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New jobless system goes live Nov. 9

LANSING – The Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) is transitioning to a new unemployment tax and benefits system called MiUI (My UI, get it?) which will replace the current Michigan Web Account Manager (MiWAM).

The agency announced Aug. 11 that MiUI tax functions went live in February 2026, and Benefits Services functions are scheduled to be available on Nov. 9.

The launch of MiUI will directly affect all users and is a significant step forward in the modernization of the agency and the unemployment experience for workers,” the agency said. “Arriving at this point is the culmination of several years of dedication and persistence to get the system ready for Michigan’s residents.”

When the system goes live on Nov. 9, claimants will be able to file claims, complete weekly certifications, record three job search activities each week, check payment status, and manage other essential tasks all from a computer or mobile device.

After it goes live, anyone receiving benefits will no longer be able to use MiWAM. All account functions needed for receiving benefits will be performed in the new MiUI system.

Construction pay outpaces others

Construction industry pay rose by a healthy 5.2 percent from July 2025 to July 2026, compared to a 3.2 percent gain for all employees on nonfarm payrolls, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For U.S. construction, “this follows a steady 4.7 percent rate maintained across the prior three consecutive years, keeping compensation growth at historically high levels,” says a July report from the Construction Labor Research Council.

Diving down a bit on behalf of the organized construction industry, the Associated General Contractors of America said on July 15 that the CLRC report “shows union construction wage and benefit increases remain at historically elevated levels in 2026, with newly negotiated collective bargaining agreements averaging a 4.9 percent first-year total package increase through the first half of the year.”

In terms of pay, the CLRC report said average hourly earnings for production and nonsupervisory employees in U.S. construction, which covers most onsite craft workers as well as many office staff, increased to \$39.24 per hour in July. That figure is 21.1 percent higher than the average for all private-sector production employees.

“Firms continue to pay a premium to hire qualified workers,” said Ken Simonson, the Associated General Contractors’ chief economist.

Quotable

“My friends it is solidarity that we want. We do not want to find fault with each other, but to solidify our forces and say to each other: we must be together, our masters are joined together and we must do the same thing.”

—Labor organizer Mary Harris “Mother” Jones (1837-1930)



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Michigan celebrates the nation's only holiday honoring working people · Monday, Sept. 7

“I am here because I know we share a deep-seated belief in free collective bargaining, and in the growth and development of free and responsible unions – and unlike our opponents, we do not believe in this only on Labor Day.

“I welcome the support of the working men and women of this country. I am proud of the fact that I was endorsed by the AFL-CIO. For I know that the American Labor movement wants for America what I want for America: the elimination of poverty and unemployment, the reestablishment of America’s world leadership, the guarantee of full civil rights for all our citizens. I know the American labor movement opposes what I oppose: complacency, unemployment, economic stagnation, racial discrimination, and national insecurity.

“Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours, and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor. But their work goes beyond their own jobs, and even beyond our borders.

“For the labor movement is people. Our unions have brought millions of men and women together, made them members one of another, and given them common tools for common goals.

“Their goals are goals for all America – and their enemies are the enemies of all progress. The two cannot be separated.”

—Then-U.S. Sen. F. John Kennedy, from his Labor Day speech in Detroit, Sept. 5, 1960



FLINT AUTO WORKERS PASS the time sitting on car seats at a GM plant during the 44-day sit-down strike in 1937. The labor action won the workers a UAW contract with the automaker – and set the stage for a nationwide blitz of labor organizing that would see about one-third of all American workers with a union card by the mid-1950s.

Photo credit: Sheldon Dick via the U.S. Library of Congress

By sitting down, Flint strikers sparked an era of robust unions

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

Ninety years ago, on Dec. 30, 1936, the Flint Sit-Down Strike began. It’s difficult to overstate the effect that the 44-day strike had on the American workplace.

Simply put, “the Flint Sit-Down Strike of 1936-37 created the 20th Century middle class,” said author Edward McClelland, writing for *Rust Belt Magazine*. “The strike, which helped guide

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the UAW to prominence in the 20th century, provides a blueprint for better working conditions and a revival of the middle class.”

For 44 days, the strike by about 2,000 workers at Flint’s Fisher Body No. 1 and No. 2 plants sparked the direct involvement or idled more than 100,000 GM workers nationwide. They were key, targeted GM facilities:

Labor Day represents another unhappy end to our short Michigan summers, but our state’s autumn seasons are pretty darn nice, too.

This year’s Labor Day takes place Monday, Sept. 7, and the annual celebration of the American worker will take place in various communities around Michigan, whether it’s a walk over the

Plant No. 1 held one of only two sets of dies needed to stamp out nearly all 1937 Chevrolet, Buick, and Pontiac bodies.

“Over 44 days in 1936 and 1937, members of the fledgling United Auto Workers union managed to bring an auto behemoth to its knees in a sit-down strike that became one of the most decisive victories in American labor history,” wrote Erin Blakemore for (Continued on Page 2)

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Mackinac Bridge or a cookout in your union hall’s parking lot, or a full-blown parade and picnic.

Hopefully you will take time to take part in a Labor Day or Labor Day weekend celebration near you. Following are some Labor Day celebrations scheduled around Michigan:

Line 5 tunnel project wins federal approval; state permit still needed

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

ST. IGNACE, MI – Construction of the Line 5 Tunnel under the Mackinac Straits was proposed back in 2018, and it still has not cleared all the hurdles necessary to begin digging.

But a major step toward building the four-mile long tunnel was achieved Aug. 12, with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announcing that it issued its permit for the project after six years of review. The Corps ultimately determined that the tunnel construction can go forward and is “not contrary to the public interest.”

Canadian corporate energy giant Enbridge is proposing that the tunnel be bored between St. Ignace and Mackinaw City, at depths of between 65-250 feet under the Straits. The 21-foot-diameter pre-cast concrete tunnel would encapsulate a new 30-inch steel pipeline that would carry crude oil and natural gas liquids. The pipeline would replace a pair of 1950s-era steel pipelines that remain in service, sitting atop the

lakebed of the Straits, always at risk of a ship’s anchor strike or some other breach.

“This has been a very carefully weighed decision,” said the Army Corp’s Detroit District Commander Lt. Col. Donald K. Lew. “The approval of the Enbridge Line 5 tunnel permit application is the culmination of a robust and thorough evaluation process. The Detroit District team worked extensively with and appropriately considered the views of various federal and state resource agencies, tribes, and the applicant. I am confident that we have granted authorization for a thoroughly vetted proposal that will meet the purpose and need for the project while maximizing protection of natural resources.”

Line 5 originates in Superior, Wis., and moves about 23 million gallons of oil and natural gas liquids per day through the pipelines, which become a single pipeline in the Lower Peninsula until they terminate in Sarnia, Ontario. The potential costs for

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Friends in high places: NABTU forges links with big tech players

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

North America’s Building Trades Unions (NABTU), the umbrella ground for 15 building trades unions in the U.S. and Canada, has been busy this month forging partnerships with major technology companies and their financiers.

The motivation is simple: when it comes time to build data centers and other tech-related buildings, NABTU wants local building unions and their employers on developers’ speed dial. In return, owners and developers get a ready, trained group of workers, and can be permanent source of workforce development for new hires

On Aug. 10 NABTU, fiduciary company BlackRock and its collaborative investor AI

Infrastructure Partnership (AIP) announced a Memorandum of Understanding with NABTU “to support the growth of domestic infrastructure, expand workforce participation opportunities, strengthen supply chain resilience, and foster long-term economic development associated with AI and energy infrastructure investment.”

BlackRock is a major financier of AI-related construction and is the largest asset manager in the world, with \$15 trillion in assets.

Said Larry Fink, Chairman and CEO of BlackRock: “As technology and data become increasingly important to U.S. economic growth, the infrastructure buildup required to drive (Continued on Page 5)

Laborers, Painters toss ‘old playbook,’ start collaboration

Leaders of the Laborers’ International Union of North America (LIUNA) and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT) on July 28 signed a “Memorandum of Understanding” outlining an historic industry-wide collaboration.

“With LIUNA’s dominance in the infrastructure and energy sectors and IUPAT’s expertise in the construction finishing trades, we aim to create a formidable force capable of setting higher industry standards and prosperity for our members and for all workers in our industry sectors,” the unions said.

The combined statement said that LIUNA and IUPAT commit to: •“Joint organizing efforts to help workers who do not have a

union win the superior wages, benefits and working conditions that come with a union.”

•“Recognizing that our competitiveness and the competitiveness of union contractors requires a highly-trained, safe and efficient workforce that delivers projects on time and on budget.”

•“Unifying communications to amplify the voice of workers, reach a broader audience and counter anti-union propaganda.”

•“Recruiting new members that ensure our unions reflect our communities across the U.S. and Canada.”

•“Aligning contract expiration dates and bargaining priorities to increase workers’ leverage at the bargaining table.”

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to Trumbull.

The march will proceed west along Michigan Avenue to Roosevelt Park in front of the Ford Motor Co.’s Michigan Central Train Station, where a stage will be set up for a program by the Metro Detroit AFL-CIO. Various labor leaders and elected officials will speak.

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Viewpoints



Stop the legal pendulum

For too long, working people have watched their rights swing back and forth depending on who occupies the White House.

One administration strengthens workers’ ability to organize and bargain collectively. The next rolls those protections back. A new National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) overturns decisions made by the previous board. Federal courts reinterpret longstanding precedent. Then the cycle begins again.

The result is a labor law system that has become increasingly unstable. That instability has real consequences. Workers trying to organize a union face changing election procedures and legal standards. Employers must adapt to shifting rules governing bargaining obligations and workplace policies. Unions spend years securing protections that can be narrowed – or erased – after the next election.

The U.S. Supreme Court’s recent decision in *Trump v. Slaughter* has brought that reality into even sharper focus. Although the case centered on presidential authority to remove leaders of independent federal agencies, its implications reach well beyond the agency involved in the dispute. For the labor movement, it raises an important question: How long can workers’ rights depend on changing administrations and shifting judicial interpretations rather than stable laws enacted by Congress?

When Congress enacted the National Labor Relations Act in 1935, it sought to establish a lasting framework for labor relations. The law created the NLRB to protect workers’ right to organize, bargain collectively, and engage in concerted activity. Congress gave Board members staggered terms and protections against arbitrary removal to promote continuity and independence in enforcing federal labor law.

That system was never entirely insulated from politics. Presidents appointed board members with different legal philosophies, and courts continued to interpret the law. But over time, Congress largely stopped updating the National Labor Relations Act. As labor law reform stalled, more policy decisions were left to the NLRB, executive agencies, and the federal courts.

Issues ranging from union election procedures and captive-audience meetings to joint-employer standards, bargaining obligations, and remedies for unfair labor practices increasingly became matters of administrative interpretation rather than legislative action. Labor law began changing not because Congress amended the statute, but because administrations changed.

The Supreme Court’s decision in *Trump v. Slaughter* threatens to accelerate that pattern.

By overturning the 1935 precedent established in *Humphrey’s Executor v. United States*, the Court concluded that Congress generally cannot prevent a president from removing the leaders of independent executive agencies. Although *Slaughter* involved the Federal Trade Commission, many legal observers expect its reasoning to affect agencies such as the NLRB that have historically operated with a degree of independence.

If that happens, changes in presidential administrations could bring even greater changes to the composition of the Board – and, with it, the interpretation and enforcement of federal labor law.

Workers deserve to know that the rights guaranteed by the National Labor Relations Act will not change every few years. Employers also benefit from stable, predictable rules that allow them to comply with the law and bargain in good faith. Constantly shifting standards undermine confidence in the law itself.

The impact of judicial decisions extends beyond the National Labor Relations Board and reaches the broader labor movement as well. In 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Janus v. AFSCME* held that public-sector employees cannot be required to pay fair-share fees to the unions that represent them in collective bargaining. The ruling fundamentally changed the financial and organizing landscape for public-sector unions, placing greater emphasis on voluntary membership and member engagement. Like many landmark labor decisions, *Janus* demonstrates how a single Supreme Court ruling can reshape the labor movement for decades.

The debate surrounding *Slaughter* is about more than one Supreme Court decision. It highlights a labor law system that has become increasingly dependent on executive appointments and judicial interpretation because Congress has failed to comprehensively modernize the National Labor Relations Act.

The labor movement has long argued that the National Labor Relations Act no longer provides workers with the timely and effective protections Congress envisioned in 1935. Organizing campaigns can drag on for months or years. Employers who violate the law often face minimal consequences. Workers who are illegally fired for union activity may wait years for relief while organizing efforts collapse.

Those are problems that no NLRB – regardless of who appoints its members – can solve alone.

Ultimately, *Slaughter* serves as a reminder that lasting change will not come solely from the courts or the next Board majority. Durable protections for working people require durable laws. That responsibility rests with Congress and with the elected officials who write, amend, and defend the nation’s labor laws.

As Americans prepare to vote this November, it is worth remembering that every election helps shape the future of workers’ rights.

Richard Kline, President
AFL-CIO Union Label Service Trades Department

Flint strikers sparked an era

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History.com. “Exhausted by the industry’s dangerous demands and sharpened by the Great Depression, over 100,000 auto workers changed labor history without picketing their plant. Instead of walking out, they simply sat down and refused to leave.”

Ultimately, said Harry R. Rubenstein, curator emeritus in the Division of Political History at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History, the strike should be remembered as a “story of how individual workers, unorganized, decide to take a militant kind of (tactic) to change the balance of power between labor and business....”

The Flint Sit-Down Strike would be the pivotal event in U.S. history that would lead to the peak of union influence in the mid-1950s – with union penetration triple what it is today.

An article in our last issue explained research by the labor-backed Economic Policy Institute, which released a paper on July 15 with the self-explanatory title: “The case for tripling union membership: How rebuilding union power would strengthen workers, the economy, and our democracy.” Today it hardly seems like there’s a similar hearty appetite among the public for strikes. The disparity in strikes from 90 years ago to now is, well, striking.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics’ *Monthly Labor Review*, May 1938 said: “There were 4,740 strikes which began in the United States during 1937, in which 1,860,621 workers were involved. These workers lost approximately 28,425,000 man-days of work while strikes were in progress during the year. The number of strikes was the highest for any year in the country’s history.”

Later, the peak year for the number of striking U.S. workers became 1946, when between 4.5 million and 5 million American workers walked off the job.

Today’s numbers on worker job actions show how much things have changed. Sit-down strikes are nonexistent. Still relatively rare are major U.S. work stoppages: in 2025, the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reported only 30 major work stoppages (involving 1,000 or more workers each), idling 306,800 workers. And those numbers are trending downward from 2023 – the year with the highest number of major strikes in the U.S. since 2000. The 33 major work stoppages that year involved 458,900 workers.

There are myriad reasons for fewer strikes:

• Passage of the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947 was a major reason. It outlawed secondary boycotts, wildcat strikes, and synchronized general strikes across multiple industries. Other reasons include the adoption of laws prohibiting public-sector strikes, and the scattering of the nation’s workforce away from manufacturing plants in favor of service, retail and gig economy jobs. And of course, with most workers living paycheck to paycheck, a week-long strike could prove a tremendous strain on workers.

“In order to organize today’s massive, high-turnover workplaces – auto factories, logistics hubs, and more – it’s



SIT-DOWN STRIKERS guard a window at a GM plant in Flint in 1937.

Photo credit: Sheldon Dick via the U.S. Library of Congress

necessary to recruit and train a broad, representative layer of pro-union workers across work areas, departments, and shifts who are willing to help organize their coworkers,” writes union organizer Garrett Shishido Strain. In an article he wrote last year for *Damage Magazine* titled “From the Flint Sit-Downs to Today,” he said: “The most famous union win in American labor history was made possible by structure building and collective experiences that generated class confidence.”

Strain concluded: “The sit-downs are also evidence that big wins tend to happen in the right political conditions and with existing organizing momentum. Today, we must look for opportunities to win elections, strikes, and first contracts at smaller, less-resourced employers to help set off industry-based momentum.”

“But for this momentum to breach a Tesla or an Amazon, we must do the spadework of recruiting and training leaders, across every area and shift, at the largest, most strategically important worksites.”

The political side of the equation is also important. Erik Loomis, a labor historian at the University of Rhode Island and author of *Organizing America and A History of America in Ten Strikes*, discussed strikes and the state of the nation’s unions with

Mother Jones magazine in May.

“The reality is that the barriers to successfully organizing, in part because of the Taft-Hartley Act, are enormous,” Jones said. “The burden to win a union vote and then win a contract is enormous, and if anything, winning that first contract is even harder than winning that first union

election, and so companies can wait for years before actually seriously negotiating. The reality is American labor law is broken. “The difference was massively electing pro-union officials to office, and then those pro-union officials putting the laws into place that create a pathway for those union actions to succeed.”

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Just joking

A nurse reaches into her pocket, pulls out a rectal thermometer and says, “some a--shole has my pen!”



My friend claims he “accidentally” glued himself to his autobiography. I don’t believe him, but that’s his story, and he’s sticking to it.

Have you heard? It’s diarrhea awareness week... Runs till Friday.

I caught my son chewing on electrical cords. So I had to ground him. He’s doing better currently and is now conducting himself properly.

After the man who created the hokeypokey died, it took a while to get the body in the casket. They put his right foot in. They took his right foot out ...

What do you give a man who has everything?
Penicillin.

“Walking is man’s best medicine.”

– Hippocrates (460 BC - 377 BC)

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— Martin Luther King, Jr.



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BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE LABOR DAY



BUILDING MICHIGAN: Lansing's 'labor holiday' HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



THE FLINT SIT-DOWN STRIKE emboldened and encouraged all manner of pro-union worker actions in 1937. Some were planned, some were spontaneous – like the Lansing “labor holiday” on June 7 of that year. Supporters of Capital City Wrecking Co. workers who were seeking a contract with the company took to the streets – along with their parked cars and trucks – and they blocked downtown, stopping traffic and commerce for the entire day. The event was triggered by public outcry when the sheriff went to the home of a local labor leader to arrest him – and chose to incarcerate his wife when the union man was not home.

The pivotal sit-down strike by Flint’s autoworkers that ended on Feb. 11, 1937, changed the course of industrial and labor history – Great Britain’s BBC termed it “the strike heard ‘round the world” for its role in inspiring workers to organize in order to improve their wages, benefits and working conditions. That same shot was heard loud and clear among workers 53 miles away in Lansing, where union organizers, inspired by the success of the Flint autoworkers (and a wrongful arrest), shut down Michigan’s Capitol City for a day as part of a largely forgotten “labor holiday.”

“On June 7, 1937, Lansing’s labor force took a holiday,” says a write-up by the *Motor Cities National Heritage Area Partnership*. “Thousands of strikers and their supporters crowded Lansing City Hall,

the Michigan State Capitol and many surrounding areas. Union on-call picketers, known as ‘flying squadrons,’ arrived from out of town to assist with the protest. Cars and trucks were parked to block streets and stores closed in support. The Lansing Labor Holiday remains a remarkable example of nonviolent protest.”

In the short-term, the single-day Lansing protest was a modest affair. But it did shut down a mid-size city for a day, helped galvanize the local populace to look favorably upon unions among major automotive and related manufacturers in the city, and was part of a since-lost but unprecedented era in U.S. history that would eventually lead to about one-third of the nation’s workforce enjoying the benefits of collective bargaining.

Like many of history’s wars, political movements

and social protests, Lansing’s labor holiday was sparked by a seemingly minor event. Of course, it wasn’t minor at the time to Mrs. Neveh Washburn and crowds of peaceful picketers. A state historic marker in downtown Lansing described what happened that day.

“As the labor movement spread across Michigan in the 1930s,” the marker says, “workers in Lansing organized. After a successful strike at REO Motor Car Co. ended in April 1937, the Amalgamated United Auto Workers Local 182 began recruiting new members from small auto shops, including Capital City Wrecking Co., which refused to negotiate a contract. Workers went on strike. The company got an injunction against picketing, but unionists ignored it.

“Around 2 a.m. on June 7, 1937, Sheriff Alan MacDonald



THEY WEREN’T BIG ON PICKET signs in 1937, but Lansing “labor holiday” supporters showed up en masse on June 7, 1937, as shown in this photo taken from the Michigan Capitol steps.

Photo credit: Bentley Historical Library, University of Michigan

ordered his deputies to arrest the picketers while he went to arrest labor leader Lester Washburn. He was not home, so MacDonald arrested his wife, Neveh. Protestors became particularly incensed when they found that as Neveh was taken, she was forced to leave her young children home unsupervised. In response to the arrests, the union called for a labor holiday, or general strike, of the entire City of Lansing.”

They stopped business by parking cars and trucks along Capitol Avenue, Michigan Avenue, and Washington Avenue. And many supporters tied things up by simply milling about in the streets.

The marker said later that day between 2,000 and 5,000 union members and supporters arrived in downtown Lansing. “They nonviolently forced shops, theatres, factories and offices to close, resulting in a virtual shut-down of the entire city.”

Union members marched to City Hall and the Capitol asking for the release of the arrested picketers and Neveh Washburn. Lansing Mayor Max Templeton said there was nothing he could do, but Gov. Frank Murphy – who was also instrumental in helping to end the Flint Sit-Down Strike – met

with officials involved in the arrests. Three of the prisoners were released on a bond of \$200 each in the early afternoon. After 5 p.m. the remaining five prisoners were released on bail, pending a trial. The crowd finally dispersed.

The next day Capital City Wrecking Co. agreed to contract negotiations with its workers. “Labor historians,” the historical marker said, “later described the holiday as a rarity, one of the few successful non-violent general strikes of the early 20th Century labor movement.”

“There was an entire strike wave going across the nation,” said John Beck, an associate professor of labor education and labor relations at Michigan

State University, to WILK. “In Lansing, there were follow-up strikes because people saw the Sit Down as a way to actually achieve unionization and to get things like wage increases, change working conditions, and so forth.”

Postscript: On that afternoon of June 7, protestors journeyed over to East Lansing to see about similarly shutting down the college town. There they met resistance from Michigan State College (later University) students. Students lifted some cars and turned them back toward Lansing. And when some strikers refused to leave, they were dunked by students in the Red Cedar River. And that was it for the “Battle of East Lansing.”



PROTESTORS GATHER in Lansing on June 7, 1937.

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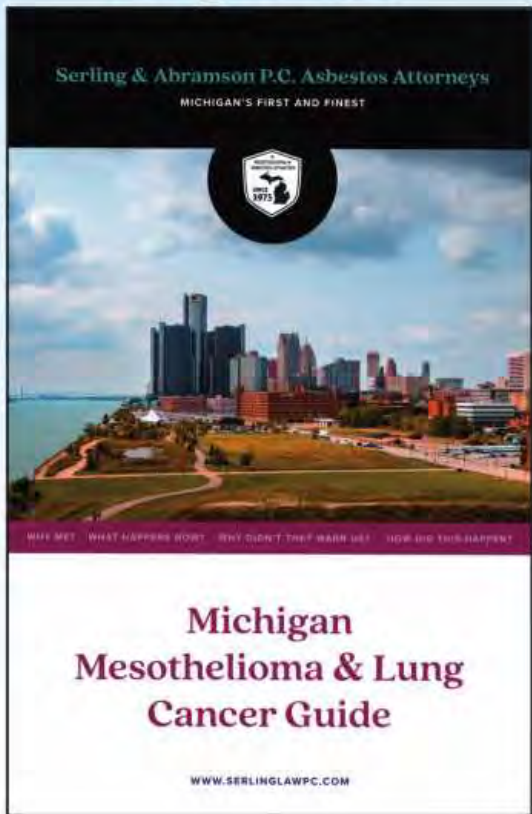
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Michigan celebrates holiday for workers

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Escanaba – The sixth annual Labor Day celebration will take place on Monday, Sept. 7. A Labor Day Parade will begin that day at noon EST at the Municipal Dock in Escanaba. The parade lineup will start at 11 a.m. at the Karas Bandshell in Ludington Park. Events are sponsored by Delta County Trades and Labor, and will include live music, a bounce house, games, a beer tent and food vendors. Proceeds benefit the Delta County Trades and Labor Charity/Scholarship Fund.

Flint – The labor community celebrates Labor Day, on Monday, Sept. 7, with its third annual parade that starts with staging at 10 a.m. at the Church of Christ, 1315 W. Bristol Rd. in Flint. The parade starts at 11 a.m. and will end at UAW Region 1-D, 1940 W. Atherton Rd., Flint.

Manistee – A Labor Day weekend “LaborFest” parade will take place Saturday, Sept. 5. The parade will line up at 12 pm sharp at the Manistee Armory (555 First St.). The parade will start at 12:30 pm and ends at Lions Pavilion entrance at First Street Beach / Douglas Park.

The march will be followed by an all-day music festival featuring local Michigan bands, food trucks, and a classic car and motorcycle show.

Monroe – The Monroe/Lenawee Central Labor Council says the 2026 Labor Day Parade and Festival will “celebrate the contributions of working families, organized labor, local businesses, and community organizations.” Events will take place on Saturday, Aug. 30. A parade starts at 1 p.m. at Jones Avenue and will proceed down Monroe Street. Festivities afterward will take place at Loranger Square - enjoy festival activities, food vendors, live entertainment and children’s activities.

Muskegon – The city’s Labor Day Parade & Celebration presented by West Michigan United Labor will take place Monday, Sept. 7. The parade begins at 11 a.m. at the corner of 4th Street and Western Avenue

“The secret of being a bore is to tell everything.”
–Voltaire (1694 - 1778)

“When it is not necessary to make a decision, it is necessary not to make a decision.”
–Lord Falkland (1610 - 1643)

and travels through downtown Muskegon before concluding with a family-friendly celebration at Hackley Park.

Visitors are invited to watch the parade, support local participants, and enjoy an afternoon of activities, music, food, and community connection. Activities include games, arts and crafts, bounce houses, and face painting. There will also be live music, raffles, and prizes, food options, and picnic-style gathering with tents, picnic tables, and space to bring your own chairs.

Negaunee - The 37th Annual Labor Day Parade and Picnic will take place Monday, Sept. 7, at Jackson Park, 199 Tobin St. in Negaunee. The parade begins at 11 a.m., with a picnic and activities to follow. The event will feature live music, food trucks, a beer tent, a cornhole tournament and a kids coloring contest.

Events are sponsored by the Marquette Alger Community Labor Council, AFL-CIO and the U.P. Regional Labor Federation.

Rock – The Rock Lions Annual Labor Day Celebration is known as “The largest small town celebration in the U.P.” A parade starts in the tiny community between Marquette and Escanaba at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 5, followed by live music, games, food and beverage, flea market and activities for all ages. Location: Rock Lions Club Grounds - 14454 State Highway M35, Rock, MI 49880.

St. Ignace/Mackinaw City – The 2026 Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 7. The Mackinac Bridge will be closed to public traffic from 6:30 a.m. to noon to accommodate the walkers.

You may start walking any time after the governor’s party starts at approximately 7 a.m. No one will be permitted to start after 11:30 a.m.

No bus transportation across the bridge will be provided as part of the event. Walkers who decide to walk across the entire bridge will need to arrange their own transportation back to the end of the bridge where they started after the bridge reopens to public traffic at noon.

Walkers from either end of the five-mile bridge have the option to turn around mid-point, and return to the city where you started. There is no fee or registration required to walk. The average length of time to walk the bridge one way: about two hours.

Line 5 tunnel project wins federal OK

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a new tunnel vary from \$800 million to more than \$1 billion.

The Army Corps’ review said it “fulfilled its responsibilities” under a host of federal regulatory laws, including the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act, the Rivers and Harbors Act, the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, and federal Tribal trust responsibilities.

The Corps said its permit “authorizes Enbridge to work within waters regulated by the federal government, (but) does not regulate the design or operation of the pipeline itself, or any substances transported within it.”

Enbridge spokesman Ryan Duffy called the approval “a significant step forward.”

“The Corps’ review was thorough, transparent and grounded in extensive environmental analysis, which included intervention and contribution from stakeholders including tribal communities across Michigan and the Great Lakes region,” he said. “Line 5 is safe. Enbridge will continue operating Line 5 safely and responsibly, incorporating enhanced safety measures in the Straits, and protecting Michigan’s natural and cultural resources.”

There are many opponents to the construction of a new Line 5 – many simply want to see the pipelines shut down.

“The Army Corps’ decision is a thoroughly flawed product of a rushed process driven by the Trump Administration’s phony ‘national energy emergency.’ It puts Enbridge’s interests ahead of a full examination of the future of Line 5, the protection of the Great Lakes and the treaty rights of Tribal Nations whose homelands and sacred waters would bear the consequences,” said David Holtz, coalition coordinator for Oil & Water Don’t Mix.

While the federal review of the Line 5 project is complete, approval from the State of Michigan remains as part of the proposed pipeline tunnel’s long saga of legal, legislative and regulatory reviews. On July 31, the Michigan Supreme Court vacated an approval by the state Public Service Commission, saying it used an improperly narrow review in allowing the relocation of Line 5. The court ordered the commission to widen its scope of the tunnel’s potential impact, especially on the environment.

Laborers, Painters start collaboration

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•“Directing that our pension fund investments be used in the interest of our members and refusing to place members’ pension funds in investments that work against unions.”

•“Coordinating lobby efforts to push for pro-labor legislation and jobs-creating funding, and pooling resources for political action committees and political

mobilization.

“TUPAT and LIUNA stand as two pillars of the North American labor movement, each with proud histories of building nations and strengthening working class power. We recognize the challenges we face today, including aggressive anti-union legislation, corporate consolidation and technological disruption. Workers deserve

more power. To get it requires 21st Century solidarity,” their statement said. The Laborers have about 500,000 members in North America, while the Painters union has about 140,000 members.

The unions’ statement said. “The old playbook isn’t working anymore, so we must build a new one: a fighting movement of workers united by 21st Century solidarity.”

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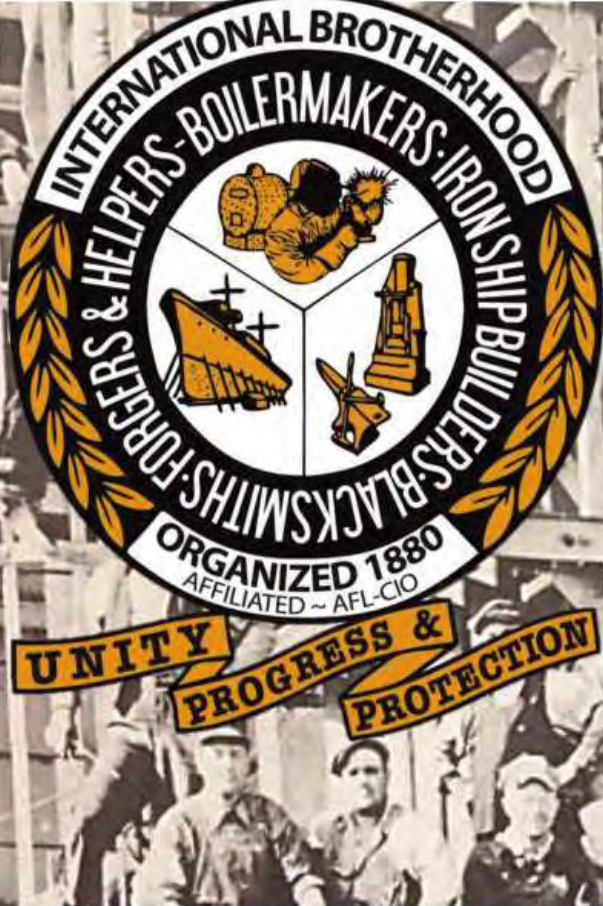


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Local 36 Elevator Constructors

Elevator Constructors Local 36
DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED; Our regular membership meeting for August has been cancelled. Our next regular membership meeting will be **Sept. 28, 2026, at 5:30pm** at 1640 Porter Street Detroit, MI 48216. Any changes to this schedule or venue will be in the Building Trades Article or sent via email.

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

Upcoming meetings:
September 14th – Probationary Meeting at 5pm.

September 21st – Executive Board Meeting at 5pm.

September 28th – General Membership meeting at 5:30pm.

Save the date: The Kyle Owsley Memorial Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday September 26, 2026 @** Links of Novi 50395 West 10 Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48374. The Golf outing is **SOLD OUT** for golfing but if you would like to donate to the outing or have any questions contact Just Smith (248)709-0341 or Mike Waker (734)389-9633 or go to, <https://www.eventregisterpro.com/event/annualiueclocal36golfouting>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attention All Temporary Mechanics, your Temporary Me-

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Friends in high places: NABTU forges links with big tech players

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innovation is creating a once-in-a-generation opportunity to invest in American workers. For America to continue to prosper, the men and women building the infrastructure of the future must also benefit from this growth. This collaboration reflects a shared belief that investing in critical infrastructure can strengthen America's competitiveness while creating jobs, expanding economic opportunity and, ultimately, help more Americans experience financial well-being."

Through the memorandum, AIP's anticipated project pipeline will allow the exploration of "opportunities that expand apprenticeship utilization, strengthen workforce training, build more recruitment initiatives, and better ensure viable long-term, family-sustaining career pathways."

Blackrock is a self-described "construction and workforce partnership fiduciary to investors and a leading provider of financial technology." In March they announced "a \$100 million philanthropic initiative to expand economic opportunity and power the next generation of America's skilled trades workers."

On Aug. 11, NABTU announced a similar partnership with Meta, the technology behemoth formerly known as Facebook. NABTU's statement says "the partnership comes as the country's AI infrastructure buildout is driving unprecedented demand for highly skilled tradespeople. The people building this infrastructure are essential to the AI economy, and Meta and NABTU share a commitment to ensuring these workers have real access to the training, credentials, and full-time jobs this moment requires."

The announcement of the labor-technology company collaborations was short on specifics, and didn't include commitments, yet, to things like union-only project labor agreements. But the onset of technology-related construction is in some ways just starting, and partnerships like these are likely to pay off down the road.

Michigan's largest construction project in its history, the \$16 billion center in Saline Twp., involves union collaboration with Related Digital and two major technology companies, Oracle and OpenAI.

Said NABTU President Sean McGarvey: "As we've said, there is no shortage of men and women ready to build America's future; what is needed is the workforce planning, industry partnerships, and sustained investment required to connect people with world-class training and family-sustaining careers."



LAYING A BRICK WALL at the Northern Michigan University Presque Isle apartment site is Pete Johnson of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2. He's employed by Boettcher Masonry.

Elevator Constructors 36, continued

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

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

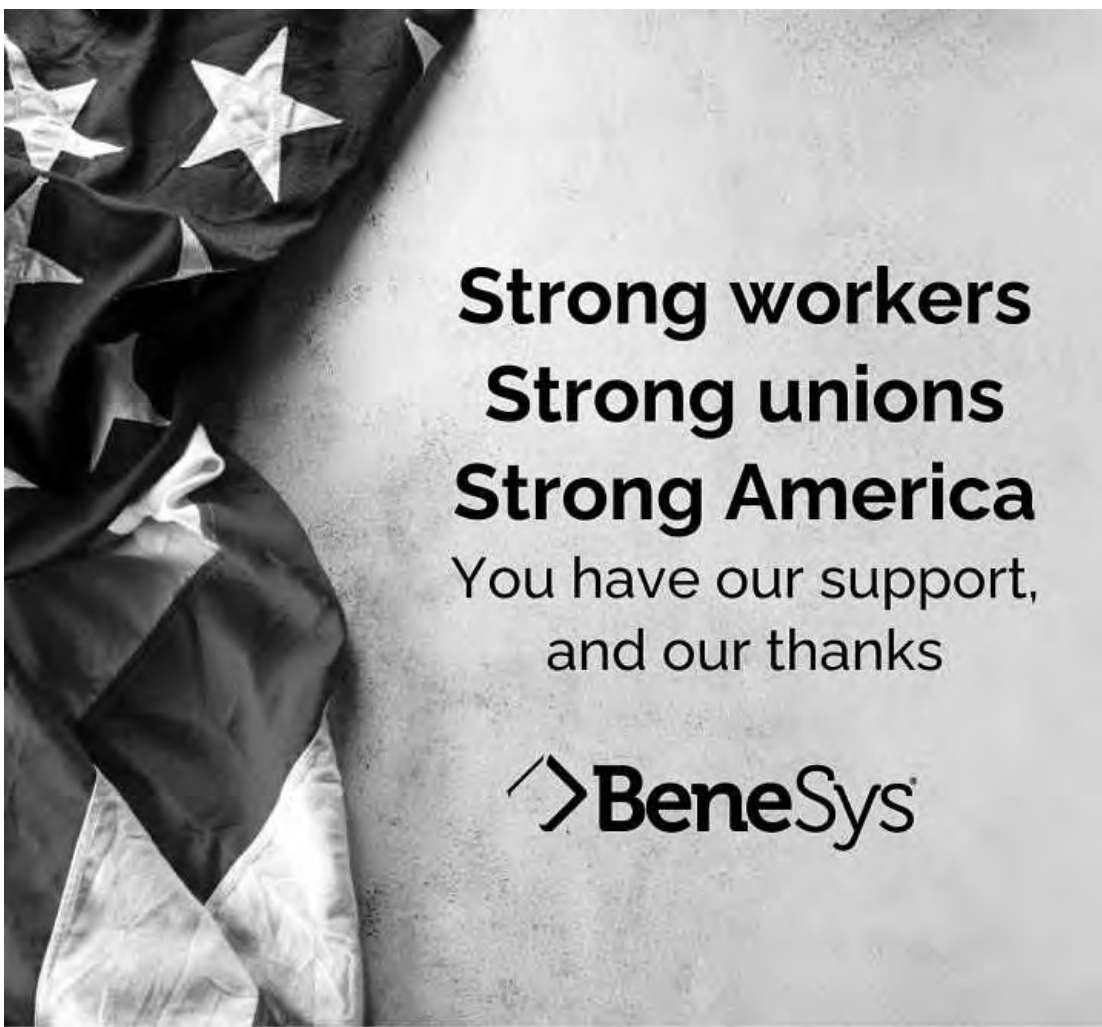
If you are NOT receiving my emails, contact the Hall so I can put you on the email list. It's with a heavy heart that I must announce the passing of Brother Mark Waker, please keep the Waker family in your thoughts and prayers. We would also like to wish a speedy recovery for the Brothers and Sisters on our sick and injured list.

"If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself alone. A man should keep his friendships in constant repair."

—Samuel Johnson (1709 - 1784)

"Know most of the rooms of thy native country before thou goest over the threshold thereof."

—Thomas Fuller (1608 - 1661),



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UA Local 85
SAGINAW – The next **Union Meeting** will be held at 7 p.m. **Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026**, at the Union Hall, 3535 Bay Rd.

The next Zone 2 Union Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026**, at the Grayling Eagles Lodge, at 602 Huron St., Grayling, MI 49738.

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

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

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

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

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

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, (989) 799-5261.

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

Website Address: Please visit www.ualocal85.org.

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

RETIREE LUNCHEON: The next retirees' luncheon will be held on Tuesday, **Oct. 13, 2026** at 12 Noon at UA Local 85 (Continued next column)



UA Local 190
ANN ARBOR – **UNION MEETING (SEPTEMBER):** Please be informed the *awards banquet* will take place on Monday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI. All members are invited to attend this wonderful event. Due to this event, normal business will be suspended. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

OHIO GAS DISTRIBUTION UNION MEETING: is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026 from 9 a.m. until Noon, it will be held at our Ohio Training Building, 2064 Industrial Ct., Covington, OH 45318. Bernadette Maus, Our Benefits manager will be there to answer any insurance, pension, and any other questions you may have, hope to see you there.

UNION HALL CLOSING FOR AN UP-COMING HOLIDAY: at 12 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 4 and will be closed all day on Monday, Sept. 7 to observe Labor Day. Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

52nd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: A very special thanks to Brian Keating, Beth Keating, Karen Spearin, DJ Olilla, Doug Stark and Heather Stark, along with the many other volunteers for the hard work put forth in making this another outstanding golf outing!!

Congratulations to Brian Morris, Freeman Lee, Alan Wireman and Ishmael Picklesimer, 1st place winners. Congratulations to Blaine Coulter, Josh Friend Michael Barker and Gavin Eliot team for winning SKINS. Congratulations to Matt Tschirhart, Don Petitjean, Vern Greene and Gary Balitzkat team for winning SKINS

Thank you all for your generous donations. This year we raised \$1,060 for the Howell Nature Center. This year we raised \$1,200 for the Huron Valley Human Society plus \$231 to purchase toys for the animals at the Huron Valley Human Society. A very big thank you to everyone who attended the outing this year!

LOCAL 190 SUMMER PICNIC: Aug. 29, the picnic will be held at Hudson Mills Metro Park, 8801 N. Territorial Rd. Dexter, MI 48130 from 12 Noon – 4 p.m.

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

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. 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. Please remember to bring in the 2026 Annual Physical Verification Form and email the completed form to Bernadette Maus bmaus@ua190.org. This form is on our Local 190 website UA190.org and also the Benefits website UA190benefits.org, go to documents, health care, 2026 annual physical verification form (towards the bottom of the page) **Bernadette Maus will be available by phone Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to**

Local 85, con't

Administration Office located at 3535 Bay Road Saginaw, MI 48603. We ask if you are able, please bring a dish to pass. *Fraternally,*
Justin M. Pomerville
Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Local Union 85

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Local 190

4:30 p.m. or in person Monday's and Wednesday's at Local 190's office from 7:30 a.m. until Noon and 1-4:30 p.m., please 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 certifications and training schedules or visit us on UA190.org members only section under training to register for classes online. The Training Center will no longer accept cash payments, we will accept checks or credit card payments only. **Check your Certifications to make sure that you are current!**

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

Available Journeyman classes:

Lead/Asbestos/Blood-borne Pathogens Training (4 hrs): Please register through the website: ua190.org. **Schedule - 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28.**

First Aid/CPR Training (4 hrs): Please register through the website: ua190.org 2026 **Schedule – 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5.**

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

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

ASSE Backflow Re-Certification (8hrs): ASSE PRICE INCREASE ASSE has increased the retesting fee to \$85 for this recertification. Re-certification for the ASSE Backflow Tester (5110). **2026 Schedule: Oct 13th, 2026.** Courses are on Tue and Wed and start at 5:00 pm. Each course is limited to 8. Call the Training Center to sign up for one of these courses or register through the website: ua190.org

Must have a current State of Michigan Plumbing License to certify with ASSE.

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

Med Gas Installer Up-Date (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

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

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

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

RETIREE MEETINGS – PLEASE JOIN US: The next Spades meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and be held on Thursday, September 3rd at the Union Hall. Come and join us for card games, pastries, and a warm cup of coffee.

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



Plumbers, Pipe Fitters and HVAC Service

UA Local 370
FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday September 8th, 2026.**

Retiree Breakfast: Call Zach

The **Ulliance Member Assistance Program** is now available to all members and retirees as of March 1st. This benefit includes free and confidential mental health counseling, coaching, and 24/7 crisis support. 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. 4p.m.-7:30p.m. Testing Oct 12-16

CPR: September 16th @ 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, September 8th, 2026 at 4:00pm

FMR Committee – Tuesday September 8th, 2026 at 4:00pm

PAC committee – Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 5:00pm

Executive Board – Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 5:00pm

Building Committee – Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee – Tuesday, September 8th, 2026 at 6:15pm

JATC Committee – TBD

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

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

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

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.

Our web site is up and running: ualocal370.org

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

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

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

Local 370 ball caps and winter fleece caps are available at the union offices. Ball caps \$10.00 and fleece caps \$5.00.

LABOR DAY GREETINGS

FROM



INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS BAY CITY MICHIGAN

To our friends and associates in the Building Trades

"The labor movement did not diminish the strength of the nation but enlarged it. By raising the living standards of millions, labor miraculously created a market for industry and lifted the whole nation to undreamed of levels of production. Those who attack labor forget these simple truths, but history remembers them."

-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speech to AFL-CIO, Dec. 11, 1961

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Sprinkler Fitters 704



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

Congratulations to brother Ronald C. Menard and Kaitlin on their recent marriage. Married on July 25, 2026.

Local 704 will be hosting a health gauge event on October 24, 2026. Information on how to sign up for a time slot for health gauge will be sent out in the coming weeks. This service is open to members and spouses.

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 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.



UA Local 671
MONROE – The next union meeting will be held on **August 27th, 2026, at 7pm**, due to the National Convention. We will send a push notification out in the App. The Executive Board will also have a meeting on **August 27th, 2026, at 5pm**. If anyone would like to come in front of the E-Board, please contact the Union Hall.

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

Also, please refer to our website <https://www.unitedassocationlocal671.com/> and its calendar for the latest updates.

The annual picnic is set for August 29th. Please mark your calendars. We are always looking for volunteers to help with setup and clean up. Letters will be going out this week, please take the time to RSVP if you are bringing a dependent child.

Health & Welfare: We have launched a new website for our Health and Welfare. You should have received a notice in the mail about accessing the new website. You will be able to access important documents, and you are able to submit forms and other materials electronically using the secure website. For questions or help getting logged on contact Greg Smith at TIC at 517-327-2148.

Retiree Luncheon: There will be no Retiree Luncheon in August due to the picnic. We will see you all in September.

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. There will be a new platform for the app coming soon.

Mike Jewell: email: mike@ualocal671.com

Kirk Lavyo: email: Kirk@ualocal671.com

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



Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

UA Local 174

COOPERSVILLE – MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 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, Sept. 3, 2026** at 9am at New Beginnings Restaurant in Coopersville.

Office Closed: The front office will be closed 9/7/26 in observance of Labor Day.

Labor Day Parade Muskegon: The annual Labor Day Parade in Muskegon will be Monday, Sept. 7. Staging will begin at 9:30am and the parade starts at 11:00am. We will be handing out shirts and hats in front of the CIO Hall located at 490 W. Western starting at 9:30am. See you there.

Manistee Labor Fest Parade: Saturday September 5th at 11:30 AM. Staging at the Armory located at 555 1st St, Manistee, MI 49660. Parade starts at 12:30 sharp. Anyone walking in the parade will receive free admission into Labor Fest and a free drink ticket.

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

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

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

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

1st year \$4.20/ 2nd year \$3.30/ 3rd year \$3.30

\$10.80 over 3 years.

Language changes:

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

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

*The contractors will now be administering the ESTA benefit.

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

Organizing Update: *The work around the state is growing, the need for plumbers, pipe welders, and fitters is great. If anyone knows of any experienced workers, please reach out to me - there's plenty of opportunity! Recently I was talking with a non-union worker who was paying \$300 a week for insurance all while making substandard wages. It's truly heartbreaking. We're all organizers; and I found it's a different message when our members in the field educate the non-union worker.*

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

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

Contact Information: If you need to change or verify your contact information, PLEASE

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Local 333 Plumbers & Pipe Fitters

UA Local 333

LANSING – September's union meeting will be Sept. 16, 2026, at the Lansing Training Center, 16180 National Parkway. Lansing, MI. 48906 Dinner will be held at 6 pm.

October's union meeting will be held in Battle Creek, Oct. 21, 2026 at the IBEW Local 445 Hall, 4071 W. Dickman Rd, Springfield, MI. 49037. Meeting will start at 6:30pm.

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

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, 10 weeks starting Sept. 9 for all three Regions.

Lansing: Monday and Wednesday 4:30pm – 8:30pm
Tuesday and Thursday 4:30pm – 8:30pm
16180 National Parkway, Lansing, MI 48906

Jackson: Monday & Wednesday 4:30pm – 8:30pm
Tuesday & Thursday will open only if Mon/Wed class fills

Limit 8 people. 3101 Allied Industrial Dr., Jackson, MI 49201

Battle Creek: Monday and Thursday 4:30-8:30pm. Limit 12 people (KCC) RMTC, 405 Hill Brady Rd. Battle Creek, MI. 49037

Rigging: INDUSTRIAL RIGGING/SIGNALPERSON – NEW CERT – FALL 2026 DATES TBD 4:30 – 8:30PM. **need 6 people to hold class

INDUSTRIAL RIGGING/SIGNALPERSON – RENEWAL – FALL 2026 DATES TBD 4:30 – 8:30PM. starting October 2026, rigging/signaling recertification classes will only be held quarterly. Please plan accordingly.

Backflow: ASSE BACKFLOW – NEW CERT – FALL 2026 DATE TBD (Tues & Thurs) 4:30-8:30 PM

**must have a Journeyman plumber license and 5 years of piping experience or be in the 5th year of apprenticeship

ASSE BACKFLOW - RENEWAL - FALL 2026 DATE TBD (Tues & Thurs) 4:30-8:30PM * starting October 2026, ASSE Backflow certification classes will only be held quarterly. Please plan accordingly.

Medical Gas Installer: MEDICAL GAS INSTALLER – NEW CERT – FALL 2026 DATE TBD (Tues & Thurs) 5:00 – 8:00PM

MEDICAL GAS INSTALLER – RENEWAL – FALL 2026 DATE TBD (Tues & Thurs) 5:00 – 8:00PM. ** starting October 2026, med gas certification classes will only be held quarterly. Plan accordingly.

Pipefitting: LANSING: ADVANCED PIPEFITTING & LAYOUT – OCT 2026 DATE TBD. ** must be a 2nd year or greater

JACKSON: ADVANCED PIPEFITTING & LAYOUT – OCT 2026 DATE TBD. * must be a 2nd year or greater

PIPEFITTING FUNDAMENTALS – OCT 2026 DATE TBD

Tube Bending: TUBE BENDING CLASS – OCT 2026 **must have 6 people to hold class

Trimble Robotic Station: TRIMBLE ROBOTIC STATION – OCT 2026 DATE TBD ** limit to 6 people per class

Blueprint Interpretation. Reading: INTO TO BLUEBEAM – OCT 2026 DATE TBD. **limit of 6 people per class

Basic First Aid: BASIC FIRST AID – 1 NIGHT 4 HOUR CLASS – WILL SCHEDULE WHEN A MIN 6 PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP

CPR: – 1 NIGHT 4 HOUR CLASS – WILL SCHEDULE WHEN A MIN OF 6 PEOPLE HAVE SIGNED UP

Please note for all certifications: 2 weeks before class begins, you will be notified of all class details.

Please note moving forward, classes will be held quarterly. Please plan accordingly.

PLEASE NOTE FOR ALL CERTIFICATIONS: Per the UA as of Jan. 1, 2019, all Braze and Weld certifications must be updated within 120 days of their expiration date, or you will lose your certification.

Check the dates on your certifications and if they have expired call the Lansing Training Center 517-323-0333. 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.

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.

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 am at the Alpha Coney Island at 1188 Jackson Crossing, Jackson, MI. 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

Deepest sympathy to the family of Pat Ray, who passed away July 17, 2026. Pat was from the Lansing Region and a Life Member. We are so very sorry for your loss.

UA Local 174, continued

CONTACT THE UNION OFFICE as soon as possible so we can keep our system up to date.

FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR: (SOLXSYS)

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

Health Insurance Contact Info:

Active and NON-Medicare Retirees

Aetna: (855) 878-4101
EAP: (888) 238-6232
Save-Rx: (800) 228-3108

Medicare Retirees:

Retiree First: (616) 345-0788
*New rates reflected below effective 9/1/26.

Current Health Insurance Premiums:

Active Member/Working Retiree \$1,300

Non-working Pre-Medicare Retiree \$926.00

with Non-Medicare Spouse/Dependents

Non-working Pre-Medicare Retiree \$582.00

with Medicare Spouse/Dependents

Medicare Single \$123.63

Medicare Couple \$247.26

Medicare with Pre-Medicare Spouse.....\$497.13
Medicare Surviving Spouse \$126.67

Training News:

ANNOUNCEMENT: Congratulations to Jaeden Starnes on fulfilling his apprenticeship obligations and becoming Local 174's most recent Journeyman!

ATTENTION: Members must notify the Training Office when licenses are renewed so records can be updated. Failure to report renewals may affect dispatch.

ASSE TESTER: Class begins Sept. 8. Class days are Mondays and Wednesdays 5-9pm. Online and practical exam scheduled for Oct. 7 @ 5pm.

MEDICAL GAS INSTALLER RECERTIFICATION CLASS: If your installer's certification expires before the end of the year get ahold of us by Sept. 21. Class dates are Sept. 28, 29 October 1st and test on the 5th.

INDUSTRIAL RIGGING & SIGNALING CLASS: The Industrial Rigging and Signaling Class begins on Tuesday, 9/22, with classes held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-9 PM until 10/22, followed by a Practical Test. To enroll, please call, as class size is limited to 10 participants.

August 21, 2026

THE BUILDING TRADESMAN 7



Local 636

Pipe Fitters, Steam Fitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Service

UA Local 636

DETROIT – Our next Regular Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 25, 2026 at St. George Romanian Cultural Center 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd. (Southfield Service Drive) Southfield, MI 48075.

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

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

Local 636 Annual Picnic will be held Aug. 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 Annual Labor Day Parade is scheduled for Sept. 7. We will be meeting at 7 a.m. at the IBEW Local 58 Hall. Address is 1358 Abbott St., Detroit, MI 48226. If you want to volunteer to help, contact Business Agent, Jeff Lewis. His contact no. is: 248-939-8636.

The 16th 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.

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, Daniel Albergo, Rebecca Blair, Barbara Brown, Douglas Detomaso, Michael Ferrante, Daniel Foltz, Jonathon Grinter, Ryan Hartmann, Winston Jones, Michael Kovak III, Raymond Kuhowski Jr, John Lilly, Anthony Lumetta, Ian Martin, Roger Pruitt, Allen Snider Jr, Christopher Sovey, David Stone, Jeremel Ducharme, Mike Marshall, John Pastorius, John Hurley.

Deceased Members; Lifetime Member Larry Isaacs Sr. August 3, 2026.

Our sincere condolences to Frank, Lori and Michael Grammitco on the loss of their daughter and sister Bernie Gadzinski Aug. 1, 2026.

Congratulations to Cliff and Allison Liptak on the birth of their daughter Piper June on July 22, 2026. Congratulations to Alex & Kelsey Schwarz on the birth of

their son Alexander Schwarz Jr. July 15, 2026.

DUES – 3rd Quarter Dues are due now. Please call the Local to update your email and phone numbers. As a reminder AUTO PAY is available.

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

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

636 Retiree Association! The next meeting will be held Sept. 17.

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, our next day trip will be to the **Detroit Institute of Arts Friday Sept. 25**. We will meet in the parking lot of St. George Romanian Cultural Center 18405 W. Nine Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075 and board the bus 8:30 am – 9:15 am. 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

Defined Contribution Pension Plan. The customer service number for Empower is **833-569-2433**. For account information please create log in at **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 **musth-safe.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 Jan. 1 – Dec. 31 you will be eligible for your ready to work payment.**

“I used to work in a fire hydrant factory. You couldn't park anywhere near the place.”

–Steven Wright (1955 -)

“The habit of giving only enhances the desire to give.”

—Walt Whitman (1819 - 1892)



Plumbers Local 98



UA Local 98
DETROIT - Membership of Plumbers Local 98.

Labor Day Parade: Save the Date, Monday, Sept. 7. Please come march with fellow Local 98 members and the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council on Labor Day Sept. 7. We encourage all members to come and bring their families to the Parade. Details to follow on our website and social media pages for time and location to meet.

Our next regular monthly union meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026 at 6 pm.

The next board meeting is Thursday, Sept. 3, 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.

The next retiree luncheon is Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Noon at the Local 98 hall. Please contact Dave Schroeder or Dominic Fanto if you have any questions, or call the hall.

Adopt-A-Highway: Save The Date – Our semi-annual Plumbers 98/Mike Kalso Memorial Clean Up of I-94 in Macomb County is Saturday, Sept. 19, 8am to Noon (inclement weather back up day is Saturday, Sept. 25). We meet at Bob Evans in Roseville at 8am. Please RSVP with Jeff Kavalor so we can be sure to have enough supplies.

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 Aug. 1. 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, call BeneSys for additional information.

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

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

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 three expelled members as of Aug.1, 2026; Carter Highland, Garrett Roberts and Aaron Secco.

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 agen-

cies involving unemployment, or questions on MUST models and staying current, please contact Rufus Hamilton.

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

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

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

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

CONTACT INFORMATION: Hall Operating Hours 8am to 4pm

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

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

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

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

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

Jeff Kavalor, Business Agent (313)938-1554 jkavalor@ualocal98.org

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

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

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

Happy Labor Day!

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

Monthly Code Class – Next class is **pending**. This is **not** a code update class. Open to any member looking to have discussions about the interpretation of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Great refresher for anyone wanting to take a state plumbing exam. **Please call 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 Nov. 10, 2026, we have two available evenings to come in and practice for it, Wednesday Oct. 8, and Wednesday Nov. 4. **Call** the Training Center if you are interested in attending either of these sessions, or both. You will be required to bring all your supplies as you would for going to the actual test.

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 14th, with a deadline to register by Aug. 28.

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 Oct. 20 & 21 Deadline is Sept. 25

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

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

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

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

Hydronic Heating and Cooling: \$100

Steam Fundamentals for the Repair Plumber: \$100

CAD/BIM: \$100

2026 brazing and welding sessions will be scheduled on the 1st Saturday of the month. If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next **Welding and Brazing sessions** will be Sept. 12. You must call to schedule your brazing OR welding tests at least 3 days prior to the test. Please note:

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

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

Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.



Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service Local 111

UA Local 111

UPPER PENINSULA – UNION MEETING: The next Union Meeting will be held in Marquette on Thursday, Aug. 27 at 7:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

HAPPY LABOR DAY to all our union members, their families and working people across our communities! Labor Day honors the generations of workers who fought for fair wages, safe workplaces, reasonable hours and the rights we have today. We're proud to stand together as a labor movement and continue the fight for working families. Be sure to check out this issue for a look at **Labor Day celebrations** across Michigan, including the events happening in our local communities.

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**. If you have questions, please contact Business Agent/Dispatcher Scott Pendergraft.

MRA FUND: Members are reminded that the Local 111 Health & Welfare Fund's Medical Reimbursement Account covers **eligible expenses** such as copays, deductibles, coinsurance, eligible self-pay medical costs, non-covered dental and vision services, non-covered medical services and prescriptions, and durable medical equipment. The MRA **does not** cover home exercise equipment, sporting equipment, hot tubs, saunas, mattresses or bedding, beauty products, recurring memberships, fitness trackers, vitamins, vacations, or other expenses that are primarily for general health and wellness. Please refer to the Summary of Material Modifications (SMM) for complete details or **contact the Fund Office at (866) 823-4730 with questions.**

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.**

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.

NEW HEARING HEALTH BENEFIT: UA members have access to an exclusive hearing healthcare program through Amplifon Hearing Health Care. The program includes discounted hearing aids, a free hearing exam, a 60-day risk-free trial, warranty coverage, and follow-up care. To learn more, check out page 45 of the *UA Journal* magazine or contact Amplifon at 866-488-3873

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAFETY TRAINING – LOCAL 111 WEBSITE: Visit lu111.com and click Safety Links to complete your online safety training. Members must complete training for each site; trainings are valid for 1 year.

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



Local 357

Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & HVAC Service

UA Local 357

KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING: The next regular Union Meeting will be on **Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 pm.** Other meetings that day will be the Finance Committee at 4:30 and the Executive Board at 6:00.

GOLF OUTING: You can Sign Up for the Annual Local 357 Golf Outing set for Saturday, Sept. 12, at Pineview Golf Course. The price this year is \$75 per person = \$300 per foursome. Single players need to team up with others to make a foursome and may sign up and pay at the Union Hall. **You must pay for your golf prior to the outing date.** The price of your golf gets you breakfast (7:30-8:45), refreshments, 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and prizes. All participants in the outing must be signed up and paid by Sept. 4. Anyone interested in helping at the Golf Outing – Please contact Lori at lhathfield@ualocal357.com.

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

RETIREE LUNCH MEETINGS will now be **BREAKFAST** on the 1st Monday of every month. Breakfast will commence at 9 am at **The Crew**, 5200 Portage Rd, Portage, MI.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: Congratulations to Daniel Wood IV and family on the birth of a daughter.

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Local 275

IBEW 275

COOPERSVILLE – Work Outlook: Work in the Local has hit a small stall with a large layoff at one solar site. We have a few projects that are starting and some that will be manning up in the future. Please make sure to call the recorder for jobs.

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

Building Corp: At the July 2026 Building Corp meeting, the body voted to submit an offer on the building in Walker. An open house will be held on Aug. 24 between 5-7PM for tours of the building. Please look for updates on the building via Members only page, the app, email and communications from stewards.

Labor Day: Please join Local 275 in the Muskegon Harbor Day parade. The parade will be on Monday, Sept. 7, with the parade starting at 11 sharp. Please keep an eye on all our media platforms as to where we will be in the parade (assignments haven't been given out as of this writing) for lineup. We once again will be doing Tie Dye shirts for all those that participate in walking with us. As a reminder, you must walk or ride with Local 275 to get the Tie dye. As a reminder, the hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
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INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS BAY CITY MICHIGAN

IBEW 692

BAY CITY – Union Meeting. Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the next monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, September 14th, 2026.**

Executive Board Meeting. The next Executive Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 P.M. on **Monday, September 21st, 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. We have had open calls recently in Zones 1 & 2.

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

Bay Valley Electric is finishing work 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 continues, as work at the Bay County Health Department is wrapping up. Work on a mixed-use development in Downtown Bay City, Water Street Lofts, has started. Bay City Animal Control and Bay County Road Commission projects have been secured with work to start soon. Clements was also awarded a nice project out to Michigan Sugar, in addition to a handful of other local projects.

Conti Electric has ongoing work at the Karn Generation Facility and Consumers Energy's dams along the Au Sable. Phase 3 of Little Trout Solar in Hawks is wrapping up late 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 and Bangor Schools.

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

J. Ranck Electric will be adding a battery storage facility on the Mission Road Solar project in Rosebush late this summer. 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 Water-train and continues access control and security work at the Amazon

Local 275, con't

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

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

Delinquent Members: At the time of this writing the following members are three months or more behind on dues: Jamie Butcher, Tim Davis, Dan Foster, Landon Heykoop, Kevin Koon, Andrew Kruthoff, Jeremy Rinehart, and Demitri Vorgias. Please make every effort to get caught up.

warehouse in Clare.

Northern Power has secured summer work at Alpena Schools.

Northern Valley continues work at the AMRIZE Cement Plant and has started Alpena's Meijer remodel. Work at Alpena Community College's solar field is also ongoing. Their residential and generator divisions continue to secure a fair amount of work.

S&G and Hardies Electric are keeping their crews busy 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 again 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 (Rauhorn Electric) and two new gas-fired turbines to replace units 3 & 4. Three large solar sites will start civil and dirt work this summer 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. 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, 3, and 4 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.

American Income Life Accidental Death Benefit. The first mailing has gone out recently regarding the \$3,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit available through a partnership with the IBEW and American Income Life. All active and retired members are eligible for this benefit.

The letter states that you need to return the enclosed yellow card in order to qualify and name your beneficiary. Please note you are **NOT REQUIRED to return this card** in order to name your beneficiary; the beneficiaries you have on file at the hall are sufficient. The \$3,000 benefit would be paid to your named beneficiary, not to your estate.

American Income Life does offer other policies and services. If you are interested in having a representative contact you to discuss available options, you may return the yellow card in the postage paid envelope provided. If you have any questions, please contact the hall at 989-684-4510.

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

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

Important links & numbers

Health Plan & Pension Fund
855.633.4584 – ASK FOR ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
www.michiganelectrical.org
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IO Pension: 202.833.7000

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KALAMAZOO – Saturday September 26th is the **Tigers annual Union Day game!** A Fevo link for tickets has been emailed out, so check your inboxes or call the hall for more info on purchasing tickets. We have reserved the Blue Moon Bases Loaded bar for pregame activities. The charter bus (free to members and guests) will leave at 8:30AM. Opening pitch @ 1:15PM.

Saturday September 12th: Local 131 Anniversary Party @ Gun Lake Casino. If you have not registered please do so by August 28th! You can call the hall, return your RSVP notice, or use the link sent to you Email address on file with the Hall.

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

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"

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

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

Veteran's Committee Meeting: September 3rd 2026
Executive Board: September 21st 2026, 5PM @ the Hall
RENEW Committee: September 22nd, 5PM @ the Hall
Brotherhood Night is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the Month @ CJ's **beginning at 3:30.** 1027 Schuster Ave, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. Keep an eye out for location changes on the Local's FB page.

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

Upcoming Events:
Tuesday Aug. 25: Retirement Seminar for members 50 and over with retirement questions, call the hall if you would like to register
Saturday September 12th: 110th Anniversary Dinner and Party @ Gun Lake Casino 5PM to 11PM
Saturday September 26th: Tigers Union Day game, bus leaves from the hall @ 8:30AM

Saturday Oct. 10th: Member Orientation Breakfast 8AM-10AM
Work Outlook: Palisades continues to chug along as more "emerging work" pops up every time a new system is activated. The immediate work picture slowing as we have several apprentices on the books waiting for assignment.

Retiree's Lunches at the following Locations:
The 3rd Wednesday of the month Lunches. All are welcome. August 19, Old Mill Brewpub and Grill 717 East Bridge St. Plainwell, MI. 49080

September 16, Julianna's Restaurant, 205 Lake Street, Kalamazoo, MI. 49001

October 21, Berries Famous Pancake House, 5585 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI. 49048

On the last Friday of each month,(on August 28, 2026) a group of retirees and others, meet at Jac's Cekola's Pizza, 3112 South 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: Ed Denaway, 29 year member & Brother of Dick Denaway, passed away on July 31st

Delinquent Members: Joshua Cook, Jeffrey DeHaan, Ruben Dunbar, Casey Hilliker, Nicholas Morrison, Gabriel Powell, Herbert Sykes, Cory Werner-Hoskins
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IBEW LOCAL 58

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DETROIT - **The next General Membership meeting:** will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026. Dinner with the brotherhood begins at 5:30 pm and the meeting starts at 6:30 pm.

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

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

IBEW Local 58 Brick Pavers- are available for purchase, if you would like to purchase a brick, please contact the Union Hall for an Order Form. 7x9 brick pavers can have up to 6 lines of lettering and 17 spaces per line, \$100 donation per brick. To purchase or for questions please contact Stacy at the Union Hall 313-963-2130, extension 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 reinstatement fee, plus dues and will lapse at the end of the 3rd quarter if your dues are not paid. Statements for the 4th quarter will be going out this week. 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 ANNUAL PICNIC, happening on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026 will be back at Rotary Park in Livonia. (Rotary Park is on Six Mile at Hubbard St.) The picnic starts at 11 a.m. with lunch served at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person (payable to the Retirees Association), mail your reservations and checks to IBEW #58, Attn. Retirees Association, P.O. Box 32756, Detroit MI, 48232-0756. Questions, call Elaine Crawford at 313 408-5885. At this late date, call Elaine for any last-minute reservations for our picnic.

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026 at a.m. at the local union hall.

Bus Trip travelers, if you still need travel insurance for the September Trip, here is the contact information, on-line www. TravelConfident.com or call 1-(855)376-2037.

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

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

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

Detroit Electrical Workers Benevolent Fund (DEWBF): Next meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 1 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 meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 8 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.

Members of the Entertainment Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 8 following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 p.m.

EWMC of Southeastern MI – The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 21 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.

Save the date - Friday, Nov. 13 - for our “Tux & Chucks Casino Night Party”. More information to come.

The Safety Committee meeting will be on Monday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 PM.

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

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

Local 58’s Women’s Committee – The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 27 at 5:30 p.m. offsite. If you have questions, contact Committee Chair Angela Milam (586-291-8014) Email at 58womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org.

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

The RENEW Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall and on Zoom.

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

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

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

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

Be sure to keep the Union Hall updated with any changes to your phone no., 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 (Continued next column)



IBEW 948
FLINT – **Meetings.**
Membership Meeting - Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will be September 14th, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Retiree Meetings - Retirees next meeting will be September 1st, 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. For further details on job information please ensure the hall has your email address for our job calls and resigns.

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

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

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

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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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 am for each date.

Sept. 17, Bee Tee Golf Course 22871 21 Mile Rd Macomb, MI
Oct. 8, 2026 Sanctuary Lake Golf Course 1450 E. South Blvd Troy, MI 48084
Please contact Jeff Gregory via phone call or text, @248-240-7449.

Congratulations to Dan Hawley on his Hole in One at Rackham Gold Course, Hole #8, 135 yards in the Wireman’s Senior Outing ON 8/13/2026. Way to Go Dan!

IBEW Pension: Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: Patrick Duenas, Daniel McCarthy, Stephen Shuk and Kenneth Stevens. We wish you all the best as you begin your new journey. Thank you for your years of service with the IBEW.

Members that have Passed Away: Our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of our fallen Brothers and Sisters. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss. **Martin Brandenburg**, Pension member, 69 year IBEW membership; **Robert Donovan**, Pension member, 76 year IBEW membership; **Jill McDonald**, Wife to Tim McDonald, Pension member, 49 year IBEW membership; Daughter to the late Pension member Maxwell Newbold; Sister to Larry Newbold, Pension member, 51 year IBEW membership and the late Pension member Thomas Newbold; and **Lois Marie Nellis**, Widow to the late Pension member William Nellis; Mother to David Nellis, Pension member, 48 year IBEW membership.

“To know what you prefer instead of humbly saying Amen to what the world tells you ought to prefer, is to have kept your soul alive.”
–Robert Louis Stevenson (1850 - 1894)

“The phrase “action speaks louder than words,” is most easily proven by a swift kick to the genitals.”
–Devin J. Monroe (1983 -)

“If you would thoroughly know anything, teach it to others.”
–Tryon Edwards (1809 - 1894)



IBEW 557
SAGINAW – **NEXT UNION MEETING:** The next Local 557 Union Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 5:30pm.

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. The next CBA recognized holiday is Labor Day, which falls on Monday, September 7th.

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

IBEW Local 557

jobline@ibew557.org or renee@ibew557.org

WORK OUTLOOK- Local contractors continue to work on various projects at schools, hospitals, auto plants, wastewater plants, and other various jobs. Calls have begun 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 Township area. New contractor W.S.G. has the Freemont Solar job. The Ingersol Township 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. Please take the time to visit www.bcbsm.com. Upon registering you can take the Free Health Assessment test and find instant results that can lead to living a healthy lifestyle.

BLUE CROSS APP- Download the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan app for your smartphone. Search for “BCBSM” on the Google Play app or Apple store. Benefits to utilizing the app include the following: instant access to EOB’s, a virtual ID card on your phone, information on deductibles, explanations of

coverage and other helpful tips related to your Health Care coverage. EOB’s can be downloaded to smart phones or computers and used to substantiate WEX receipt request.

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

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

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

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

**In Solidarity,
Evan Allardyce,
Business Manager**

“Learning to live what you’re born with is the process, the involvement, the making of a life.”
–Diane Wakoski





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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IBEW LOCAL 252

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ANN ARBOR – ESTA MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER: Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America have filed a new federal lawsuit regarding ESTA. We continue to get favorable decisions from Michigan Wage and Hour Division, but those decisions are currently on hold due to the new lawsuit. If you are requesting ESTA payment from your employer, we are asking you to email those requests to your employer. If denied ESTA pay, please file a complaint to the State of Michigan Wage and Hour Division at <http://www.michigan.gov/wageclaim>. The act references substantial fines and penalties for failure to comply, but you must file your claim 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: ALL CLASSES START AT 5 PM
1. First Aid/ CPR- Sept 1, Sept 8, Dec 1, Dec 8
2 Fire Alarm- Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Sept 2 and ending Oct 21
3. NICET PREP- Every Wednesday except Union meeting night, starting Oct 28 and ending Dec 23 (book purchase required, call the training center for more information

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

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 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 and click on "Pay Dues". Follow the instructions to create your account through the payment portal. Your dues receipt will be mailed to you.

UNION 4 LIFE GOLF OUTING: Join Union 4 Life on Saturday, Aug. 22 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 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fee is \$125/player, \$500/team and includes 18 holes + cart, lunch, dinner, & drinks, contests & prizes. Contact Hope Salyer hopes@aacjate.org/ (734) 475-1180 with questions. Register online at union4lifecharity.com.

EWMC GLIZZIES AND SLIZZIES: Join EWMC for a game of kickball on Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Lillie Park South, 4365 Platt Rd., Ann Arbor. Lunch will be provided, donations accepted. Families welcome. Kids activities provided. Sign up with Yohance Jennings (313) 283-3294.

MICHIGAN WIREMAN'S GOLF OUTING: This year's tournament will be Saturday, Aug. 29 at Lake Forest Golf Club, 3110 W. Ellsworth Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Registration at 7 a.m., shotgun start 8 a.m. Cost is \$160/person and includes golf and cart, hospitality room, dinner and prizes. There is an additional \$10 membership fee for first time golfers. The hospitality room is open Friday, Aug. 28 at the golf course from 5-8 p.m. There are 15 tee times blocked for practice rounds on Friday starting at 8:00 a.m. Please RSVP for hospitality night to John Brzozowski. Please send entry forms and checks made payable to John Brzozowski to 1076 Westfield Dr., Jackson, MI 49203. For questions or to RSVP contact John at (517) 795-8347.

RETIREE'S NIGHT: The regular membership meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 9 2026 starts at 6 p.m. sharp. The purpose of this meeting is to honor our retired members who have worked so hard to make our Local what it is today. Please make every effort to attend. Dinner and refreshments will be served. Members receiving their 50-year pins are: Robert A. Jacobs and Keith A. King. Members receiving their 55-year pins are: Frank E. Dufek, Edward C. Ernst, Paul N. Everett, John W. Iverson, Richard R. Kett, Thomas F. Ruthven, Odie J. Smith, Gregory A. Stephens, Jim I. Tobias, and Frank B. White. Members receiving their 60-year pins are: William E. Fox, Douglas A. Hartman, Gary A. Hedding, Larry R. Lochey, John R. Melling, Gary C. Peck, Gerald R. Pitts, and Ira H. Shubel. Richard G Wilbur is receiving his 70-year pin.

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

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE: We are looking for veterans to join our veteran's committee. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Union Hall. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact John Gilbert at (517) 920-1422. **The August Meeting has been moved to August 26 at 4:30 p.m. to combine with Renew Committee.**

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 and use username: hmsa, password: myresource for more information.

RETIREMENT: NEBF and IBEW PBF applications take 3 months to process but can be filled out as early as 6 months before your planned retirement effective date. If you are nearing retirement, please contact Alana at the Union Hall 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 RETIREEES: 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:

September 9, 2026: Retiree's Night

September 30, 2026: 11:30 a.m. Deadline for 3rd Quarter Dues

October 24, 2026: Trunk or Treat

December 12, 2026: Holiday Party



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TRAVERSE CITY – Meetings.

Regular E Board- The next regularly scheduled E-Board meeting is set for Monday, Sept. 14, 2026 @ 5:30pm.

Regular Meeting—The next regularly scheduled membership meeting is Scheduled for 7pm Monday, Sep 14, 2026.

PICNIC —The picnic this year will be held at Timber Ridge Resort & Campground on **Aug 29, 2026** from Noon to 6pm. Postcard have been sent out to RSVP by Aug 21 to help us plan accordingly. For those not familiar with Timber Ridge it is a campground that also has cabins for rent. There are a lot of kid's activities and they will have access to use all of them. You can access more information at their website at www.timberridge-resort.net.

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

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

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

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

Email Addresses - Any member that would like to have Local 498 forward communication to them from the International, Local 498, AFL-CIO or the Building Trades, to help stay informed to current events, politics, contracts, work, etc. Please call or email your current email address to Local 498 at ibew@local498.net Thank you!

Important numbers for you to write in your address book:

MEEHP (Health) 1-855-633-4584 Fax# 1-952-854-1632 Website: www.michiganelectrical.org

MEEPP (MI Pension) 1-855-633-4584

(New address Michigan Pension and Health Plan)

3001 Metro Drive Suite 500, Bloomington, MN 55425

NEBF 1-301-556-4300

NEAP 1-301-556-4300

IO Pension 1-202-833-7000

DUES RATES

Jan 1, 2026 – \$164.10/Quarter.

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

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

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

"Every minute you are thinking of evil, you might have been thinking of good instead. Refuse to ponder to a morbid interest in your own misdeeds. Pick yourself up, be sorry, shake yourself, and go on again."

—Evelyn Underhill (1875-1941)

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia."

—Charles M. Schulz (1922 - 2000)

"Nobody will believe in you unless you believe in yourself."

—Liberace (1919 - 1987)

"Battle not with monsters, lest ye become a monster, and if you gaze into the abyss, the abyss gazes also into you."

—Friedrich Nietzsche (1844 - 1900)



IBEW Local 445

IBEW Local 445

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

IBEW 445 Picnic. Thank you to all that attended the IBEW 445 Family Picnic Saturday! It was a great day of fellowship with our Brothers, Sisters and their families. Congratulations to our Service Award recipients: Daniel Bumford 65 Years, Gary Riegel 50 Years, Matthew Rice 10 Years, Brandon Hillman 10 Years, Deral Murrie 50 Years, Justin Stasa 5 Years, and Daniel Case 30 Years.

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

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

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

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

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.

2026 dues structure The Delegates of the 40th IBEW International Convention, which was conducted in Chicago, Illinois, during the week of May 9 through 13, 2022, approved several amendments to Article IX of the IBEW Constitution.

As of **January 1, 2026**, the following due's structure:

JIW's:

Monthly \$61.00

Quarterly \$183.00

Apprentices:

Monthly \$50.00

Quarterly \$150.00

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

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

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

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

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

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."

—John Lennon (1940 - 1980)

"When the mind has once begun to yield to the weakness of superstition, trifles impress it with the force of conviction."

—Ann Radcliffe (1764 - 1823)

August 21, 2026

THE BUILDING TRADESMAN 11



IBEW LOCAL 906



IBEW 906

MARQUETTE – UPPER PENINSULA – MEETINGS. There will be no unit meetings for the month of September, 2026 There will be a general membership meeting held on Sept. 12, 2026 at 1219 1st Ave S, Escanaba, MI 49829 at 1:00pm EST.

Work Outlook. Work is busy. Upcoming projects include Harden Hall 1st floor remodel in Marquette, VA Hospital in Marquette, 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 2 man call for Michels Power in Naubinway, a 1-man foreman call for MJ Electric, and a 2 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 cfleuryibew906@gmail.com for all book 2 signings.

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

Upcoming Events-

IBEW Local 906 is once again the title sponsor for the Project Jade golf outing on Aug. 23 at Wawonowin Country Club in Champion. Shotgun start at 9 am.

Big Annie Statue Unveiling & Dedication

When: August 22nd @ 3:00pm EST

Where: Calumet Downtown Historic District

Any member that attends will receive a free T-Shirt

IBEW Local 906 is hosting the summer picnic on August 29th at Lake Antoine in Iron Mountain, MI. Please call the hall to sign up or if you plan to bring a dish to pass around, 906-226-7497.

Escanaba Labor Day

Join us for the 6th Annual Labor Day Celebration hosted by the Delta County Trades & Labor Council!

Monday, September 7, 2026
Municipal Dock, Escanaba, MI

Parade starts at NOON

Parade lineup at The Karas Bandshell at Ludington Park at 11 AM

Marquette Labor Day

Join us for the annual Labor Picnic & Parade hosted by the Marquette Alger Community Labor Council, AFL-CIO & U.P. Regional Labor Federation!
Monday, September 7th
Jackson Park, Negaunee
Parade starts at 11:00 AM
Walking in the parade? Line-up is at 10:15 AM!

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 first Saturday of every month at Hardees in Iron Mountain at 8 am CST.

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

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

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

IBEW Local 906 is hosting the summer picnic on Aug. 29 at Lake Antoine in Iron Mountain, MI. Please call the hall to sign up or if you plan to bring a dish to pass around at 906-226-7497.

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.

New Journeyman- Congratulations to Evan Anderson, and Geno Pellegrini!

Retirements- Congratulations to Joel Smith and Gary Laurila on their retirement!

Members that have passed away- Our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends our of fallen Brothers and Sisters. Brother **John Hogan**, Pension member, 60-year IBEW membership.

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Happy Labor Day!

From the Officers and Members of UA Local #174





Local 25
Iron Workers

Iron Workers Local 25

NOVI – There will not be a Union Meeting in August due to the 45th Iron Workers International Convention Forging Our Future being held in Chicago IL Aug. 31 through Sept. 5, 2026. Local 25 has 12 Delegates attending this year.

The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The Flint Steward meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2026 at 6:30pm NOTE NEW TIME. All are welcome.

Awards Night will be held on Monday Sept. 14, 2026 THIS YEAR at the Novi Union Hall. **Letters have been mailed 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.

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

CHANGE: A Fringe Fund and Pension Dept. and health care representative will be at the Novi union hall on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026 from 8 am to 12 noon. If you have questions, give us a call 248-344-9494. Walk-ins are welcome!

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.

On Labor Day Monday, Sept. 7 all Union Halls will be closed. The 2026 Detroit parade starts at 9 am. The meeting point for Members will be at IBEW Local 58 Union Hall parking lot, starting at 8am and Labor Day T-Shirts will be available. The route is up Michigan Ave to the Michigan Central Train Station & back.

The 3rd Annual Labor Day Parade in Genesee County sponsored by Sheriff Chris Swanson invites you to join the family fun on Sept. 7. Staging begins at 10am at the Church of Christ 1315 W. Bristol Rd Flint MI and the parade starts at 11 am; ending at the UAW Region 1D, 1940 Atherton Rd., Flint MI. Labor Day T-Shirts will be available at the Church of Christ. The West Michigan (Muskegon) Labor Day Parade starts at 11 am at the corner of 4th Street & Western Ave.; heads east to Jefferson St., turns right onto Clay Ave and end at 4th St. Celebration in Hackley Park. BBQ, Music, Kids activities, food vendors, bounce house.

Avoca at the Tresle Walk & Fundraiser for St. Clair County United Way. Wear your Union Gear. 9am to 1pm Sept 7 at 8989 Avoca Rd., Avoca MI. Enjoy hotdogs, chips & pop. T-Shirts will be available at Avoca Park.

The 2026 Annual Mackinaw Bridge Walk will take place Monday Sept. 7, 2026. There is no fee or registration required to participate. You may start walking any time after the Governor’s party starts the walk at approximately 7am. No one is permitted to start walking after 11:30 am so be sure you arrive early. <https://www.mackinacbridge.org/events/walk/> Mike Christensen will be passing T-shirts out starting at 7:00 am on the SE corner of Jamet St & Nicolet St. in Mackinaw City.

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

The ClickSafety program allows ironworker members to meet a variety of training requirements, offering over 100 online courses in English and Spanish that include many OSHA-authorized courses. Simply log in: <https://sms.copperrange.com/impact/sms/login/> The username is the member’s book # and the password is the FIRST 4 digits of your SSN

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

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

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

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

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

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

Check online benefit information: ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/ **HRA/Benny Card Audit is continuously under way via US Mail – please respond if you have been contacted. You need to save your receipts for three (3) years.**

The **Iron Workers’ Local 25 Novi Chapter Retirees’ Club.** The Retirees’ Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday Sept 1 at 8 am. The Retirees’ meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday Sept. 15 at 10 am. \

The **West Michigan Chapter** Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday Sept 1 at 9 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, MI 49330. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting for the **Bay City Chapter** will be Oct. 15 at the Iron Workers Local 25 Saginaw Union Hall, 11 Bridgeview S. Saginaw MI 48604 at 12:00 pm. All are welcome.

The **Downriver Chapter** next quarterly Retirees breakfast to be held 9 am Oct. 16 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-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.

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In Memory: Ernest Bergman #660628 passed away July 8, 2026 at the age of 85. He was a 66-year member of Local 25. Raymond Bujel #1121415 passed away July 17, 2026 at the age of 75. He was a 40-year member of Local 25. Chris Hortola #1004485 passed away July 18, 2026 at age of 74 in Arizona. He was a 47-year member of Local 25. Journeyman IW Frank Sample #1241547 passed away Aug. 5, 2026 at the 50. He was a 28-year member of Local 25. He is survived by his wife Renee and Father IW Frank Sample #962006. *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 (Aug 17, 2026 1:30 pm E.S.T.)-



Local 47
Heat and Frost Insulators

Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47 LANSING – The next Regular Meeting will be held on Friday, September 11, 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.



PATRICK WELCH

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.

ATTENTION RETIREES: Effective Immediately, the 79 hour rule has been waived until further notice.

Local 47 would like to congratulate Nicholas Long and Olivia Leavitt on the birth of their son Brooks Waylon Long, born on Monday, August 17, 2026!!

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

Allied Workers’ Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds 6525 Centurion Drive Lansing, MI 48917-9275 Toll Free: (800) 323-8079 Telephone (517) 321-7502 Email: joshkroell@insulators47.com

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 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 days from the end of the current work week.”



Local 25
Heat and Frost Insulators

Heat & Frost Insulators 25 SOUTHFIELD – UNION MEETING: The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, Sept. 10, 2026, at 6 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge St., 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: Another successful Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 Annual Picnic took place Saturday, August 1, 2026. Thank you to Dan Stevens, Connie Vincent and all the members who volunteered their time to make it a great event. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Master Insulators Association for their part in sponsoring this event.

LABOR DAY PARADE: The 2026 Labor Day Parade will be held **Monday, Sept. 7, 2026.** Local 25 members will gather at 8 a.m. in the I.B.E.W. Local 58 parking lot, located at 1358 Abbott St. Detroit, MI 48226. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Step-off is scheduled for 9 a.m. Apprentices are reminded that participation in the Labor Day Parade will count as one union meeting towards the required six meetings per year.

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

APPRENTICES: Attention Apprentices: The first week of apprenticeship classes will begin Sept. 14. Letters containing additional information have been mailed.

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

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

REPORTING JOBS: A reward will be provided to any member that reports non-union or union mechanical installing insulation under our scope of work. Members with valid leads should contact Eloany Rodriguez at (248) 750-4992 and you will receive a \$50 gift card.

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

PER CAPITA: Please be reminded that any member working 32 hours or less during a month must pay their own Per Capita of \$14.00 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 \$28.00. Please forward payments **monthly** to Local 25, 21353 Bridge St., Southfield, MI 48033.

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

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

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

“There is an applause superior to that of the multitudes: one’s own.”

—Elizabeth Elton Smith



Local 169
Boilermakers

Boilermakers Local 169

ALLEN PARK – Our next regularly scheduled membership meeting will take place on **Aug. 21, 2026, at 8 pm** at the Boilermakers Local 169 Union Hall, 1755 Fairlane Dr, Allen Park, MI 48101.

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.

I would like to thank Matt Root for a job well done at the National Apprenticeship Competition. Matt put a lot of effort into this competition and represented our local very well.

Scholarship Question: The Annual Scholarship Golf Outing on June 19th was a huge success! A big thank you to Business Agent



MICHAEL CARD

Don Fajardo for all his hard work. Together with our vendors, Boilermaker locals, and signatory contractors, we raised the funds needed to sponsor our annual Scholarship contest. Please remember if you have a child graduating from high school this year and heading to college, they can apply for the scholarship by answering an essay question and getting it back to the hall by Sept. 1. The scholarship contest awards \$3,000.00, \$2,000.00, & \$1,000.00 for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place.

Are unions good for today’s economy why or why not? Please include with your submission, 500 words or less, your high school transcripts, name of college you will be attending in the fall along with the parent’s name that is a boilermaker.

Boilermakers Local 169 Area Picnics.

Area 2 – Picnic will be on **September 7, 2026** (Labor Day) following the parade. More information to come.

Area 4 – Information will be coming soon.

Labor Day is quickly approaching. The following areas will have parades and picnics afterwards.

Area 1 – Meeting at the IBEW Local 58 parking lot September 7th. Jamie will be handing out hats and t-shirts starting at 7:30am and going on until 8:30am. You can walk into the parking lot from Abbott St. or Porter St the parade will start at 9:00am.

Area 2 – Meeting at Heritage Landing Muskegon September 7th. Tony will be handing out hats and t-shirts starting at 10:00am parade starts at 11:00am.

Area 4 - September 7th in Escanaba meet at the band shell in Ludington Park. Jim will be handing out hats and T-shirts starting at 10:00am will start lining up at 11:00am parade starts at noon.

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

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

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

Retirees: Retiree luncheons.

Area 1 Retirees luncheon is on the first Wednesday of every month at 11:00 am at the White Rhino Sports Bar located at 4328 Oakwood, Melvindale, Michigan 48122.

Area 1 Retirees luncheon is also at New Baltimore Upscale Dive on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 1PM. The address is 37700 Green Street, New Baltimore, MI. 48047.

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

Area 3 Retirees luncheon is the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11AM. The next lunch will be on August 19, 2026, at The Boulevard Lounge. The address is 316 S. Saginaw Rd, Midland, MI 48640. As always, everyone from all areas is welcome to attend.

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

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

The upcoming MSHA training schedule is available at www.boilermakerslocal169.org or on our Facebook page.

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

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

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

Retiree, Gerald (SKIP) Van Buren passed away on August 4, 2026. Please keep his family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

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By Edward Baker, PhD
& Marcee Wardell
Michigan DNR
Lake sturgeon: the living fossils.

They’ve earned this moniker not only because they first appeared in the fossil record at least 100 million years ago or because their bony scutes give them a dino-like appearance, but because of their long lives.

According to previous research, lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) have a lifespan of up to 150 years.

But a new study published by researchers from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources suggests that lake sturgeon may live longer than previously thought – much longer.

Fish age can be estimated using several structures, such as fin spines or otoliths (an ear bone). Like trees, these structures show annual growth rings. The oldest lake trout discovered in the Great Lakes, for example, was estimated to be 62 years old by counting the growth rings in its otolith.

But for fish that grow slowly and live a very long time, like lake sturgeon, estimating their age using growth rings can be difficult – the rings can be so numerous, thin and close together as to be impossible to accurately count. This results in underestimation of the true age of lake sturgeon.

Unlike people who stop growing taller after reaching maturity, fish continue to grow throughout their lives.

Given that fish will continue to get bigger as they age, scientists can use information about the growth rate and fish size to estimate how old a fish might be, depending on their environmental conditions.

Fish in areas with a lot of food available will grow faster (and therefore, often larger) than fish in nutrient-poor environments.

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OLD GREAT LAKES STURGEON never talks about their age, but the Michigan DNR says research estimates that their longevity could be as much as 279 years for males and 427 years for females.

Credit: Kregg Smith/ MDNR

Lakes lake sturgeon — Black Lake, Mich. (Cheboygan and Presque Isle counties); Sturgeon River, Mich. (Baraga County); Menominee River, Mich./Wis.; St. Clair River (St. Clair County) and Lake Winnebago, Wis. — our research team used a novel approach to estimate growth rates using capture-mark-recapture

data and used growth rate data to estimate longevity.

Essentially, the research team would capture fish, measure them, determine the sex, mark the fish with a tag and release them. Then, in future years, the research team would survey again, capturing and marking some new fish, but also recapturing some of the

previously tagged fish. The recaptured fish were measured, as well.

With this information, we could look at how much fish grew between the time we first captured them and the subsequent recaptures. This was done over a period of 44 years, giving us ample opportunity to recapture sturgeon we’d measured before,



A FACE ONLY A MOMMA COULD LOVE? A close-up of a lake sturgeon captured for egg collection and tagging in the Sturgeon River in Baraga County.

MDNR photo

some many years later.

Simply stated, we used this data to estimate lake sturgeon longevity by asking “If a lake sturgeon grows X centimeters per year, then how many years does it take for a lake sturgeon to get to a particular size?”

Using equations that related sturgeon growth rate to the size of the fish, we estimated expected longevity for 160-centimeter (approximately 63-inch) male and 180-centimeter (approximately 71-inch) female lake sturgeon across those five populations.

Longevity ranged from 90 to 279 years for males and from 99 to 427 years for females.

That’s up to 277 years older than the oldest lake sturgeon previously recorded! It’s also nearly as long a lifespan as the longest-lived vertebrate on Earth, the Greenland shark, whose longevity has been estimated at 272 to 512 years.

“When I began studying lake sturgeon in the late 1980s, I never thought I’d live to see their success and persistence after being listed as threatened,” said Nancy Auer, emeritus research professor of biological sciences at Michigan Technological University. “Let alone actually handle fish much older than I was – or am now, 30 years later – and that will be here after I am gone.”

Why does it matter how old lake sturgeon live to be?

Understanding how long these fish live can provide biologists insight into survival rates and reproductive opportunities for the species. For a species like lake sturgeon, which is still recovering in Michigan and elsewhere, this information can inform restoration efforts.

According to Michael Donofrio, retired fisheries supervisor at the Peshtigo office of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, this project “brought together a great partnership with

very groundbreaking research, which should aid with other North American sturgeon population management.”

Lake sturgeon annual survival (that is, the probability of surviving from one year into the next) needs to be very high for fish to reach these advanced ages. For many other fish, annual survival probability can be close to 50 percent, but for lake sturgeon it is very high – at least 97 percent.

This is important for management. In addition to high annual survival and extreme longevity, lake sturgeon are late to mature and produce few offspring per year, all of which means harvest regulations should be very conservative to protect populations from overharvest.

The famous Black Lake sturgeon harvest season, which can last mere minutes, is limited in precisely this way. Last year, the harvest limit was six lake sturgeon – not per angler, total.

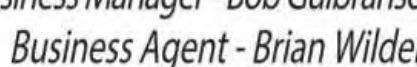
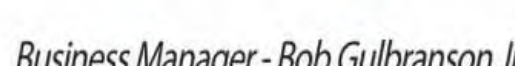
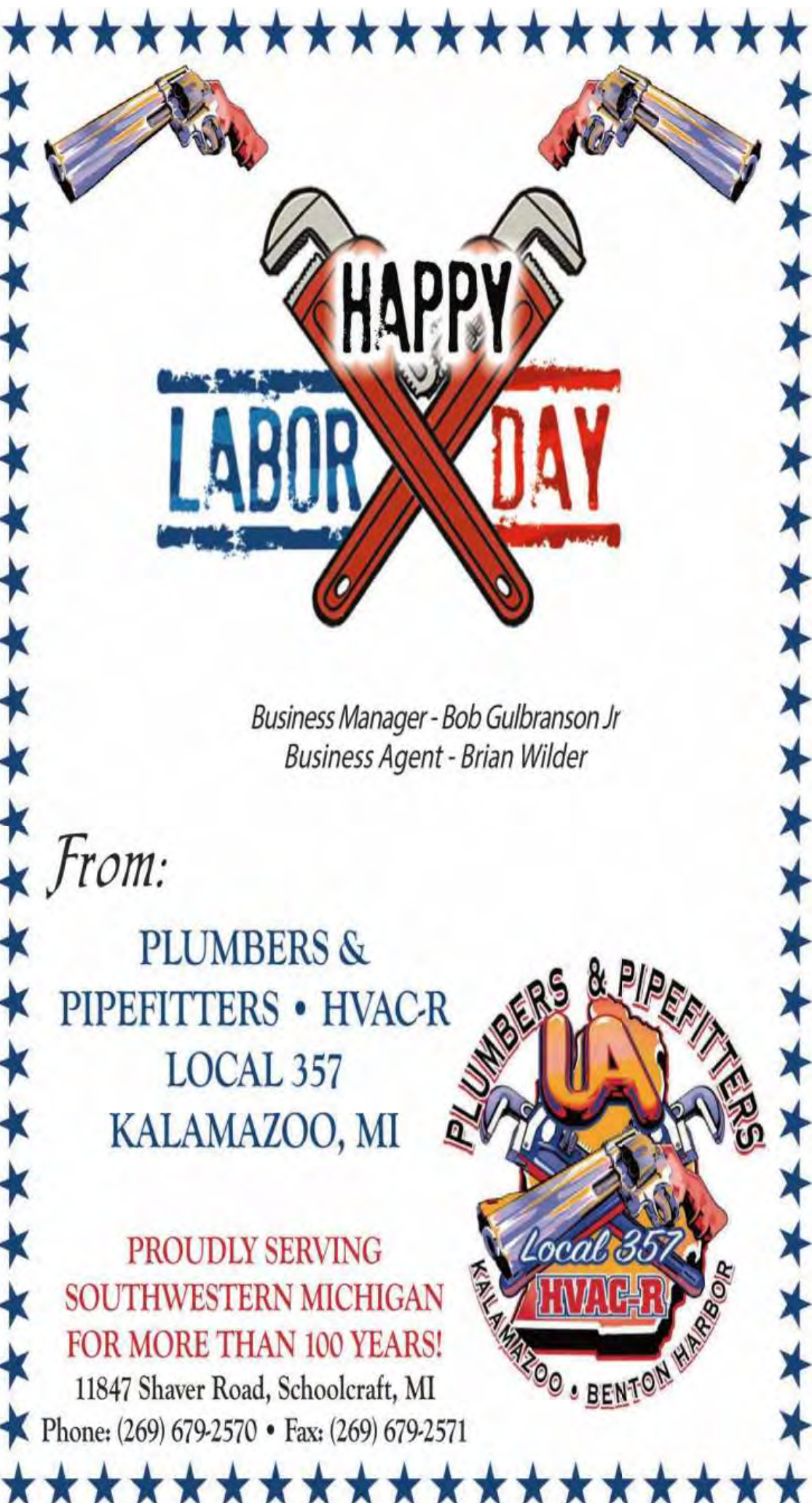
Fisheries managers from state and tribal natural resource agencies gather annually to review data on the sturgeon population and determine the sustainable harvest limit for the season.

“One could assume that there’s a contradiction between restoring a threatened lake sturgeon population while allowing for a small annual winter harvest in Black Lake. I’ve been asked this question quite often during my career,” said Tim Cwalinski, Northern Lake Huron Unit manager for the DNR.

“However, without the publicity that the brief, limited harvest season provides, the public wouldn’t know as much about all the ongoing restoration efforts for Black Lake sturgeon, like research, stocking, the sturgeon guard program, fundraising, and education and outreach. Not only is the harvest important to the anglers and the local community, but these are also the same people investing in ongoing and successful restoration programs.”

Lake sturgeon are truly unique among Michigan fishes for many reasons, including their extreme longevity. Having better, more accurate, estimates of how long these fish live can help us to conserve and restore this ecologically and culturally important species.

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WARREN – UPCOMING 2026 MEETINGS.

METRO DETROIT CHAPTER: Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 5:30pm, 21031 Ryan Road, Warren, MI 48091

ANN ARBOR CHAPTER: Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6pm, 8225 Dexter-Chelsea Rd., Dexter, MI 48130

FLINT CHAPTER: Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 PM, 1701 W Genesee St., Lapeer, MI 48446

LANSING CHAPTER: Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 6 PM, 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, MI 48906

GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER: Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7 PM, 233 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

KALAMAZOO CHAPTER: Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6 PM, 11847 Shaver Road, Schoolcraft, MI 49087

MARQUETTE CHAPTER: Monday, Sept. 21 at 7 PM, 119 S Front St., Marquette, MI 49855

SAGINAW CHAPTER: Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 6 PM, 1300 W Thomas St., Bay City, MI 48706

HOUGHTON CHAPTER: September Meeting is CANCELED

**** NOTE: GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER is holding their first meeting after a hiatus. Meet your new business agent, Chris Wallace, and learn more about what has happened in your area. ****

MEMBERSHIP GOLF OUTING: Come out on Sept. 12 to golf with your fellow brothers and sisters at our 13th 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.

DETROIT TIGERS UNION DAY AT COMERICA PARK is happening once again. Sept. 26 | Pirates vs Tigers | 1:10pm game. Good standing members are eligible to receive up to 4 tickets, while supplies last. Email the following information to kelsey.dodd@bricklayers.org: Members Name, IU Number, Email Address, and Number of Tickets Needed.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our Apprentices who participated in the **2026 BAC Local 2 Apprentice Competition** on Aug. 1. Each and every one of you did a fantastic job & we are so proud of the craftsmanship you displayed. **A special shout out to William Carnarvon Jr, Anthony Michael Jimenez and Dustin Grow** who will represent BAC Local 2 at the **2027 Masonry Skill Challenge in January**. They represent 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year level apprentices. The future of the BAC looks solid with these up and coming members from our training center.

APPRENTICE HOURS PORTAL: We have moved the Apprentice Hours Portal to a new platform called WorkHands. You

should have received an email or text message with an invitation to join the platform.

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

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

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

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

For more information about the Training Centers, 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.**



Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' Local 514

DETROIT – The September meeting is canceled.

Membership Gold Cards- Congratulations!

August 2026
Ricardo Chapa-25 Years
Marc Grams-25 Years
Jerry Griffith-25 Years
Daniel Pumford-25 Years
Duane Villarreal-30 Years
Dennis Jackson-40 Years
James Plowman-40 Years
Joe Solano-40 Years
Robert Venturi-60 Years
Please come march with Local 514 in the Labor Day parade!

Shirts will be handed out at the IBW parking lot, Local 58, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30.

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

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

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

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

Beneficiary Reminder: Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice, especially after a divorce, on

Local 514 Cement Masons & Plasterers

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 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 get in touch with the Local so we can update our records. Please call (248) 548-0800.

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

Please refer to the website for updated information.

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

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. Call the Local at (248) 548-0800.

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

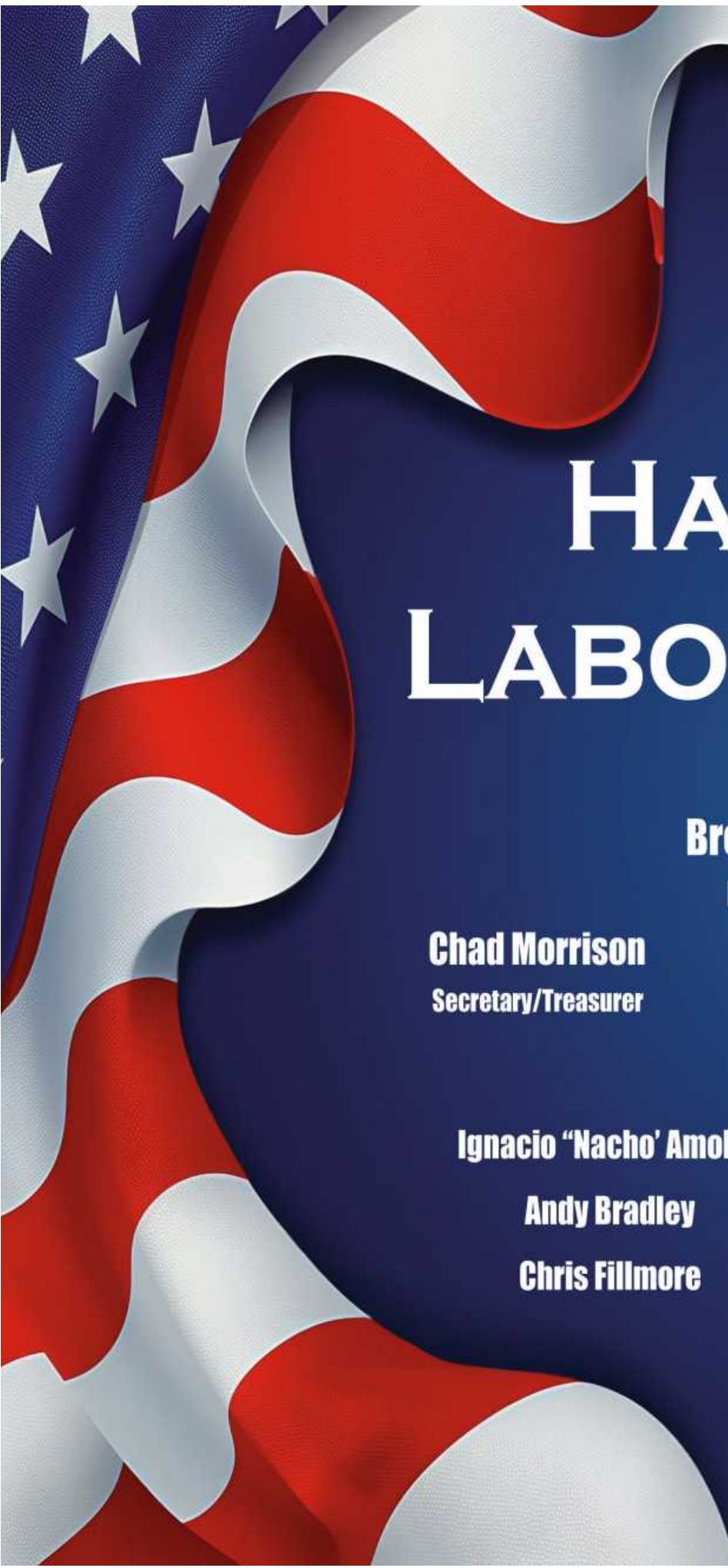
Please make sure we have all of your current contact information, address, and phone number so we can keep the fund offices updated on your health care and pension, and whether you are having your vacation checks mailed out. If you have moved, please get in touch with the Local, and we will update your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

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

Access and make changes to your account in two easy ways:
Go online: Principal.com

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: 1-877-876-9357 or (517) 321-7502.

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



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Wishing all Brothers and Sisters
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Local 149

Roofers and Waterproofers

Roofers Local 149

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

The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Tues, Sept. 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at 1640 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48216

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Tues., Sept. 1, 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.

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

Brother Martin Roslan was 83 years old and a 58-year member. Brother Roslan passed on 8/7/2026. Rest in Peace Brother, thank you for your years of service.

2026 special election. This is a Special Election, and it demands every member's attention. This is a mail in ballot election, no excuses, no sitting it out. When that ballot hits your mailbox, handle it, fill it out and send it back.

Business Agent. (Vote for no more than 1) Don Watkins III, Joe Zsembery, Joe Precourt

Executive Board. (Vote for no more than 1) Andrew Sundt, Nick Garcia

Pension Trustee (Vote for no more than 2) Eddy Perez, Lee Bruner, Tim Sampson

Ballots have been mailed to all eligible members. Watch your mail. Fill it out. Send it back. A strong Local doesn't happen by chance. It happens because the membership steps up and makes sure the right people are in the right seats to keep this union moving forward.

Labor Day 2026 Detroit. All members are encouraged to walk with Brothers and Sisters, friends and family, in the Labor Day Parade, on Sept. 7. We will meet in the Detroit Union Hall parking lot. To get your hats and T-shirts it's best to arrive early between 6:30- 7:00 am. Beginning at 8 a.m., the building trades will line up on Sixth Street south of Michigan Avenue. We start marching at 9am. This is the one

day we share that is about the past and future Brothers and Sisters of our great Union.

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

Detroit Labor Day Volunteers Needed. We are seeking volunteers to help set-up Monday, Sept. 1, at 6 am at the Detroit Hall. In addition, we will need volunteers cooking and prepping the food. If you are available to assist our Union on Labor Day, please contact the Union Hall 313-961-6093 ext. 0.

Labor Day 2026 Mid-Michigan. All members are encouraged to walk with Brothers and Sisters, friends and family, in the Labor Day Parade, on Sept. 7. We will meet in the Clio Union Hall parking lot at 9-10 am. to pass out shirts and hats. Then we are meeting at the Bristol Rd Church of Christ at 1315 W Bristol Rd, Flint, MI 48507, for the parade starting at 11 am, and then back to the Training Center around 12ish for lunch and prizes.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Union Hall 810-687-1368. Families are welcome to walk the parade and attend the picnic!

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

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

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

Michigan LU 149 members.

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

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

Stellantis Mega Hub Distribution Center Picket Line. What happened on that picket line wasn't just solidarity, it was a reckoning. It was Labor standing up as one. We want to thank the United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers Locals 11, 23, 26, 70, 134, our own Local 149, our Rat Patrol, the International Union, our Contractors, the Michigan Building Trades Council, and to every single Trade. We thank you all for your support.

We didn't just show up, you came ready to fight for what's right. We came ready to defend our craft, our families, and our future. EVERY SINGLE TRADE stood with us, marched with us, or supported the line. Not one trade stayed home. Not one trade didn't represent. EVERY TRADE stood shoulder to shoulder with Local 149, and that unity sent a message that cannot be ignored. We rolled out 10 inflatables, giant rats, fat cats, greedy pigs, and even Mother Jones herself towering over the line like a guardian of labor. We had around 150 Brothers and Sisters marching in full force. We had a member from NABTU in attendance. And yes, a couple politicians showed up because they knew exactly where the people stand and who carries the real power.

Out-Of-Work. 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.

The date of this publication above is 8/17/2026, 2:30pm

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

Laborers' International Union of North America

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Laborers Local 1191

DETROIT – **LABORERS RISING:** Through Laborers Rising, Laborers Local 1191 will be asking its Membership to volunteer their time to support various issues that enhance the lives of working families. If you wish to join our Laborers Rising volunteer list, please call the Local Union at (313) 894-2241 Mon-Fri 8 A.M. - 4 PM to provide necessary contact information.

Labor Day 2026 Celebration: Laborers' Local 1191 will have its Annual Labor Day Family Celebration on Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the Local Union parking lot, 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208. This event is limited to Laborers' Local 1191 Membership only. Due to limited selection of food and beverages, Members are permitted to only bring immediate family members. Additional parking will be available, but locations are currently to be determined. Please reference our website at www.laborerslocal1191.org and the "Laborers' Local 1191" Facebook page for important updates regarding the 2026 Labor Day Family Celebration.

PLEASE NOTE: There will not be any alcoholic beverages provided or permitted to be consumed during this event.

August 21, 2026

THE BUILDING TRADESMAN 19

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

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

All General Membership Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 7 PM at the Local Union, 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208 (except for holidays), unless the Membership receives notice of a meeting cancellation, rescheduling and/or a venue change.

The General Membership Meeting for September 2026 will be held on Friday, Sept. 4 at 7 PM. The General Membership Meeting for October 2026 will be held on Friday, Oct. 2, 2026, at 7 PM.

Monthly Retiree Council Meetings: are held on the last Friday of each month at 11 AM at the Local Union, at 2161 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208. **The August Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 28 at 11 AM. The September Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 25 at 11 AM. The October Retiree Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 30**

at 11 AM. Please note that the October Retiree Council Meeting is the last meeting of the 2026 calendar year.

Union Dues For 2026: Regular monthly dues are \$35 for Active Members. Retiree monthly dues will remain the same at \$8.00. Members can now Pay Dues online 24/7 on our website at www.laborerslocal1191.org!!! To make online dues payments, click the "Pay Dues" tab in upper right-hand corner and follow the instructions.

Training: Check out the training classes available to you at no cost. Journeymen and Apprentices may still obtain training through MLTAI's online training at <https://lms.mltai.org>.

Important union benefit contact information:

Michigan Laborers' Fringe Benefits Funds (Annuity, Insurance, Pension & Vacation)

(Effective 9/1/26, Wilson McShane Corporation will be the New Administrators for the Michigan Laborers' Funds): 6452 Millennium Dr., Ste. 100 – Lansing, MI 48917. (877) 645-2267

www.michiganlaborers.org
Delta Dental: (800) 524-0149

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Michigan Painters District Council

District Council 1M
Business Manager: Robert Gonzalez
Meeting date: 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., with the Executive Board meeting at 6 p.m.
Place: 14587 Barber Ave, Warren MI 48088 & 419 S. Washington Ave, Lansing MI 48933
Local Union 514
Business Rep: Scott Mikulen
Meeting dates: 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Place: 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI.
Web site: www.iupat-local514.org.

Local Union 826
Business Rep: Rocky Ackerman
Meeting date: 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.
Place: 3115 Joyce St. Burton, MI 48529
Local Union 845
Business Rep – Ed Bracamontes
Meeting date: 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.
Place: 419 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Local Union 1052
Business Rep – Jake Fluty
Meeting date: The Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Place: 3115 Joyce St., Burton MI 48529
Local Union 1803
Business Rep: Josh Ovalle
Meeting date: 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.
Place: 7677 Midland Road, Free-land, 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.

“Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.”
–Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

Painters DC 1M
WARREN – Dear Members,
DC1M WEBSITE: www.iupatdc1michigan.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
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AUGUST 25TH Respiratory Protection Training 5PM
AUGUST 29TH Respiratory Protection Training 9AM
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AUGUST 22ND Rigging/Signaling Part #1 & #2 9AM
AUGUST 26TH Respiratory Protection Training 5PM
AUGUST 29TH Respiratory Protection Training 9AM
REGISTRATIONS MUST BE MADE ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF CLASS:

To sign up contact FTI Director Shawn O'Neill at 517-304-4425 or email, dot@iupatdc1m.org.
SICKNESS and DEATH.
With a heavy heart we announce the passing of George Vlahakis of Seaway Painting. George became a member of the Painters Union on September 26, 1952. Please keep the Vlahakis Family in your thoughts and prayers.
GET INVOLVED AND PARTICIPATE IN YOUR UNION!

(Continued next column)



Glaziers & Glassworkers Local 357

Glaziers & Glassworkers 357
WARREN – The September union meeting has been cancelled due to falling on the holiday.
Our next regular scheduled union meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 5 at 5pm. Please make it a priority to attend.
There will be a Labor Day Parade this year. We will be meeting before the parade at the IBEW Union Hall. 1458 Abbott St. Detroit. 8am we will gather up before we walk.
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 on 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

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

Painters DC 1M article, continued

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.



Sign, Pictorial & Display Local 591

Sign Pictorial & Display 591
WARREN –The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept 1, at 6:00p.m. trustees and union stewards meet at 5:45 p.m.
Members must be in good standing (dues up to date) with district council 1 app or receipt

Local 357, continued
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

of paid dues to attend meeting
Anyone possessing a union membership and willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4, and 19.8 of the District Council By-laws
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
Funds, P.O. Box 966, Troy, MI 48098-066; phone 248-641-4957.
If you are in need of safety modules, please contact your employer if you are employed or the union office @ 586-552-4478, if you're not. Any questions call the hall or call the Council @ 586-552-4474. Participation is very important to keep our union strong, so try to make it to a meeting. – **Business Rep. Don Stepp**

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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, September 9, 2026, at Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois, Troy 48083. Use the Banquet Entrance
The E-Board/Stewards meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall.

RETIREE'S NOTICE: The next Retiree Luncheon will be on 10/1/26 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.sheet-metal292.com, click on the "Contact Us" page if you would like to be added to the retiree email list.
LABOR DAY PARADE: Join your brothers and sisters on Labor Day (September 7th) and march with us in the annual Detroit Labor Day Parade. We will be handing out T-shirts and hats (there is a limited supply of children's sizes) to all members who take an hour or two out of OUR holiday and spend it with us. We will meet at the Local 58 Electricians Hall (1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226) at 7:30am. There will also be a complimentary picnic immediately following.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Local 80
Sheet Metal Workers

Sheet Metal Workers Local 80
SOUTHFIELD – This paper serves as official notice for all meetings and elections.
MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Next General Membership Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 25th at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield.



JASON GRUNENWALD

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Next executive board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th at 5:00 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2nd Floor, Southfield.
UNION HALL REGULAR HOURS Monday through Friday 7:30 - 4:00, unless otherwise indicated.
RETIREE NEWS & MEETING SCHEDULE: 2026 Retiree Meetings: October 19th (annual party) & December 21st. All membership meetings start at 12:30 pm, held at the Local 80 hall. Please enter the hall through the ramp entrance. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593. Retiree lapel pins with the SMWIA logo are available to all members of the local 80 retirees' association. They will be available to all retiree association members at our general membership meetings. Please see the general membership-meeting schedule above.

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

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED CONTRACT: On August 26, 2026 at 5:30pm there will be a special order of business to present the proposed contract. This meeting will be held at the former Retail (Continued on Page 24)



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 October 8, 2026, at 6 p.m.
*Zone 1 September 10th at 6:00 p.m.
*Zone 2 September 15th at 6:00 p.m.
*Zone 3 September 9th at 6:00 p.m. (Freeland)
*Zone 3 October 1st at 6:00 p.m. (Traverse City)
*Zone 4 September 8th at 6:00 p.m.
*Zone 5 October 8th at 6:00 p.m.



SAM FULLER

Please be aware that we are all required to report into the Local/Zone/Area/Jurisdiction in which we are traveling outside of our home Local/Zone/Area/Jurisdiction per the SMART Constitution Article 16 Section 10. Failure to report could result in charges and fines that you alone will be responsible for. Do not rely on your contractor or others to report on your behalf, it is your responsibility. Call your Business Representative if you are unsure of who to contact, they will get you the correct reporting information. Please register on our website at www.sheetmetal7.org for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2026. Once you are registered it must be approved to be able to log on. Please contact your representative if you have issues registering.

SMART Union Labels: Make the union label work for you! The new and modernized SMART Labels are an essential part to wage equalization, which means more money and work for you. Make sure that you are scanning labels to equalize pay and eliminate the incentive to subcontract outside of your area. For more information visit the official website at www.labelitscanitreport.com and download the official app by texting "SMART" to 90975.
Zone 1 Info: Condolences to the family and friends of David Lindeman (Continued on Page 23)



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Local 7 Sheet Metal Workers

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who recently passed away.

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

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

In Solidarity, Eric Farrington and Vance Saunders.

ZONE 2 Info: Work in Zone 2 is steady and looks to be that way through the rest of summer and on into the fall. Please keep me informed of any phone number or address changes. Dues are always due prior to the first of the month.

Our condolences to family and friends of Rob Rosendall who recently passed away.

In solidarity, Mike Adams

ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw) Work in the area remains steady. Make sure to contact me if you are out of work, there is travel work available.

Be sure to check your dues receipt to make sure you are current; dues are due before the first of every month.

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

The next Zone 3 membership meeting is September 9 at the Freeland Hall at 6pm.

Next Zone 3 Retiree meeting is September 22nd at the Ponderosa on Wilder Road in Bay City.

Local 7 Golf outing is Sept 12 at Briar Ridge Golf Course in Montrose registration is still open.

Fundraiser to Support Jake Denman Aug 29 at Crump Fox Club 2-6 pm, more info on our

website. **In Solidarity, Joe Dotson**

ZONE 3 Info: (Traverse City) Work in our area is steady and will continue into the Fall. www.ourbenefitoffice.com/smw7-3/Benefits is the website to check your hours for pension and HW benefits. Keep your address updated with Lansing, SASMI and Benesys as they do not coordinate with each other for some reason. Mine Safety Training on the ITI Website should be updated/taken as there are two projects that are coming up that will require it. The ITI site also has other upgrading courses to take for future employment in different areas of our trade. Keep your dues up and work safe out there. **In Solidarity, John Amalfitano**

ZONE 4 Info: Summer is quickly flying by; I hope everyone is having a great summer. Work continues to be good in Zone 4 looks to be another great fall. Please don't forget to get signed up for the Local 7 golf outing tons of fun has great food and prizes. Also Genesee County is hosting its second annual Labor Day parade this year if you are interested. **Thank you, your brother Scott Brotherton.**

ZONE 5 Info Work in the U.P. 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.up-construction.org. If you have a change of address please call me or the Lansing hall to get that updated. The next retiree breakfast will be September 12th at 10:00 am at The Summer Place in Republic

- **In Solidarity, Brandon Langenfeld**

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

517-882-4064 to make your payment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brandon Langenfeld (Agent-Upper Peninsula) 906-372-9288

"The man who has nothing to boast of but his illustrious ancestry is like the potato - the best part under ground."

-Thomas Overbury (1581 - 1613)

"Truth is tough. It will not break, like a bubble, at a touch; nay, you may kick it about all day like a football, and it will be round and full at evening."

-Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809 - 1894)



THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS OF KALAMAZOO WISH YOU PROSPERITY, DIGNITY, AND LEISURE THIS LABOR DAY

"TRADE UNIONS HAVE DONE MORE FOR HUMANITY THAN ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION OF MEN THAT EVER EXISTED. THEY HAVE DONE MORE FOR DECENCY, FOR HONESTY, FOR EDUCATION, FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE RACE, FOR THE DEVELOPING OF CHARACTER IN MEN (AND WOMEN) THAN ANY OTHER ASSOCIATION." - CLARENCE DARROW

"THE BIRTH OF FREEDOM, THE DAWN OF BROTHERHOOD, THE BEGINNING OF MAN. THAT IS THE DEMAND!"

-EUGENE V. DEBS



HAPPY Labor Day

TO OUR MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

From the Officers, Staff and Members of Roofers and Waterproofers Local 149.

BRIAN GREGG <i>Business Manager</i>	JOE GILLIAM GARY JOHNSEN <i>Business Agents Elected</i>	RICK BAIRD JONATHAN CROSBY <i>Business Agents Appointed</i>	
LUKE BROWN KEVIN MCCASLIN EDWARD PEREZ DON WATKINS III JOE WIMBERLY <i>Executive Board</i>	TOM JARANOWSKI <i>President</i>	ROBERT COLSTON <i>Vice President</i>	RAPHAEL HAMILTON <i>Recording Secretary</i>
	LEE BRUNER WALT CONNELL RANDY WITHERSPOON <i>Trustees</i>	DEAN KUCHARSKI <i>Sergeant at Arms</i>	CARMEN MCCRAY <i>Office Manager</i>



ROOFERS AND WATERPROOFERS LOCAL 149



Local 292
Sheet Metal Workers

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1-855-500-1915.

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

OUTOFWORK: If you be-
come 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.

**SAFETY MODS AND
DRUG TESTS:** To access your
MUST account, please go to www.
mustonline.org or access it through
the “links” tab at www.sheetmet-
al292.com. If you haven’t already
done so, you must create an ac-
count 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 suspen-
sion 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 mak-
ing sure any required fees, i.e. late
fees or service fees, are included if
paid online (sheetmetal292.com).

**SUBSTANTIATION RE-
QUEST:** Many members have
received Substantiation Request

letters from the Local 292 Benefit
Fund office. IRS regulations re-
quire that every use of the Benny
Card be substantiated or validated
as an eligible covered expense un-
der the Plan. The IRS requires this
validation; the Fund cannot make
exceptions. It is the members’ re-
sponsibility to ensure all requested
documentation is returned to the
Fund office promptly. By not re-
sponding to the Substantiation Re-
quest 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 certifica-
tions. These certifications can be
in any welding process. Members
who qualify will receive a shirt
(one shirt for every four certi-
fications) 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 August 29, Sept 12, Sept
19, and Sept 26.

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 regis-
tration 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 be-
tween 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 sched-
uled for the class.



Local 80
Sheet Metal Workers

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Clerks Hall 876 Horace Brown
Dr. Madison Heights, MI 48071.
Your union dues must be current
to attend this meeting.

**CONTRACT RATIFICA-
TION:** There will be ratification
& allocation vote on September
1, 2026 at 5:30pm. This vote will
be at the Local 80 Union Hall
17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield,
MI 48076. Your union dues must
be current to attend the meeting
and to vote.

**THANK YOU TO MEM-
BERS WHO HAVE PAID
THEIR DUES A YEAR IN
ADVANCE:** Earl Stewart,
Kohle Sobol, Lee Carroll, John
Wregglesworth, Michael Ward,
Domenico Maletti, William Ryan
Pabst.

**DETROIT TIGERS
UNION DAY:** Join us on Sep-
tember 26th at 1:10pm to watch
the Tigers take on the Pittsburgh
Pirates. We have a limited num-
ber of tickets available so please
call the hall to reserve yours.

**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 excep-
tions - 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 jurisdic-
tion 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 RE-
MINDER:** Please ensure that
you have designated or updated
your beneficiary choices for all
Local 80 and International As-
sociation 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 in-
cludes the Tradesman paper. You
will also need to call Benesys at
800-400-7710 to update for insur-
ance and pension documents.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH
and DISMEMBERMENT
INSURANCE FROM OUR
INTERNATIONAL ASSO-
CIATION:** 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 AS-
SIGNMENTS:** must be reported
by the steward by 3pm on Friday
and signed forms returned on
Monday to staff@smw80.org

LAY-OFFS: All members
must report to the Union Hall
immediately upon lay-off. You
must be on the out-of-work list to
collect S.U.B. or SASMI benefits.
It is the contractor’s responsibil-
ity 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 as-
signment.

**SUB Application Deadlines
and Requirements:**

**Submit your SUB applica-
tion within 7 days of your layoff**
to avoid forfeiting benefits.

Layoff slips must accom-
pany your application to qualify
for SUB benefits.

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

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

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

**SHORT WORK WEEK
SUB PAY:** If you miss work
due to weather, and you are

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

Complete the SUB applica-
tion at the hall. Provide a pay stub
for the week.

The hall will submit your
information to the fund office.

Make sure to follow these
steps to ensure your eligibility.

MEMBERSASSISTANCE

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

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

SAVE THE DATE:
Labor Day Parade – Sept. 7
Detroit Tigers Union Day – Sep-
tember 26

**HAPPY
LABOR DAY**
To all our members and friends in the Building Trades

Michael Waker, BM/FS
Russ O'Donnell, President
David Kuras Jr., Vice President
Brian Breznai, Treasurer
Jeffrey Patti, BA/RS

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• Rob Akers • Dave Boyd
• Myles Boyd • Jon Bujan • Justin Smith

Trustees
• Paul DiPiazza • Dan Kuras Jr.
• Mark Moreno

Warden
Matt Combs

Elevator Constructors Local 36
Detroit, Michigan

Labor Day
Greetings
& Best Wishes

UNITED ASSOCIATION LOCAL UNION 190
PLUMBERS/PIPEFITTERS/SERVICE TECHNICIANS/GAS DISTRIBUTION

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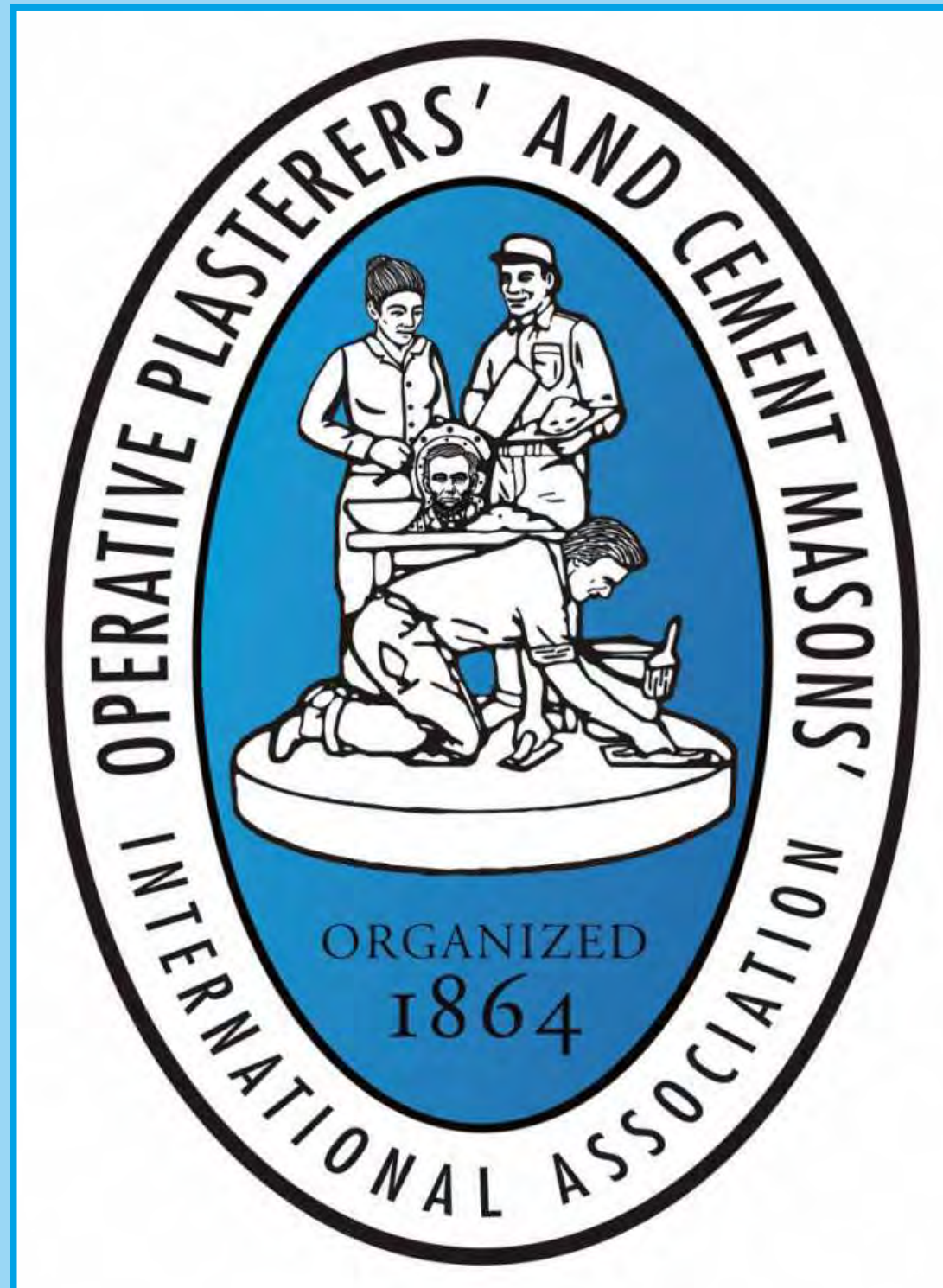
Executive Board Members

Stephen Cook	Trevor Hughes	William McGibbon	Doug Mayher
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Office Professionals

Kristyn Goebel	Bernadette Maus	Athena Solanskey	Karen Spearin	Melissa Wood
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**TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS
& ASSOCIATES
IN THE
BUILDING TRADES**



**BEST WISHES
ON LABOR DAY
2026**

**THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
PLASTERERS
AND
CEMENT MASONS
LOCAL 514**

“The best years of your life are the ones in which you decide your problems are your own. You do not blame them on your mother, the ecology, or the president. You realize that you control your own destiny.”
– Albert Ellis

“Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world.”
– Lucille Ball (1911 - 1989)

“Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.”
– H. G. Wells (1866 - 1946),

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.
– George Eliot (1819 - 1880)

“An ignorant person is one who doesn’t know what you have just found out.”
– Will Rogers (1879 - 1935)

LANSING - JACKSON - BATTLE CREEK

HAPPY
LABOR
DAY

DUSTIN HOWARD
BUSINESS MANAGER

CHRIS KECK
ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER

BRANDON SNYDER
BUSINESS AGENT

NICK ASHER
BUSINESS AGENT

JASON BROWN
BUSINESS AGENT

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PRESIDENT

JEREMY GARZA
VICE PRESIDENT

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"Only a fool would try to deprive working men and working women of their right to join the union of their choice." – Dwight D. Eisenhower



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Executive Board

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Executive Board

Pipefitters, Steamfitters, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Services Local 636

*30100 Northwestern Hwy, Farmington Hills, MI 48334
Phone # 248-538-6636, Fax # 247-538-7060 www.pipefitters636.org*



THIS LONG HOLIDAY WEEKEND HAS BEEN BROUGHT
TO YOU BY THE BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS OF
THE LABOR MOVEMENT!

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

ANDREW DUEWEKE
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THE BROTHERS & SISTERS OF IBEW LOCAL 58 WISH
YOU & YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY LABOR DAY!

