use this process on our roads."

Twenty years later, You, now recognized by Michigan Tech as a university professor of transportation engineering and director of the Michigan Tech Transportation Institute, said technology and processes have changed, making his research more viable.

With more than 300 million scrap tires produced annually in the United States and limited options for repurposing, tire waste has become a major environmental problem across the country. Pavement integrity is also a widespread issue. In Michigan and other cold-weather states, it's more susceptible to cracking and potholes, especially in rural

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Zhanping You's work on rubberized asphalt, using shredded tires, has been decades in the making. In 2019, he won the Michigan Tech Research Award for outstanding scholarly achievement. After years in the lab testing pavement durability, his work is now being implemented across the state of Michigan. Photo credit: Michigan Tech

## Viewpoints



### Total control

*Editor's note: On June 29 the U.S. Supreme Court effectively removed any remaining barriers to President Trump – and that of any subsequent president – from exerting total control over who administers federal agencies.*

*In Trump vs. Slaughter, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 to grant the president sweeping new authority over agencies that formerly had at least some bipartisan independence. (A five-member National Labor Relations Board, for example, would traditionally be controlled by three members of the current president's party and two from the other party).*

*The court overturned a 91-year-old precedent (Humphrey's Executor), which established the precedent of only allowing the president to fire governing members of the Federal Trade Commission for "cause," such as "inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance." The 1935 case prevented a Democrat President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, from packing the FTC Board of Commissioners with supporters as he sought to fire a commissioner appointed by his Republican predecessor.*

*The new ruling by the Supremes effectively ends that check on executive power, allowing the president to hire and fire anyone from nearly any federal agency and pack its leadership and administration with supporters. Trump fired two Democrat-appointed FTC members because their continued service was "inconsistent with the Administration's priorities." The court ruling allowing those firings affects not only the FTC, but other federal agencies that are critical to workers, like the National Labor Relations Board.*

*The AFL-CIO submitted a brief for the case urging the court to uphold the independence of federal agencies. Here AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler chimes in about the effects of the ruling:*

*"The Supreme Court today sided with President Trump in Trump v. Slaughter, giving the president the power to fire members of the FTC for any reason, or no reason at all – with presumably widespread consequences for many independent federal agencies, including potentially those that protect workers' rights.*

*"The court's ruling today will further embolden big corporations that willingly break the law to trample our rights. For 90 years, the independence of the National Labor Relations Board has been central to the agency's mission of protecting the fundamental rights of workers to organize on the job free of political interference.*

*"Along with the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) and National Mediation Board, the NLRB provides the legal avenue for workers to fight back against bad bosses and violations of their rights in the workplace.*

*"Today's ruling threatens their independence and ensures that every future member of these boards will wonder whether the president is watching over their shoulders, ready to try to fire them for any ruling they disagree with. Workers seeking to organize their workplace or file charges against an employer could ultimately face boards that answer to the president, not the law. Giving Trump the power to hand-pick political loyalists to decide those cases—and carry out his own anti-worker agenda – corrupts the entire process.*

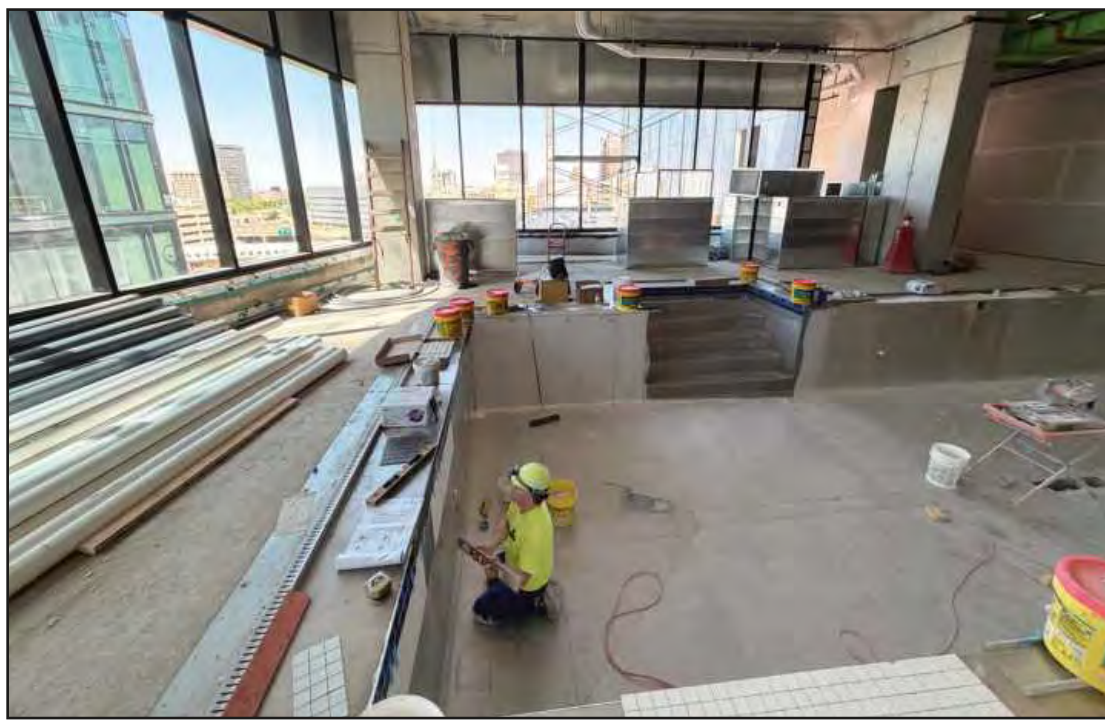
*The labor movement has been here before. Decades of worker organizing and strikes forced Congress to act, creating a legal path to justice that didn't exist before. No Supreme Court decision can take away workers' will to organize, or stop our fight for workers' rights on the job."*

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## Pooling around

**WORKING IN THE DEEP END** of the 50-foot, fifth-floor pool at the JW Marriott Detroit Water Square hotel project is Vito Monticciolo of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2. He's employed by Empire Tile.

## Just joking

A woman notices that there's a leak under the kitchen sink in her and her husband's house, so she asks her husband, "Honey, can you fix the leak in the sink?" He answers, "What do I look like, a plumber?"

A few days later, the lady is bothered again that a wall by the front door has a lot of scratches. She asks her husband, "Honey, can you paint that wall? It looks



terrible." He responds, "What do I look like, a painter?"

The next day, she again notices a dark spot on the living room ceiling, and with rain coming soon, she asks her husband, "Honey, can you fix the leak on the roof?" He answers, "What do I look like, a roofer?"

The next day, the husband came home from work and notices that all three things are fixed. He asks his wife, "Honey, did you fix these things yourself?"

She responds, "No, I got a man named Don to do it for me."

"How much did he charge?"

"Nothing!" the wife answers. "He said he'd do it for free if I either baked him a cake or slept with him."

The husband asks, "Oh, I see. What kind of cake did you bake him?"

"What do I look like, Betty Crocker?"

## New jobless claim system starts

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The MiDAS/ MiWAM systems, introduced in 2013, were in place during the Unemployment Agency's darkest years. The systems used algorithms to wrongly accuse tens of thousand of claimants of fraud, and automatically stripped claimants of benefits, garnished wages, and grabbed tax refunds. Claimants lost houses and went into bankruptcy over the false claims. Only a class-action lawsuit brought relief to victims. Then during the pandemic,

the system allowed massive amounts of fraud, improper payments and was unable to handle the sudden spikes in jobless claims.

What's next, according to an introductory video by the Michigan Unemployment Agency:

"MiUI, a modern, mobile-friendly unemployment system built to replace the more-than-decade-old MiWam platform and greatly improve the claimant experience. MiUI offers a cleaner, more user-friendly

design and makes it easier to manage your claim from any device. MiUI will feature robust ways to fight fraud, easy to understand letters and documents, user flexibility and automated dashboards."

If you're so inclined, the state has established a website, "MiUI University," wherein claimants and potential claimants can learn about the new system. Find it by Googling "MiUI University."

That's all we know for now. Let's hope this system works.

## Business delivering for the common good

By Jim Hightower

I've always supported small business, including having my own little media operation that has long allowed me to run my mouth for a living.



One of the greatest aspects of being small – as opposed to corporation, conglomerate, or chain – is that you're the boss. I don't mean bossy, autocratic, "The Big Jerk."

I mean you have the flexibility to shape the enterprise according to deeper values than selfish profit and business "efficiency." Concepts like fairness, integrity,

community, diversity – even fun – come to the fore.

Despite today's corporatized, politically-rigid economic order, such value-driven small business mavericks flourish all across America.

For example, P.Terry's Burger Stand here in Austin. Started 20 years ago by Patrick and Kathy Terry, it's a small local chain of 38 restaurants embracing the down-home ideals of quality, affordability, and community support.

But they also nurtured a core element of good business that is too often disregarded: Employees. As Kathy put it: "We believed that taking care of people – and building a great business – were not competing ideas."

Fair wages, basic needs, respect, belonging, advancement, happiness – these are the "inputs" that actually matter to the people who do the work and, through them, generate business success.

Now the Terry's are taking two big steps to expand their ideals. One, they've set up a company-wide *profit-sharing* system so their 1,800 employees get a share of business income in addition to their paycheck. And two, they've created a special trust to provide *employee ownership* that can carry the values into the future.

To learn more about businesses that live up to such progressive ideals, go to the National Center for Employee Ownership: [nceo.org](http://nceo.org)

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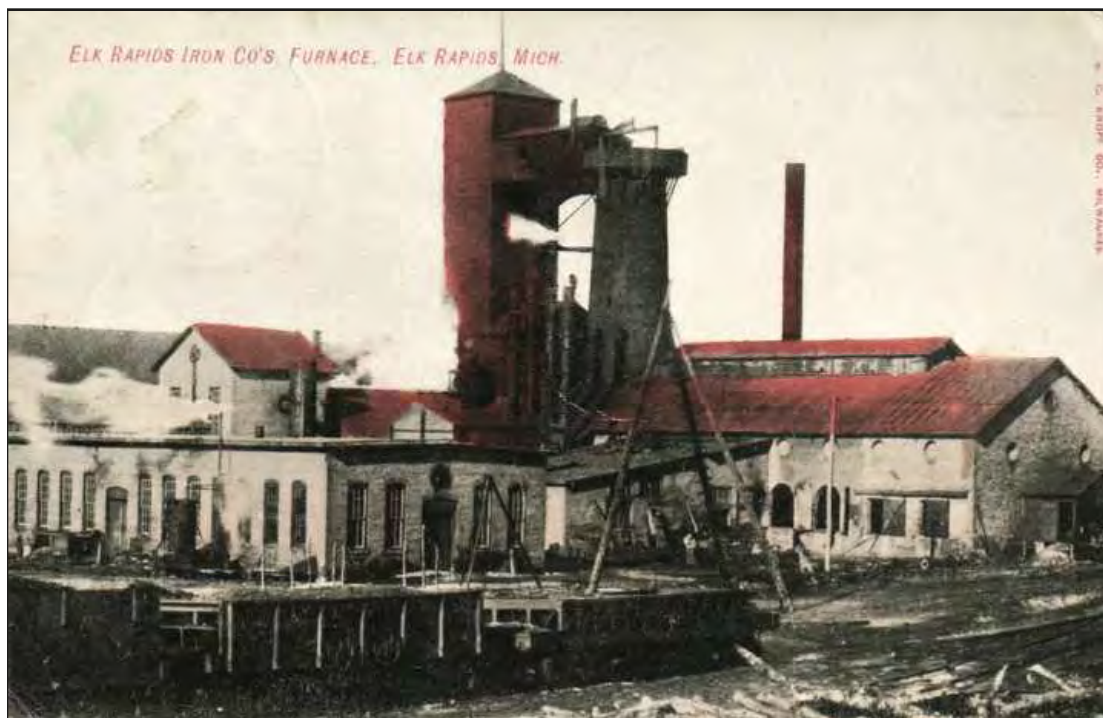
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## BUILDING MICHIGAN! Elk Rapids Iron Co. HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



BY TODAY'S STANDARDS, the presence of the grimy, smelly and smokey Elk Rapids Iron Co. in an idyllic town like Elk Rapids seems far-fetched – and just wrong. But at the turn of the last century, it was a major league plant producing charcoal and pig iron. “It was a booming industrial complex nestled in the serene setting of Northern Michigan,” says Northern Michigan History. This postcard is circa 1910. Today there are only small vestiges of the plant remaining in the small tourist town northeast of Traverse City – and a historical marker. Depleted forests led to the plant's closure.

Nestled between the east arm of Grand Traverse Bay and Elk Lake, the tiny village of Elk Rapids (pop. 1,529) is today a lovely little town in a bucolic region of the state.

It hasn't always been thus. In the era of industrial growth in the U.S. following the Civil War, many towns in the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula became home to some hot, loud, smokey, sooty and generally unpleasant companies, due to a chain of events that began with the business community's wholesale reduction of Michigan's forests.

Here, we're featuring the Elk Rapids Iron Co., which during the era in which it was in business, was unfortunately fairly typical with its negative impact on the environment.

Clear-cut forests made Michigan the nation's leading lumber producer for a time, which brought about construction of numerous sawmills. The lumber harvested in Michigan not only built much of our state, but was floated down Lake Michigan to help rebuild Chicago after its devastating fire in 1871. Related works were built to make products like charcoal, which was essential to the making of pig iron, and then some related chemical products.

“On this day in 1873,” said Northern Michigan History.com, “the small village of Elk Rapids, Michigan, thundered to life with the fiery roar of progress. The Elk Rapids Iron Co. fired its first blast furnace on June 24, 1873. This marked the beginning of a booming era for this Northern Michigan town. It wasn't just an ordinary furnace. This furnace was a 47-foot-tall, 12-foot-wide iron giant that would become one of the nation's premier producers of high-quality charcoal iron.”

“Why Elk Rapids?” asked Northern Michigan History. “The answer was in the trees. The logging firm Dexter and Noble saw potential in the vast hardwood forests surrounding the area. These trees weren't just fuel – they were the key ingredient for making charcoal, which was essential for firing the furnace. The company hauled in iron ore from Michigan's Upper Peninsula



A BEEHIVE charcoal kiln at Carp River kiln off of M-28 in the Upper Peninsula, like the kind that fed the Elk Rapids plant.

via lake freighter. With a steady supply of charcoal from nearby beehive kilns, the Elk Rapids Iron Company was off and running.”

The plant's historical marker places the company east of present-day U.S. 31 and south of Ames street, with water access to the east arm of Grand Traverse Bay and the rest of the Great Lakes.

The plant had a daily production capacity of about 30 tons of pig iron and employed much of the town's population. Over time, the site expanded. By 1911, the facility boasted a 64-foot stack, multiple iron stoves, and massive blowing engines. The nearby 60 beehive charcoal kilns not only powered the furnace but also produced valuable by-products like wood alcohol and calcium acetate.

For centuries, Native Americans lived at the site. Then settlers began arriving, led by Elk Rapids' founding father Abram Wadsworth. He was sent to survey the land, and purchased some Antrim County parcels for himself after viewing the abundance of trees. He built the area's first sawmill in 1850 on a spit of land in the middle of the Elk River. The river's rapids turned the wheels on the sawmill.

“By the early 1860s,” says *The Story of Elk Rapids* by Mark Schollett, “word of the timber that surrounded the river got out to the rest of the world. So in came two men, Henry Noble and Wirt Dexter. The pair got to work buying up land and cutting down trees.”

Quoting Dan LeBlond, president of The Elk Rapids Area Historical Society, Schollett wrote, “Dan says ‘I think Mr. Dexter and Mr. Noble were in the right place at the right

time because almost all of the lumber out of Antrim County went to rebuild the homes and businesses lost in the 1871 Chicago fire.”

“A booming business in timber wasn't enough for the pair. Dan says ‘the Dexter and Noble people decided they wanted to expand their business and they founded the Elk Rapids Iron Co. It was a pig iron smelting company. The main ingredients were iron ore from Escanaba, lime, and we cut down the hardwood trees in Antrim County and made charcoal out of them for the number of charcoal kilns that were outside of the smelters.”

“Pig iron would go to Chicago and supposedly Elk Rapids pig iron went as far away as England, that started in 1872. So you had more people working, the cement operation working, and someone figured out that they could take the exhaust fumes out of the charcoal kilns and make acetate and wood alcohol. A chemical plant next to the smelter was built.”

Pig iron traces back to early ironmaking methods where molten metal was poured into a branching mold system dug into a sand bed. The layout, which featured a long central channel feeding smaller, individual ingots at right angles, resembled a mother pig nursing a litter of piglets. The smaller molds were called “pigs” and the central runner was called the “sow,” leading to the enduring name.

Highly brittle on its own, it serves as the primary, high-purity iron feedstock for modern steel and iron casting. Elk Rapids peak boom times were about 1900. “That was Elk Rapids' heyday,” LeBlond told Schollett. “It was a working man's town. It was a dirty town, with charcoal burning 24 hours a day; blast furnaces.”

By the time World War I (1914-1918) started, the once-abundant hardwood forests were depleted. “There were new, more efficient smelting technologies making the charcoal method obsolete,” said Northern Michigan History. “By 1918, the furnace had gone cold, and Elk Rapids' iron era had come to a close.”



HERE IS A CREW OF STALWARTS who toiled at the Elk Rapids Iron Co. to manufacture pig iron and charcoal, circa 1872-1879. All that infrastructure is gone today. “The brick ruin near this marker,” says the state historical marker at the site, “was the hearth of the Elk Rapids furnace, during the 1870s was one of the nation's greatest producers of charcoal iron. Forty seven feet high and 12 feet in diameter, it was begun in 1872 and produced the first blast of iron on June 24, 1873. The local logging firm of Dexter and Noble constructed the furnace, locating it in Elk Rapids to utilize the vast stands of hardwood timber which surrounded the town. The hardwood was converted to charcoal to fire the furnace, and iron ore was imported from the Upper Peninsula by freighter. Once the town's major employer, the furnace closed during World War I when the nearby forests were depleted and cheaper smelting processes were developed.”

Photo credit: University of Michigan Bentley Library

# Where the rubber meets the (recycled rubber) road

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countries where roads can be 30 to 50 years old.

You believe he has a solution to both challenges using sustainable methods to create resilient infrastructure. He's developed three ways to utilize scrap tires. Larger tire pieces can help support new road construction by serving as a foundation underneath that keeps roads dry. Smaller, finer scrap tire powder can be used two ways: as chipseal maintenance and to make a unique rubber asphalt mixture used to pave new roads.

All three processes reuse tens of thousands of scrap tires per project. The additional bonus is that, when used as chipseal maintenance and rubber asphalt mixture, You's scrap tire powder creates more durable roads that require less maintenance. “Rubber is a more elastic material, which makes the asphalt itself more elastic,” explained You. That flexibility makes roads less prone to the cracks and potholes that form under cold, wet conditions. “Anyone driving in Michigan knows potholes are unpleasant,” he said. “With this work, we see more resistance to cracks and potholes.”

Your rubber chipseal maintenance is a pavement preservation strategy, applied to existing roads as a sealcoat to fill in existing cracks and prevent new ones, increasing road longevity.

“That process uses a lot of tires and roads last longer because of it,” said You. “The conventional chipseal approach will last six to seven years, but using rubber asphalt chipseal will likely last twice as long.”

While the process is relatively new, You and his team have already implemented it across a few hundred miles of Michigan roads.

The rubber asphalt pavement used to construct new roads makes them more durable from the start. The material reduces both the risk for cracking and the potential for ruts where vehicles frequently drive or idle, such as at stop signs and major intersections.

Though pricier than the chipseal option, You's rubber asphalt pavement uses a more significant amount of rubber to make roads 4-8 inches thick and will recycle more material. Roughly 26,000 tires were used for a paving project in Saginaw County last year.

“If we keep going, we could use up all the tires in the country!” said You. “Or at least in Michigan.”

Taking it to the streets. You developed these processes in lab environments over many years. He's now putting his research into practice through approximately 30 complete or ongoing projects across the state of Michigan. Working directly with county and city agencies, You helps local governments determine what will work best for them given the resources they have.

“A lot of times we hear, ‘Well, we only have this much money,’ and so we have to work within those constraints,” said You. “Sometimes it's a hard decision. There's no right or wrong choice in some cases. It just depends on the resources they have.”

You and his team have completed work in 20 counties in Michigan, including Bay, Dickinson and Kalamazoo. Researchers plan to expand to city streets in Ann Arbor and Detroit in the next year. Working primarily with local agencies makes You's research application unique and positions Michigan Tech as an important resource for state infrastructure.

“I admire many of my colleagues here at Tech since they work primarily with federal agencies, but I work extensively



A RUBBER-MODIFIED chipseal application is shown on Saganing Rd. in Bay County.

Photo credit: Bay County with state and local governmental agencies,” he said. “We work with local industries as well, material suppliers, manufacturers, contractors and transportation services. We've been able to build a strong local network across the state.”

You's work also connects directly with drivers. That's led to important advancements in his research, simply from meeting people at construction sites.

“When we talk to local people, they are excited that these roads are going in their communities,” he said. “The neighbors come to watch during construction and we can tell them which recycled materials are going into their roads.”

Through conversations with local citizens, You and his team have begun testing for other effects of their road work.

“We knew rubber roads also reduced noise levels,” said You. “That wasn't something we were necessarily testing for, but we knew about it because drivers told us that they could hear a difference. Now, we do tests for noise reduction.”

You and his team are currently testing the chemical content of stormwater runoff from their rubber asphalt mixture, in large part due to community members voicing their concerns. You said this is an important part of their work, to make sure the roads actually meet the needs of their users. Thankfully, getting feedback is easy, he added.

“It's a very natural process,” he said. “We don't have to schedule meetings with community members because they are there, at the construction site.”

Road work ahead. You first became interested in developing ways to reuse scrap tires while working as an assistant professor at Texas A&M University-Kingsville in southern Texas, where tire waste was a major issue. In the early 2000s, there were few applications for scrap tires. In warm and sunny climates like Texas, tire fires could release toxic chemicals into the air and pollute whole neighborhoods.

When You arrived at Michigan Tech, he got started on finding a solution. Though no use of scrap tires in road construction had yet proved viable, he was determined to keep working. Thanks to years of study and technological advancement, You was able to develop the novel processes currently being applied in Michigan.

However, because those earlier experiments tested nearly 25 years ago carried a high cost and became known for failure, You is still fighting against decades-old perceptions.

“Even today, with many successful projects already in the works, agencies are worried about trying it,” You said. He understands their concern; any given project, even a small stretch of road, can cost nearly a

half-million dollars.

“That's a lot of money for some of these local agencies,” he said. “Failure is not an option for these counties because they wouldn't be able to repair the roads if they failed. That's something we are working against all the time.”

But You said confidence is growing thanks to the network of Michigan Tech alumni working in local county and city agencies. That growing trust, not only in the rubber asphalt processors and suppliers but in You and his team, has led to bigger and bigger projects across the state.

“One project we are working on in Saginaw County will be more than 10 miles and cost more than \$10 million,” he said. “But they trust us to do that work.”

You and his team are also working with the County Road Association of Michigan, the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to develop guidelines to help road engineers widely adopt the use of recycled rubber in road construction.

“We are starting to draft guidelines for the state of Michigan,” said You. “The goal is to have a draft of specifications ready for both the chipseal application and rubber asphalt mixture by next year. Hopefully then, people will be more willing to try it.”

While Michigan has been the primary focus for You's work, the hope is to expand across the country. He has five active projects already in Minnesota, and works with collaborators in New York, Missouri, Illinois, Texas and beyond. In Michigan, there are plans to do more. “There are still over 60 counties in Michigan we have not worked with yet,” said You. “And with the 20 counties we work with now, we want to continue our work there.”

You and his team are grateful for what they've been able to accomplish. But they're not resting on their laurels. Millions of old tires await reuse. The team is looking forward to more work that will help combat one of the country's most difficult environmental challenges.

“In our country, only about 5 percent of scrap tires are recycled into asphalt, so there's huge potential,” said You. “We are always looking to expand our operations. We want to improve our facilities to be faster and more efficient.”

## Workplace penalty match would align state, federal OSHA programs

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Information and Research Service, citing MIOSHA, the state's maximum penalty for serious on-the-job citations is \$7,000 – and \$70,000 for willful or repeat citations. The federal government increased its maximum penalties in 2016: businesses can face \$16,550 fines for serious citations and \$165,514 for willful or repeat citations.

The lack of federal compliance and threat to MIOSHA's autonomy failed to get support from any Republican lawmakers in the Senate, where the bills governing the change were adopted along party lines, 20-15. There seems room to compromise, however, as the legislation moves to the Republican-led House. State Sen. Thomas Albert (R-Lowell) told MIRS that an amendment he proposed would more fully align the state with federal standards by requiring MIOSHA to issue citations within six months of violations taking place.

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**IBEW Local 445**  
**BATTLE CREEK – IBEW 445 Night at the Ballpark.** Come enjoy IBEW 445's Night at the Ballpark on July 11, 2026. The game starts at 7:05 p.m.  
**IBEW 445 Golf Outing** is on July 25, 2026, with 8am tee-off. The space is limited so please contact the Hall ASAP with your team information.

**IBEW 445 Picnic.** Save the date for the IBEW 445 Picnic on Aug. 15, 2026, at Binder Park Zoo. We will be giving out Service Awards at 11am and then eating at noon with zoo tickets available after lunch.

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

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

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

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

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

**2025 dues structure** The Delegates of the 40th IBEW International Convention, which was conducted in Chicago, Illinois, during the week of May 9 through 13, 2022, approved several amendments to Article IX of the IBEW Constitution.

As of **January 1, 2026**, the following due's structure:  
**JIW's:**  
 Monthly \$61.00  
 Quarterly \$183.00  
**Apprentices:**  
 Monthly \$50.00  
 Quarterly \$150.00

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

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

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

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

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



**IBEW 557 SAGINAW – MEETING START TIME CHANGE** – The next Local 557 Union Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at **5:30pm**. This is also Election Day. Please make plans to vote and attend the union meeting. Our endorsed candidate for Governor – Chris Swanson – needs your vote!

**GOVERNOR CANDIDATE CHRIS SWANSON ENDORSED** – IBEW Michigan has endorsed Sheriff Chris Swanson to be the next Governor of the State of Michigan. Sheriff Swanson addressed the membership and was well received a couple of months ago. He is a fighter and a champion for the working class. Please do everything you can to spread the word about this amazing candidate for Governor who is a great friend of Labor and card-carrying union member.

**LOCAL 557 GOLF NIGHT** – Tee times are 6:00pm every Thursday at Twin Oaks.

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

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

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

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

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

**WORK OUTLOOK**- Local contractors continue to work on various projects at schools, hospitals, auto plants, wastewater plants, and other various jobs. Calls have began for Battery Energy Storage System (B.E.S.S.) projects in multiple locations within the Local's jurisdiction. We will need our members to take these calls as well as calls at the Solar Field in the Freemont Twp. area. The Ingersol Twp. Solar Farm has been delayed with no clear resolution in sight. Local 557 is expecting a great deal of calls to be coming in shortly that may prove to be challenging to fill. It is very important to fill these calls to protect our market share and contract conditions.

**HEALTH CARE**- Don't forget to schedule your annual physical with your doctor. By completing your annual physical, you could catch a health concern early and help keep the cost of health care down. Registering on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield website is highly recommended.  
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**IBEW 948 FLINT – Meetings**  
**Membership Meeting** - Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will be July 13th, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

**Retiree Meetings** - Retirees' next meeting will be August 4th, 2026 at 9:00am.

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

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

**Dues Reminder** - Members, please ensure your dues are paid in full. For 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 Keith McKenzie & Floyd Dodge. We are tremendously sorry for your losses and will continue to keep our Brother in our hearts.

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Please take the time to visit [www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com). Upon registering you can take the Free Health Assessment test and find instant results that can lead to living a healthy lifestyle.

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

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

**JOB CALLS**- Please stay vigilant checking the Job Line if you are seeking work. **All work calls for the day will be available on the Job Line after 4:30 pm. IF YOU ARE SEEKING WORK don't forget to CALL 989-781-0516, option 3.**

You can also view job calls for the day through the Local 557 website and the accompanying smartphone app as well. Local 557 utilizes a bid system for job calls. If you see a call you would like, please place a bid on the telephone system and call backs will occur the next business day to fill the calls until they are gone.

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



**IBEW Local 131 KALAMAZOO – Local 131 Summer Schedule.**

**Local 131 Picnic:** We will continue our annual Summer Picnic tradition on Saturday, Aug. 1 from 3-7PM. You'll notice we have moved the picnic time to later in the afternoon. Our hope is that folks who may be working on Saturday will still be able to attend. We will have catered BBQ from Q It Up, inflatable obstacle courses, yard games, Tie Dye stations, and of course the park has its own Splash Pad. We hope to see you all there.

**Media and anniversary 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. You can upload your videos and photos to our google drive folder using the QR below.

**IBEW Local 131 App and Website Launch:** Local 131 has launched its new app, which can be found on Apple Store and Google Play Store by searching "IBEW 131."

The next **Renew & EWMC** meeting will be held on Tuesday July 21, 5PM @ the hall

**Veteran's Committee Meeting:** TBD

**Executive Board:** meeting will be held on Monday, July 20th @ 5PM

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

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**Saturday Aug. 1:** Local 131 Picnic @ River Oaks Park in Galesburg. We have again booked the Morrow Lake Shelter 3PM to 7PM

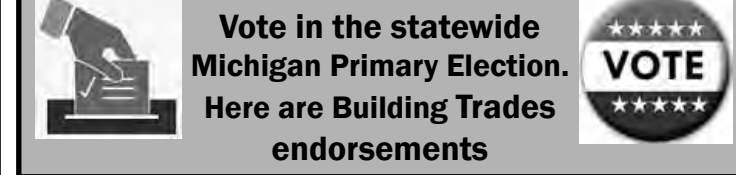
**Saturday Sept. 12:** 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Party @ Gun Lake Casino 5PM to 11PM

**Saturday, Oct. 10:** Member Orientation Breakfast 8-10AM.

**Work Outlook:** Some projects at Palisades are winding down, as well, but Westinghouse has mitigated the layoffs with calls of their own. Champion is expected to have calls in the near future as well. **The work situation in and around Local 131 appears to be steady going into summer, but there is uncertainty in the work picture for late summer and fall.**

**Diversifying our Work:** As the industrial work picture in Local 131 appears to be slowing, the Local seeks to create opportunities wherever possible. If any member is interested in developing their own IBEW contracting business, please reach out to me ([jcurrent@ibew131.com](mailto:jcurrent@ibew131.com)). There are IBEW and entrepreneurial consulting resources that may help you on your journey. We will support such endeavors for members loyal to Local 131 and do whatever we can to help them along the way.

**Liberty Solar Project:** This NMA project would employ 70 wireman and apprentices for a year, however local opposition has pushed the project out indefinitely. I attended the Richland Planning Commission meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Virtually every reason to oppose this project was either superficial or inaccurate. Everything from soil erosion to decreased property values, to industrial waste was given as reason to delay the project. In just about every respect a solar field is less harmful than a corn field, but  
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Following are candidates endorsed by the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and its local affiliate councils for the statewide Aug. 4 primary. This list will continue to be updated prior to the election. Updates can also be found at [www.michiganbuildingtrades.org](http://www.michiganbuildingtrades.org)

**Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council**  
 Governor: Chris Swanson

**Greater Detroit Building and Construction Trades Council**

**Macomb County 39<sup>th</sup> District Judge**, non-incumbent (Fraser): Derek Boedecker

**Oakland County Oakland County Community College Trustee:** Robin McGregor

**Oakland County Probate Judge:** Jessica Ann Hallmark (non-incumbent)

**Wayne County Wayne Executive:** Warren Evans

**Wayne County Commission-District 5:** Angeliq Peterson-Mayberry

**Highland Park City Council-District 2:** Scott Boswell

**River Rouge Treasurer:** Mike Bowdler

**Genesse, Lapeer, Shiawassee Building Trades Council**  
 Flint City Mayor: Sheldon Neeley

**Genesee County Probate Court Judge:** Ashley Prew, Andrea L. LeGendre

**67<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge** (Fenton area): Cheryl A. Lopez, Lina Stamos

**Upper Peninsula Building Trades Council**

**Marquette County Commission-District 1:** Cody Mayer

**Marquette County Commission-District 3:** Jenna Smith

**Ishpeming City Council:** Colin Fleury (IBEW Local 906 member)

**Gladstone School Board:** Brandon Langenfeld (SMART Local 7 member)

**Masonville Township Trustee:** Travis Cary (IUPATDC Local 7 member)

**Topped out: Henry Ford Hospital's new tower**

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 work hours on the project, which broke ground in September 2024. Completion of the new tower is expected in 2029.

The new 1.2-million-square-foot hospital tower will offer 432 private patient rooms. Five floors of the new patient tower will be dedicated to specialized intensive care units. The new 75,000-square-foot emergency department will be twice the size of the hospital's existing emergency department. Henry Ford Health said that the 449 patient rooms at the existing legacy hospital across West Grand Boulevard (opened in 1915) will be converted into private spaces.

The tower is the main portion of what Henry Ford Health calls "Destination: Grand," which also includes a new 1,500 space parking garage; a Shared Services Building, which will house the hospital's kitchen, pharmacy, laboratory and more; and the Central Energy Hub, which will produce clean energy for the hospital, making it one of the largest all-electric hospitals in the country.

The hospital campus is the largest component of The Future of Health: Detroit, a community-driven partnership between Henry Ford Health, Detroit Pistons' owner Tom Gores, and Michigan State University, "that is transforming the New Center neighborhood into a vibrant, walkable community on both sides of the Lodge Freeway," according to Henry Ford Health.

"Henry Ford Hospital has been investing in this neighborhood and the health of Detroiters for more than a century," said Detroit Mayor Mary Sheffield. "The placing of this highest beam for their beautiful new hospital tower represents Henry Ford's commitment to Detroit for the next century, ensuring Detroiters have access to the highest quality healthcare. Detroiters deserve the very best and they will get it here."

**Big projects driving U.S. construction economy**

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 bridges (up 12.1 percent).

The nation is generally in need of more movement in residential construction, but for a variety of reasons the market isn't cooperating. Residential building starts fell by 2.1 percent from April to May, and from year-to-year dropped 4.6 percent.

"The decline in housing starts aligns with NAHB's latest builder survey, which showed builder sentiment weakening further in June," said Bill Owens, chairman of the National Association of Home Builders. "Elevated mortgage rates, affordability challenges and cautious buyers continue to weigh on demand for new homes. Builders are offering incentives and cutting prices, but difficult market conditions are still limiting sustained momentum for new construction."

Meanwhile, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics snapshot of U.S. construction employment showed overall solid gains on June 23, with construction employment increasing in 30 states from April to May. Michigan, however, was not only of them: our state lost 800 jobs for the month, and 3,700 jobs during the previous 12 months. That 1.8 percent drop in Michigan's construction employment from May 2025 to May 2026 was among the worst in the nation.

"State construction employment has been closely balanced between gains and losses in recent months," said Ken Simonson, the Associated General Contractors' chief economist. "Strong data center demand and investments in infrastructure are at times being offset by waning demand for other types of projects."

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we know this is not about rational arguments. Trades people pushing back against the propaganda suffocating our state's infrastructure and development can help preserve our work and Michigan's economic future.

**Retiree's Lunches at the following Locations:**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month Lunches. All are welcome. July 15, Red Lobster 6535 S. Westnedge Ave. Portage, MI. 11AM Aug. 19, Old Mill Brewpub & Grill 717 East Bridge St. Plainwell, MI. 49080

Sept. 16, Julianna's Restaurant, 205 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI. 49001 On the last Friday of each month, a group of retirees and others, meet at Jac's Cekola's Pizza, 3112 S. Ninth Street, Kalamazoo, MI. 49009. @11:30.

Every Tuesday, Retirees can meet at The Crew, 5200 Portage Road, Portage, MI @10 a.m.

**Death of Members:** 45-year member Betsy Rice passed away on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Betsy was a Journeyman Inside Wireman, served as Recording Secretary for many years, served on the 6<sup>th</sup> District Women's Committee Advisory Panel, and also ran for the Michigan House of representatives in 1992 and 1994. A celebration of life is being planned for Betsy at a future date.

**Delinquent Members:** Chad Arlington, Kenneth Chamberlain, Marty Maher, James Pecho  
 -Jonathan Current, Business Manager, IBEW Local 131

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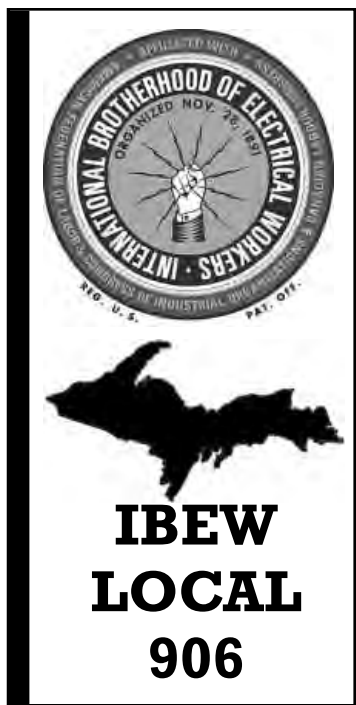
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**IBEW Local 906**

UPPER PENINSULA—MEETINGS. There will be normal unit meetings for the month of July, 2026

Marquette- 119 S Front St. First Tuesday @ 7:00pm EST  
Iron Mountain- 1800 N Stephenson Ave. Second Tuesday @ 7:00pm CST

Escanaba- 1219 1st Ave S. Second Wednesday @ 7pm EST  
**Work Outlook-** Work is busy. Upcoming projects include Harden Hall 1st floor remodel in Marquette, VA Hospital in Marquette, Naubinway Compressor Station, Brimley solar, and Republic solar.

We currently have a 1 man call for B&B Electric in Escanaba, a 1 man call for K.A.T. at the Soo Locks, a 1 man call for Michels Power in Naubinway, a 1-man foreman call for MJ Electric, and a 1 man call for Code Electric. Please call the hall 906-226-7497 if you're interested in any of these calls.

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

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

**Golf Outings-** 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 9 am. 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 new challenge coins and pins so please be sure to 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 1st Saturday of every month at Hardens in Iron Mountain at 8 am CST.

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

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

**RENEW-** There is a RENEW (Reach out and Engage Next Generation Electrical Workers) zoom meeting held the first Thursday of every month at 8 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 Dylan Krause, Jersie Skrzytniarz, and Dylan Trudell.

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

**Local 665****IBEW Local 665**

LANSING – IBEW Local 665 100 Year Anniversary: Business Manger Pangborn and the staff of IBEW Local 665 would like to thank everyone who came to the 100-Year Anniversary party.

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

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:** Local 665 has reached a milestone. We have 852 members in the Local. Of which 200 are apprentices. With all the new faces around please remember it is a Journeyman's job to teach first and empower the next generation to learn and grow.

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

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

**APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATIONS:** We often get calls or emails on how and/or where to apply to Local 665's apprenticeship program. To apply, go to [www.lejatc.org](http://www.lejatc.org) and navigate to the application page on the website.

Applications are accepted on the **THIRD** Monday of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

**IN REMEMBRANCE:** In remembrance of 665 local members who have passed away. May their memory be eternal.

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

"We must use time as a tool, not as a crutch."

—John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)

"When you have given nothing, ask for nothing."

—Albanian Proverb

**IBEW Local 252**

ANN ARBOR – ESTA MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER: Several NECA contractors have recently stopped paying ESTA despite favorable decisions from the Michigan Wage and Hour Division. We will continue to work diligently to try to resolve this matter for all members. If you are requesting ESTA payment from your employer, we are asking you to email those requests to your employer. If denied ESTA pay, please file a complaint to the State of Michigan Wage and Hour Division at <http://www.michigan.gov/wageclaim>. The act references substantial fines and penalties for failure to comply, but you must file your complaint with the State.

**BE SURE TO KEEP BENEFICIARY FORM UPDATED:** A friendly reminder that beneficiary forms are available at the fund office AND at the hall for anyone that may need to update beneficiary information. If your information needs to be updated, it needs to be updated at BOTH TRAINING CLASSES 2025: ALL CLASSES START AT 5:00 PM

1. Journeyman prep- Every Tuesday beginning June 16 and ending on July 21

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

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

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

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

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

**RETIREE'S BREAKFAST:** The Retirees Breakfast will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (new time) at Leo's Coney Island, 160 South Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. There is parking and entrances at both the front and rear of the restaurant.

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

**GEORGE PERROS GOLF OUTING:** This year's George Perros Golf Outing will be held on July 18, 2026 at Pierce Lake Golf Course. Registration at 7 a.m., 8 a.m. start. Cost is \$20/ golfer. Retirees and first year apprentices are free. Please contact the hall at (734) 424-0978 to sign up.

**LOCAL 252 PICNIC:** This year's picnic will be August 15, 2026 at 12 p.m. at Apple Creek Campground, 11185 Orban Rd., Grass Lake, MI 49240. All food and beverages will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Dan Beck at (810) 858-0033.

**UNION 4 LIFE GOLF OUTING:** Join Union 4 Life on Saturday, August 22nd at Pierce Lake Golf Course, 1175 S. Main St. Chelsea, MI 48118 for their charity golf outing to benefit University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center's breast cancer research fund. This event will take place 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fee is \$125/player, \$500/team and includes 18 holes + cart, lunch, dinner, & drinks, contests & prizes. Contact Hope Salyer hopes@aeajctc.org/ (734) 475-1180 with questions. Register online at [union4lifecharity.com](http://union4lifecharity.com).

**DETROIT TIGER'S UNION DAY:** The Union Day Tiger's game will be on September 26, 2026 against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Tickets are \$30 and include entry to the game, bus transportation, and \$10 fun

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money to spend at the park. The bus will depart from the union hall at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are first come, first serve, and will not be held until they are paid for. Call or stop by the union hall to sign up.

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

**M.U.S.T DRUG TESTING:** Please make sure your MUST drug testing is current as you cannot work on a U of M project or several other projects in the jurisdiction without being current. Local 252 has a zero tolerance for alcohol or drug use.

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

**EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Local 252 partners with Health Management Systems of America to provide Employee Assistance for several issues. For confidential 24/7 assistance, call toll-free 1-800-847-7240, or visit [www.my-life-resource.com](http://www.my-life-resource.com) and use username: hmsa, password: myresource for more information.

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

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

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

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

**DUES PAYMENTS** – Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 6/2026, your dues are not current. The Union Hall accepts payment by cash, check or credit card. There is a 3% discount for paying by cash or check. Dues for "A" members are \$143.25 by cash or check, or \$147.55 by credit card per quarter for 2026. Dues for "BA" members are \$73.80 by cash or check, or \$76.01 by credit card per quarter for 2026. Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your third quarter dues (July through September) are due now. **Payments for third quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, September 30, 2026.**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**  
August 15, 2026: Picnic  
September 9, 2026: Retiree's Night  
September 30, 2026: 11:30 a.m. Deadline for 3rd Quarter Dues  
October 24, 2026: Trunk or Treat

"I like rice. Rice is great if you're hungry and want 2000 of something."  
—Mitch Hedberg (1968 - 2005)

"The keenest sorrow is to recognize ourselves as the sole cause of all our adversities."  
—Sophocles (496 BC - 406 BC)

"A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on."  
—Samuel Goldwyn (1882 - 1974)



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS BAY CITY MICHIGAN

**IBEW Local 692**

BAY CITY – Union Meeting. The next monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, August 3rd, 2026.

**Executive Board Meeting.** The next Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, July 20th, 2026.

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

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

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

**Work Report.** The work report in our jurisdiction remains solid.

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

**Bay Valley Electric** 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 County 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 Hoef 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 County 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 to use extension #1.

**In Solidarity, Ryan Charney Business Manager / Financial Secretary**

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

Solar calls may become a great onboarding opportunity for unrepresented licensed electricians. If you know anybody currently working non-union 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.

Apprentices will be receiving COMET and PAL training courses over the next two months. COMET stands for Construction Organizing Membership Education Training, while PAL stands for Politics, Activism, and Livelihood. Any members or retirees interested in sitting in for either course should contact Deon or Kevin.

**Brendon "Deon" 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.**

**Retirees Lunch.** The July retiree lunch is scheduled for 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 16th at Log Cabin Bar & Grill, located at 181 Main Street in Freeland.

**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**

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855.633.4584 – ASK FOR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE  
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# IBEW LOCAL 58



**IBEW Local 58**  
**DETROIT – The next General Membership meeting:** will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. Dinner with the brotherhood begins at 5:30 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Parking will continue to be tight with the construction project well under way. Your patience is appreciated!

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

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

**IBEW Local 58 Brick Pavers** - are available for purchase. To purchase a brick, please contact the Union Hall for an Order Form. 7x9 brick pavers can have up to 6 lines of lettering and 17 spaces per line, \$100.00 Donation per Brick. To purchase or for questions about the brick pavers please contact Stacy at the Union Hall 313-963-2130, ext. 3015.

**Local 58 Dues Department** – Please look at your Dues Receipt, if the paid-through date shows 12-31-2025, you have lapsed membership and need to call the hall to set up an appointment with the Executive Board to be reinstated. If your dues receipt has a paid-through date of 03-31-2026, you owe the \$30.00 reinstatement fee, plus dues and will lapse at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter if your dues are not paid. You can pay on the APP/Website, send a check, or call and pay over the phone. We ask that you keep the Local up to date with your address, email, and phone number. Thank you.

**IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association:** Our next luncheon will be Wednesday, July 22 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, 313 408-5885.

Our next board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at the local union hall in the main conference room. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

We have a full bus for our annual September Bus Trip to New York City. Traveler's, please send the balance due (checks payable to the Retirees Association) for the trip to 22700 Grove St., St. Clair Shores 48080-1878. Questions, call Dave Riley at 586 206-8075. There is a short wait list.

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

**Retirement:** The NEBF

pension applications are no longer available at the Local 58 union hall. They are available either by contacting NEBF directly at 301-556-4300 or through your online account at NEBF.com. Standard processing time for NEBF pension applications has been 90 days. Please allow at least 3 months prior to your retirement date to submit your application to NEBF directly for processing. The IBEW PBF (International Pension Benefit Fund) applications can still be obtained at the Local 58 union hall.

For questions regarding the NEBF or IBEW PBF pensions, please call Rebecca at 313-963-2130 ext. 3013. Questions regarding the Local 58 Pension should be directed to the Local 58 Benefits Office at 586-575-9200.

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

**Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund (DEWBF):** Next meeting will be Tuesday August 4, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Our next golf outing will be the Brad Ballard Memorial Golf Outing. This year it will be Friday, Aug. 28 at Pine Valley, a month earlier due to the IBEW International Convention. Please make sure to save the date! Registration is now open and registration forms are available at the hall.

**Members of the Community Service Committee:** The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, July 14 at 5:30p.m. The Wobbly Kitchen (Sundays in the Park) will be the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, starting at the union hall and then traveling to Cass Park. We are asking volunteers to show up at the hall at 8 a.m. to help with food prep, organization, and loading. Questions can be directed to Ray Kujawski at (248) 496-1916 (call, text, leave a voicemail). Contact the Union Hall (313) 963-2130 or Ray Kujawski (number above) for further information about volunteering or participating.

**The next Entertainment Committee meeting** will be Tuesday, July 14 following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m.

**The IBEW Local 58 Annual Summer Picnic is Saturday, Aug. 1.** The tri-folds are currently in the process of being mailed out, be sure to look for them and to bring the prize slip to the picnic.

**EWMC of Southeastern MI** – The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20 at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option. Please make sure your cell phone no. and your email address are up to date. The meeting information will be sent out as soon as available. If you are not receiving the notices, please make sure that your information is updated here at the hall.

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, July 13, 2026, at 5:30 PM.

**The IBEW Veterans Com-**

**mittee** serves all those who have served, building community and strengthening veteran voices within the IBEW and throughout the entire electrical industry.

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm at the hall with an option to attend via Zoom. At our next meeting we plan on reviewing the Veterans Committee field manual that has been put together by the I/O.

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

**The next Local 58's Women's Committee meeting** will be Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom. If you have questions, please contact Committee Chair Angela Milam (586-291-8014) Email at [58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org](mailto:58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org).

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

**The next RENEW Committee meeting** will be Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom.

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

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

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

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

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

**Local 58 Senior Softball:** Looking for seniors 55+ years old to join and have some fun. Beginning in May 2026 on Monday and Wednesday mornings. For more info please contact: Dennis Schwieger 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 9:00 am for each date.

July 16 – Rouge Park Golf Course 11701 Burt Rd Detroit, MI 48228

Aug. 13 Rackham Golf Course 10100 10 Mile Rd Huntington Woods, MI

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

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

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

**Wiremen's Golf Association (WGA) Members:** This year the 2026 Wiremen's Golf Association Tournament will be hosted by Local 306, Akron, OH on Aug. 20-21. The host hotel/tournament headquarters for this year is the Double Tree by Hilton in Akron/Fairlawn, OH (330)867-5000.

**IBEW Pension:** Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: Daniel Bowman, Gary Chazick Jr, Eric Lucas, Craig Schneider, Anthony Terrasi and Randal Tracy. We wish you all the best as you begin your new journey. Thank you for your years of service with the IBEW.

**Members that have Passed Away:** Our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of our fallen Brothers and Sisters. We  
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**SETTING UP FIRE ALARM wiring in a stairwell at the JW Marriott Detroit Water Square hotel project is Jaden Wilson of IBEW Local 58. He's employed by GSI.**



## IBEW Local 275

IBEW 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 as well as local contractors picking up jobs.

**Building Corp:** We will be having our next meeting before the union meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. This meeting will be to present findings and will have our realtors present for any questions that you may have. Please note that there may be a recommendation to pursue a building, so we encourage all members to attend.

**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 1, 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.

**PICNIC:** Mark your calendars for Aug. 8 to join us for the annual Local 275 picnic. The picnic will be held at the union hall with more details to follow. You **MUST** RSVP to receive a member's gift, please do so by calling Nicole at the hall or RSVP online via the website. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to the hall or Niko Jend to sign up.

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

**West Michigan EWMC:** Meetings will be held monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, 6pm via ZOOM. The ZOOM link will be available on Local 275 Members Only Facebook group as well as on the Local 275 Mobile app. Please Join the EWMC on October 11<sup>th</sup> at Millennium Park in Grand Rapids as we walk to raise awareness for suicide prevention. Check in starts at 11, and the walk starts at 1pm. All are welcome to attend! The newest EWMC coin is at the hall for sale! Coins are \$20 cash and you may purchase up to 5 coins.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month, 6pm. Please keep an eye on the app for locations.

**Training:** Code update will only be available online only going forward. Please go to the JATC website at [www.wmejatc.org](http://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](mailto: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 were selected for a random through their program. We are not signatory to B&V, Barton-Malow or any other G.C., therefore we are NOT subject to their drug testing.

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

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

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

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

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

**Delinquent Members:** At the time of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Dave Daum, Dan Foster, Andrew Kruihoff, Jeremy Rinehart, Josh Smith, and Brian Smith. Please make every effort to get caught up.

## IBEW Local 58, continued

extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss. **Jeffrey Baker**, Pension member, 55 year IBEW membership; **Christine Collom**, Widow of the late Pension member Carl Collom; **Virginia Eko**, Widow to the late Pension member Charles Eko; **Jesse Stevens**, Journeyman Inside Wireman; Nephew to Warren Wintermantel Jr, VP of Midwest Commercial Development at Conti Electric and Local 58 member; Grandson to the late Pension

member Warren Wintermantel Sr.; and **Richard H. Worthy**, Pension member, 58 year IBEW membership; Father to Richard S. Worthy, Pension member, 46 year IBEW membership.

*"If you do not wish to be prone to anger, do not feed the habit; give it nothing which may tend to its increase."*  
 –Epictetus (55 AD - 135 AD)



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

**Regular E Board-** The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Monday, Jul 13, 2026 @ 5:30pm.

**Regular Meeting** –The next regularly scheduled membership meeting is Scheduled for 7pm Monday, Jul 13, 2026.

**Election Results: Officers to be sworn in on July 13, 2026**

**President** – Nicholas Harris  
**Vice President** – Richard C. Cushman

**Recording Secretary** – Neil C. Carey

**Treasurer** – Shaine R. Kuczynski

**Business Manager** – Dylan C. O'Dwyer

**Executive Board** – Joshue J. Brown, Glenn A. Stein, Dane C. O'Brien, Matthew M. Bankey, Daniel J. Tuttle, Jeffrey G. Lane

**Examining Board** – Noah Lambertson, Hudson D. Richards, Ethan A. Wagner, Charles P. Grona, Austin C. Caldwell

**Alternate to the International Convention** – George Shumar

**Resale Items** – We still have T-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 Rd. 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.gtcf.org/scholarships/](http://www.gtcf.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](mailto:ibew@local498.net) Thank you!

*"An undefined problem has an infinite number of solutions."*  
 –Robert A. Humphrey



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## Local 36 Elevator Constructors

**Elevator Constructors Local 36**  
DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED: Our next regular membership meeting will be July 27, 2026 at 5:30pm at 1640 Porter Street Detroit, MI 48216. Our next Executive Board meeting will be held on July 20, 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, the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 36 cordially invites you and your IMMEDIATE family to join us on Saturday, July 25 for our Annual Local Picnic at St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Picnic Grounds, 11541 21 Mile Road, Shelby, Mi. 48315. **YOU MUST PRESENT YOUR UNION CARD TO ENTER THE PARK.**

The park will be open from: **10:30 A.M. until 6 P.M.** Refreshments will be served from 11 A.M. until 5:30 P.M. Food will be available from 12 Noon until 4 P.M. Ice cream and candy will also be available throughout the day to satisfy everyone's sweet tooth!

Our Fun and Games schedule will be as follows: Kids Games will begin at 12 Noon. **Adult Bingo** will begin right after the kids' games. Our committee is providing tons of fun for the kids and everyone. Zipline and other attractions will be available from 12 Noon until 5 P.M. We will also have a waterslide and slip and slide this year so make sure to bring your swimsuits and towels. Lots of fun for everyone!

We remind everyone that this is a FAMILY AFFAIR, and all members will conduct themselves accordingly.

We also remind everyone that beer and seltzers will be available TO THOSE MEMBERS AND GUESTS WHO ARE 21 YEARS OF AGE. ID WILL BE REQUIRED.

Upcoming meetings:  
July 6th – Probationary Meeting at 5pm

July 20th – Executive Board meeting at 5 pm

July 27th– General Membership meeting at 5:30pm.

Save the date: The Kyle Owsley Memorial Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday Sept. 26** @ Links of Novi 50395 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, 48374. The link to the webpage to register will be emailed out soon.

If you haven't already signed up for the IUEC Voluntary Income Protection (VIP) Plan for short-term, Long-term, Life and AD&D insurance, the enrollment will be open from July 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026 and effective Sept. 1, 2026. This will be the ONLY chance to sign up for this till 2027. [www.IUECVIP.com](http://www.IUECVIP.com) or call (224) 487-5030

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

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

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

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## Local 149 Roofers & Waterprooferers

Roofers 149

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

The general membership meeting is scheduled for Tues, Aug. 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216

The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., Aug. 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216

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

**Announcement of Resignation – Business Agent Gary Johnsen.** Local 149 announces the resignation of Business Agent Gary Johnsen. We thank Gary for his years of dedicated service, his commitment to our members, and the steady work he put in representing this Local. We wish him the very best moving forward.

**Statewide Election for Business Agent.** We will be taking nominations for the position of Business Agent at the August 4, 2026, Union Meeting. The newly elected Business Agent will be sworn in at the Sept. 8, 2026, General Membership Meeting. This election will be conducted by Statewide Mail-In Ballot. We strongly encourage every member to participate, your vote matters.

Eligibility Requirements. To be nominated for Business Agent:  
- You must be a Journeyworker member in good standing.  
- You must be nominated by a Journeyworker member in good standing.  
- No member may be nominated for more than one office.

Additionally – and this is extremely important: If a current officer intends to seek nomination for Business Agent, they must resign from their current office before accepting a nomination. This is not optional. This is not flexible. This is the rule.

Any member considering running for Business Agent should take the time to understand the duties, responsibilities, and expectations of the position. This is not a title. It is a full-time commitment to the membership, the contractors, and the industry.

**Detroit Training Center Information**

The next term for all Detroit Apprentices will be as follows:  
Apprentice 2 & Single Ply 1- Monday, July 20, 2026  
Apprentice 1 & Single Ply 2- Tuesday, July 21, 2026  
BUR 1 & Steep Slope 1- Wednesday July 22, 2026  
BUR 2 & Steep Slope 2- Thursday, July 23, 2026  
Apprentice 7 & 8 Hands On + Safety & Health- Thursday, July 23, 2026

All classes begin at 6:30pm Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Detroit LU 149 members. Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center.

If you are interested in any of these classes, contact Thomas Jaranowski at the Training Center, 248-206-7620, or [TJaranowski@DetroitRoofers.org](mailto:TJaranowski@DetroitRoofers.org) to make arrangements.

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

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

**Clearance Cards.** Are you scheduled to go out of town for work in another Local's territory? Clearance cards are needed when you are sent out of town to work. Get a clearance card from (Continued next column)

## Elevator Constructors Local 36, continued

**Attention All Mechanics,** just a reminder to Mechanics who 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**



## Michigan Painters District Council

Painters DC 1M

WARREN – Dear Members, DC1M WEBSITE: [www.iupat-dc1michigan.org](http://www.iupat-dc1michigan.org)

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

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

**FTI TRAINING JOURNEYPERSON UPGRADE CLASSES**

June 29: Lead Abatement Part 1 @ 5pm Warren School & Owosso School  
June 30: Lead Abatement Part 2 @ 5pm Warren School & Owosso School

July 6: First Aid/CPR Part 1 @ 5pm Warren School  
July 7: First Aid/CPR Part 2 @ 5pm Warren School

July 8: Silica and Asbestos Awareness @ 5pm Owosso School  
July 11: First Aid/CPR @ 9am Warren School

July 11: Lead Abatement @ 9am Owosso School  
To sign up contact FTI Director Shawn Oneill at 517-304-4425 or email at [dot@iupatdc1m.org](mailto:dot@iupatdc1m.org)

**FTI OF THE GREAT LAKES looking to hire a Paint Instructor**  
The FTI Apprenticeship School is looking to hire a full time Paint Instructor. Experience with all aspects of the Painting Industry is a plus, i.e Commercial, Wallcovering, Industrial, etc. Some travel involved in the State of Michigan.

Please submit your resume to FTI Director Shawn Oneill at [dot@iupatdc1m.org](mailto:dot@iupatdc1m.org) or contact with questions at 517-304-4425.  
**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.

**Local 591 Sign, Pictorial & Display**

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.

Anyone possessing a union membership and who willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges

**Roofers 149, continued**  
the Hall and we will contact the Local in that area to avoid fines against you.  
**Out-Of-Work.** When contractors call the Union Hall for help, we need to know who is available, and have an up-to-date phone number. All Detroit Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (313) 961-6093 ext. 0 to be put on the out of work list. All Mid-Michigan Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (810) 687-1368 to be put on the out of work list.

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

ext. 0, for additional information.  
**Are you moving?!** If you have a new address please make sure to let the Union Hall know. We will take care of your account with the Union Hall that includes the Building Tradesman Paper, International Union, and Trust Fund.

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

The publication above is as 7/6/2026, 2:00pm

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

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

It's with a heavy heart that I must announce the passing of Honorary Brother Robert Michael Downie, please keep the Downie family in your thoughts and prayers. We would also like to wish a speedy recovery for the Brothers and Sisters on our sick and injured list.



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

**Local Union 826**

**Business Rep:** Rocky Ackerman  
**Meeting date:** 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.  
**Place:** 3115 Joyce St. Burton, MI 48529

**Local Union 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.



**AND IN THIS CORNER** of the ground floor of the JW Marriott Detroit Water Square hotel project in Detroit are a trio of glass installers. Sean Crowley, Mark Coleman and Will Marnell are Glaziers and Glassworkers Local 357 members employed by Madison Glass.



## Local 357 Glaziers & Glassworkers

Glaziers & Glassworkers 357

WARREN – The July union meeting has been cancelled due to falling close to the holiday.

Our next regular union meeting will be Monday, Aug. 3, 5 pm. 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.

This year's annual STAR safety picnic will be held Sept. 19 at the Warren District Council. In order to be eligible to come, you must be an active working member in good standing, with at least 8 hours of upgrade training, and zero work related injuries.

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

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

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

Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at 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.

– Don Stepp

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

–Edmund Burke (1729 - 1797)

*"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."*

–Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809 - 1892)

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

UA Local 190  
ANN ARBOR – THE NEXT UNION MEETING is scheduled for Monday, July 13 at 6 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI. All members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

**THE AUGUST UNION MEETING** is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor.

**THE SEPTEMBER UNION MEETING:** the *awards banquet* will take place on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Rd. Ann Arbor. All members are invited to attend this wonderful event. Due to this event, normal business will be suspended.

**UNION HALL CLOSING:** Our office will be closing at 12 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4 and will all day on Monday, Sept. 7 to observe Labor Day.

**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*. Mark your calendar. Tickets are available to purchase at the union hall. *Check or cash payments only, no credit card payments.* If you have questions, please contact Karen, (734) 424-0962 Ext. 210.

**LOCAL 190 SUMMER PICNIC - SAVE THE DATE:** Aug. 29 More information will be released very soon.

**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/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](http://www.michigan.gov/bcc). Feel free to stop into the Union Hall and pick up a copy of the instructions. The link is now on the website in the "Members Only" section under "Helpful Member Forms"

**INFORMATION - FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** 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](mailto: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 Mondays and Wednesdays at Local 190's office, 7:30 a.m. until Noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Contact her directly at (888) 390-7473 to schedule an appointment.

**INFORMATION-TRAINING CENTER:** Congratulations to UA Local 190's 2026 Graduates! 12 individuals became Journeymen on May 1, 2026. Welder Re-Qualifications for Gas Distribution Welders will be held at the end of June at the training center. Any questions please contact Pat Duffy 734-424-0962. The Training Center is open to members wishing to update any certifications, licenses, or qualifications. Office hours of operation are Monday through Thursday 8am. to 5 pm. Friday 8am. to 4 pm. We will be closed for lunch from Noon to 1pm. Please give Kristyn a call with any questions regarding certifi-

cations and training schedules or visit us on UA190.org members only section under training to register for classes online.

**Available Journeyman classes:**

**Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs):** Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org) 2026 Schedule: **Mondays, July 20, and Sept. 28.** Each class starts at 5 pm.

**First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs):** Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org) 2026 Schedule – **Mondays, July 27, and Oct. 5.** Each class starts at 5 pm.

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

**Welding Lab: Open welding is closed for the summer.** The welding lab will reopen on Sept. 8. 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: 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](http://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: 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](http://ua190.org) **Must have a current State of Michigan Plumbing License to certify with ASSE.**

**Med Gas Installer and Brazing Certification (40hrs):** This is a 40-hour class to be Med Gas certified. Must have a minimum of 4 years, documented experience in the plumbing and/or piping industry. **2026 Schedule: 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](http://ua190.org)

**Med Gas Installer Up-Dat (8hrs):** This is a two-day course. **2026 Schedule: 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](http://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 **TBD.** Class size is limited to 8. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

**EPRI Rigging and Signal Person Re-certification (8hrs):** This rigging re-certification will now include the EPRI Signal person certification. Classes are to be determined according to demand. Please register through the website: [ua190.org](http://ua190.org)

**Michigan 2021 Plumbing Code Class (48 hrs.):** Journeyman members who are registered with the State of Michigan as **Apprentice Plumbers** with a **minimum of 3 years and 6000 hours** of documented work experience under a **Master Plumber**, can register for the Michigan

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**Local 357**  
Plumbers,  
Pipe Fitters &  
HVAC Service

UA Local 357  
KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING: The next regular Union Meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 14** at 6:30 pm. Other meetings that day will be the Finance Committee at 4:30 and the Executive Board at 6:00.

**UA LOCAL 357 TRAINING INSTRUCTOR:** The UA Local JATC program is seeking a full-time Instructor. The position will be 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 **July 17, 2026**, to [www.ualocal357.com](http://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:** Golf Outing – **Saturday, Sept. 12** – 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](http://www.ualocal357.com). Note that you must add a 4% fee for using this site. ... so, if you are paying a month of dues at \$34.00... you need to pay \$35.36. Other ways to pay include sending a check, stopping by the Union Hall, dropping off a payment in the drop box outside the front door or calling Lori at (269) 679-3708 and paying with a credit card.

**RETIREE MEETING:** Retiree lunch meetings will now be **BREAKFAST** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month. Breakfast will commence at 9 am at **The Crew**, 5200 Portage Rd, Portage. Phone no. 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 divorces. Note that you, the member, will be responsible for any bills incurred and paid on claims of an ex-spouse or dependents.**

(See Pages 6 and 27 in the Summary Plan Description Booklet for clarification).

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Evan Warren on his recent marriage.

## Local 190, con't

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.

**RETIREMENT CONGRATULATIONS:**

Daniel Gengler, Initiation date: May 4, 1999; retired date: June 1

John Welcher, initiation date: Oct. 9, 1995; retired date: June 1

Michael Northrup, initiation date: May 11, 1987; retired date: June 1

William Blaine, initiation Date: Nov. 1, 2002; retired date: July 1

Duwayne Stull, initiation date: Nov. 11, 1991; retired date: July 1

It is wonderful to see all of you reach the point of retirement. May all of you enjoy as much relaxation as you did hard work throughout your career. Best wishes to all of you on your retirement.

**RETIREE MEETINGS** – The next Spades meeting will start at 9 a.m. and be held on Thursday, Aug. 6 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.



**Local 85**  
Plumbers &  
Steam Fitters

UA Local 85  
SAGINAW – The next Union Meeting will be held **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**, at the Union Hall, 3535 Bay Rd. at 7 PM.

The next Zone 2 Union Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026**, at the Grayling Eagles Lodge, located at 602 Huron St., Grayling, MI 49738.

**Contact Information:** Justin Pomerville, Business Manager (989) 799-5261 x 8513 [jpomerville@ualocal85.org](mailto:jpomerville@ualocal85.org) Tim Danielak, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8514 [tdanielak@ualocal85.org](mailto:tdanielak@ualocal85.org) Clint Steele, Business Agent (231) 499-7330 [csteele@ualocal85.org](mailto:csteele@ualocal85.org) Andre Alexander, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 8515 [aalexander@ualocal85.org](mailto:aalexander@ualocal85.org) Bobby Anderson, Organizer (989) 799-5261 x 8512 [rjanderson@ualocal85.org](mailto:rjanderson@ualocal85.org) Kristin Tuthill, Office Professional (989) 799-5261 x 8511 [ktuthill@ualocal85.org](mailto:ktuthill@ualocal85.org)

Please check the [ualocal85.org](http://ualocal85.org) or our Facebook page for the most up-to-date information.

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

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

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

**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: UA Local Union 85 SUB, 3535 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48603 Fax: (989) 791-3468 Email: [SUB@ualocal85.org](mailto: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.

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

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

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



**Local 111**  
Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

UA Local 111  
UPPER PENINSULA – THE NEXT UNION MEETING: will be held in Escanaba on **Thursday, July 30** at 7:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

**SUMMER PICNIC:** Mark your calendars! It's time for our UA Local 111 Summer Picnic. Bring the family, bring your appetite, and join us for an afternoon of food, fun, and time with your union family. **Aug. 1 from 1-5pm at the JATC Training Center in Escanaba.** RSVP by July 20 to the hall ext. 4 (Rose).

**ONLINE REFERRAL PROGRAM** will go into effect on June 1, 2026.

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

**WORK OPPORTUNITIES:** Members interested in 1-day shutdowns should contact Business Agent/Dispatcher Scott Pendergraft in the Escanaba Office. Call the Escanaba or Marquette Office for updates: Layoff Line – Ext. 7. All job calls will be posted via our new **online referral program.** The user guide, along with mobile app and desktop login instructions, are available on the website at [lu111.com](http://lu111.com). If you have any questions, please contact Business Agent/Dispatcher Scott Pendergraft.

**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.

MRA cards can no longer be used for purchases through the online FSA Store or other vendors that use the same merchant category codes. Eligible items may still be purchased from these websites using another form of payment and submitted for reimbursement according to plan rules.

This change helps ensure compliance with plan guidelines and prevent ineligible purchases. Your MRA card may continue to be used for eligible expenses at approved providers and merchants.

**For any questions or assistance,** please contact the Fund Office at **866-823-4730.**

**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](http://www.lifeadvisor.com).

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

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

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**Local 704**  
SPRINKLER FITTERS  
DETROIT

Sprinkler Fitters Local 704  
SOUTHFIELD – The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, September 9th, at 5:30 P.M. at the Union Hall. The Executive Board will meet the same evening at 4:30 P.M.

Reminder there is no meeting in August

Congratulations to the Hawkins family on the birth of their daughter Hailey Jade Hawkins born: June 30th, 2026

Registration is open for the 704 annual golf outing taking place on July 18th at Lakes of Taylor. A link to register can be found on the website.

There will be a vote on allocations of money taking place on July 8th. Polls will open at noon and close at 5:30pm

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.

**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 (2) 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.

*"Sometimes when we are generous in small, barely detectable ways it can change someone else's life forever."*  
–Margaret Cho

*"Try to learn something about everything and everything about something."*

–Thomas H. Huxley (1825 - 1895)

*"Know the true value of time; snatch, seize, and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness; no laziness; no procrastination; never put off till tomorrow what you can do today."*

–Lord Chesterfield (1694 - 1773)

*"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."*

–Edith Wharton (1862 - 1937)

*"Mistrust the man who finds everything good, the man who finds everything evil and still more the man who is indifferent to everything."*

–Johann K. Lavater

*"Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn't start a conversation."*

–Kin Hubbard (1868 - 1930)

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in on time. Please also update all Non-UA Certifications (Plumbing License, MUST, OSHA-30, MSHA, etc.) by sending a copy to the Union Hall.

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

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

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



UA Local 370

FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**Retiree Breakfast** will be on Monday, **July 13<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 am.

**Golf Outing** Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at Flushing Valley. 8am registration. 9am shotgun.

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

**Upcoming Night Class Schedule:**

**Rigging:** Sept. 8 thru Oct. 8. 4-7:30p.m. Testing Oct 12-16.

**CPR:** Sept. 16 @ 4:30p.m.

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, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:00pm

FMR Committee – Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:00pm

PAC committee – Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00pm

Executive Board – Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 5:00pm

Building Committee – Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee – Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 6:15pm

JATC Committee – TBD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SETTING UP a Niron pipe for the heating system on the fifth floor of the JW Marriott Detroit Water Square hotel project are Mike Pierce and Scott Porter. The Pipefitters Local 636 members are employed by Sylvan, Inc.



## Local 636

Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Service

UA Local 636

DETROIT – Our next Regular Meeting 7:00 pm on **Tuesday July 21, 2026 at St. George Romanian Cultural Center 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd. (Southfield Service Drive) Southfield, MI 48075.** Our guest speaker will be **Gubernatorial candidate Chris Swanson.**

**ATTENTION! The August membership meeting will be on August 25<sup>th</sup> due to the UA National Convention.**

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

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

**Trades Women Build Nations** – The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Trades Women Build Nations will take place in Houston TX Oct. 9-11 2026 hosted by North American Building Trades. This event is the largest gathering of Union Trades Women and growing each year. Featuring conferences, workshops, speakers and a banner parade through the host city. If interested in attending please contact the Union Hall. Reminder, registration does fill fast.

**Local 636 Annual Picnic** will be held August 29, 2026 from 11-4 pm at the Sara Club 3945 Club Dr. Brighton, MI 48114. Please join us for food, drinks, kid's games & prizes, swimming and fishing. To volunteer or for more information please call Tony Sievert 248-939-3636.

**The 2026 Rotary International Day Parade** will be held July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in downtown Port Huron. We need a few apprentices to volunteer. If you are interested in walking with us this year, please contact Business Agent Brandon Spaulding (248) 939-2636 for more details. There will be a truck available this year for anyone unable to walk.

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** – David Marcy, Anthony Kleinsorge, Mark Petzke, and Mark Solomon

**June 2026** – David Manney, David Dobis, Daniel Mosey.

**Get Well Wishes to:** Tim Tabin, Rebecca Blair, Michael Ferrante, Robert Goodwin, Michael Kovak III, Raymond Kuhowski Jr, John Lilly, Anthony Lumetta, Jason McKim, Roger Pruitt, Carlton Stewart, David Stone, John Ziemmer, Jeremel Ducharme, Mike Marshall, Herbert Loy, John Pastorius.

**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

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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 by-laws. 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.

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

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

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 July 16, 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 subpay@pipefitters636.org.

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

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

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

**Defined Contribution Pension Plan.** The customer service number for Empower is **833-569-2433.** For account information please create log in at [empowermyretirement.com](http://empowermyretirement.com) or download the Empower mobile app.

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

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

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

*"Advice to writers: Sometimes you just have to stop writing. Even before you begin."*

– Stanislaw J. Lec (1909 - 1966)

*"Lawyers spend a great deal of their time shoveling smoke."*

– Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. (1841 - 1935)

*"I have never taken any exercise except sleeping and resting."*

– Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

*"The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts."*

– Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)



## Local 174

Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

UA Local 174

COOPERSVILLE – MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 at 7:00pm in our Assembly Hall at 1008 O'Malley Dr in Coopersville. The front office will remain open until 6:55pm.

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

**Retiree Breakfast:** The retiree breakfast will be held **Thursday, Aug. 6** at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

**Volunteers needed - Family Picnic:** This year's Local 174 family picnic will be held on Saturday, July 18 at Heritage Landing in Muskegon from 11 AM – 4 PM. Volunteers will be needed at the picnic for stations as well as set-up and take-down. Please call Therese at the office if you can volunteer. Thank you!

**Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing:** Saturday, Aug. 1, 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, 2026.**

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, the members voted to accept the bargaining committee's recommendation and ratify the new three-year collective bargaining agreement. The new agreement is as follows:  
1st year \$4.20/ 2nd year \$3.30/ 3rd year \$3.30  
\$10.80 over 3 years.

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

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

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

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

**Organizing Update:** Brothers and sisters, I want to start off by reporting that the Grand Rapids plumbers at Moore Mechanical now have a contract! The workers led the fight and showed perseverance throughout this campaign! The workers got sick and tired of getting things taken away and drew a line in the sand and said enough is enough, we want a contract! Congratulations brothers and sisters! It all started with talking to the workers, educating them on how unions really work compared to what they are told. All they know is what they're told, this is why it's crucial to educate them on how it really is.

It starts with a simple conversation, maybe giving them

credit on the work they do. I've traveled across the states and they do good work; they are just like us and take pride in what they do! Eventually the conversation leads to wages and benefits. I said it before and I'll say it many more times, the best organizers are our members in the field working next to the nonunion workers. Let's talk to them, gain market share, secure our pensions, and most importantly give them the opportunities that we have. UA proud!

*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.*

**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

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

**Retirees' 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.

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

**Training News:** **APPRENTICE EVALUATIONS:** Apprentices have been issued their on-the-job evaluation forms. These evaluations are to be completed by their Journeyman or Foreman and returned to the Training Center by the end of the month. It is important that these evaluations are completed honestly and candidly. Please take the time to discuss both strengths and areas needing improvement with your apprentice before returning the evaluation. Your honest feedback is critical to the success of our apprenticeship

program.

**The Local 174 Standard is the standard.** We need to know where each apprentice currently stands in relation to that standard and, when necessary, how we can help raise them to meet it. Just as importantly, we need honest evaluations to identify apprentices who are not demonstrating the work ethic, attitude, or commitment expected of a Local 174 apprentice. Our goal is to continue developing the BEST tradespeople.

**TRAINING CENTER NOTICE:** Day classes will not be held during the month of August. During this time, our instructors will be preparing for the upcoming training year and participating in instructor development. Although classes will not be in session, Training Center staff will remain available and can be reached by phone or email. We appreciate your understanding and continued support as we prepare for another successful year of training.

**EPRI Valve Repair Technician Certification:** Local 671 will be offering a one-week course. Availability will be limited, call to get more information and sign up. Monday, Aug. 17, 2026 - Saturday, Aug. 22, 2026 (Saturday will only be used if necessary) 7am-3:30pm. Cost: \$100 (Includes book to keep)

**MED GAS INSTALLER:** Scheduled to start on **Monday, August 31, 2026 @ 5:00pm.** Class will run weekly on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings @ 5:00pm-9:00pm. Deadline to register is August 24, 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, Aug. 13.

**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, August 13th, 2026.**

**WELD TEST:** No test event will be held in August. Next capabilities will be Tuesday, September 8th and the test to follow Thursday, July 10th at 5pm.

**OPENWELD:** Available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month; 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.

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## Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Local 333

UA Local 333

LANSING - July's union meeting will be held July 15, 2026, at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911 at 6:30pm. August's union meeting will be held August 12, 2026, at the Lansing Hall, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Lansing, MI. 48911 at 6:30pm. THIS IS THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.

**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. Applications must be dropped off at the Jackson office by July 1, 2026.

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

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) RMT, 405 Hill Brady Rd. Battle Creek, MI. 49037. Monday and Thursday 4-8pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Attention:** when you have a life change, marriage, divorce, birth of a child, change of address, or phone number. Please contact your regional office with the updated information, request new beneficiary paperwork if changes need to be made.

*"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)



## Plumbers Local 98

UA Local 98

DETROIT – HAPPY 250<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY AMERICA!!!! Proud to be American and proud to be Union. On behalf of Local 98, we hope you and your families had a very festive and memorable holiday weekend.

**Congratulations** to our newly elected Apprentice Council: President, Alaister Corey; Vice President, John T. Edmonds; Treasurer, Kyle McCabe; and Recording Secretary, Cameron Seaman who will be taking over for the current council in August 2026. We would like to thank Connor Socrates, Chris Woods, Kyle McCabe and Liam Bauer for their hard work and dedication over the past year.

**Our next regular monthly union meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00pm.**

**The next board meeting is Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 4:30pm.** The Executive Board meetings are generally held the first Thursday of the month at 4:30pm and before all Union Meetings.

**Retiree Luncheon:** The next retiree luncheon is **Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at Noon** at the PLUMBERS LOCAL 98 hall. Please contact Dave Schroeder or Dominic Fanto if you have any questions, or call the hall.

**Local 98 Softball Team** finished in third place at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual United Association National Softball Tournament in our best showing in years at the end of June. The team fought a hard battle start to finish, and a great showing of teamwork, pride, and camaraderie. Proud of the way our team represented Local 98 on and off the field. Great job, brothers!

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

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

**Benefit Update:** To better serve you, Local 98 has changed record keepers for our Defined Contribution plan from BeneSys to Empower. Empower can be reached at (833) 569-2433. We have also changed our HRA tracking portal. Any questions on setting up your new accounts please call an officer.

**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. The recipients will be drawn at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Detroit Plumbers CARES 2026 Scholarship Golf Outing** will be held at Mystic Creek Golf Course in Milford on **Saturday, August 1, 2026.** 9am shotgun start. We are pleased to announce the golf outing is sold out. If you would like to be placed on a wait list, please call the hall at 248-307-9800 ext. 1. Sponsorship opportunities are welcomed.

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

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

**In Memoriam:** Let us remember our family, friends, brothers and sisters who have recently passed: Brother Anthony

A. Sporer, he was initiated on 12-9-1954 and was a 71-year member; Brother Vincent Micallef, he was initiated on 1-23-1958 and was a 68-year member; Brother Norman R. Saffer was initiated on 4-8-1971 and was a 55-year member; and Brother Lawrence "John" Roulo, he was initiated on 2-22-1990 and was a 36-year member.

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

**Expelled Members:** We currently have six expelled members as of July 1, 2026; Kyle Doran, Joseph McCloskey, Joseph Murphy, James Rush, Christopher Salazar, Nathan Taormina-McClune.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Applications are submitted online only. Go to our website and read all requirements for the application process. The Training Center is open for normal business 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call the Training Center at 248-585-1435 if you have any questions.

**MED GAS INSTALLER RECERT. Register by Friday August 7<sup>th</sup>. Class days will be Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. \$100 to reserve place in class.**

**Monthly Code Class – Next (Continued next column)**



SETTING CONDUIT near an entrance to the JW Marriott Detroit Water Square hotel project is Tyler Kuehn of IBEW Local 58. He's employed by GSI.



## Local 671 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters

UA Local 671

MONROE – The next union meeting will be held on **July 16, 2026, at 7pm.** The Executive Board will also have a meeting on **July 16th, 2026, at 5pm.** If anyone would like to come in front of the E-Board, please contact the Union Hall. There will be food and beverages at the June meeting.

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

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

Due to the National Convention, the August meeting has been moved to **Thursday, August 27th.** We will send a push notification out in the App.

**Condolences:** It is with heavy heart that I report that Brother Randy Stanifer pass away on July 1, 2026. Brother Stanifer was a 48-year member who never met a stranger. You were always welcome at his fire

for a beer. Randy will be missed by all who knew him and we express our deepest condolences to his wife Kathy and the rest of the family. There will be a celebration of life for Randy and his son Curtis who passed back in May at a later date. We will get the information out as soon as it is arranged by the family.

**Congratulations:** We would like to congratulate Brother Gabe LaRoy and his wife Bailey on the birth of their baby girl, Amelia LaRoy born on June 11<sup>th</sup>. We wish the LaRoy family much happiness and many years of health to new baby Amelia.

**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.

Effective June 1<sup>st</sup> the hours required to qualify for Health insurance will go back to 145 hours per month. There will be a notice coming out in the coming weeks.

**Retiree Luncheon:** The next retiree luncheon will be Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup> 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:** I hope everyone had a blessed and injury-free 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. 250 years of America, Home of the brave and land of the free. Let's hope it stays that way. The only way you can assure that is to get out and vote. If you are interested in who Local 671 PAC committee is endorsing for the August primary, please contact me at the Union Hall.

Mike Jewell: email: mike@ualocal671.com

Kirk Lavoy: email: Kirk@ualocal671.com

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



HEADED UP TO WORK on a ceiling duct at the JW Marriott Detroit Water Square hotel project is Jim Roberts of Sheet Metal Workers Local 80. He's employed by Sylvan, Inc.

## Plumbers Local 98, continued

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

**CALL THE TRAINING CENTER TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OFFERED IN FALL 2026.** All classes are register and pre-pay by check or money order only. **All Fall classes will begin the week of September 14<sup>th</sup>, with a deadline to register by August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.** If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next **Welding and Brazing sessions** will be September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026. \*\*You must call to schedule your brazing OR welding tests at least 3 days prior to the test. Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

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

**OSHA Training - OSHA 10 (\$59), and OSHA 30 (\$159) available as an online class at [www.careersafeonline.com](http://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](http://www.mustonline.org). \*\*Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.

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

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

*"The best car safety device is a rear-view mirror with a cop in it."*

—Dudley Moore (1935 - 2002)

*"The most important thing she'd learned over the years was that there was no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one."*

—Jill Churchill

*"Be careful that victories do not carry the seed of future defeats."*

—Ralph W. Sockman

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**STRIKING A POSE** for us having climbed down a ladder from atop a second-floor refrigeration unit at the JW Marriott Detroit Water Square hotel project is Ben Jackson of Heat and Frost Insulators Local 25. He's employed by Master Mechanical Insulation.



## Heat and Frost Insulators Local 25

**SOUTHFIELD – UNION MEETING:** The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.

We will be having a \$5.00 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.

**ANNUAL PICNIC:** Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 Annual Picnic will take place on **Saturday, August 1, 2026.** The festivities will take place at Willow Metropark, Chestnut South Picnic Shelter, 23200 South Huron Road, New Boston, Michigan.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Mark your calendars for the Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 12, 2026. This year's celebration will be held at **The Henry**, located at **300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, Michigan, 48126.** Additional details will be provided as the date approaches.

**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](mailto:marty@heatfrostinsulators25.org). If you have any questions regarding the positions, please contact the Apprentice Coordinator, Marty Allen.

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

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

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

**JOB STARTS:** As stated in Local 25's Constitution & Bylaws Article III Section 5. Failure to report a job start will automatically result in a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Future failures to report a job start will result in the amount of the fine being levied left to the discretion of the President. **PLEASE** call in all job starts so we can avoid fining members.

**PER CAPITA:** Please be reminded that any member working 32 hours or less during a month must pay their own Per Capita of fourteen dollars (\$14.00) 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 twenty-eight dollars (\$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



## Local 47 Heat and Frost Insulators

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

**LANSING – The next Regular Meeting will be held on Friday, July 10, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Local 47's Union Hall located at 16475 Ingersoll Rd., Lansing, MI 48906.**

Reservations are now being accepted for this year's Golf Outing, which will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2026. If you would like to participate, please call or text the Union Office at (517) 708-0665 with the names of your team members along with whether each person would like Chicken or



**PATRICK WELCH**

Steak for dinner. The cost of this year's outing is \$85 per person or \$340 per team. Please do not wait until the last minute to register, as spots fill quickly. All teams must be submitted no later than July 3rd.

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

To ensure all Active Members and Retirees continue receiving Robo Calls, please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804) 441-8365. Several members currently have this number blocked and therefore are not receiving important notifications. These calls are only used for important notifications from the Local Union Business Manager and funeral notifications.

If you are not receiving these calls, please contact the Union Office so we can verify your phone number and ensure the number has not been blocked.

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

If you are a Non-Active Retiree or a Surviving Spouse and would like to continue receiving the Building Tradesman, please contact the Union Office.

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.

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activated. Please keep in mind, any modules completed outside the quarter requested in, will be paid the following quarter.

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

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

**ATTENTION RETIREES:** Starting July 1, 2026 the 79 hour rule will be in effect for all Retirees.

If a Retiree works more than 79 hours in any calendar month, your pension benefit will be forfeited in a future month.

Pension and Health Welfare: Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671 Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds 6525 Centurion Drive Lansing, MI 48917-9275 Toll Free Number: (800) 323-8079

Telephone Number: (517) 321-7502

Email: [joshkroell@insulators47.com](mailto:joshkroell@insulators47.com)

Joshua Kroell is available by phone to answer questions regarding Pension, Welfare, Vacation Funds, and Special Benefits.

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

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

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

JATC Coordinator Mitchell Carpenter (616) 375-0538.

Applications are now open for the Apprenticeship Program. Please call the Union Office or visit [insulators47.com](http://insulators47.com) to complete an application.

Under Duties of Apprenticeship, Section 5.3 Part L, Page 4 of the Apprenticeship Standards states: "According to the Apprenticeship Standards you are required to accurately fill out the online work report no later than ten (10) days from the end of the current work week."

*"The important work of moving the world forward does not wait to be done by perfect men."*

—George Eliot (1819 - 1880)

*"Shut out all of your past except that which will help you weather your tomorrows."*

—Sir William Osler (1849 - 1919)



## Local 25 Iron Workers

**Iron Workers Local 25**

**NOVI – The July Union Meeting is Monday, July 27, 2026 at 7:00 pm and will be in-person only.** All Union Halls will be open for in-person ONLY. NO ZOOM FOR JULY. We would like to encourage members to come in person to the July meeting for solidarity & fellowship!

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

The July Flint Steward meeting will be July 15, 2026 at 5:30 pm. The July Lansing Steward meeting will be July 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The July Saginaw Steward meeting will be July 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

**A HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE from the Fringe Benefit Fund office will be at the Novi Union Hall on Wednesday July 29, 2026 from 8am to 12 noon;** to meet with any member(s), to address health care issues or HRA substantiation concerns. Walk-ins are welcome!

**A FRINGE FUND PENSION DEPT REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE NOVI UNION HALL on Wednesday August 5, 2026 from 8:00 am to 12 noon.** If you have questions, give us a call 248-344-9494. Walk-ins are welcome!

**The 125<sup>th</sup> Iron Workers Local 25 Anniversary Celebration & Gala** is Saturday July 18, 2026 from 5pm to 11pm at the Athenium Suite Hotel in Detroit. Individual tickets (\$125.00 ea.) are available on our website [www.ironworkers25.org](http://www.ironworkers25.org)

**Organizer Wanted:** We are seeking a Local 25 IJW in good standing to work as on Organizer to help build our Unions capacity by increasing our Market Share & Signatory Contractors throughout our jurisdiction. Requirements: Self-motivated, team-player, coachable, confident, exceptional listening skills, & high energy. Flexible work schedule. Please send your resume & cover letter by Friday July 31, 2026 to [union@ironworkers25.org](mailto:union@ironworkers25.org)

**The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Iron Workers Festival** will be held August 7, 8, 9, 2026 in Mackinaw City MI. Please plan ahead and reserve your hotel room(s). For more information, please go to [www.mackinawchamber.com/events](http://www.mackinawchamber.com/events)

**Awards Night will be held on Monday, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 THIS YEAR** at the Novi Union Hall. **A LETTER WILL BE MAILED SOON to those eligible members.** We will have a social hour with appetizers/beverages starting at 5pm. Awards ceremony starts at 7pm. **All are welcome.**

Awards Night is not being held in August due to the International Convention commencing on August 31<sup>st</sup> this year. Furthermore, there will not be Union Meeting in August.

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Local 25 ICIF Fundraiser** will be (one week later than usual) Saturday **SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> 2026** at the Novi Union Hall at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be bought at the door or through any Business Agent. **Join us for food, drink and comradery. We have great prizes to raffie off as we've done in the past!**

**If you have moved recently, please be sure to update the Union Hall 248-344-9494. We will gladly advise the Fringe**

**Benefit Fund office of your move upon request.**

**The 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Iron-worker Instructor Training Program** will be held the week of July 12-17 at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor MI. Apprentice applications accepted electronically. Visit our website ([ironworkers25.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.ironworkers25.org). **The phone number is 866-635-2826. Or pay union dues with personal check or money order** and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall **(M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash).**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**HRA/Benny Card Audit is continuously under way via**

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

**The Iron Workers' Local 25 Novi Chapter Retirees' Club.** The Retirees' meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday July 21, 2026 at 10:00 am. The Retirees' Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday August 4, 2026 at 8:00 am. All are welcome.

**The West Michigan Chapter Retirees breakfast** will meet Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 9 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting for the **Bay City Chapter & Picnic** will be July 16, 2026; 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 9:00 am July 31, 2026 at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. All are welcome.

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

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

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

**In Memory:** Jesse Souders #1312130 passed away June 19, 2026 at the age of 48 in Las Vegas NV. He was a member of Local 340/25 for 13 years. Tracy Nickell passed away June 23, 2026 at the age of 55. She was the beloved wife of IJW Richard Nickell #1174329. Dale Oland #1047578 passed away June 20, 2026 at the age of 70. He was a 45-year member, survived by his wife Vicky. Randa Taube passed away May 1, 2026 at the age of 75. She was the wife of Lifetime IW Rick Taube #923731. **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 (July 7, 2026 11:00 am E.S.T.).



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## Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

TROY – The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois, Troy 48083. Use the Banquet Entrance

The E-Board/Stewards meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall.

**RETIRES NOTICE:** The next Retiree Luncheon will be on 8/6/26 at 12:30 pm at Madhouse Bar and Grill, 32787 Stephenson Hwy, Madison Heights, 48071. It's always nice to catch up and stay connected. Please get in touch with the union hall via our website [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the "Contact Us" page if you would like to be added to the retiree email list.

**2026 OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS:**

**Business Manager / Financial Secretary-Treasurer:** Paul Gualdoni  
**Business Agent / President:** Antonio (Tony) Silvestri

**Vice President:** Jason Csurgo  
**Recording Secretary:** Chuck Garry  
**Warden & Conductor:** Jordan Hicks  
**Executive Board:** David Brown, David Pistotti, Frank Lewandowski, Lloyd McMillon, Cody Verkerke

**Union Trustee:** Quintin Turner, Denny Lau, Achilles Manolis  
**BENEFIT INCREASES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026:** The Board of Trustees of Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 Supplemental Unemployment Fund is pleased to announce the following benefit improvements effective June 1, 2026.

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

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

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

Please note that all existing credits will also be increased.

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

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

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

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

**SMOIHIT 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](http://www.sheetmetal292.com); Facebook page - Sheet Metal Workers Local 292.

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

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

**SAFETY MODS AND DRUG TESTS:** To access your MUST account, please go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) or access it through the "links" tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://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](http://sheetmetal292.com)).

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

**CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL:** The latest Constitution and Ritual of the 3rd SMART General Convention is now available online. Go to [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the Constitution/Ritual tab located at the top of the home page. The Union Hall now has hard copies if anyone is interested in having one.

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

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

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

**Attention all Welders!** We are looking for any members interested in a Saturday welding class on July 11, July 20 & July 25, (Continued next column)

## 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 August 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

- \*Zone 1 July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 2 July 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 3 July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Freeland)
- \*Zone 3 August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)
- \*Zone 4 July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- \*Zone 5 August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.



SAM FULLER

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

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

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

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

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

**ZONE 2 Info:** Work in Zone 2 is good and looks to be that way through the summer. If your employment status changes please reach out to me. There will be a change in the date of your next Zone 2 union meeting, it was originally set for July 21st it will be moved to July 28th. The meeting will be the same place and time as normal. Don't forget about the 36nd annual Local 7 Golf Outing, Saturday, September 12th at Briar Ridge Golf Course in Montrose, get your four person team signed up as soon as you can. Dues are always due prior to the first of the month and keep me informed of any address or phone number changes. **Solidarity, Mike Adams**

**ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw)** Work in the area is starting to pick up slowly. Next Zone 3 meeting will be at the Freeland hall on September 9th. Be sure your contact information is up to date with the Lansing office if there has been any changes (517)882-4064. Next Retiree meeting is September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Ponderosa on Wilder Rd in Bay City. **In Solidarity, Joe Dotson**

**ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City)** Our next meeting will be August 6th at 6pm. Work is strong and will continue into next year. If anyone needs assistance with anything, contact me. If you haven't done so, schedule your physicals for this year. Mine Safety Training should be updated as there will be two projects that are coming up that will require it. Please don't let the heat distract you, keep an eye safety. **In Solidarity, John Amalfitano**

**ZONE 4 Info:** Work is really picked up in our area. We have everybody working. Looks like it's going to be a great summer and fall. Don't forget about the Local 7 golf outing at Briar Ridge in Montrose this Sept 12, registration forms available on website. I hope everyone has a great summer. **Thanks your brother Scott Brotherton.**

**ZONE 5 Info.** \*\*We have a date change for Zone 5 area meeting, **New date is Friday Aug 14 at 6pm (was originally scheduled for Sat Aug 8<sup>th</sup>).** Work in the UP is back in full swing. Don't forget to get your Mine Safety Training up to date. If you need a refresher please sign up for that at [www.upconstruction.org](http://www.upconstruction.org). If you have a change of address please call me or the Lansing hall to get that updated. Also if you still have not responded to the Education/Training text I sent out on the 18th of June, please send me your top 3 choices. - **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  
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**Scott Brotherton** (Agent-Flint) 810-836-3552  
**Brandon Langenfeld** (Agent-Upper Peninsula) 906-372-9288

## Local 292, continued

August 8, and August 29.

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

"Truth is more of a stranger than fiction."  
–Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

## Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

### Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

SOUTHFIELD – Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

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

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Next General Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield. \*There will be a possible ratification/allocation vote at this meeting\*

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** Next executive board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14th at 5:00 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Southfield. \*Notice date change\*

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

**RETIREE NEWS & MEETING SCHEDULE:** 2026 Retiree Meetings: Monday August 17<sup>th</sup>, October 19<sup>th</sup> (annual party) & December 21<sup>st</sup>. 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

**CONTRACT RATIFICATION:** There will be a possible ratification/allocation vote at the July 28<sup>th</sup> union meeting. More details to follow.

**THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE:** Brian Tulpa, Luke LaRoy, Johnnie Downing, Justin Halliday, Jake Manikas, Derek McManaway, David Clark, Blake Mercier, James Koczynski, Richard Domanski, Aaron McLain, Daniel Bleyaert, James Peraimo, James Mitchell, Genia Marsee, Lee Astrauckas and Danny Munfo.

**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](mailto: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 [smw-80subfund@gmail.com](mailto:smw-80subfund@gmail.com) or fax it to 248-557-0297. To ensure payment by Friday, proof due by 2PM 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](http://www.LifeAdvisorEAP.com). Mention Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 when you call.

**NOTARY:** We have a notary public available at the hall at no charge. **SAVE THE DATE:** Picnic – August 1st

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## Local 169 Boilermakers

### Boilermakers Local 169

ALLEN PARK – Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will take place on **July 10, 2026, at 8 pm** at the IBEW Local 275 Hall. The address is 140 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Coopersville, Michigan 49404.

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

We have successfully ratified a new CBA our new wage sheets are on our web site, and new agreement books are being printed. I would like to thank our negotiation team for a job well done.

Attention members: Scott Ivey is the new Business Agent for Area 3, he will 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.

Congratulations to the elected delegates to the Thirty Fifth 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 which will be held July 20-23 2026.

Congratulations to Matt Root, who placed 2nd at the Great Lakes Apprentice of the year contest in Hobart, Ind., the week of June 2-4 and will represent Local 169 at the National contest Aug. 10-12 at Local 549 in Benicia, CA. We wish him good luck.

### Boilermakers Local 169 Area Picnics.

**Area 1 - Picnic** will be **Aug. 8**, at Camp Dearborn, noon until 7:00pm. We will also have food, drinks, adult and kids raffle prizes, games, cornhole tournament, bounce house, face painting, and fun for the whole family. If you can meet at 8am to help set up, we could always use the help!

**Area 2 - Picnic** will be on **Sept. 7** (Labor Day) following the parade. More information to come.

**Area 3 - Picnic** will be **Aug. 1** at Sanford Lake Park noon until 7:00pm. We will have food, drinks, adult and kids' raffles and prizes, fun for the whole family. Sanford Lake is filled up now and has a splash park for the kids. Please bring a dish to pass.

**Area 4 - Information** will be coming soon.

OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 safety training can now be taken online. Please visit our website - [www.boilermakerslocal169.com](http://www.boilermakerslocal169.com) for more information.

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

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

**Retirees:** Retiree luncheons.

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

**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** Retirees luncheon is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11AM. The next lunch will be July 15, 2026, at The Auburn Tavern, 101 W Midland Rd, Auburn, MI 48611 As always, everyone from all areas is welcome.

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

Hoodies have arrived in all sizes at the Union Hall. The cost

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## Local 514 Cement Masons & Plasterers

Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Local 514

**DETROIT - The next membership meeting is Tuesday, July 21, at 7:00 pm. We will be having food and refreshments. There will also be an executive board meeting that day at 5:30 pm. Please make every effort to come and fellowship with your brothers and sisters.**

**Membership Gold Cards- Congratulations! July 2026**

**Candelario Benavides-40 Years**

**Jack McCool-40 Years**

**Melvin Morgan-40 Years**

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

Please get in touch with the local at 248-548-0800 or email your updated information to [aajrouche@opciami.org](mailto:aajrouche@opciami.org). Please send your updated information promptly.

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

**Please activate your Blue Cross Blue Shield account.** To activate your Blue Cross member account online, go to [bcbsm.com/register](http://bcbsm.com/register) and select Register Now.

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

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

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

**Attention, all Apprentices: you will now need to go to the website** [www.micementplasterertraining.com](http://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](http://www.opcmiami.org).**

**Please refer to the website for updated information.**

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

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is \$50.00 XL and smaller \$55.00 for 2XL, \$60.00 for 3XL and \$70.00 for 4XL. Payments can be made with cash or a check. If you live outside of the area and would like to order one, please call the hall. Additional shipping charges will be added. Baseball caps are also available. Varsity jackets are available by special order. Please contact the Union Hall for details.

The upcoming MSHA training schedule is available at [www.boilermakerslocal169.com](http://www.boilermakerslocal169.com) or on our Facebook page.

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

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

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

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

We must stay vigilant in our efforts to promote our trade. If you are working in a crew of 5 or more, an Apprentice must be on the crew. Help out! Call the Local at (248) 548-0800. Training is the key to our future!

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

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](http://www.Principal.com), or by telephone, 800-547-7754.

Access and make changes to your account in two easy ways: Go online: [Principal.com](http://Principal.com)

**If you are a first-time user, go to [Principal.com/Welcome](http://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.

**Plasterers 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.

*"There is nothing so absurd but some philosopher has said it."*

-Cicero (106 BC - 43 BC)



**BAC Local 2 WARREN - UPCOMING MEETINGS.**

**MARQUETTE CHAPTER:** Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 119 S Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855

**SAGINAW CHAPTER: CANCELLED**

**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING** will be held on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:00 A.M., BAC Local 2 Union Hall, 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, MI 48906



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**ALL AUGUST CHAPTER MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED - EXCEPT FOR THE MARQUETTE CHAPTER AND HOUGHTON MEETINGS - DUE TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2026.**

**MEMBERSHIP GOLF OUTING:** Come out on Sept. 12, 2026, to golf with your fellow brothers and sisters at our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Golf Outing. It will be held once again at Hawk Meadows Golf Course in Howell, MI with check-in at 7:00am.

Sign up is based on first come, first served with a PAID registration. Your spot cannot be guaranteed without pre-payment prior to the outing. This event has sold out in the past, so register early to secure a spot for you and your foursome. To participate, one person on each team **MUST** be a good standing BAC Local 2 member with their dues paid up to date. Registration forms can be found on our Facebook page, emailed directly to you or call the Warren office to sign up & pay with a credit card.

**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.

## Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Text **2MI** to **50607**

You'll receive a confirmation text asking for your member number (IU#)

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

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

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

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

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

**PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION**

BAC of Michigan Health & Welfare Fund - (248) 828-6000  
CALL-A-DOC - (800) 835-2362

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

International Pension/Annuity Fund - (888) 880-8222 or (202) 638-1996 ([bacbenefits.org](http://bacbenefits.org))

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## Outdoors



# Lake Huron becoming walleye's world

By Dr. David Fielder  
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of Natural Resources

Walleye is now the most harvested species in the Michigan waters of the Great Lakes, followed by yellow perch. These findings are part of the 2025 *Statewide Angler Survey Program* (also known as “creel survey”) with estimates recently announced by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division.

This trend has been developing due to shifts in the food web of Lake Huron (and to a lesser extent, Lake Michigan) with the invasion of dreissenid mussels, which are members of the family of small, freshwater, aquatic, bivalve mollusks.

Alewives disappeared from most of Lake Huron in 2003, after zebra and quagga mussels became established in the lake, where they consume much of the phytoplankton that is the base of the food chain. Since salmon and trout depend on alewives for food, their populations in Lake Huron have greatly contracted.

These changes have been beneficial to some species, however. In the absence of alewives, which prey on the eggs and fry (young fish) of other species, some native fish species have seen substantial improvements in reproduction in Lake Huron, including lake trout and walleye.

With alewife predation on walleye fry no longer a constraint, natural reproduction of walleye has soared in Saginaw Bay. This, coupled with the importance of walleye in the Michigan waters of Lake Erie and of Green Bay in Lake Michigan, means that the Great Lakes now offer an even bigger variety of fishing opportunities – and walleye is the centerpiece.

“These new statistics are a reflection of the popularity of walleye in Michigan,” said Doug Schultz, Lake Huron Basin coordinator for the DNR. “The loss of invasive alewives in Lake Huron ultimately paved the way for recovery of some key species



**CAPTAIN Mark Martin holds a walleye during an Outdoor Skills Academy Saginaw Bay walleye clinic.** MDNR photo

which, per the recent creel survey report, our anglers have been taking full advantage of. These popular fisheries have immense value to the surrounding communities.”

One of these key species is lake trout, which are also approaching their recovery targets in Lake Huron. Lake trout, once devastated by sea lamprey predation and alewife effects, are now a mainstay feature of the open water fishery on Lake Huron.

The survey results indicate Lake Huron now accounts for more than half of all the fishing effort in the Michigan waters of the Great Lakes. This is largely driven by the recovery of the walleye population in Saginaw Bay, which is now estimated to number more than 14 million fish age 2 and older.

“When weather conditions allow, such as in 2025, the popular ice fishery that takes place each year on Saginaw Bay can provide a noticeable increase in fishing effort and harvest, contributing up to half the year-round effort during good ice years,” said Dr. Jeff Jolley, Southern Lake Huron unit manager for the DNR.

The bay also offers recreational opportunities for other popular species, including smallmouth bass, yellow perch, northern pike and others.

“Within Lake Huron, Saginaw Bay now accounts for nearly 80 percent of the fishing effort – 42 percent of all of Michigan’s Great Lakes recreational fishery,” Jolley said. “The U.S. Fish and Wildlife service estimates an average expenditure of \$155 per Great Lakes fishing trip. If we

apply that estimate to fishing trips on Saginaw Bay, that means the fishery on the bay generated over \$60 million in economic activity in 2025.”

Overall, recreational fishing in Michigan is estimated to generate nearly \$4 billion in economic activity.

The annual Statewide Angler Survey Program generates estimates of harvest and fishing effort, focused primarily on the Great Lakes. DNR staffers known as creel clerks interview anglers at the end of fishing trips to find out what they caught.

“It’s an expensive program,” Schultz said. “But it gives us essential information to manage the fishery.”

The DNR manages over 38,000 square miles of Great Lakes waters, in addition to nearly 11,000 inland lakes and more than 52,000 miles of rivers and streams. Without the valuable data provided by the Statewide Angler Survey Program, it would be impossible to make informed management decisions for these extensive fisheries.

Guiding DNR decision-making on Saginaw Bay is the new “Walleye and Yellow Perch Recreational Management Plan for Saginaw Bay,” developed in consultation with stakeholders and finalized in 2024. This plan, focused on the two most harvested species in Michigan’s Great Lakes waters, has informed management actions, such as spawning reef restoration beneficial to walleye and lake whitefish.

Learn more about how Michigan manages walleye at Michigan.gov/Walleye or learn more about the Statewide Angler Survey Program at Michigan.gov/FishResearch.

**THE NEW FEDERAL MONEY helped fund a new bike bath at Ludington State Park. It’s one project among many that have been part of improved state DNR facilities in Michigan.**

MDNR photo

## ‘Monumental’ federal money infusion fuels 197 state projects

(From the Michigan DNR)

Powered by a historic \$273 million investment from the American Rescue Plan Act, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is entering the final stretch of extensive upgrades at state parks and trails.

Outlined in Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s Building Michigan Together Plan, this unprecedented investment has allowed the DNR to tackle many needs from a decades-long maintenance backlog. It also funds the development of Flint’s new state park – the first in Genesee County.

To date, 100 percent of the DNR’s 197 planned improvement projects are either complete or actively underway, ensuring every dollar is successfully put to work. This includes 142 completed projects and another 55 projects actively underway or in progress, all on track to cross the finish line by the end of the year.

“ARPA funding has been monumental for improving our state parks infrastructure,” said Kristen Kosick, DNR Parks and Recreation chief. “Michigan has one of the best state parks systems in the country, and it is vital that we appropriately fund and maintain our facilities to ensure safe, accessible, welcoming and memorable experiences for our visitors. These funds have allowed the DNR to modernize and enhance the state parks system, and we’re excited for visitors to enjoy these improved amenities in the parks this summer.”

Kosick said the influx of ARPA dollars was especially consequential, given that roughly 97 percent of state parks funding is generated by user fees, including the Recreation Passport, and royalty revenues – just 3 percent comes from Michigan’s General Fund tax dollars.

Following are brief descriptions outlining the improvements and upgrades completed since July 2025.

The historic Belle Isle Casino has received a new roof and upgrades in line with Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines. Belle Isle will also see 20 acres of restored natural areas with new hiking trails and a specialized, eco-friendly parking area designed to manage stormwater runoff.

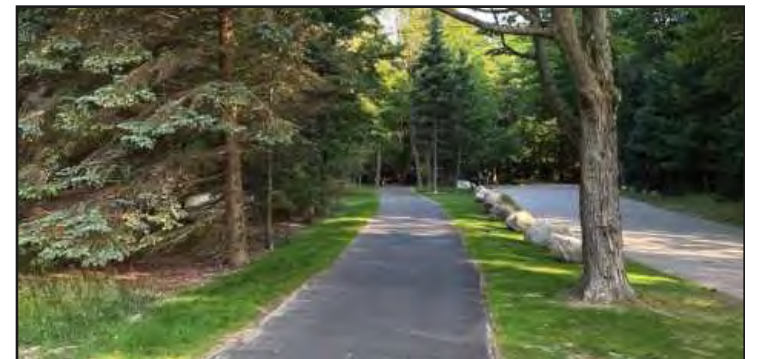
Improvements at Bishop Lake Campground (Livinston Co.) including repaving campground roads and upgrading the electrical at Brighton Recreation Area.

Fayette Historic State Park (Delta County) completed several key improvements last summer. The projects delivered much-needed structural upgrades to the historic townsite, and accessible walkways and restrooms at the park’s visitor center.

Visitors can now enjoy the first phase of enhancements at the popular visitor center at Hartwick Pines State Park (Crawford County). Upgrades include a new roof, windows, carpeting and updated HVAC system, alongside an upgraded auditorium and an ADA-accessible, push-button entrance door.

The Gillette Visitor Center, a popular destination at Hoffmaster State Park (Muskegon Co.), reopened in February following extensive renovations. The building features a new roof, updated HVAC system, restored exterior brickwork, new flooring and updated interior railings.

Campers at Ionia Recreation Area in Ionia County will notice several upgrades, including improvements to the toilet and shower building, campground roads, site pads and the park’s electrical system. Additionally, the beach house received a new roof, and the historic schoolhouse underwent renovations.



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