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## SHORT CUTS

### Momentum index takes a hit in June

The "Momentum Index" for U.S. construction recorded by Dodge Data and Analytics dropped 6.6 percent in June to 121.5 (2000=100) from the revised May reading of 130.1, the group reported July 8.

The index is a monthly measure of the first report for nonresidential building projects in planning, which have been shown to lead construction spending for nonresidential buildings by a full year. The institutional construction component of the Momentum Index fell 11.7 percent while the commercial component declined by 3.5 percent.

"The Momentum Index has shifted noticeably lower as the fallout from recession continues to hold its grip on the construction sector," Dodge said. "The overall Momentum Index fell 13 percent in the second quarter from the first three months of the year. While the recession has ended and recovery underway, the return from one of the steepest downturns in U.S. history will be slow and fraught with risk. This holds true for the construction sector as well. While projects continue to enter planning, the slower pace suggests that recovery in the construction sector will be modest in coming months."

Dodge said that civil construction has been less likely to be impacted COVID-19, "and has continued in many jurisdictions throughout the economic shutdown. A survey revealed that more than half of all civil contractors "have a high level of confidence about the market's ability to provide new business opportunities for the next 12 months, increasing to 63 percent for a two-year outlook."

However, Dodge said data from one of its publications reveals contractors in this sector "are facing supply chain issues and other challenges in keeping jobsites going."

In the meantime, Dodge reported July 16 that total U.S. construction starts did increase 6 percent in June, the second straight month for industry gains since COVID-induced declines in March and April. Dodge estimates that construction starts in June totaled \$641.4 billion, with nonresidential gains climbing 6 percent and non-building (mainly infrastructure work) moving 27 percent higher. But the group noted through the first six months of the year, construction starts were down 14 percent compared to June 2019.

"Construction starts activity remains significantly weaker than year-ago levels, even though it has been slowly increasing since its nadir in April," said Richard Branch, chief economist for Dodge Data & Analytics. "May's gain in starts was fueled by a handful of very large projects, but June's gain appears to be much more organic in nature. Construction starts should continue to post modest gains in the months to come as the economy continues to recover from the shortest and steepest recession in U.S. history."

"However, the recent acceleration in new COVID-19 cases in states such as Texas, Florida, and California is a significant downside risk to the economy and the construction industry's growth trajectory."

### Quotable

"Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people."

— Roy T. Bennett, 1918-1988



A COMERICA PARK light tower looms in the background across Woodward Avenue in Detroit, as building trades workers toil on the underground work for a new TCF Bank building.

## TCF Tower comes out of the ground in downtown Detroit

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

DETROIT – Rising on Woodward across from Comerica Park will be a significant addition to the city's skyline: a 21-story mixed-use building that will be headquarters for TCF Bank.

The glass-encased tower at Woodward and Elizabeth will be erected on the footprint of a

former parking lot and the demolished Michigan Mutual Liability Annex, an architecturally unremarkable 10-story building that opened in 1951.

"The Tower's design enhances the existing downtown skyline, announcing the headquarters for TCF with dynamic architecture that offers unparalleled views of surrounding destinations and the downtown core,"

says a statement from the building's designer, Neumann/Smith Architecture. "Using glass in different ways was intentional and meant to create 'movement,' drawing the eye to the top of the Tower, and to 'blend' the levels of parking and office floors."

The tower, to be erected on a comparatively tiny 1/2-acre

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AT WORK AT THE TCF Bank project in Detroit at Woodward and Elizabeth are Laborers Charles Blasidell (Local 1076) Kent Laskowsky and Dave Cotcher (both Local 1191). They're employed by Rohrscheib Sons Caissons, Inc.

## Labor gets boost from House panel's spending plan

By Mark Gruenberg  
PAI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (PAI) – The mammoth, often controversial, House money bill for federal labor, health and education spending adds billions of dollars for schools and health programs and supports some issues dear to labor, but could also set off several social issue uproars when it hits the House floor later this month.

The measure doles out and increases funds for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, especially money to battle the coronavirus pandemic. It also beefs up the National Labor Relations Board and job safety and health agencies, while banning two GOP Trump regime anti-worker rules, a close reading shows.

The Democratic-run House Appropriations Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee approved it

on July 7. The full committee and the entire House will tackle it later this month. It allots \$196.5 billion for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, plus \$24.5 billion more for this fiscal year for emergency spending on public health programs, due to the pandemic, which is again sweeping the country. Trump wanted to cut the main bill by \$20 billion, with no extra dollars.

"We must work together to

deliver the people in this country to the dawn of recovery, not abandon them to an economic collapse," due to pandemic-caused business closures and bankruptcies, subcommittee Chair Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., explained at the start of the panel's work session that day.

While being pro-worker, the legislation throws some "social issue" bones to the radical and

religious right, including the granddaddy of all such schemes: a ban on using federal Medicaid funds for abortions, except in cases of rape, incest or to protect the life or health of the mother.

Another controversy could erupt over the measure's detailed language to, in so many words, ensure Planned Parenthood clinics again can get federal funds for

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## State's unemployment triple rate of a year ago

LANSING – Michigan's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell by 6.5 percentage points to 14.8 percent in June, according to data released July 15 by the Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget. (The May Michigan jobless rate was revised up slightly

to 21.3 percent).

Total employment in June advanced significantly, by 464,000 jobs, but that was still 556,000 below February pre-pandemic levels. Michigan unemployment levels declined by 281,000 in June alone, but is still more than three times the jobless

rate in June 2019.

"Michigan's labor market in June recorded a notable rebound in jobs, led by significant recalls in the auto industry," said Jason Palmer, director of the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives. "The state unemployment rate also fell significantly but remains well above pre-pandemic levels and is comparable with rates recorded during the Great Recession in 2009."

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## Masons rehabilitate former Stroh's HQ

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

DETROIT – Masons have been extremely busy downtown in recent years, sealing, pointing, rehabilitating and replacing masonry on scores of downtown buildings.

While plenty of trowel trades' skill has been applied to behemoth buildings like the former Michigan Central Station and the Book Building, mid-size towers are getting their due as well.

So it goes with the 19-story Grand Park Centre Building (aka the Michigan Mutual Building), with frontage on Adams Street just off Woodward Avenue. The tower was completed in 1922, originally as headquarters for the Stroh Brewery Co. Stroh Tower, then the Michigan Mutual Building (1950), then Grand Park Centre, was originally built as a speculative office building that provided Stroh some leasing income during Prohibition.

The 177,000-square-foot building's interior was renovated earlier this century, and now some attention is being paid to the exterior, which is primarily brick. Ram Construction Services and their Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2 workforce have

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BRICKLAYERS and Allied Craftworkers Local 2 members employed by Ram Construction repair the facade of the 19-story Grand Park Centre Building in Detroit's Grand Circus Park.

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## State civil service panel takes another bite out of unions

By Marty Mulcahy  
Editor

LANSING – Republican Gov. Rick Snyder's anti-union administration has been out of office for the past 18 months, but his appointees are a gift that keeps on giving to those who want to keep chipping away at the strength of organized labor.

The Michigan Civil Service Commission on July 13 voted to change state rules and require Michigan's 33,800 unionized state employees to annually re-authorize the deduction of union dues from their paycheck, or the contributions will stop. In addition, lesser "agency fees" – which are deducted from worker paychecks for the use of union to fund services like for negotiations, benefit administration and grievances – are also eliminated.

The 3-1 vote by members of the Snyder-appointed commission was made over the objection of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and

union leaders.

Whitmer blasted the Civil Service Commission when it first revealed the union dues proposal last month. "Make no mistake, this action is a direct assault on our hardworking state employees, who are serving bravely on the frontlines to protect the people of Michigan from COVID-19," said Whitmer. "We are in the middle of a global pandemic and the worst economic crisis in our lifetimes, and the notion that Civil Service Commission would choose this moment to take power away from our health care workers, road repair workers, corrections officers, and unemployment call center employees is unthinkable."

"This action will make it harder for these frontline workers to negotiate together for strong wages, health care, and a secure retirement. I'm calling on the civil service commissioners to

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'Let's not just praise them, let's pay them'

## Biden's plan for workers calls for stronger unions, higher wage standards

By Brian Young  
UComm Blog

On July 9, presumptive Democratic nominee for president Joe Biden released his new jobs and recovery plan. Just a day before, the campaign also released the findings from the "unity task force." Both plans had numerous recommendations on what Biden could do to strengthen unions and create a stronger workforce. Here is a look at some of the highlights.

In his Jobs and Economic

Recovery plan, Biden proposes creating 5 million manufacturing and innovation jobs as well as making an investment of \$300 billion in his first term to be spent on research and development to create a diverse range of high-quality jobs.

Biden is also proposing spending \$400 billion in government money to "Buy American." He will require that all American companies that want to receive Buy American funds pay their workers at least \$15/hour, provide paid leave, maintain fair overtime and scheduling practices, and guarantee a choice to join a union and bargain collectively.

Not only would Biden's plan help to prop up American companies but it would make an important investment in companies that are doing the right thing and taking care of their workers. This would be an expansion of the Obama-era policy, which required all government contractors to give their workers paid sick leave and banned companies that had labor violations from working with the federal government.

Biden anticipates that his plan will create "millions of good-paying union jobs in manufacturing and technology across the country."

As Biden has said, "let's not just praise them, let's pay them – a decent wage, at least \$15 per hour, and ending the tipped minimum wage and sub-minimum wage for people with disabilities, and strong benefits so they can live a middle-class life and provide opportunity for their kids."

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## Viewpoints



### Another assault on unions

A highly contagious pandemic, economic free fall and the scourge of systemic racism: our country is embroiled in three crises right now, and nearly everyone agrees that we need to come together for the good of our country.

In times like these, true leaders make decisions that inspire positive change. So it's not been surprising, but it has been disappointing, to see these crises expose major differences between some of the folks making decisions about the future of our state.

Take for instance, the unconscionable act playing out before our eyes by members of the state's Civil Service Commission appointed by former Gov. Rick Snyder.

At a time when state workers have been on the front lines of protecting everyone in Michigan from the novel coronavirus, these anti-worker commissioners are trying to undermine the right of these same state employees to support the unions that are working hard to protect them.

All through this crisis, state workers have been working long hours under stressful conditions, making sacrifices like taking furlough days to help balance the state budget and risking their own health while providing essential services that all of us depend on.

They should be applauded as heroes. Instead, Snyder's appointees are attacking the very ability of these workers to take care of their families by going after the collective bargaining organizations that fight for these workers every day.

They want to rig the rules of the game against working folks and in favor of large corporations and the wealthy yet again. This time they want to stop payroll deduction of union members' dues unless the member reauthorizes it every single year before an arbitrary deadline. It's just another misguided attempt to enact anti-worker policies that represent union busting at its worst.

In stark contrast, consider the recent actions taken by the Democratic majority of the University of Michigan Board of Regents to make it fairer for workers who want to organize a union and join together with the opportunity to do so.

At the University of Michigan, workers will no longer be required to hold formal elections to form recognized bargaining units if they have a clear majority of workers who positively indicate that they want to form a union. This move is allowed under the 85-year-old National Labor Relations Act and is one that will empower all university employees to have their voices heard in the workplace.

In addition, the university will now recognize bargaining units it deems "reasonable," take a neutral stance on unionization drives, and refrain from retaliating against employees based on their support for a union — all measures that align with common sense and with state and federal law.

The University of Michigan is one of our state's greatest assets and a beacon of Michigan values for the world to see. As the state that built the middle class in this nation, high among those values are treating working folks with dignity and respect. With an annual budget in the hundreds of millions of dollars and an endowment that's over \$12 billion, the university can certainly afford to ensure that working folks are treated fairly on the job.

The Michigan regents should be applauded for stepping up and doing the right thing for Michigan's workers. Conversely, the state Civil Service commissioners should be ashamed of themselves for the actions they are considering.

Using the historic crises we are facing as cover for weakening the collective power of folks on the job is shameful and disgusting, and it shouldn't be allowed. Michigan's working people deserve better.

**Ron Bieber, Michigan AFL-CIO president.**  
From *The Detroit News' Labor Voices*, July 7, 2020

### The PRO Act

Polls tell us a majority of American workers would join a union given the chance — but here's the rub. A barrage of attacks on labor laws means those chances are getting slimmer.

Our allies in the U.S. House took a ground-breaking step toward fixing that in February when 219 Democrats and five Republicans passed the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, or PRO Act.

It comes as the Trump administration, many states, the courts and oversight agencies are racing to destroy our rights. The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that employers can kick organizers out of public spaces and ban union pins and apparel at work, that big companies aren't responsible for how their franchises treat employees, that certain pickets are illegal, that unions no longer have the right to communicate with members via employer email, and much more.

Those were 3-1 decisions. Now the NLRB is voting 3-0 against us. In December, the term ran out for the only worker-friendly member, Lauren McFerran, whose scathing dissents showed how flawed and biased the majority's rulings were. Normally, the party in the White House gets three of the board's five seats and the other party gets two. But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has blocked hearings for Democratic nominees.

Beyond the NLRB, anti-worker bills are gaining steam, the courts are being stacked with judges hostile to labor, and we can't forget that the Supreme Court dealt what our foes hoped would be a death blow to public sector unions in 2018. It wasn't, thanks to the hard work of IBEW locals and other unions with public members. But the battle is far from over.

The PRO Act is ambitious. It would abolish state right-to-work laws that weaken unions and stifle organizing. It also toughens penalties for employers who bully and fire union supporters, stall union elections and bargaining, and commit other violations that cost them little, if anything, now.

Today's political reality means that the Act will hit a brick wall when it reaches the current U.S. Senate. But we can, and must, change that in November by electing a Senate and candidates across the board who will fight for us. As you read here last month, we've proudly endorsed Joe Biden for president, a steadfast friend to unions and working people for 50 years. He's behind the PRO Act, and he'll ensure it gets passed and signed when he becomes our next president.

Virginia is living proof of what's possible. Voters there turned the House and Senate blue last fall, leading to a 2020 legislative session that was packed with pro-worker bills. Among the victories in just two months: bargaining rights for public workers, the authorization of project labor agreements, penalties for misclassifying workers and a higher minimum wage.

Imagine what can be accomplished for workers across the country if we turn the tide with our votes this fall. Imagine the consequences if we don't.

**By Kenneth W. Cooper**  
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From the *Electrical Worker Online*

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# TCF Tower comes out of the ground

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site, will include ground-level commercial space including a bank branch, ten stories of parking for 320 vehicles, workplace environments across nine stories, and a rooftop terrace. TCF will occupy the top floors, while the remainder will be available for expansion, or to other tenants.

Neumann/Smith said the building will feature a lobby that incorporates stone and wood for a clean and contemporary look, collaboration "zones" lined along the Woodward front, a dedicated

reception floor for TCF where all guests are received with office and public conferencing space (on level 19) that opens to an indoor/outdoor terrace, and a two-story corner stair that offers views of the city and Woodward Avenue.

Construction on the \$71 million project began fall 2019. TCF's new headquarters will create 200 new jobs and bring another 300 workers to downtown Detroit.

The announcement in 2018 of the construction of the new building was actually made by Chemi-

cal Bank, which subsequently merged with TCF Bank. The combined company will occupy the building under the TCF name.

"I never thought I'd see the day that we would have an announcement that a 20-story headquarters building, the corporate headquarters of a major regional

bank, Chemical, would be moving with 500 jobs right here to the city of Detroit," said Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan said during the announcement event.

The project is being managed by a joint venture of the Colasanti Group and MiG Construction.



THE NEW TCF Bank building along Woodward Avenue in Detroit is coming out of the ground in this gap of buildings at Elizabeth Street, across from Comerica Park. A rendering of the completed building is below.



## Labor gets boost from House budget plan

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family planning, regardless of whether their workers perform abortions.

The measure eliminates NLRB money to enforce two Trump regime anti-worker rules. One rule bans what the GOP scorns as "micro-unions," units within one firm. Officially, the rule covers "representation cases."

And lawmakers eliminate money for enforcing the NLRB GOP majority's edict to let joint employers — think McDonald's headquarters and your local McDonald's franchise — off the hook in breaking or obeying labor law and collective bargaining rights.

Pro-worker groups worked hard for the Obama-era NLRB's joint employer decision making both HQs and local franchises responsible for labor lawbreaking. Trump's GOP board majority tossed that rule — setting their view in stone — but the board can't enforce it without funding.

The NLRB itself would get a 10 percent increase under the Dems' plan, to \$277.8 million in the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, along with a mandate to restore its full-time staff to fiscal 2019 levels. And \$1 million is earmarked to have the NLRB produce, within 30 days, plans to let union representation elections go all-electronic, another response to the coronavirus pandemic.

The bottom-line dollar measure of the entire legislation for the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1 is allotting \$196.5 billion in "discretionary" spending — money Congress controls — for everything from aid to schools that teach poor kids to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to "rebuilding this nation's aged public health infrastructure" to both battle the coronavirus and prepare for the next pandemic. Trump wanted a \$20 billion cut.

Besides the NLRB provisions, other labor-oriented sections include:

- \$1.08 billion to retrain workers who lost their jobs to unfair foreign trade.

- The Democrats' measure also bans money for a favorite Trump scheme: Letting non-union cut-rate construction contractors get federal cash to train apprentices, often minimally.

North America's Building Trades Unions fought hard against the Trump plan, while union-haters at the Associated Builders and Contractors pushed it. Overall, apprenticeship programs would get \$185 million. Trump wanted \$15 million more, to dole out cash to right-wing ABC members.

- \$593.8 million for OSHA, a significant increase over this year's funding, plus another \$379.8 million for the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

- In another indication the panel's majority Democrats don't trust Trump to enforce worker health and safety laws, the measure provides only \$3.5 million out of OSHA's overall figure for the agency's Voluntary Protection Program. That's a favorite Trump-GOP scheme where OSHA inspectors give advice to bosses on how to protect workers — and also exempt those firms from actual inspections, enforcement and fines, unless a worker dies on the job.

- The spending plan would deliver \$3.42 billion to help overwhelmed states run their unemployment insurance operations. Hit by a revenue crash and skyrocketing demand — due to anti-coronavirus closures and layoffs — the states are running out of money and would have to layoff even more workers who help the jobless get benefits.

The bill allots "such sums as may be necessary" for the state jobless benefits themselves, as those piles of cash, created through past employer and employee payroll contributions, are dwindling, as joblessness stays in double digits.

- An increase of \$246.3 million would go for DOL's Wage and Hour Division, which goes after wage theft, such as firms refusing to pay the minimum wage or denying workers overtime pay.

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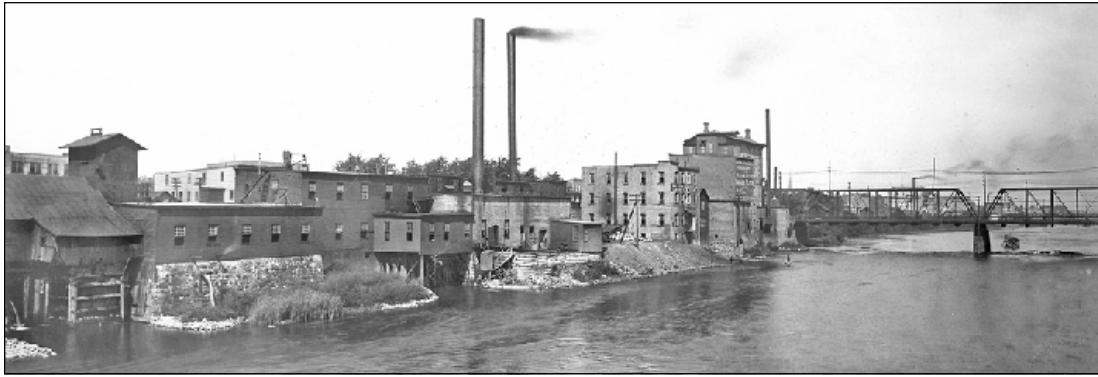
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## BUILDING MICHIGAN!

Michigan powers up

HISTORY IN THE MAKING *By Marty Mulcahy*



GRAND RAPIDS Electric Light & Power Co. buildings (l-r) include William T. Powers' sawmill built in 1868 and used from September 1880 to November 1881; the world's first DC hydroelectric power plant with steam-engine backup system (built 1880-81) and the City Lighting Plant (November 1881). The photo is along the Grand River circa the late-1890s.

Photo credit: Grand Rapids Public Library

With the exception of indoor plumbing and advancements in sewer systems to benefit public health, it's difficult to imagine a more important contributor to modern living than the production and distribution of electricity.

The thing about electricity, of course, is how usefully versatile it is. It lights our streets, powers our furnaces, air conditioners and coffee makers, and energizes our offices and factories. Electrical power is a modern jack-of-all trades, but it wasn't always thus. In the 1880s, as systems of power production, transmission and application were being invented and refined by luminaries like Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse and Nikola Tesla, electrical entrepreneurs in Michigan and across the nation asked themselves what any other product developer would ask before setting up local production: "Do I have a market?"

The answer, of course, is hell yeah.

"We like to think that our generation has lived through the greatest technological transformational change," says Jeff Horner, a lecturer in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at Wayne State University, to ModelDMedia. "But in the late 1800s and early 1900s, we figured out how to harness electricity as a serious source of power in a very short period of time — 10 or 15 years. It was much bigger than the Internet."

"The rise of electricity fueled creativity, drove unprecedented business growth, and gave people a reason to walk around at night," wrote Amy Elliott Bragg in an article titled "How the rise of electricity transformed urban life in Detroit" for ModelDMedia.

Edison's newly invented light bulbs created the first market for power. "The birth of the Pearl Street Station (in Manhattan) was the beginning of what we would eventually come to recognize as the modern electrical grid," says Power2Switch. It was the first central power plant in the U.S. and began producing electricity on Sept. 4, 1882, initially serving 85 customers, providing electricity to 400 lamps. "This first experiment with the electrical grid was wildly successful," Power2Switch said.

The coal-fired plant, owned by the Edison Illuminating Co., originally employed steam engines designed to provide 175 horsepower. *The New York Times* building was among the first to be illuminated.

New York City may have had the first centralized power plant and grid, but there were numerous other electrical "firsts" around the nation, and Grand Rapids holds title to one.

"Grand Rapids lays claim to the world's first (DC) hydroelectric power plant, and the first to supply commercial electric lighting service in Michigan," says Powers Behind Grand Rapids. "Among the big figures in the use of water power for the city's infant furniture industry was William T. Powers, an enterprising manufacturer." He purchased frontage on the Grand River in 1865-66 and then built



CONSTRUCTION OF quarter-mile long Edison-Sault Electric Co.'s hydroelectric plant began in 1887 in Sault Ste. Marie. Masons erecting the beautiful structure using sandstone they were excavating nearby from the St. Mary's River. Operational since 1902 and capable of 25-30 megawatts of electricity, the plant was erected with a hopeful "if you build it they will come" business plan for attracting employers to the region. The plan largely failed — but the plant has remained functional since it was built. Photo credit: Power

the West Side Water Power Canal in 1868. Interested in electric arc lighting, Powers organized the Grand Rapids Electric Light & Power Co., incorporated on March 30, 1880 — the same year Edison invented the incandescent light bulb.

"Flowing water has long provided power to mines and mills," said *Michigan Markers*. "With advances in electricity in the 1880s, waterpower was soon used to generate electricity. The first public demonstration of hydroelectric power in the country occurred on July 24, 1880, when sixteen carbon arc street lamps lit up Grand Rapids using a belt driven dynamo (generator) powered by a water turbine at the Wolverine Chair Factory. Michigan's extensive water resources were harnessed to power electric generating equipment, first at existing dams and mills and later at sites built expressly for hydroelectric generation. The electricity from these plants provided power for homes and businesses and helped fuel Michigan's growth as one of the nation's premier industrial states."

That growth in electrical production across Michigan at first met highly localized needs, but ultimately spread to other potential profit areas.

The City of Bay City said the city's oil street lamps were replaced with gas lamps around 1868, and in 1882 all the lights were replaced with electricity. "Bay City was the first city in Michigan to adopt electricity for general street lighting purposes and the second city in the nation to have electric street cars," the city says.

In the Upper Peninsula, Peninsula Electric Light and Power Company was formed (aka Houghton County Electric Light Co.) in 1884, primarily to serve the mining industry. "Given that most ore deposits lay close to either Lake Superior or Lake Michigan, and mines and mining towns developed around main riverways, hydroelectricity became the primary method of power generation and distribution," said *Great Lakes Now*. "Further industrialization coincided with further electrification of the UP, a rarity for a region so

sparsely populated and away from major metropolises."

What would later morph into one of the nation's largest utilities from its start-up in 1886 is today's Jackson-based Consumers Energy. "The roots of the modern-day energy industry date back to the 19th Century, which witnessed the establishment of energy companies and the widespread use of electric power," said a 2015 write-up in *Power-Technology* of the world's ten longest running energy utilities. No. 10 on the list: Consumers Energy, Michigan's largest utility provider of electricity and natural gas, which provides electric service to 1.8 million customers in 62 of Michigan's Lower Peninsula counties.

"Consumers Energy, the principal subsidiary of CMS Energy and Michigan's biggest electric and natural gas utility, was founded in 1886 by William Augustine Foote to illuminate the downtown area of Jackson, Michigan. It was renamed Commonwealth Power Co. in 1904 and Consumers Power Co. in 1910."

On Feb. 11, 1886, electricity came to Kalamazoo. "At ten minutes before eight in the evening, the first electric power was generated in Kalamazoo and went out over wires into carbon filament bulbs in some two dozen hotel bars, saloons, grocery stores and shops," said *Kalamazoo and How It Grew*. "The current was provided by the Kalamazoo Electric Co., which had built a small generating plant just east of North Burdick Street in the second block from Main Street. Electricity for general use did not catch on quickly, most people preferring kerosene lamps or gas lights."

Lansing, with a population of only 13,000 in 1890, was still a comparatively small town in 1890, and that likely was a hindrance in electrical providers coming to town. *Public Service Magazine* reported in January 1920 that the City of Lansing, Mich., went into the electric business in 1892, when it issued bonds to the amount of \$60,000 and purchased a small plant for \$45,573.

In her "rise of electricity" in the ModelDMedia paper, Bragg wrote that Detroit was an early adopter among U.S. cities of "electric arc" street lights, which burned carbon rods atop tall towers and cast harsh shadows below. "Electric arc lights, sizzling bright, came to Detroit in 1879 as part of a traveling circus that boasted as its main attraction 18 electrically-lit chandeliers. In 1880 one local entrepreneur, Wells W. Leggett, powered from the engine of the Free Press building a total of 17 electric lights to a handful of downtown Detroit businesses.

"In 1883, Detroit had its first glimpse of Edison's incandescent light bulb. It was turned on in front of a crowd of spectators at Metcalf Bros. dry goods store."

# State civil service panel takes another bite out of unions

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do the right thing and reject this anti-worker proposal. Our front-line state workers have our backs, and now it's time for us to have theirs."

The commission ignored her. Under the U.S. Supreme Court's 2018 *Janus* decision, a state employee wishing to opt out of paying union dues already has the right to do so by notifying the state's equivalent of the human resources department. The new Civil Service Commission rules now places a huge bookkeeping requirement on the union to contact and collect dues from members who do wish to fund their union, which is primarily AFSCME.

The Civil Service Commission's vote stems from the *Janus* decision that upended decades of precedent and elimi-

## State's jobless rate triple that of a year ago

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Nationally, the jobless rate decreased by 2.2 percentage points between May and June, to 11.1 percent. Michigan's June rate was 3.7 percentage points higher than the U.S. rate.

From June 2019 to June 2020, the national unemployment rate rose by 7.4 percentage points, while Michigan's rate advanced by 10.6 percentage points since June 2019's 4.2 percent jobless rate.

Job gains, the state report said, "were seen in nearly all major industry sectors." The largest Michigan numeric industry employment advances were recorded in manufacturing (+79,000), due primarily to recalls in the auto sector, and leisure and hospitality (+50,000), as restaurants began to partially re-open in the state.

And as we have reported, employment in Michigan's construction industry has been rocking in recent weeks, with pent-up demand following the six-week COVID-induced shutdown. Those good times likely aren't sustainable, however.

The state's second quarter 2020 unemployment rate averaged 19.9 percent, which was likely a record high and certainly the highest among comparable quarterly data back to 1976.

At the height of the Great Depression in 1933, the national unemployment rate was thought to be 24.9 percent.

## Record jobless payouts could see increase

WASHINGTON (PAI)—Another 2,432,380 U.S. workers filed for unemployment insurance benefits in mid-July, the Labor Department reported, pushing the official total of jobless above a record 32 million, and the unofficial total far beyond that.

About 1.5 million newly jobless sought state-paid benefits, funded by employers' contributions and payroll taxes — sources that are rapidly running out of money from coast to coast. Those are actual numbers, before seasonal adjustments, which lopped off some 200,000.

The other 928,488 sought pandemic unemployment assistance, the official name for the \$600 weekly federal checks. Those go to all jobless workers, but they're the sole income source for jobless gig workers, actors and musicians whose venues have shut down, and other irregular workers who lost jobs since the coronavirus pandemic officially hit the U.S. March 13.

The jobless figures could get worse because the pandemic is getting worse, again. Already, states have announced a new round of business closures. It's forced prior massive closures and the resulting joblessness and the economic near-depression.

All the jobless U.S. workers are in danger of falling off a financial cliff at the end of July, courtesy of the Senate's ruling Republicans, especially Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. They've shown no urgency about extending the benefits through January 31, as workers and Senate Democrats demand.

nated such public sector union fees as a violation of the First Amendment right to free speech.

Unions have long argued that non-payment of union dues simply allows a worker to enjoy the benefits of union representation without paying for it, such as reverse-thinking "representation without taxation" scenario that runs counter to the basic tenets set in the founding of the nation. Coupled with statewide right-to-work laws (Michigan's was adopted in 2012), which allow freeloaders, non-dues-paying workers to enjoy the fruits of collective bargaining in both the private and public sectors, the anti-union animus is clear.

"Michigan joins a growing number of states that are working to further protect the First Amendment rights that were upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in the 2018 *Janus* decision," said Steve Delie, legal counsel and director of the conservative Mackinac Center's Workers for Opportunity. "Michigan workers deserve to know where the money from their hard-earned paycheck is going. Implementation of these rule changes is a

positive step towards protecting workers across the state."

A state workers' authorization to deduct union dues will expire Oct. 4 unless it is reauthorized by the worker. The agency fees will be collected beginning in 2022.

"This action has no other purpose than to impose arbitrary hardships on bargaining units, create turmoil in workplaces during a historic pandemic and a global recession, and disrupt the work that unions do on behalf of these state workers. It's unconstitutional, it's unsupported by any recent laws or court decisions, and it's just plain wrong," said Michigan AFL-CIO President Ron Bieber.

The Michigan Civil Service Commission is defined by the state as being "a bipartisan, four-member body, appointed by the governor" who serve staggered eight-year terms. They make rules and regulations covering all personnel transactions, and regulate all conditions of employment in the classified service. Whitmer's first opportunity to name a replacement will take place in December.

## Biden's plan for workers calls for stronger unions, higher wage standards

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This starts with passing the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, providing public service and federal government workers with bargaining rights, and taking other steps to make it easier for workers to organize unions and collectively bargain."

Biden will also address discrimination and harassment in the workplace, and pass the Paycheck Fairness Act as the next step in efforts to ensure women are paid equally for equal work. He will pass universal paid sick days and 12 weeks of paid family and medical leave.

The other big release from the Biden campaign was the 110-page Unity Task Force report. The Unity Task Force was created after the Democratic primary to bring Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden supporters together to create a roadmap of progressive policies that Biden could consider adopting.

Members of the task force included Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, former Secretary of State John Kerry, Chiraag Bains, director of legal strategies for the liberal think tank Demos; Reps. Karen Bass and Lucille Roybal-Allard of California, Bobby Scott of Virginia and the head of the Labor Committee in Congress, Pramila Jayapal of Washington and Marcia Fudge of Ohio; Dr. Heather Gautney, a sociology professor, and former Senate staffer; Marielena Hincapié, executive director of the National Immigration Law Center; former U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy; and union activist Sara Nelson, president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA.

Regarding working people and organized labor, the task force recommended a number of policy positions, some of which Biden is already advocating for. Their suggestions include raising the federal minimum wage to \$15, establishing "card check" union elections and repealing state right-to-work laws, and enacting the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, H.R. 2474 (116), which would, among other things, enhance the NLRB's power by allowing it to levy punitive fines against employers who violate labor laws. Biden has previously said that he would sign the PRO Act into law and would push for criminal penalties against employers who attempt to bust a union.

In the *Raising Wages and Promoting Workers' Rights* section, the group says:

"Democrats will fight to raise wages for working people and improve job quality and security, including by raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour. We know that strong American labor unions help increase wages and job standards for workers across the economy, which is why Democrats will prioritize passing the PRO Act and restoring workers' rights, including the right to launch secondary boycotts. We will repeal so-called 'right to work' laws that undermine worker power and lead to lower wages and less protection for workers across the economy. And we will take action to rein in anti-competitive corporate power by rewriting the rules that have undermined workers' ability to advocate for themselves, including non-compete clauses, no-poaching agreements, and contracts that force workers into mandatory arbitration to resolve violations of employment laws."

Democrats will recognize unions with majority sign-up — via so-called "card check" processes — and ban captive audience meetings, which employers use to bully and browbeat workers. We will take action to guarantee that when workers come to the table, they are able to bargain with the employers who actually hold the power, including franchisors, and will direct the National Labor Relations Board to enforce the law by penalizing companies that bargain in bad faith with their workers.

"Taxpayer dollars should never flow to employers who steal workers' wages, violate labor laws, or engage in union-busting, and Democrats will guarantee that they won't. We know that when employers feel free to abuse immigrant workers, all workers suffer.

"That is why we support the Domestic Workers' Bill of Rights and the POWER Act, and will enforce wage, hour, health, and safety rules across the economy. And we will strengthen labor rights for the more than 20 million public-sector employees in the United States, including by providing a federal guarantee for public-sector employees to bargain for better pay and benefits and the working conditions they deserve, and vigorously protecting all private-sector workers' right to strike without fear of coercion, interference, and undue delay."

## Just joking

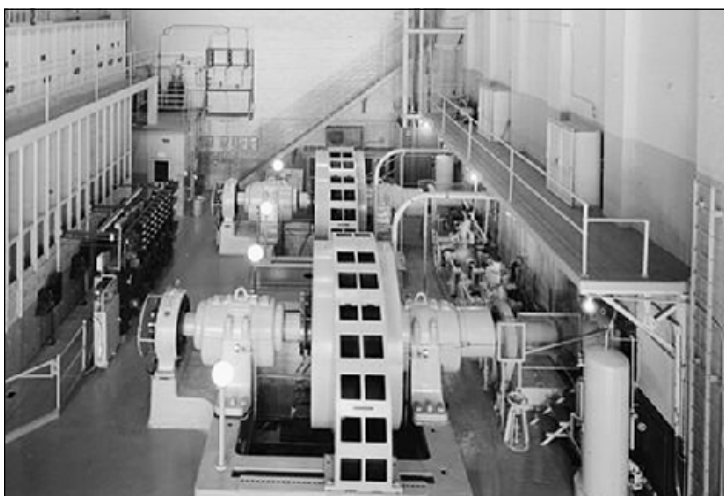
A hunter accidentally shot a bald eagle while out duck hunting. A game warden saw it happen and he ended up in court.

"This is a very serious crime, bald eagles are protected by federal law! Do you have anything to say in your defense?" the judge asked.

"Yes your honor, it was very misty and the light was fading and, once I realized the horror of what I'd done, I remembered what my late father said. 'If you kill an animal you must respect its spirit and eat every part of it.' So I took it home and fed my family."

"Well that's all well and good, young man," the judge said. "But that doesn't absolve you of your penalty. But before I impose a sentence, I'm curious, what did it taste like?"

"Hard to say exactly, your honor, I guess it's kind of like a cross between a puffin and a peregrine falcon!"



ORIGINAL GENERATORS at the Croton Dam powerhouse in Newaygo County. The hydro plant, completed in 1907 on the Muskegon River, is owned by Consumers Energy.



# Endorsement list

for the Aug. 4 statewide primary

Below are candidates endorsed for the Tuesday, Aug. 4, statewide primary by the Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and its local affiliate councils. Some councils did not endorse or had limited endorsements, and some only endorse if they get a request from candidates to do so. Also, please note that in a primary election you can only vote a straight Democrat or Republican - cross-over voting will spoil your ballot. Wherever you are, please take the time to vote for candidates who support the health, safety and incomes of working people.

## U.S. Senator

Gary Peters

## U.S. Congress

- District 1 (Negaunee): Dana Ferguson
- District 3 (Grand Rapids): Hillary Scholten
- District 5 (Flint): Daniel Kildee
- District 7 (Ann Arbor): Gretchen Driskell
- District 8 (Holly): Elissa Slotkin
- District 9 (Bloomfield Twp.): Andy Levin
- District 11 (Birmingham): Haley Stevens
- District 12 (Dearborn): Debbie Dingell
- District 14 (Southfield): Brenda Lawrence

## Michigan State University Board of Trustees:

Brian Mossalam

## University of Michigan Board of Trustees:

Mark Bernstein, Shauna Ryder Diggs

## State Representative

- District 2 (Detroit): Joe Tate
- District 4 (Hamtramck): Abraham Aiyash
- District 8 (Detroit): George Etheridge
- District 10 (Detroit): Kevin Harris
- District 19 (Livonia): Laurie Pohutsky
- District 20 (Plymouth): Matt Koleszar
- District 21 (Canton): Ranjeev Puri
- District 22 (Roseville): Michael Anderson
- District 25 (Sterling Hts.): Nate Shannon
- District 27 (Hazel Park): Kevin Kresch
- District 29 (Pontiac): Brenda Carter
- District 31 (Clinton Twp.): Bill Sowerby
- District 34 (Flint): Cynthia Neely
- District 37 (Farmington Hills): Samantha Steckloff
- District 38 (Novi): Kelly Breen
- District 39 (Commerce): Julia Pulver
- District 40 (Birmingham): Mari Manoogian
- District 43 (Clarkston): Nicole Breadon
- District 44 (Milford): Denise Forrest
- District 45 (Rochester): Brendan Johnson
- District 46 (Oxford): Jody Lamacchia
- District 49 (Flint): John Cherry
- District 50 (Burton): Tim Sneller
- District 52 (Ann Arbor): Donna Lasinski
- District 54 (Ypsilanti): Ronnie Dean Peterson
- District 55 (Ann Arbor): Felicia Brabec
- District 60 (Kalamazoo): Julie Rogers
- District 61 (Kalamazoo): Christine Morse
- District 62 (Battle Creek): Jim Haadsma
- District 78 (Niles): Dan VendenHeede
- District 95 (Saginaw): Amos O'Neal
- District 96 (Bay City): Brian Elder
- District 104 (Traverse City): Dan O'Neil
- District 108 (Escanaba): Renee Richer
- District 109 (Marquette): Sara Cambensy

## Macomb County

Prosecutor: Jodi Switalski  
Clerk/Register of Deeds: Fred Miller  
Treasurer: Lorie Barnwell

## Macomb County Board of Commissioners

- District 1: (Warren): Andrey Duzyj
- District 2: (Centerline): Marv Sauger
- District 3: (Eastpointe): Veronica Klinefelt
- District 5 (Sterling Hts.): Robert Mijac
- District 10 (Harrison Twp.): Robert Leonetti
- District 11 (Roseville): Harold Haugh

## Clinton Twp.

Treasurer: Paul Gielegthem  
Clerk: Bob Smith  
Trustee: Laura Cardamone, Mike Keys, Tammy Patton

## Wayne County

- Prosecutor: Kym Worthy
- Treasurer: Eric Sabree
- Board of Commissioners
- District 4 (Lincoln Park): Ilona Varga
- District 5 (Detroit): Irma Clark-Coleman
- District 8 (Dearborn Hts.): David Knezek
- District 10 (Plymouth): Melissa Daub
- District 11 (Wayne): Al Haidous
- District 12 (Westland): Glenn Anderson
- District 15 (Grosse Ile): Joseph Palamara

## Wayne County Circuit Court

Judge: Nicholas John Hathaway, Frank Simone  
3rd Circuit Judge: Edward Joseph

## District Court Judge

- District 28 (Southgate): John Graziani
- District 31 (Hamtramck): Alexis Krot
- District 32A (Harper Woods): Daniel S. Palmer
- District 34 (Van Buren Twp.): Lisa Martin
- District 38: (Eastpointe): Michael Klinefelt
- District 45 (Oak Park): Jaimie Powell Horowitz

## Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees:

Brian Broderick, Joan Gephart, Terry Gilligan

## Canton Twp.

Supervisor: Ann Marie Graham-Hudak  
Treasurer: Dian Slavens  
City Clerk: Michael Siegrist  
Trustee: Sommer Foster, Steve Sneideman

## Redford Twp.

Supervisor: Pat McRae  
Treasurer: Lily Cavanagh  
Trustee: Elizabeth Kangas

## Van Buren Twp.

Trustee: Kevin Martin

## Oakland County

Prosecutor: Karen McDonald  
Sheriff: Michael Bouchard  
Treasurer: Robert Wittenberg  
6th Circuit Judge (non-incumbent): Lorie Savin

## Board of Commissioners

- District 5 (Waterford Twp.): Kristen Nelson
- District 6 (White Lake Twp.): Jeffrey Long
- District 7 (Commerce): Karen Adams
- District 9 (Novi): Gwen Markham
- District 12 (Birmingham): Kelly Dillaha
- District 13 (Farmington Hills): Marcia Gershenson
- District 14 (Farmington): William Miller
- District 16 (Clawson): Penny Luebs
- District 17 (Lathrup Village): Mykale Garrett
- District 18 (Ferndale): Charlie Cavell
- Milford Twp. Supervisor: Don Green



## Local 1191 Laborers

Laborers 1191  
DETROIT – Due to COVID-19, Laborers' Local 1191 is making every effort to keep our members and staff safe during this time by limiting person-to-person contact at the Local Union Hall.

The Office is now Open.  
Thanking you in advance for complying with the above conditions and please follow the COVID-19 recommendations to stay safe and healthy.

Members can now Pay Dues on line 24/7 on our website!!! Upper right-hand corner Pay Dues tab, and follow the instructions...

Check out our website at www.laborerslocal1191.org. Important information about your Local Union ... Also, on Facebook!

Dues: Beginning January 1, 2020 regular monthly dues are \$35.00 for active members. Retiree monthly dues will remain the same \$8.00.

**NOTICE: The Uniform Local Union Constitution Article VII sec. 4. The monthly dues are due on the first day of the month and unless paid on or before the last day of the following month, the member shall be deemed suspended by the International Union without notice.**

We urge members to make their payments timely to avoid additional costs!

**Retirees:** Retiree Council's meetings are the last Friday of the month. The meetings are held 11:00 a.m. at the Local Union Hall located at 2161 West Grand Boulevard in Detroit.

**MUST Safety Awareness Training:** Please check the MUST website at www.mustonline.org to see how many modules you have. Members are reminded to get your 18 modules and keep them up to date also a current Drug Test. You can schedule an appointment to take your modules at our training school by calling (734) 729-7005 or 517-625-4919 website www.mltai.org. You can also contact the Local 313-894-2241.

Also, check out the training classes available to you at no cost. Note: classes & certifications contractors have been asking for are, OSHA 30, ASBESTOS & LEAD AWARENESS, HOISTING & RIGGING, PIPELINE SAFETY, CLASS A CDL LICENSE, ASBESTOS REMOVAL SUPERVISORS LICENSE, CONFINED SPACE PERMIT REQUIRED, GRADE CHECKING BLUEPRINT READING & MEASURING TOOLS, GPS LOCATION, all are available at the training center.

It could mean the difference of being sent to work or not!

FYI: By taking the OSHA 30 your 18 MUST Safety modules are updated as well. If you are not able to go to the Training Center for MUST Safety Modules contact the Local, we will help make arrangements for you to complete them.

**Referral List:** Every member who is looking for work must call, or come to the Local Union Office on Mondays between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm and put their name on the out-of-work list. You must have an out-of-work skills sheet filled out and on file in order to be referred out for work by this Local Union. (Be sure to Check & Update your Skills.)

Also please be advised: Per the out of work list rules, all members on the list must re-register your availability for work every quarter and do so within the first five days of the following months March, June, September and December (Roll Call). Your failure to do so will result in your name being removed from the referral list.

\*Example: If your name is on the list in April and or May and you don't re-register by June 5<sup>th</sup> your name will be removed from the list.

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

**Save Time & Money:** no more checks or money orders to mail no more worry if it gets here on time, monthly dues can be deducted from your vacation check (Continued next column)



## Heat and Frost Insulators Local 25

Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 SOUTHFIELD-REMINDER: We continue to be under the directive of the International Union and pursuant to that directive, the AUGUST 2020 UNION MEETING has been cancelled. Continue to monitor the Facebook page for updates.



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**CAPITA:** The required Per Capita payment for any member working less than 32 hours in the month of April 2020 has been waived. Any payments already made to the Union Office will be returned.

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

**EMPLOYMENT CHANGES:** All employment changes; hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall. The only way to guarantee you are on the out of work list and your employment records remains current and correct is to call the Office - (248) 352-1850.

**LAY OFF/HIRE:** Please be reminded, all members shall notify the Business Manager within 48 hours after accepting a job or upon termination of employment. Failure to report will result in an automatic \$50 fine.

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

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

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

**SICKANDINJURED:** Please keep all our sick and injured members in your thoughts and prayers.

## Laborers 1191, con't

and sent direct to the Local. Please stop by the office to get one of the forms or you may call the office (313-894-2241) to have one mailed to you.

Members who sign up for Vacation deduction and pay 6 months at a time will receive a 1-month rebate!! Also, be sure to keep your current address and phone numbers up to date with Local. Current E-mail address is also very important! Also, we are now accepting CREDIT & DEBIT payments.

"When someone says, 'It's not the money, it's the principle of the thing,' it's the money."  
-Kin Hubbard (1868 - 1930)

"You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself one."  
-James A. Froude (1818 - 1894)

"It is wonderful how quickly you get used to things, even the most astonishing."  
- Edith Nesbitt



## Heat and Frost Insulators Local 47

Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47  
Lansing - Local 47 Lansing Office, 419 S. Washington Square, Suite 301, Lansing, Michigan 48933. Ph.: 517-708-0665.

Local 47 regrets to inform our members that the 2020 Annual Golf Outing has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We look forward to seeing everyone for next year's Annual Golf Outing.

Breath of Life Gun Raffle and Scholarship drawings will still take place on July 24<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming.

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

Any retirees wanting to go to work, please call the office. The Funds Trustees have waived the 79-hour rule.

Remember that all Union Meetings have been suspended until further notice.

The International Union is requesting all the names of past and present members that are Veterans of the Armed Forces. This list will be going back to our charter in 1937. We need the name, registration number, military branch and dates served. Please call the office for more information.

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

**Per the Rules and Procedures:**

Members must notify the office within 24 hours of being laid off or charges may be placed. Members must notify the office before ANY overtime is worked.

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

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

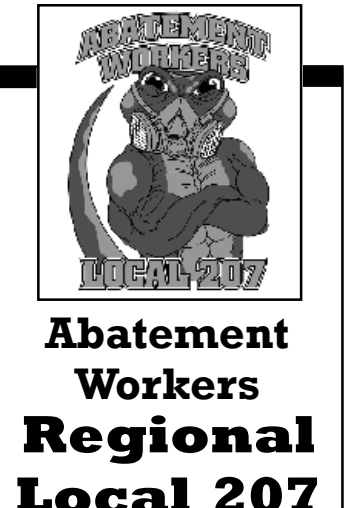
To ensure all Active Members and Retirees are receiving their Robo calls please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804)441-8365. There are several members who have the number blocked and therefore are not receiving the Robo Calls.

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

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

Anyone interested in joining the newly formed Breath Of Life Committee is asked to please call the Local Union Office. Pension and Health Welfare: Larry Tolbert (269-345-8944). Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275. Toll Free Number: (800) 323-8079; Telephone No.: (517) 321-7502; Fax Number: (517) 321-7508

Larry Tolbert will be available via phone to answer any questions regarding Pension, Welfare and Vacation Funds. Larry is the Secretary for the Pension, Welfare, Vacation and Special Benefits and can be reached (Continued next column)



## Abatement Workers Regional Local 207

Abatement Workers Local 207

TAYLOR - Hope all members are in good health as of this writing. Work continues to improve steadily but not at the fast rate that was anticipated. When you do return to work, follow all required Covid guidelines that may be in place for certain sites.

DAN SOMENAUER Remember to call in if you are unemployed for help with future placement.

Updated, working telephone numbers are necessary to help you with work placement. Do not get caught without the necessary current job site credentials, although several state agencies have relaxed renewal requirements due to the pandemic.

The General Office has not yet lifted the ban on Union Meeting and Elections. Our current election process is still on hold until an OK is given to proceed. All members will be notified by mail when the election can resume.

**UPCOMING ASBESTOS TRAINING CLASSES:** Asbestos Supervisor Refresher, Saturday, August 29th, 2020

**Check with the Office to ensure the classes will occur as scheduled.**

• All classes will be held at Local 207's office @ 26453 Northline in Taylor.

• Classes begin promptly at 8AM and end at 4PM, followed by a Lead Awareness Update.

If you are due to expire and need one of these refreshers now, please call the Taylor Office (1-800-207-5622) to register.

• Class sizes are being limited due to state guidelines currently in place.

BE SAFE, WEAR YOUR MASKS, & FOLLOW THE SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES!

## Local 47, con't

by phone at (269) 345-8944, or by mail at: P.O. Box 19541, Kalamazoo, MI 49019.

To all active members, if you have not sent in your Coordination of Benefits Form, your Spousal Form, or your Birth Certificates for your Children, no one will be covered on our insurance until these items are sent to TIC. Please call TIC immediately at (800) 323-8079 and get the above-mentioned forms into the fund ASAP and you will be reinstated retroactively

Remember that Auto and Motorcycle accidents are not covered by our plan. Auto and Motorcycle accidents should be covered by your personal Auto Insurance policy.

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

**Please complete and return the working spousal forms to TIC.**

**JATC Coordinator Phil Wilson (616-466-8736)**  
Applications are open for the Apprenticeship Program. Call the Union Office.

**Good and Injured:** Get well to all our sick or injured members. Local 47 sends our Condolences to the Family and Friends of Raymond McWilliams.

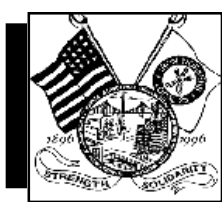
"No man is justified in doing evil on the ground of expediency."  
-Theodore Roosevelt (1858 - 1919)

"Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed."  
-Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

"When there is no peril in the fight there is no glory in the triumph."  
-Pierre Corneille (1606 - 1684)

"When I'm good, I'm very, very good. When I'm bad, I'm better."  
-Mae West (1892 - 1980)





## Local 25 Iron Workers

**Iron Workers Local 25**  
NOVI – Work is Available! We are in need of manpower. If you or someone you know is off, please call Dispatch or a Business Agent. We must fill our jobs in order to protect them!

Dispatch is OPEN. Please call 248-305-9282: Monday through Friday 7 am to 10 am. If you happen to get voicemail, just leave your name, book number and phone number. Local 25 Active Members, Apprentices and Probationary should call each day you are out of work. **OR use our website to sign up for the out of work list: www.ironworkers25.org.**

PLEASE WEAR A FACE MASK IF YOU VISIT ANY OF THE UNION OFFICES OR UNION HALLS.

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

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

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

**Union Meeting:** We held another "Zoom" union meeting on Monday, July 6th at 7:00pm. To participate in the Zoom union meeting is easy ... just be sure you have downloaded our APP or signed up for our emails via our website (www.ironworkers25.org). We are leaning toward communication through the

**PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** – Please download the APP if you haven't done so yet!! Again, via our website!

The next Union Meeting will be done via Zoom in Mid-August. Please sign up as Notification will go out via the APP. Participation was very good in July and we look forward to more members joining us in August.

**Unfortunately Steward Meetings are still cancelled** until further notice as we adhere to the Governor's Executive Orders.

**Classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School** are starting up again; we are practicing social distancing protocols, etc. New Apprentice Applications will be accepted BUT you MUST phone the school for an appointment; no walk-in foot traffic. The Wixom Training Center – Phone: 248-960-2130 –

**Night Welding at the Wixom Training Center** from 5-10pm will be July 28th, and July 30th.

**Welder online Verification:** For an accurate and quick review of welder certifications please visit www.welderscertification.org On the homepage click "login" and type "read only" as both your username and password. Once logged on, type the member's book number in the column on the left marked "advanced search," click the "go" button, wait until the name pops up, and then click on the welders first or last name. On the next screen, click "list certifications." Every welding certification the welder has will be available for viewing and you can see that if it has been renewed; it is good until the year 2021. The site also allows you to print out a copy of the welder WPQR if needed. Click on "list test results." Click on the actual test code you want to see and you will see the test details. On that page click "Printable Form" (WPQR) and you can print the WPQR.

**The following events are Cancelled:** Ironworker Picnic, Dennis O'Dowd Golf Outing, August Pin Award Ceremony, Detroit Labor Day Parade, and the Labor Day Bridge Walk in Mackinaw.

We've recently learned that the Annual Ironworker Festival in Mackinaw is CANCELLED. The Annual September Ironworker Benefit Dinner is cancelled. If anyone wishes to make a donation to the ICIF please contact Jimmy Horvath at the Novi Union Hall. Thank you.

**Stewards' Notes:** 1) The Electronic Steward Reporting forms are online www.ironworkers25.org Log in with your book number, and the password is the last 4 (four) of your social. 2) PLEASE be sure to check dues for members and boomers too AND BE SURE ALL BOOMERS HAVE SIGNED BOTH THE RECIPROCAL AND THE ASSESSMENT-TARGETING. 3) All members please be sure to keep your Union dues paid up to date as it is criteria for working. You can be asked to leave the jobsite if your dues are not current.

**Pay union dues with credit-debit card 24/7 by calling 888-386-8173** and follow the prompts. OR PAY at www.ironworkers25.org Any member payment for multiple members, fines, suspensions, withdrawal deposits, SHOULD NOT use this process. Whenever possible we are emailing you, your dues receipt.

**Pay union dues with personal check or money order** and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. PLEASE include your book number on the face of the check/money order. Pay Union Dues in person at the Novi Union Hall (M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash). After-hours use the outdoor-dues-collection box.

Pay a year's dues or more (\$429.00 Journeyman) (\$426.00 Apprentice) and you will get a (1) one-month dues paid for by Local 25. (Get the 13th month free). This is intended to encourage members to pay their dues in a timely manner. The one month will be credited in the month AFTER your actual 12-month payment.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson announced last month that all REGISTERED voters in Michigan will receive an application to vote by mail in the November elections. By mailing applications, the Secretary of State will ensure that no "Michigander" has to choose between their health and their right to vote," said Benson. "Voting by mail is easy, convenient, safe, and secure, and every voter in Michigan has the right to do it." The application is also available for download at Michigan.gov/Vote.

At the same website, voters can also register and join the permanent absent voter list so they always have the option to vote by mail. Check your voter registration at Michigan Voter Information Center Michigan.gov/Vote

**"If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government,** then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." Quote from PLATO. The International Association (IABSORIW) has endorsed Joe Biden for president of the United States of America.

Curtis Schmidt would appreciate thoughts and prayers for Patrick Allen #1007390 as he battles lung cancer. Best wishes to Patrick from all the Officers here at Local 25.

**ATTENTION RETIREES:** The Novi Retirees regular meeting is "in person" August 18, 2020 at 10:00am. Social distancing, face masks and good hygiene will be observed. There will be no luncheons in the near future, coffee and cake will be provided. The Novi Retirees Board of Directors meets "in person" August 4, 2020.

**The Retirees' Scholarship Fund Golf Outing is scheduled for September 10, 2020.** The Bay City Retirees meeting for July 16th is cancelled, however a regular meeting for October 15, 2020 is planned.

Watch for updates at (www.ironworkers25.org) or the Local 25 app that you can download by searching "Iron Workers Local 25" to stay informed on union matters.

**Diversified Members Credit Union: Located at 25880 Novi Rd. Phone: 248-344-2560 - CALL FOR HOURS.** Services available: debit or credit cards, interest bearing checking accounts, IRAs, CDs, Benefits Plus program, HOME MORTGAGES, low interest loans and part of Co-Op Shared Branching. We have other branch locations in Detroit and (Continued next column)



## Local 169 Boilermakers

**Boilermakers Local 169**  
ALLEN PARK – The union meeting will be held in Area One on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 8pm at the union hall – 1755 Fairlane Dr, Allen Park, MI 48101.



BOB HUTSELL

The union hall is now open for in-person business. Masks must be worn at all times, only one person in the lobby at a time, and if you are feeling unwell, do not come to the hall. If you can conduct business remotely, please continue to do so.

The Area Three picnic has

been scheduled for Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 12PM at the Bay City State Park – Shelter Number Three. Camping is available, as well as a splash park, beach, and play area. Contact Scott Ivey with any questions. Subject to change due to Covid-19.

Completed 2020 Boilermakers Local 169 Scholarship applications must be received by July 31, 2020. If you have not already requested one and are interested, please call the union hall (313)584-8520 to request an ap-

plication. Applications will be accepted for any son, daughter, legally adopted child, or dependent (during high school years) of a member or retiree in good standing of Boilermakers Local 169. **Applicants must be one of the following:**

•A student who graduated high school in 2020 and who will be entering their first year of a two-year or four-year program of academic study at a degree-granting, accredited college or university within one year of high

school graduation  
-OR -

•A student who has previously graduated high school and is currently enrolled and attending a two-year or four-year program at an accredited college or university who has **never applied** for the Boilermakers Local 169 Scholarship Contest.

The union hall accepts Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. Payments can be made both at the hall and over the phone.

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



## Local 8 Iron Workers

**Iron Workers Local 8**  
Tim Roman  
Business Representative

UPPER PENINSULA – WELD CERTIFICATIONS: Weld certifications are being held on an as-needed basis. Please contact Rich Hanson at the Apprenticeship office for more information. 414-476-9372.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** The Membership Meeting will take place by video conference on August 26th, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. CST. Members can gain access to the meeting at https://meeting.iwl8.org on the afternoon of the meeting.

## Local 25 cont'd

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**Those who have passed:** Larry Raymond Englert #1139181 was currently a member of Local 292 but was a member of L-340 for 13 years before transferring to Indiana. Larry passed away May 11, 2020 at the age of 64. Matt "Smitty" Smith # 1297567, passed away July 11, 2020 at his home. He was 61 years old and close to being a 26-year member.

He is survived by his brother Mark Smith, his best pal and pooch Leonardo and many friends in the ironworking industry. Gary Keys #954662 passed away June 1, 2020 at the age of 68. He was a 44-year member and survived by many friends in the ironworking industry. **Our condolences to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!**

**To all Union Members:** We hope you and your family are safe and healthy. Thank you for all you continue to do to support each other during this pandemic response.

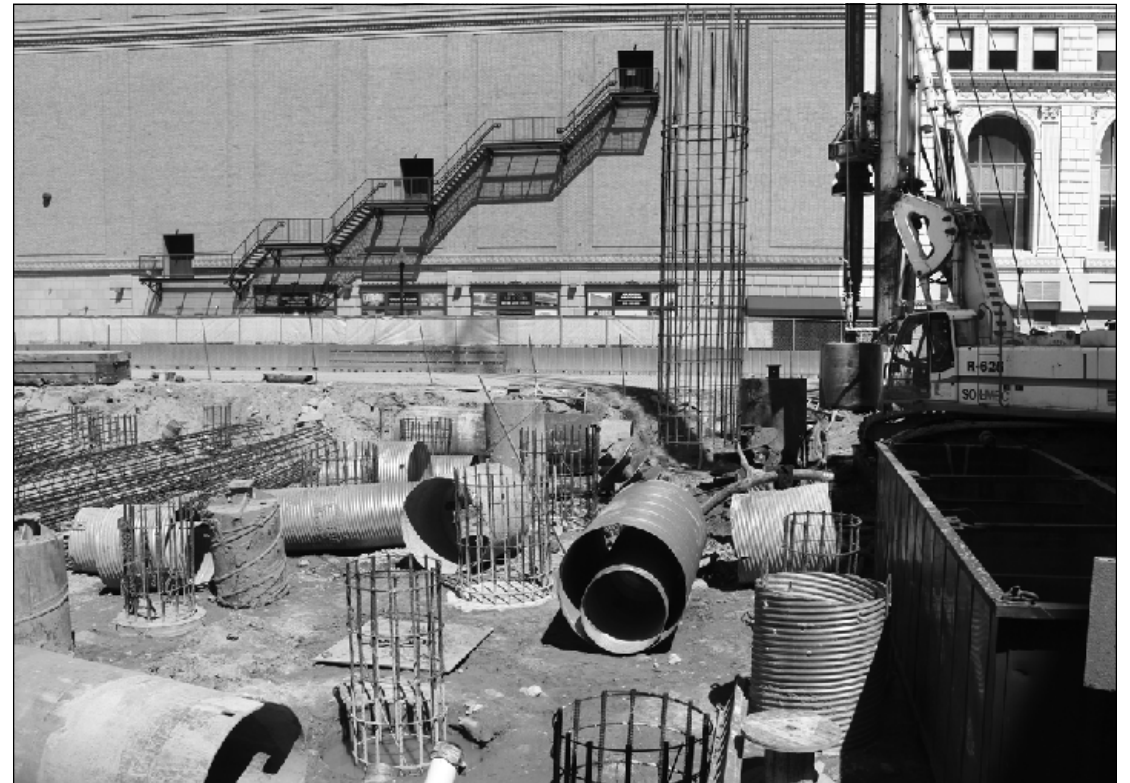
This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (7/20/2020 12:00 pm E.S.T.).

*"As men, we are all equal in the presence of death."*

–Publilius Syrus (~100 BC)

*"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."*

–Frederick Douglass



DRILLING for caissons with a Soilmecc R 625 drill rig at the TCF headquarters site in Detroit is Terry Kison II of Operating Engineers Local 324.



## Elevator Constructors Local 36

**Elevator Constructors Local 36**  
DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED that our next regular Membership Meeting that was planned for Monday, July 27th, 2020, will not be held due to lack of a venue to maintain restrictions on social distancing for gatherings of multiple people. We are working on a venue for our August 24th, 2020 meeting.

Any changes in this schedule or venue will be included in future Building Tradesmen articles and emails. The Local requests your email so we may inform you on any last-minute changes or the possibility of virtual meetings.

**Attention All Apprentices,** please keep an eye on the NEIEP website for next semester classes. Check your NEIEP email address for additional information. We have not gotten confirmation from NEIEP if classes will be virtual or in the classroom.

**Monthly OJT Forms** are still required of ALL APPRENTICES! You can drop these forms at the hall. This is a requirement of the Department of Labor. Do not put your apprenticeship in jeopardy by failing to fulfill this responsibility. This will also result in your appearance before the Local JAC Committee.

**Attention All Apprentices,** Temporary Mechanic Agreements are through the Hall. This agreement is between You, Your Company and the Hall and is to be renewed monthly. With the current MOU having expired your Company will still have to provide proof of your eligibility. Do not put yourself at risk of possible charges.

**All Members,** Local 36 is working with Local 85, Lansing and the EIWP holding classes on Monday nights, 6:00 – 8:00

pm. Reviewing and answering any questions pertaining to Michigan and Detroit Elevator Codes. Contact the Hall if you are interested. The link will be sent to you for either online or phone participation.

Brothers and Sisters, due to recent conditions, ALL are requested to follow guidelines put out by the CDC, the state of Michigan, the building's and your companies. Common sense and personal health practices should always be followed. ALL safety policies must always be followed.

The Local picnic was scheduled for Saturday, July 25, 2020. Currently the Picnic Committee and the Local Officers agree that for the safety and health of all members, retirees and families we have canceled our picnic for July 2020.

The 2020 IUEC Local 36 Golf Outing has also been canceled. The City of Detroit is open by appointment only for license renewal on the 29th of June, be advised they would like it done online. Send emails to kurtj@detroitmi.gov with photos of current driver license and current city of Detroit Elevator license and your phone number attached or call 313-316-8711. Kurt Johnson has said all licenses expiration dates have been extended during the shutdown. These instructions have been sent to you through email.

We are STILL requesting your email addresses. If you are not receiving emails, please confirm your address with the Hall. During our recent situation we have received updates daily and we want this information at your disposal as soon as possible.

There is a mailing from American Income Life. If you fill the form out and mail it back in you will receive phone calls from them, it is unnecessary to fill the

form or any paperwork out for this policy. If you feel the need for more life insurance you can contact them. If any retirees are interested in Life insurance please contact the hall and we will forward the information on.

All members are reminded that your company is responsible to deliver material to the jobsite. Use of personal vehicles for delivery of material is for only emergency situations. There are no emergencies in modernization or construction. All construction, modernization and cab work is TEAMWORK. This is according to our agreement and follows your company's safety policy.

A licensed journeyman must also be onsite while any work is performed. If you are asked or told differently call the hall immediately. Also, all jobs are to be reported to the HALL, this does include all unloads, crane picks and cab modernizations. This is our work and SHALL be performed by ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS!

We regret to inform all members on the fatality in Local 2, Chicago, IL. On June 30, 2020 Brother Bill Rogers passed away due to injuries sustain on the job. We will collect the Death Assessment on his behalf with our next quarter cards.

Get well wishes are extended to all our Brothers and Sisters who are on our sick list. Keep safe and healthy. Be a Brother to a Brother, regardless of what Local they might belong too. We are all in this and will get through this, together!

*"The most exhausting thing you can do is to be inauthentic."*

–Anne Morrow Lindbergh

*"The more you sweat during peace, The less you bleed during war."*

–Brian Wilson



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KALAMAZOO – The next General Membership meeting will be August 3, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Due to the Governor's current executive order, we ask that those coming to the Local Union to conduct business, please wear a face covering.

The work outlook is strong. We expect to have a busier than usual summer continuing into the winter. If you are aware of interested electricians, working in our jurisdiction, please have them visit [www.poweringkalamazoo.com](http://www.poweringkalamazoo.com) or call the office.

The LMCC has launched a new website [www.poweringkalamazoo.com](http://www.poweringkalamazoo.com). This website will be used to highlight local signatory contractors and used as an organizing tool. Follow us on Facebook @poweringkalamazoo, Twitter @PoweringKzoo, Instagram @poweringkalamazoo, and LinkedIn @poweringkalamazoo. Please feel free to share the wage calculator feature of this site.

The new website is live; we are continuing to work through some minor issues; we hope those will all be resolved shortly. To login to the member's only section, please use your last name and card number.

**If you believe we do not have your email address or correct cell phone number, please email Christine at [cbohms@ibew131.com](mailto:cbohms@ibew131.com)**

**Dues pricing –** The price of dues for 2019 is \$39/month. The price for dues in 2020 will increase to \$40/month. If you're unsure about your balance, please call the Hall for the exact amount or email Christine. If your dues ticket reads paid through, April 2020 your dues are not current; please call the Hall.

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

If you're interested in receiving updates from the Hall, please email Christine at [cbohms@ibew131.com](mailto:cbohms@ibew131.com) to get your email address added.

**Retirements:** Congratulations to the following retiring members: Adrian DiVisser, July 2020. Michael Chaddock, May 2020. John Magnan Jr., May 2020. Robert S. Davis, June 2020. Roger Clark, March 2020. Patrick Klocke, May 2020. Keith Moore, April 2020.

**Condolences:** With a heavy heart, Local 131 would like to announce the following members passing, Brother Dale Bothwell passed away on April 23, 2020. Brother Charles Krull passed away on May 3, 2020. Brother John Ingram passed May 2020.

All Memorials and full obituaries can be viewed on the website under the Memorials Tab.

**FROM THE APPRENTICE-SHIP:**

**Drug Test Renewals:** Please keep track of your drug test expiration date through [www.safe2work4you.com](http://www.safe2work4you.com). It is your responsibility to stay current on your drug test. Please contact Nicole (269) 388-4434 to get your authorization form printed for you to pick up. If you don't want to come to the Hall to pick it up, please email Nicole and request your form to be emailed to you. [nwolf@ibew131.com](mailto:nwolf@ibew131.com).

**Organizing:** As much technology, as we use to track non-union electricians in our jurisdiction, often, our best resources are you the members. If you see a non-signatory in the area working at a location, please let the Hall know.

The Local LMCC is working towards holding a Virtual Job Fair, on the HOPIN application. There may be potential volunteer opportunities running up to the job fair for members to participate in. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Scott Bryer or Fritz Tull.

**Brian O'Donnell**  
Business Manager/  
Financial Secretary

"He that is of the opinion money will do everything may well be suspected of doing everything for money."  
- Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)



**IBEW 252**  
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**IBEW Local 252**  
ANNARBOR – LOCAL 252 would like to thank all the membership and all the trades that helped Local 252 on our successful picket line!

**LOCAL 252 ANNUAL PICNIC:** The Local's Annual Picnic is cancelled this year due to Executive Orders related to the pandemic.

**UNION DUES FOR 2020:** Effective January 1, 2020 union dues for "A" members will be \$119.25 per quarter. Union dues for "BA" members will be \$61.80 per quarter.

**TRAINING CLASSES 2020: ALL CLASSES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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

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

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

**Local 252 Website & App:** The Local's website [www.ibew252.org](http://www.ibew252.org) is up and running. There is also a Local 252 App available to download. Search "IBEW 252" in the app store. You must create a new login and password to access the Members Only section. Your login for the old website is no longer valid.

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

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

**Retirees' Breakfast:** The retiree's breakfast is cancelled until further notice.

**NOTICE TO RETIREES:** If your 50-year commemorative watch stops working for any reason please contact the Union Hall. Do not attempt to have it serviced yourself.

**DUES PAYMENTS –** Please look at your dues receipt. If your dues paid through date shows 6/2020, your dues are not current. "A" members pay \$119.25 per quarter for 2020. "BA" members pay \$61.80 per quarter for 2020. Please mail your check to 7920 Jackson Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Your third quarter dues (July through Sept.) are due now.

**Payments for third quarter dues will be accepted no later than 11:30 A.M. on Tuesday, September 30, 2020.**

"The need for change bulldozed a road down the center of my mind."  
- Maya Angelou (1928 - 2014)


"People seldom become famous for what they say until after they are famous for what they've done."  
- Cullen Hightower

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle."  
- Plato (427 BC - 347 BC)

"Why do strong arms fatigue themselves with frivolous dumbbells? To dig a vineyard is worthier exercise for men."  
- Marcus Valerius Martialis (40 AD - 103 AD)

"It is said that power corrupts, but actually it's more true that power attracts the corruptible. The sane are usually attracted by other things than power."  
- David Brin (1950 - )

"There is nothing stronger in the world than gentleness."  
- Han Suyin



**IBEW**  
LOCAL 58

**IBEW Local 58**  
DETROIT – The next Regular Membership Meeting will be August 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Union Hall. Social Distancing and Masks will be required.

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

**Local 58 Dues Information:** Dues are due by the first day of the quarter. You can now pay your dues with an APP. Go to Apple/Google Play and download the IBEW 58 APP. In the APP go to My Profile, My Member Tools and that's where you find the information to pay. You can also pay by phone with credit/debit or mail a check. At this time we are not taking cash transactions. Dues for the quarter are \$124.50 without PAC and \$128.50 with PAC.

**Local No. 58 Benevolent Fund:** The next Benevolent Fund meeting will be Tuesday, August 4, 2020 5:00 pm.

**The Jerry Gaudi Memorial Golf Outing:** Due to the current environment, we have made the decision to cancel the Benevolent Fund Poker Run and Gaudi Memorial Golf Outing due to Covid-19. The health and well-being of our brothers, sisters, and participants are of utmost importance to us. We appreciate all the support every year and hope to get continued support next year. A "Cooler of Cheer" Raffle will be scheduled with details to follow at a later date. Thank you for your understanding.

**Members of the Community Service Committee:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 5:00 PM. Every member is invited to attend and to bring their ideas about our Local's involvement in our communities.

**Members of the Entertainment Committee:** The Entertainment Committee has decided to cancel the Annual Family Picnic for 2020 based on health concerns caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. This decision was not made lightly but based on several conversations and meetings with concerned individuals of our Local, our Vendors, and Camp Dearborn's manager and supervisor. Camp Dearborn is asking us to follow the recommendations of Governor Whitmer concerning COVID 19 pandemic. We feel that it would be impossible to ask of our Brotherhood, Sisterhood and their Families to keep social distance and wear facemasks at an event meant to be fun for them to attend and visit with Brothers and Sisters they have not seen during the rest of the year.

When one thinks of social distancing to prevent passing the virus on, keeping the Bounce Houses clean in between each use would be difficult. Because of the size of the Kids Train social distancing on the train is impossible. Face Painting for the kids would also be unable to happen because of the close proximity required to face paint.

Another major concern is bringing Brothers, Sisters and their families together from all areas of our jurisdiction for the Picnic and then having them go home unknowing if they had been exposed to someone who had the virus or not. Hopefully, the Annual 58 Family Picnic will be held next year on August 7, 2021.

**EWMC of Southeastern MI** – Thank you to all of those who are attending our Zoom meetings as we continue to navigate through these unprecedented times. The next meeting of the chapter will be on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:30pm. Please make sure your cell phone number and your email address are up to date. The meeting information will be sent out as soon as available. As we enter this election season we will be participating where needed to try to get candidates who have our best interests as their agenda elected to office. Also, please submit your census data and encourage

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others to do the same. We do not want our community to be under-represented for the next TEN YEARS. Please continue to stay safe at work, home, and in the community. #ibewstrong

**The RENEW Committee meeting** will be on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

**The Safety Committee meeting** will be on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM.

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

**The Political Action Committee (PAC)** meetings are held at 5:00 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**Local 58's Women's Committee-** With the union hall being closed all in person meetings has been postponed. We will continue having our regular monthly meetings on ZOOM as needed. Please watch for emails with further updates and hopefully we will be meeting in person soon.

**ARC AWARDS-ASPIRING REAL CHANGE=** The IBEW Local 58 ARC-Aspiring Real Change awards have been created by the Women's Committee to recognize the outstanding efforts of Local 58 members who inspire, engage and advance growth of the local union. It takes a strong group of individuals to keep the vision and the mission of Local 58 moving forward and positively impact our membership, the community and the greater good for all working men and women. The ARC Awards seek to recognize outstanding contributions by our members dedicated to embracing the mission of the Women's Committee.

All ARC Award recipients are nominated by their peers and have positively impacted both the union and the Brothers & Sisters they work and serve with throughout many areas of our Local. The Women's Committee at IBEW Local 58 shares a commitment with our members to equality, diversity and personal growth and is proud to establish the ARC Awards as a tradition of recognizing outstanding achievements for decades to come. The ARC Awards has been postponed until further notice.

When everything clears up and we can get back to normal we will be scheduling a new date. We will be choosing the scholarship winners as scheduled and will notify the winners. Help Wanted - The Women's Committee will be keeping the bid process open for caterers, photographers, band/deejay and other vendors for the ARC Awards until we have a new date. If you know of vendors interested you can contact Angela Panicucci @ 586-291-8014 or Diana Wright @ 734-934-9029 for further information. We are also looking for a few good sisters to continue on with our newsletter and articles. If you have any experience or affinity for writing please reach out. If there are any retirees that need help with getting groceries or other essentials during this pandemic, please reach out, we are here for you. You can email us. Email us at: 58Womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org. Follow us on Instagram @ibewomen58; Check us out on Facebook.

**IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association:** Board meetings and Luncheons have been cancelled, until further notice. When luncheons resume, due to increasing prices, the cost will be \$20.00 per person. Please keep your contact information and email address updated with the Union hall and the Retiree's Association. Send your email address to 58retirees@ibewlocal58.org. If you haven't paid your 2020 dues yet, please send them to Ray Owen, 428 Welch Road, Northville MI 48167. Those in arrears will be receiving reminder postcards.

The 2020 Retirees Fall Bus trip to Charleston, SC has been postponed until next year. All deposits have been refunded. We look forward to traveling again in September 2021. We will be gathering together again when things have settled down into the new normal. Consider dropping a note or making a call to a fellow retiree's association member, we all could use a bit of socializing during this time of Social Distancing.

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

**As of 06/30/2020, the following (Continued next column)**



**IBEW**  
LOCAL 557

**IBEW Local 557**  
SAGINAW – MONTHLY MEETINGS- The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting is set for August 4<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be held if the current guidelines from the State are still in place to allow for meetings to occur. Policies are ever-changing these days in regards to COVID-19, so we will wait to see what the future holds. Please continue to do your part to slow the spread of the virus by practicing proper social distancing and wearing a mask in public to protect you and those around you. Proper PPE should be worn on job sites and safety policies should be followed as well.

**UNION HALL OPERATIONS –** The Union Hall continues to be open for in-person transactions. If you will be coming into the Hall for business, a mask is mandatory due to the Governor's latest Executive Order. I urge all that come in for in-person transactions to also adhere to social distancing and the utilization of the service window in the main entry way. Please try to take care of business remotely as much as possible to cut down on visitors to the Hall. James Lamb is continuing organizing duties during at this time as well and if you have any useful information for him regarding work please feel free to pass it along. He can be reached at 989-529-5943.

**BOOK SIGNING –** Out of work lists can be signed for other Locals through fax or email. This is to continue to cut down on as many in-person transactions as possible. Contact your home local and request a correspondence to be sent to the Local you are interested in signing.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING-** The Local 557 Executive Board met on July 21<sup>st</sup>. With continued guidance from the International Office, the E Board has the power to take any action that would normally be approved at a Local membership meeting. All operations are still on track at the Hall and they have done a great job helping to guide the Local through these difficult times while we are unable to have Monthly meetings.

**NEW WEBSITE –** Local 557's website recently received a refresh but is still under construction. There are still some bugs to be worked out, so please be patient as we work to make improvements to the Local.

**2020 ELECTION –** The overwhelming majority of Local 557 is registered to vote. If you are not registered you should do so immediately. The 2020 Election will impact us in so many aspects of our lives. As informed IBEW members we cannot afford to sit out this election. I strongly encourage all members to apply to vote via ABSENTEE BALLOT.

## Local 58 cont'd

**ing members have lapsed membership.** If you wish to obtain membership, please contact the Union Hall to speak to a Business Agent: Acevedo Jr, Edwin; Barnes, Jermaine A.; Beresford, Joseph P.; Campbell, Allan J.; Codron, John C.; Deal, Christopher C.; Dobbs, Kurt B.; Filecchia Jr, Frank; Formalewicz, Michael; Gean, Kevin; Hadden, Dale E.; Hall, Joshua D.; Hardy, Andre F.; Johnson, Margaret A.; Kennedy, Kevin D.; Kirby, Philip D.; Moylan, Kenneth R.; Offutt, Ryan M.; Panicucci, Matthew A.; Rider, Lawrence W.; Rowe, Skitch; Schroeder, Adam C.; Slater, Tranette M.; Strugala, Paul R.; Teschendorf, Jacob N.; Tomlinson, Luke A.; Tumminello, Vincent J.; Tyler, Eric M.; Ware, Richard S.; Wilson, Patrick A.; Woznick, Dean T.; Zapinski, Scott M.; Zemke, John P.

**IBEW Pension:** Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: Larry Parkkila (July 2020); Brian Novak (June 2020); Thomas Neirynek (July 2020); Michael R Whitt (April 2020).

**Members that have Passed Away:** John Curry, pension member, 61 year IBEW membership, Father to pension member Edwin Curry; Carol Sue Richard, Wife to pension member Donald Richard, Mother to former Business Manager of Local 58 Michael Richard and Administrative Assistant at the Electrical Industry Training Center Kelly Proctor; Michael J VanHoe, pension member. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss.

Skip the long lines at the precinct in what is expected to be a record year for voter turnout. If you are working on the road or the possibility exists you may be working on the road in November, this is a great way to ensure you get your votes in. Information for this is available at the Union Hall as well as online under the Secretary of State at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

We will no doubt need a great many volunteers to help out with various election related events this year. If you are interested in helping out please reach out and offer up your services. We cannot afford to be inactive during the election season this year.

**HEALTH CARE –** The Michigan Electrical Employee's Health Plan has taken steps recently to cover 100% of the costs related to testing for COVID-19. During this pandemic, remote care is encouraged and Blue Cross members can call the 24-Hour Nurse Line at 800-117-BLUE. You may also want to inquire if your primary care provider offers telemedicine. The plan continues to meet regularly via teleconferences to stay on top of the pandemic and update coverage as necessary.

As you know, the Michigan no-fault insurance law changed effective July 1. Notifications were sent to each member from the Michigan Electrical Employee's Health Plan. This letter encouraged members to purchase unlimited PIP to ensure proper protection for themselves and their family. The Health Plan will not offer Qualified Health Coverage and therefore members must purchase PIP coverage. You should discuss PIP coverage and other auto coverage with your auto carrier or agent.

Help keep the cost of Health Care down. Schedule your annual physical with your doctor today if you have not done so recently. Registering on the Blue Cross/Blue Shield website is highly recommended. Please take the time to visit [www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com). Upon registering you can take the Free Health Assessment test and find instant results that can lead to living a healthy lifestyle.

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

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

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

**STAY CURRENT ON DUES** – Please check to see if you are current. The Hall has the ability to accept credit cards. The credit card service can accept payments for dues, merchandise, apprentice book payments and other purchases. There is a convenience fee to use this service. Credit card payments to pay dues can also be accepted over the phone to ensure you stay current on your dues.

**CONTACT NUMBERS-** Michigan Electrical Employee Pension fund and Michigan Health Plan (517) 321-7502 or (855) 633-4584. Fax (517) 321-7508, website [mielecral-health.org](http://mielecral-health.org).  
**Evan Allardyce,**  
Business Manager

"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people."  
- G. K. Chesterton (1874 - 1936)

"It is what you learn after you know it all that counts."  
John Wooden (1910 - 2010)



**IBEW Local 692**

**IBEW Local 692**  
**BAY CITY – Union Meeting.**  
 The next regular membership meeting will be **Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7pm.**

**The annual shareholders meeting for the Electrical Trades Building will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, August 3.**

**Executive Board Meeting.**  
 The next E-board meeting will be **Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6pm.**

**Message from the Business Manager.** It seems as though Covid-19 will never go away and the dark clouds continue to loom over us all. Covid-19 has definitely taken a toll on the work picture in Local 692. We need to be vigilant when fighting this global pandemic. It is our hope that the wearing of masks will either stop or at least slow the spread of this wretched virus.

Following the governor's orders, monthly membership meetings will continue to be held outside. Masks will be required at all times by anyone coming or going into the union hall. There will also be strict guidelines to adhere to with social distancing. Please do your part brothers and sisters to protect each other. If we all do our own little part maybe life will return to somewhat normal. Enjoying high school sports, college football Saturday's or even attending an outdoor concert in the fall will be our reward for doing the right thing and looking out for each other.

With regards to the referral procedure, "dings" or "hits" for all calls began again on June 15. We have been receiving a few calls for manpower recently that have kept the out of work list moving. With that being said make sure to continue to call the job line in the evening.

**Work Report.** Although summer is here, work is slow due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Work continues at both the Pincanna project and the Bay City Meijer's remodel with both projects wrapping up in the next month. The new Consumers Energy Service center in East Tawas has ramped back up again along with the Wind Farm project (grounding and bonding) located near the Rosebush area. Still waiting on more calls for the wind farm.

Clements Electric has picked up work at the H Hotel due to the recent flooding. Work has also begun on Augres and Midland Schools. Ted's Electric has work at the Bullock Creek Schools. Nelson has Sanford Meridian schools along with Akron Fairgrove schools.

We were also finally able to wrestle away some work from Thunder Bay Electric in Comins at the Cedar Valley amusement park. Alpine Electric out of Traverse City is now doing the work there. Master Electric has been awarded the new Midland Costco. This was a project that we worked very hard on. Buist Electric out of Grand Rapids was originally the low bidder.

Countyline Power has picked up a sizeable project in Midland Hospital, another job at the Michigan State Extension site, work at the old 4D building under the Poseyville bridge, Red Coats ball fields, and Currie stadium due to the severe flooding in the Midland Area We anticipate a couple projects at GM Powertrain beginning in the near future pending Covid-19 and the impact Covid -19 may have on them. Work around the state continues to be very hot in Ann Arbor, Lansing and Detroit.

Please stay safe and look out for your fellow brothers and sisters.

**Union Dues.** Dues can be paid in person, via phone, by mail or automatic withdrawal from your bank account. We also accept payments via credit/debit card. *Please note to use the credit card machine to process payments, there will be a 2% charge applied.*

Monthly dues can also be paid on-line from the 692 website. Visit [ibew692.net](http://ibew692.net) and log into the member section.

2020 Dues (Effective January 1, 2020)  
 Monthly \$41.20  
 Quarterly \$123.60  
 6 months \$247.20  
 Yearly \$494.40

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

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**IBEW Local 445**

**IBEW Local 445**

**BATTLE CREEK – The General Membership Meeting** is the second Monday of each month and starts at 5:00 p.m. at the Hall. Please make sure to wear your masks.

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

**PLEASE HELP!!** – Please make sure you have updated the Hall with your current address and phone number. Also, if you have had any life changes such as a marriage/divorce/new child, please contact the Hall to ensure your benefits are correct.

**Local Website** – Please check the Local 445 website for the latest information, including job postings. The Local 445 web address is [IBEW445.com](http://IBEW445.com).

**Local 445 Picnic** – After a great amount of thought, it has been decided to cancel the Local 445 Picnic. It was not an easy thing to do, but we feel that it is the most responsible action to take. There will be zoo tickets available for pick up at the Hall. Additional information will be in the next issue of the Tradesman on the actual dates the tickets will be available.

**Local 692 cont'd**

**Retirees Lunch.** All retirees' lunches have been postponed.

**Golf Outings.** The Michigan Wireman's Golf Outing and the IBEW 6th District Golf Outing have been **CANCELLED** for this year.

**Fringe Benefits.** REMINDER: if you have recently gotten 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.

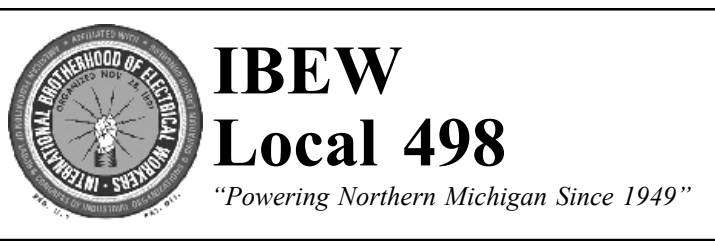
**Organizing.** Brothers and Sisters, as we slowly open the state back up amid a global pandemic, getting out onto job sites to make contact with unrepresented workers continues to be a struggle. However, we have made some great additions lately to Local 692 through our organizing campaign. Sometimes it just takes one guy to jump from the merit shop for his co-workers to see that they have been lied to for years from contractors. Our members are the biggest tool we have when it comes to organizing. Talk to that neighbor or family friend that has been working non-union. Tell him or her about the benefits of the IBEW and what we have to offer. You, the membership, is the greatest tool this local has to build those relationships.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me when you see a non-signatory contractor doing work in your neighborhood. Our jurisdiction is huge and impossible for me to try and tackle this task alone. Don't hesitate to pass my phone number along. Thank you. *Brian Klele, (989) 252 9225*

**–Ryan Charney  
 Business Manager /  
 Financial Secretary  
 Important links & numbers**  
 IBEW Local 692  
 989-684-4510  
[www.ibew692.org](http://www.ibew692.org)  
 Health Plan  
 517-321-7502  
[www.mielectricalhealth.org](http://www.mielectricalhealth.org)  
 Michigan Pension Fund  
 517-321-7502  
[www.michiganelectrical.org](http://www.michiganelectrical.org)  
 First time logging in, use your Social Security Number in the "ID Box"  
 NEBF/NEAP: 301-556-4300  
 IO Pension: 202-833-7000

*"Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic."*  
 –Unknown

*"The greatest pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."*  
 –Walter Bagehot (1826 - 1877)



**IBEW Local 498**

**TRAVERSE CITY – Meetings.**

**Regular E Board** – will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020 at 5:30 pm in person meeting.

**MEETING** – The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, August 12th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**JATC First Aid/CPR** – The Traverse City JATC will be providing First Aid/CPR/AED Training on Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 5:30 P.M. This class sizes is limited based on current Covid 19 rules. Call the hall to sign up. We will add more classes as needed. Our cards are good for 2 years, so please check your card or call the hall to see if you are due.

**Covid 19 office hours** - For your information the hall is open to limited walk in traffic. To follow state guidelines there is a 6-foot distance rule in effect, so if there is more than 1 person at a time in the hallway outside of Caroline's window the second person should wait outside or in the meeting room until their turn at the window. Masks are available at the hall for personal use as well as hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies to be able to sanitize the restroom after you use it if needed.

So far Local 498 has not seen any confirmed cases with members that I know of and it would be nice to keep it that way. For extended stays or business needs at the hall you will be asked to fill out a health questionnaire and take a temperature reading just like apprentices do for class or applicants do for interviews, again to try and follow State of MI safety guidelines.

**Picnic** – this summer the picnic will be cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. It was a difficult decision to make but for the safety of the members and their families the entertainment committee decided to postpone it until next year. Please stay tuned for further information about the annual Christmas party in November and the Santa Party for the kids, hopefully we will be back to normal enough to have these 2 events.

**PAYPAL** – PAY PAL is now up and running! Please look into setting up a personal PayPal account. The Pay Pal option to use for paying your dues is "pay someone you trust", if a different option is used it will deduct the credit card fees out of what is sent to the local for your dues. This leaves your dues short as we are a not for profit business and have no way to absorb those costs. If you need help with this you can email George Shumar at [gshumar.ibew@gmail.com](mailto:gshumar.ibew@gmail.com) Also keep in mind that George is now on a furlough/lay off to address Covid 19 requirements and is NOT drawing a paycheck, so please be mindful of using his time.

**Election of Officers** – We held the July 8th meeting and swore in all of the new officers for the local. I would like to thank all of the outgoing officers for donating their time in helping make this local operate.

**JB Webb East and West** – Nearly all employees are back to work, the West side has picked back up as the East side has builds the projects to finish. Negotiations will be coming up in March for the West side agreement, if you have any ideas for negotiations, now is the time to start thinking about them. We will have several meetings between now and then to discuss any options the membership would want to have considered.

**Election year for state and federal elections** - This is an important year for local, state and national elections as well as our local union elections, it is important for your voice to be heard in all of these elections to support organized labor. The State of MI now has absentee voting for everyone that is a registered voter. Please visit the State of MI website or visit your local Secretary of State office to get registered to vote in the upcoming primary elections and general elections in November.

**Website** – The new website is up and running. Please take a look and let us know what you think. Pay Pal is up and running on the website. There should be no reason for late dues now. Thanks to George for getting this done for the membership!!!!

**Email** – Please get an email address to the hall so we can get info out easier and faster, thanks. You can email your address to the

hall at [ibew@local498.net](mailto:ibew@local498.net). Please put your name in the subject.

**Dues Increase 2020** – The union dues will increase \$1.00 a month. Effective Jan 2020 the new rate will be \$140.10 per quarter.

**Resale Items** – We have Local 498 Beanie Hats for resale and T-shirts. Stop in to get yours today! Proud Union Home signs are in and available at the hall. Free to members in good standing.

**Meeting Cookouts** – cook out and drawings will be suspended until further notice.

**Volunteer** – We will need people to volunteer for events coming up. Contact the hall and let George know.

**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.gtrecf.org/scholarships/](http://www.gtrecf.org/scholarships/). Local 498 Union members' children get preference to the endowment.

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

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

MEEPP (MI Pension) 1-517-321-7502

TIC International Corporation, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917

NEBF 1-301-556-4300

NEAP 1-301-556-4300

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DUES RATES

Jan 1, 2020 - \$1.00/month increase

New Rate \$140.10/Quarter

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

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



**IBEW Local 948**

**FLINT – Our August Union Meeting** will be held on Monday, August 10th, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall.

Our July Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 27th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. at the Union Hall.

The August Retiree Club Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union Hall.

Please make sure you are registered to vote this year. <https://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/RegisterVoter>

Don't forget to check our website for new content. Be sure to log in to see all the new content – [www.local948.org](http://www.local948.org).

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

2020 – Monthly Dues – Journeyman \$43.70 a month – Apprentices, CE, Sound Tech \$40.70 a month

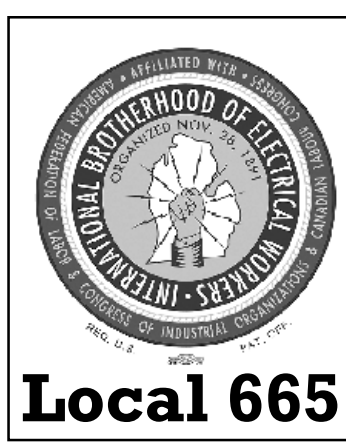
2019 – Monthly Dues – Journeyman \$42.70 a month – Apprentices, CE, Sound Tech \$39.70 a month

If you are unfamiliar with our referral procedure please refer to our website @ [http://local948.org/job\\_referrals/](http://local948.org/job_referrals/)

**Don't forget after 3 turn-downs on the out of work list you must come down to the Union Hall to resign.**

**Gregory Remington  
 Business Manager**

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



**IBEW 665**

**LANSING – LOSS of MEMBER** – It saddens me to inform the membership that Brother Robert Bierwagen passed away on Friday July 03, 2020 at the age of 88. Robert was initiated into the IBEW in 1951 and later retired in 1996.

Funeral arrangements have been made through the Tiffany Funeral Home which is located at 3232 W. Saginaw - Lansing, MI.

To read the obituary or to write of few words of remembrance on the tribute wall, click the following website link: <https://tiffanyfuneralhome.com/tribute/details/193132/Robert-Bob-Bierwagen-Sr/obituary.html#tribute-stair>

We are now at Death Benefit #310.

**CPR/FIRST AID** – Will be held on Thursday, August 20th and Thursday, August 27th at the Union Hall. To register, contact Sara at the LEJATC: 517-483-9686.

**OSHA 30 CLASS SCHEDULE** – Classes will start in September beginning with: Tuesday September 1, Thursday September 3, Thursday September 10, Tuesday September 15, Thursday September 17, Tuesday September 22, Thursday September 24, Tuesday September 29, Thursday October 1 and Tuesday October 6. Seating availability will be limited. To register, contact Sara at the LEJATC: 517-483-9686.

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – The next General Membership (Union Meeting) will be held on Monday July 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS HAVING PASSED AWAY** – **Bruce Bryan** - 01/16/2020 – DB 306; **Frederick Pardee** - 01/31/202 – DB 307; **Richard Hersey** – 04/15/2020 – DB 308; **Charles Coil** – December 11, 2019 – DB 309.

CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE AND STAY HEALTHY!

**IBEW Local 275**



**IBEW 275**

**COOPERSVILLE – Dear Brothers and Sisters:** Please note that due to the Governor's most recent executive order, we will be requiring face coverings at the Union Hall.

As some of us are slowly returning to work, please make sure the contractor is supplying you with all the PPE that is required. This may now include facemasks, face shields and hand sanitizer along with other safety precautions spelled out by the State. As each job site is unique, each situation and requirement may be as well. So please take extra precaution so that you may stay safe on the job and keep your families safe at home.

Local 275's annual summer picnic has been cancelled for August 1st, 2020. When we initially decided to move forward with it, the pandemic seemed to be under control and declining. Recent reports show that the

number of new cases are once again on the rise and we are not comfortable with putting our members and their families at risk.

EWMC is having a can drive. You can drop off your empty cans or donations here at the Union Hall. All proceeds will go to relieve student lunch debt at local schools.

For now on, all resign request will be sent to [gyonkers@ibew275.org](mailto:gyonkers@ibew275.org). The procedures are still the same.

At the time of this writing, the following Members are three or more months behind in dues; **Vern Brink, Ruben Cortez, Shelly Cummings, Michael Demond, Joshua Erb, Chris Hanson, Tony Kilgo, Avanti Lopez, John Miller, Steven Mutschler, Eddie Quillen, Eric Quinn, Jeremy Rinehart, Joshua Spofford and Jeffrey Stark**. If you are on this list, please make any and all attempts to get your membership in good

standing.

Regular meetings for the EWMC and RENEW committees are every month on the 4th Tuesday @ 6:00pm at the Union Hall in Coopersville and/or via zoom. Both of these are great ways to get involved with the local as well as the community.

Dues increase for the year 2020 will be \$1.00 per month to \$42.90 per month. Please make adjustments when making payments through mail and automatic bank payments.

*"It is a common delusion that you make things better by talking about them."*

–Dame Rose Macaulay (1881 - 1958)

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### Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

#### Sheet Metal Workers Local 292

TROY – MEETING NOTICE: The next general membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020.

Member meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of the month at The Knights of Columbus in Clawson. Check out the calendar tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com) for the location and date.

The E-Board/Stewards meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Union Hall.

\*\*Per the CDC guidelines, masks must we worn and social distancing must be followed during all meetings.

ELECTION NOTICE: The election of Local 292 officers will be conducted at the date, time, and place indicated below:

Date: Friday, August 21, 2020 Time: 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: Knights of Columbus, 870 N. Main St. Clawson, MI 48017

Any member in good standing will be eligible to vote. Members will be asked to present a current Local 292 dues receipt and driver's license, or some other form of identification at the polls.

Any nominee who would like to speak and answer questions will be given the chance at the August 12, 2020 membership meeting.

Business Manager / Financial Secretary – Treasurer (Vote for not more than 1) Paul Gualdoni

Business Agent / President (Vote for not more than 1) Tony LaForest, Iro Galea, Paul Brown

Vice President (Vote for not more than 1) Antonio (Tony) Silvestri Recording Secretary (Vote for not more than 1) Chuck Garry

Warden & Conductor (Vote for not more than 1) Kim Hartman Executive Board (Vote for not more than 5) Dave Pistotti, Tom Paquette, Jason Csurgo, Lloyd McMillon, Frank Lewandowski, Jason Houth (Hooch)

Union Trustee (Vote for not more than 3) Denny Lau, Brandon Whipple, Dean Fournier

The term of office will run from the Regular Membership Meeting, Sept. 9, 2020 through the first Regular Membership Meeting in June 2023.

To be eligible for election on Aug. 21, 2020, dues for the month of August must be paid in advance, that is, on or before July 31, 2020. Please take time to participate in this important process.

2020 ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions placed by the golf course, the Local 292 Charity committee has decided to cancel the outing for this year. We look forward to 2021 when we can resume this wonderful event.

RETIREES NOTICE: The retiree's luncheon will be held Thursdays at: Tavern on the Main, 235 S Main, Clawson MI 48017. (248) 588-1696. It is located 3 blocks south of 14 Mile on the east side of the street. Looking forward to seeing all retirees, new and old!! Next meeting: Aug. 6, 2020 at 12:30 pm

2020 meeting dates are as follows: Aug. 6th, Oct. 1st and Dec. 3rd. Please contact Fred Engelman at [fred\\_e1@yahoo.com](mailto:fred_e1@yahoo.com) if you would like to be added to the retiree email list.

CONSTITUTION AND RITUAL: The Constitution and Ritual of the 2nd SMART General Convention is now available online. Go to [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com), click on the Constitution/Ritual tab located at the top of the home page. The Union Hall will also have hard copies when they become available.

SAFETY MODS AND DRUG TESTS: To access your MUST account, please go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org) or access it through the "links" tab at [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com). Members please note that if you cannot access the MUST site to complete your safety mods you need to contact Laura or Lee Ann at the Union Hall. With the amount of upcoming in-town work, all current Journeymen and Apprentices should ensure they have 18 safety mods completed and drug test should be current.

The NMA addendum for most of the upcoming projects states: 1) Prior to, but within 30 days of referral for employment to the project site, all craft persons will: A) Attend a Project Specific Orientation facilitated by the Contractor at mutually agreed upon times and locations; B) Before being admitted to the job site, all contractors and subcontractor employees having active involvement in job site construction activity, must be current and maintain a current MUST or equivalent status regarding the Substance Abuse Program. Prior to the start of work on the project the employee must provide confirmation of negative results to a MUST Substance Abuse Test or equivalent test within the last 30 days.

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

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

DUES: Membership dues are required to be paid in advance of the month for which they are due. The union hall is not open on Saturday or Sunday, therefore, if you pay dues on either of those days, it will not be processed until Monday. If you are on suspension warning, your dues are 60 days late. To avoid suspension, dues must be paid online or at the union hall by 4 p.m. on the last business day of the month. Payments received after 4 p.m. on the last business day of the month will not be processed and you WILL go suspended. All members are responsible for making sure any required fees, i.e. late fees or service fees, are included if paying online ([sheetmetal292.com](http://sheetmetal292.com)).

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

OUT OF WORK: If you become laid off, you must complete an Out of Work List Registration/SUB form. SUB forms are available at the Union Hall and also through all shop stewards. This is the only way your name will be added to the Out of Work List.

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

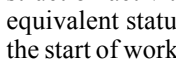
FACEBOOK & TWITTER: Be sure to check our website - [www.sheetmetal292.com](http://www.sheetmetal292.com); Facebook page - Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 and Twitter - @SMW292, for updates and information.

NOTARY PUBLIC: For your convenience, we now have a Notary Public on site at the union hall. Notary services are free of charge to our members.

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

Attention all Welders! We are looking for any member interested (Continued on Page 9)

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### Local 7 Sheet Metal Workers

#### Sheet Metal Workers Local 7

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

\*Zone 1- September 10th -6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 2 -July 28th -6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 3- (Saginaw) - September 8th -6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 3- (TCity) September 17th- 6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 4- September 8th - 6:00 p.m.

\*Zone 5 -August 6, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. Meeting- There will be a Zone 5 Meeting, August 6th at 6:00 pm. At this time, we are not sure if this will be a Zoom meeting or in person. Will update at a later time.

Please register on our website at [sheetmetal7.org](http://sheetmetal7.org) for the most up to date information on meeting schedules for 2020. Once you are registered it must be approved in order to be able to log on. Please contact your representative if you are having issues registering.

NEWS from the Business Manager, Samuel J. Fuller:

Our Sincerest condolences, to former Business Manager and Business Representative, Mark R. Chivington and his family, on the passing of his son Benjamin Ross Chivington.

\*\*Attention Certified Welders from Zones 2, 3, 4 and 5\*\*

Starting April 1st, 2020 all welding certification renewals will change to a twice a year schedule. The new renewal deadlines for all Certified Welders will be April 1st and October 1st. In order to keep your certification from expiring you will be required to submit a Welder Maintenance Form to the Training Center dated no more than 5 days prior to April 1st or October 1st. You will no longer be required to submit a \$10 Filing Fee with your renewal paperwork. If needed, you can request a maintenance form from the Training Center. \*IF YOU FAIL TO SUBMIT YOUR FORM BY THE DEADLINE YOUR CERTIFICATION WILL EXPIRE.

Feel free to contact Training Coordinator Darek Scarlavai @ (231)288-6325 if you have any questions.

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

ZONE 1 Info: Any Zone 1 apprentice that is laid off should notify Kevin at the school. Any Zone 1 Journeyman that is out of work should contact your agent. There is travel work available, so if you are interested please contact James or Eric. If you are experiencing any trouble with your insurance, please contact your agent or BeneSys at (866) 288-7037. If you are experiencing issues with unemployment, contact your agent. The retiree meetings are currently on hold as the meeting places are shut down until further notice. Apprentices should be in contact with Instructors to make sure you don't fall behind. If you are interested in Fire Life Safety Training and Certification, CAD or Welding, please contact the Zone 1 Training Coordinator Kevin Dowdy at (269) 781-7183 or by email at [kdowdysmw7@gmail.com](mailto:kdowdysmw7@gmail.com).

"Now that the construction industry has resumed, if you have any questions and/or concerns about returning to work, job-site safety or sanitary conditions please contact James Callahan or Eric Farrington."

In Solidarity, James Callahan and Eric Farrington.

ZONE 2 Info: Work in Zone 2 is picking up slowly but looking better for August. If you are off, you need to call and update your status, if you called in the past please call again to make sure I have a current number for you so I can reach you.

Thank you, Dave Rutz

ZONE 3 Info: (Saginaw) Zone 3 is slowly returning everyone to work, following all CDC guidelines as close as possible. Looks like the rest of the year is going to be busy, there is a big job that will start this fall in Alpena, and we will be needing man power to go up there to work. Hopefully everyone is recovering well from the pandemic.

Thank you, Wayne Stover

Zone 3 Info: (TCity) Our next meeting will be Thursday, September 17th. As of now, we plan on this being a "normal" in person meeting. We are also planning to start the Retiree Breakfast back up Friday September 4th. (More info to come) If your employment status changes please let me know. Also please remember to keep your contact info current with the Lansing office.

Thank You, Travis Eastman

ZONE 4 Info Work in the area is good with everyone working, anyone that is not please call me ASAP. I know it feels great to be back to work but please be safe and take the necessary precautions to keep yourself safe and your family.

Your Brother, Larry Kinzie

ZONE 5 Info If you are having issues with your unemployment or SASMI please give me a call. There are jobs still waiting to start across the U.P. and if you are interested there is work in other areas if you want to travel. If you have not already signed up on the Local 7 website please do so at [sheetmetal7.org](http://sheetmetal7.org) there is lots of good information also you can pay your dues there. If your MSHA 5000-23 safety training has or is about to expire please contact me.

Respectfully, Greg Faust

RETIREE MEETINGS: Canceled until further notice

CONDOLENCES: to the family and friends of David Sekrenes who recently passed away 6/28/20

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

Address/Telephone Changes: Article 8, Section 1 of Local 7 Work Rules: Address Changes: All members are required to keep the Financial Secretary informed of their correct address. A notice mailed to the last address shall be sufficient and legal. If you have moved or changed your telephone number, please contact the union hall to 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: Samuel Fuller (Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer) 517-882-4064

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

James Callahan (Agent-Battle Creek/Kalamazoo) 269-342-8842

David Rutz (Agent-Grand Rapids/Muskegon) 616-458-2313

Wayne Stover (Saginaw) 989-692-0002

Travis Eastman (Traverse City) 231-943-5150

Larry Kinzie (Agent-Flint) 810-785-6831

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

"The greatest good you can do for another is not just share your riches, but to reveal to him his own."

-Benjamin Disraeli (1804 - 1881)

"We thought, because we had power, we had wisdom."

-Stephen Vincent Benet (1898 - 1943)



### Local 80 Sheet Metal Workers

#### Sheet Metal Workers Local 80

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

\*\*REMINDER\*\* Meetings are no longer held at the Plumbers Hall and are now held at Local 80's Union Hall.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The next general membership meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Meetings are held at the union hall. 17100 W. 12 Mile Rd. Southfield, 48076.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The next executive board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Executive Board meetings are held at the Local 80 Hall, 17100 W. 12 Mile, 2nd Floor, Southfield, MI

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

RETIREE MEETING SCHEDULE: All remaining meetings and activities have been cancelled for 2020. We will inform you at a later date what we will be doing for 2021. Any questions regarding joining the Retirees Association please contact Steve Murzen at 248-652-0593.

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

THANK YOU TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES A YEAR IN ADVANCE: Duane Nadeau, Richard E. Domanski, Neil Yagley, Steve Norman, and Joshua Berger.

CANCELLED EVENTS: Unfortunately the golf outing, picnic and Labor Day parade are cancelled for 2020. We hope to resume back to normal for 2021.

SMART INTERNATIONAL has announced that they will be endorsing Presidential candidate Joe Biden for the 2020 election.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTARY: We have a notary public available at the hall at no charge. Please call to confirm availability.

"A weapon is a device for making your enemy change his mind."

-Lois McMaster Bujold

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### Local 514 Cement Masons & Plasterers

Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons Local 514

**DETROIT** – The next membership meeting will be August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Local. Please feel free to call the office (248) 548-0800 or any agent with your questions or concerns. Stay safe!!

We are asking all members to contact the Local with their email addresses, it will be a more efficient way of contacting everyone.

Lance Ryan is now the new Plasterer Business Agent, if you have any questions for him please call (586) 615-1564.

2020 is a very important election year! We are encouraging every member who has not registered to vote to do so. You can register at any Secretary of State office.

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

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

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

Effective September, 2018 every member in Good Standing will only be allowed to use the Hall twice per year, also effective January, 2019 there will be a \$100.00 refundable deposit required for any cleaning and/or damages that may incur.

Miller Cohen PLC is extending an invitation to our members to participate in free Estate Planning Seminar. Learn about Wills, Trust, Durable Power of Attorney, and Medical Power of Attorney, and Guardian Designation. Contact the Union Hall if interested and a date will be scheduled for the free Seminar.

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

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

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

Members working for non-signatory commercial contractors are having a negative impact on our market share. The work forecast this year looks better than last. Members working non-union will be brought up on charges and fines will be enforced. Let's work together to secure our future!!

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

Please make sure your modules and drug test are up to date, there are some plant jobs that do require the MUST modules. You can go online at: www.mustonline.org Call the Local if you need a drug form sent out.

Please make sure that we have all of your current contact information, address and phone number so we can keep the fund offices updated for your health care and pension and also if you are having your vacation checks mailed out. If you have moved please contact the Local and we will change your addresses with all of the fund offices.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PLASTERERS AND DETROIT COMMERCIAL CEMENT MASONS:** You can track your annuity fund status at the Wells Fargo website. You may do so by logging on to: [www.retirement.wellsfargo.com](http://www.retirement.wellsfargo.com) or call (866) 640-5138, you can also call the fund office at (248) 645-6550 with any related questions.

**PLASTERERS AND CEMENT MASONS:** It is your responsibility to fill out reciprocity forms if you plan on working out of the Local 514 area. This will ensure that your hours are sent back to your home fund. If you have any questions, or need any forms, please contact the Local.

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

If you have questions concerning your pension benefits, **ROAD BUILDERS** can call: Toll Free at 1-877-876-9357 or (517) 321-7502. **PLASTERERS' AND COMMERCIAL CEMENT MASONS** can call: (248) 645-6550 for pension and annuity, and Toll Free 1-877-876-9357. All **Plasterers and Cement Masons** can contact (517) 321-7502 for health & welfare information now through Outstate Michigan Trowel Trades Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan. For the **INTERNATIONAL PENSION** Call 1-888-880-8222 Toll Free or (202) 638-1996.



### Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

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in a Saturday welding class July 25, August 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

These classes would be for members that are ready to try and obtain a AWS welding certification, learn how to weld, or just need to practice welding.

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

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

Apprentice Application Notice, Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 Apprentice Trust Fund, 64 PARK ST. TROY, MI 48083-2752 [www.smw1292jatic.org](http://www.smw1292jatic.org). NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Apprentice Training Program operated by Sheet Metal Workers Local 292 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) admits qualified applicants without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, age, sex, disability (except to the extent that such disability actually affects the applicant's ability to work at the trade or craft), marital status, or other classification protected by federal, state or local law or ordinance. (You must be 18 years old at the time of application.)

Application must be made in person. No faxes or emailed applications will be accepted!!

Applications for Apprenticeship are accepted all year every business day.

**All applications must be filed in person at the Training Center and a copy of your High School diploma, or GED certificate, along with a picture ID must be submitted with the application or it will not be accepted. At the time of filing you will be registered for a written test at Macomb Community College, at a cost of \$60 (Non-Members Only) which you must pay at time of testing. Cash only will be accepted. If you have any questions, call Dave at (313) 623-9390 or visit [www.smw1292jatic.org](http://www.smw1292jatic.org) for more information.**

*"What we say is important for in most cases the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."*

—Jim Beggs

*"There is no excellent beauty that hath not some strangeness in the proportion."*

—Sir Francis Bacon (1561 - 1626),

*"Most people would like to be delivered from temptation but would like it to keep in touch."*

—Robert Orben



### Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers

BAC Local 2

**WARREN/LANSING** – We take the COVID-19 outbreak seriously and recognize the importance of minimizing the spread of the virus. So, while we continue to provide services to our members, any visits to our offices should be scheduled by appointment. If you have any questions, please contact either the Warren office at (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office at (517) 886-9781.



**CHUCK KUKAVKA** The health and well-being of our members and their families and continuity of service to our members is our highest priority. Please visit our website for updates: [www.bricklayers.org](http://www.bricklayers.org).

**AUGUST 2020 MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:**  
The **SEMI-ANNUAL UNION MEETING** will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 10:00 am at Local 2's office located at 3321 Remy Drive, Lansing, Michigan 48906. This meeting will be outside under a tent with physical distancing in place with our seating. Face coverings will be required for those who attend this meeting.

**ALL CHAPTER MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2020 DUE TO THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

**CRAFTWORKERS NEEDED:** If you are available for work, it is important to contact your Field Representative on their cell phone. We are looking for experienced Craftworkers in all of our trades: Bricklayers, Caulkers, Masonry Restoration Workers, Cement Masons, Tile, Marble and Terrazzo Workers. Those who are interested should contact either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781. Tell anyone who is doing our work, that we are looking for craftworkers!

**SIGNING BONUS FOR SKILLED CRAFTWORKERS:** Local 2 will pay up to \$2,000 as a **Signing Bonus** for skilled craftworkers who come to work for one of our Union Contractors for at least a month. Also, Local 2 members working with the tools and non-supervisory members can get a **Finders Referral Bonus** for each new skilled craftworker who they refer, if they work for at least a month for our Union Contractors. For more details and information, call your Field Representative or either the Warren office (586) 754-0888 or the Lansing office (517) 886-9781, or go to <https://bit.ly/BAC-2-MI-2000-Signing-Bonus>.

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

**\*IMPORTANT CHANGE Regarding Union Dues\*** All Local 2 Members are now eligible for a Union Dues discount, regardless of what month you are paid through currently. This offer is a great way to catch up on your monthly window dues by taking advantage of this annual dues discount.

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

**UPDATE-BACLOCAL2'S TRAINING CENTERS.** Both Local 2 Training Centers have reopened to our members but **visits to our offices should be scheduled by appointment.** Please contact our Training Centers at the numbers listed below for an appointment for annual RESPIRATOR FIT TESTS and other services.

**DETROIT IMI TRAINING CENTER:** To make your appointment for your annual RESPIRATOR FIT TEST or for other scheduled appointments at the Metro Detroit Training Center, please contact Tom Ward directly at (734) 552-7066.

**METRO DETROIT APPRENTICE WORKSHEETS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD:** Turning in monthly worksheets is a requirement of your apprenticeship. Metro Detroit Apprentice Worksheets are available for download at [http://bit.ly/Apprentice\\_Worksheets](http://bit.ly/Apprentice_Worksheets). If you do not have a printer you can pick them up during our monthly meeting or contact Tom Ward at (586) 757-6668 to request them by mail.

For more information on the Detroit Training Center visit: [detroittradeltrades.org](http://detroittradeltrades.org)  
**LANSING TRAINING CENTER:** To make your appointment for your annual RESPIRATOR FIT TEST or for other scheduled appointments at the Lansing Training Center, please contact Howard Hipes directly at (517) 749-1102.

Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org> to view the Lansing Apprenticeship and Training website and register future 2020 online training classes.

**MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE:** During this COVID-19 pandemic, the IUBAC Member Assistance Program has a number of services available for free or at a discounted rate to BAC members and their families. These confidential services can be seen at <http://bit.ly/MAP-BAC> and are also available via telephone at (888) 880-8222 and ask for membership assistance Monday - Friday 8 am-8 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

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

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** Local #2 wants to use every means possible to communicate with you. Sometimes we have time sensitive information (such as job openings, picket lines, funeral arrangements and other such communications) that would be most efficiently done via e-mail. In an effort to accomplish this please submit your address by sending an e-mail to [information@bricklayers.org](mailto:information@bricklayers.org) and in the subject line place "Local #2 e-mail address" then type your name, phone number and e-mail address in the body of the communication. We appreciate your time and effort in helping us accomplish this task.

Veterans are given highest priority as a thank you for their service.

Metro Detroit and the Outstate programs differ slightly, below are common minimum requirements for both programs. You will find the complete list of instructions online.

**Applicants Must:**

- Remain drug and marijuana free, applicants must pass initial and random testing if accepted into program.
- Shall be physically capable of performing the essential functions of the Apprenticeship program without posing a direct threat to the health or safety of the individual or others.
- Have a valid Michigan driver's license.
- Pass physical evaluation.
- High School Graduate or GED, higher education a plus.

dues discount.

For more information on the Detroit Training Center visit: [detroittradeltrades.org](http://detroittradeltrades.org)

**LANSING TRAINING CENTER:** To make your appointment for your annual RESPIRATOR FIT TEST or for other scheduled appointments at the Lansing Training Center, please contact Howard Hipes directly at (517) 749-1102.

Go to <https://www.michiganbricklayers.org> to view the Lansing Apprenticeship and Training website and register future 2020 online training classes.

**MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE:** During this COVID-19 pandemic, the IUBAC Member Assistance Program has a number of services available for free or at a discounted rate to BAC members and their families. These confidential services can be seen at <http://bit.ly/MAP-BAC> and are also available via telephone at (888) 880-8222 and ask for membership assistance Monday - Friday 8 am-8 pm. These services were established and are intended to help get us through difficult life situations.

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

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**PENSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION:** Bricklayers Metro Detroit Local Pension Fund (248) 641-4954

**MEMBERSHIP GOLF OUTING:** The 7th Annual BAC Local 2 Membership Golf Outing will be held Saturday, Sept. 12. All are welcome and invited to participate. This outing will be held at Hawk Meadows Golf Course in Howell, 410 E. Marr Rd., Howell, MI 48855. (517) 546-4635. We hope that with this centrally located beautiful course that many of our active and retired members will be able to attend. This will be a casual event with prizes awarded at the end. Please find time to make it out and enjoy a nice day on the course with so many of our fellow brothers and sisters.

The package includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, cocktail reception, dinner. The day starts with a continental breakfast/check-in at 7 a.m.; shotgun start, 8 a.m.; lunch at the turn; cocktails at 12:30 p.m. and dinner/awards at 1 p.m. Closest to the pin, raffle prizes, 50/50 drawing, skins, longest drive. The cost is \$60 per-person (dinner included) or \$240 per foursome.

Please return the completed registration form below with your check payable to BAC Local 2, and mail to: BAC Local 2, C/O Golf Outing, 21031 Ryan Rd., Warren, MI 48091. The paid reservation deadline is Sept. 4.

For more information contact: Paul Dunford, 248-521-0856, Brett Gierak 248-705-3660 or Shaun Gajewski, 586-601-7539.

Detroit & Vicinity Health Insurance (Brick, Cement and TMT) (800) 435-4080 or (248) 828-6000 (dvtv.org)

MI BAC Health & Welfare and MI BAC Pension (800) 531-2244 (outstate funds, michiganbac.org)

Cement Pension Fund (248) 645-6550 (detroitcementmasons.org)

CALL-A-DOC (800) 835-2362 (D&V Health Fund)

International Pension/Annuity Fund (Brick, Cement and TMT) (888) 880-8222 or (202) 638-1996 (dvtv.org)

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### BAC Local 2 Golf Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Golfers' names  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Golf fee (dinner included) \$60.00 ( )  
Foursome \$240.00 ( )  
Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### \$2,000 Signing Bonus for Skilled BAC Craftworkers!

Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local 2 MI is offering up to a \$2,000 Signing Bonus for Skilled Craftworkers. Our Members who refer them will get the same bonus if they stay working for our contractors! Our Contractors have immediate opening for Skilled Bricklayers, Masonry Restoration Workers, Caulkers, Cement Finishers, Tile, Marble and Terrazzo Workers! For more information about our Signing Bonus Program and our need for Skilled Craftworkers, go to: [www.bricklayers.org](http://www.bricklayers.org) and click on the Signing Bonus page!

### SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY REPRESENTING BUILDING TRADES BROTHERS & SISTERS OVER 25 YEARS BIESKE & ASSOCIATES

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

**Attorneys J.B. Bieske and Jennifer Alfonsi** have 42 years combined experience representing only Social Security disability clients. And they personally meet with all clients and appear themselves at all court hearings. Many large firms assign inexperienced attorneys to your case. And some of these firms are located thousands of miles away and only fly the attorney in the day of the court hearing. Attorneys Bieske and Alfonsi have vast experience before local Michigan judges.

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

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

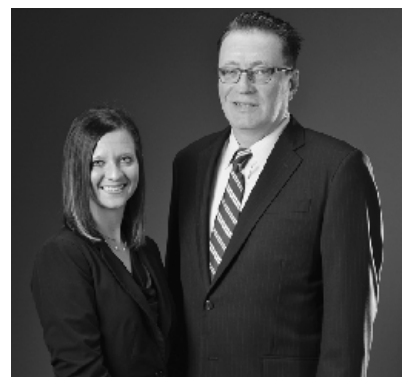
In addition to practicing only Social Security disability law attorney Bieske has written a book for attorneys about the subject and has been interviewed on various television programs. Both attorney Bieske and Alfonsi have also been interviewed on radio programs and have given speeches to many groups.

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

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

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**Local 190**

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 190

ANN ARBOR – UNION MEETING: The next regular union meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10th at 6:00 p.m. at 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI. This meeting will take place outside under a large tent. Members are urged to attend and take an active part in the proceedings.

**MASKS MUST BE WORN WHEN ENTERING THE UNION HALL BUILDING AND TRAINING CENTER DUE TO THE EXECUTIVE ORDER.**

**UNION HALL CLOSING FOR AN UPCOMING HOLIDAY:** Our office will be closing at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 4th and will be closed all day on Monday, September 7th to observe Labor Day. Wishing you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

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

**OFFICE HOURS: Effective Monday, February 3rd,** the Union Hall office hours are as follows: Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**The office will be closed daily from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. 2020 - MICHIGAN LICENSE RENEWAL:** Plumbing license renewals are done online **ONLY!!!** For detailed instructions and requirements, please visit: [www.michigan.gov/bcc](http://www.michigan.gov/bcc). Feel free to stop into the Union hall and pick up a copy of the instructions.

**UA LOCAL 190 WEBSITE:** [www.ua190.org](http://www.ua190.org) Current members will be able to log into the "Members Only" section using your last name and UA card number. **\*\*\*\*NEW ON THE WEBSITE\*\*\*\*:** Members can now view and sign up for job calls. The same procedure will be used as the call-in line. If you are laid off or go back to work, there are forms available to fill out on the website that will inform the hall.

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

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

**INFORMATION - FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: VISION PROGRAM – EYEMED – IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** EyeMed benefit cards are not necessary to access benefits, however, you may print a card from the EyeMed website. Vision providers should be provided the following information at the time of the appointment; 1) Carrier Name -(EyeMed), 2) Member Name 3) Member Birthdate

EyeMed Customer Service Call: 888-581-3648  
In Network Provider Listings Call: 866-804-0982  
EyeMed Website: [www.eyemed.com](http://www.eyemed.com)

**NEW BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD APP FOR YOUR SMART DEVICE:** Attention all members you can download the free Blue Cross Blue Shield APP on your smart device. This will allow you to see a copy of your BCBS card, review your claims, explanation of benefits and much more. **Download: BCBSM**

**REPRESENTATIVE FROM FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE:** On the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday of each month a representative will be available to meet with members from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the union hall. Please feel free to come in for any information you may need on Health and Welfare funds, Met Life Insurance Policies and miscellaneous.

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

**CLASS INFORMATION – TRAINING CENTER- OFFICE PHONE: 734-426-3700**

TRAINING CENTER IS OPENED BACK UP TO MEMBERS WISHING TO UPDATE ANY CERTIFICATIONS, LICENSES OR QUALIFICATIONS.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are following the State and CDC guidelines. You must wear a face mask inside the building.

**Lead/Asbestos/Bloodborne Pathogens Training (4 hours):** Monday, Oct. 5 at 5:00 p.m. This is an in-person class, at the Training Center. To register for this class contact Retha at 734-426-3700

**First Aid/CPR Training (4 hours):** Monday, October 19th at 5:00 p.m. This is an in-person class, at the Training Center. To register please contact Retha 734-426-3700.

**WELDING LAB:** Will start back up by appointment only. It will run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. LIMITED TO SEVEN PARTICIPANTS. Call Andy Fielder, at the Training Center to be added to the list on a daily basis 734-426-3700. Weld test days are determined as participants show they have the skills.

**ASSE BACKFLOW RE-CERTIFICATION (8 HRS):** This class begins, Tuesday, August 4th and Wednesday, August 5th at 5:00 p.m. This is an in-person class at the training center. Reminders are being mailed out for this, so check you mail and RSVP.

**ASSE BACKFLOW TESTER CERTIFICATION (40 HRS):** This class starts Tuesday, Aug. 18 and runs for five (5) weeks on Tuesday and Wednesday, from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. This is an in-person class at the training center. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO EIGHT (8). Please contact Retha to register for this class 734-426-3700.

**ASSE BACKFLOW RE-CERTIFICATION (8 HRS):** This class starts Tuesday, September 22nd and Wednesday, September 23rd at 5:00 p.m. This is an in-person class at the training center. Please check your certifications for the expiration date. A mailing will be sent out. Please contact Retha to register for this class 734-426-3700.

**MED GAS INSTALLER AND BRAZER CERTIFICATION (40 HRS):** This class starts Tuesday, August 18th and runs for five (5) weeks on Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This is an online class, ran through ZOOM and BLACKBOARD. You must have a reliable internet connection and a computer to be in this class. Members wishing to be in this class must notify the training center no later than Aug. 11, so we can get you enrolled in Blackboard. Brazing practice and the tests for this certification will be at the training center.

**MED GAS INSTALLER UP-DATE (8 HRS):** This class starts Wednesday, September 23rd (online) and Thursday, September 24th (in-person) at 5:00 p.m. **Classwork is done online, via ZOOM and BLACKBOARD on Wednesday and test is in-person at the Training Center on Thursday.** Reminders are being mailed out for those who will be expiring prior to the next up-date class. Please contact Retha to register for this class 734-426-3700

**CONFINED SPACE (4 HRS):** This class starts Monday, August 17th. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO EIGHT (8). Please contact Retha to register for this class 734-426-3700

**ICRA CERTIFICATION (16 HRS):** ICRA stands for Infection Control Risk Assessment. This is an ASSE certification, that is more in-depth than the Infection Control University certification that the University requires at their hospital and other medical facilities. Local 190 is working with the University to get the ASSE 12000 (ICRA) into their specs as a pre-approved course. If you are interested in this certification, call Retha to be put on a list. Once we have enough, we will reach back out to those interested with the dates of the class.

**APPRENTICES PLEASE NOTE:** Make sure your e-mail and phone number are updated at the training center. Please call and dial EXT. 2

**RETIREE MEETINGS – \*\*SPADES and BREAKFAST MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

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



**Local 370**  
Plumbers &  
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Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Local 370

FLINT – The next Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020 at 7:00pm. Please note that this meeting will be at the new Training Center/Union Hall located at 2151 W. Thompson Rd. Fenton MI.**

**Local 370 2020 Golf outing** will be held **Saturday, Aug. 22** at Flushing Valley Golf course in Flushing. 9:00 am Shotgun Start. The price is \$70 a man. \$280 per team. Price includes 18 holes with cart, lunch at the turn, Refreshments, Doorprizes and Dinner. Stop by the hall and get the signup sheet with all the information. We are limited to 38 teams so sign up early if you want to play

**Sub Pay:** Remember to qualify for sub pay when you are laid off, you must sign the out of work list. You can also collect when you are on Jury Duty and miss work. If you are traveling, call Karla to see if you need to make sub-fund self-payments. All members were sent a Sub-Pay manual in 2018. If you did not receive one, please call TIC, (517) 321-7502 and ask for the 370 Sub Pay Fund Summary Plan Description (SPD)

**Upcoming Night Classes:** TBD

**Committee and Board meetings are as follows:**

Examining Board – Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 4:00pm

FMR Committee – Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 4:00pm

PAC committee – Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 5:00pm

Executive Board – Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 5:00pm

Building Committee – Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 6:00pm

Finance Committee – Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 6:15pm

JATC Committee – TBD

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

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

**Attendance award** drawing for membership meeting information. Members present must have dues paid to date to claim award. Monthly award is \$150.

**Attention All Active Members in Good Standing** The Joint

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

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

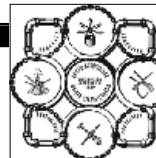
**ALL GM Work requires Must Safety and Drug Testing:** MUST safety modules are only valid for 4 years. Call the hall to sign up for the MUSTSAFE .com website and complete all 18 safety modules. Members will not be eligible to work at any GM site until all 18 modules are complete and are current on their 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.

**Our web site is up and running.** Check it out at [uacal370.org](http://uacal370.org)

We are now able to accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express for window dues. If you want to take advantage of this service there will be a \$1 per month charge added to the monthly window dues fee and a 3% fee for all other transactions.

Plumbing, Mechanical and Residential Code Books are now available at the hall. The books are \$75 each.

Remember to keep your dues current. Any member failing to pay for 3 months shall stand suspended, unable to vote for a period of 1 year or run for office for a period of 2 years and subject to **(Continued next column)**



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

Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVAC Service Local 357

KALAMAZOO – UNION MEETING: **All Union Meetings Are CANCELED Indefinitely.**

With the cancellation of July's membership meeting, Local 357 conducted its Finance and Executive board meetings. The Finance Committee reviewed and approved June's expenditures.

The Executive Board met and discussed the following topics: New class of Apprentices starting, Organized two (2) New HVAC-R Members and the Local 357 Golf Outing.

**GOLF OUTING:** Thanks to Elliot & Jordan Wilcox and all the other volunteers for making the golf outing a success. The event was held at Pineview Golf Club on Saturday, July 18th. Eighteen (18) teams played and a great time was had by all who attended. Thanks Again!

**WAGE ALLOCATION RESULTS:** The wage allocation vote was held on Tuesday, June 16th. The results from that vote are \$0.75 to Health & Welfare; \$0.25 to Pension and the remainder on the check. The new package is effective JULY 1st, 2020.

**POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS:** Local 357 is endorsing the following candidates for the August 4th, 2020 primaries:

**Oshstemo Township:** Dusty Farmer-(I) Township Clerk; Grant Taylor-(I) Treasurer; Zak Ford-(I) Trustee; Cheri Bell-(I) Trustee; Kizzy Bradford-(I) Trustee; Kristin Cole-(I) Trustee; Libby Heiny-Cogswell-(I) Township Supervisor

**Kalamazoo County:** Zac Bauer, Kalamazoo (I) District 2; Mike Seals, Kalamazoo (I) District 4; Chris Pomeroy, Kalamazoo District 5; Jen Aniano, Augusta (I) District 6; Meredith Place Kalamazoo County Clerk / Register of Deeds

**State Representatives:** Julie Rodgers 60th District Representative; Luke Howell, 63rd District Representative

**MEDICAL CLAIMS ISSUES:** As a member, TIC International provides a dedicated team of member advocates to assist with the resolution of any and all medical claims issues. If at any time you experience an issue with your claims being processed and paid correctly, please contact TIC international at 1-888-281-3461. If you are not satisfied with the service you have received, please call me, Ken Willcutt at (269) 569-3492.

**WEBSITE INFORMATION – FRINGES – TIC:** Check out the website at [www.uacal357.com](http://www.uacal357.com) and the **FACEBOOK** Page @ [www.facebook.com/UALocal357/](http://www.facebook.com/UALocal357/). You should sign up for access to your fringe reporting done by TIC via the Union website. To gain access, click on the Members Access Your Information Here, then click on TIC International Corporation and then Register.

This is where you will type in your Name, Email Address, UA Card # and Create your own password. Once you have completed all the information – click on the LARGE REGISTER button that is surrounded by a Blue Box. Your User Access will be granted the next business day. To access your account, once it is set up, all you need to do is access the Membership Button again – type in your email address and password. **(Continued next column)**

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a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. Dues must be paid in 3-month increments according to our bylaws. Dues will be accepted up to 6:45 on union meeting nights.

Members wishing to take the U.A. welding certification test contact business agent, Dan Gaudet for application and testing dates.

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

If you shop on the internet, SHOP UNION MADE, log on to [www.shopunionmade.com](http://www.shopunionmade.com).

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



Sprinkler Fitters Local 704

FARMINGTON – The next regular meeting will be September 9, 2020 at the local union hall at 5:30 P.M. The Executive Board will meet the same night at 4:30 P.M.

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

NFPA All Access is available for all 704 members. Please contact the Local 704 Training Center for username and password. Phone numbers to remember: NASI is 1-800-638-2603 for information regarding Health and Welfare or Pension fund questions.

Continuing education classes are being formed. Please reach out to the training center for further information or future classes you would like to see added.

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

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

**CHANGE OF STATUS:** If you have a change of status for example: married, divorced, remarried, birth, death, workers comp, address change, etc., please call TIC at the phone number above and Lori at the Union Hall. It is very important that we keep all our records up to date.

**There seems to be a continuing problem regarding notification of divorces. Note that you, the member, will be responsible for any bills incurred and paid on claims of an ex-spouse or dependents.** (See Pages 6 and 27 in the Summary Plan Description Booklet for clarification) Time limits apply for reporting status changes so let the hall know ASAP!

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Congratulations to the Tom Farrell on the addition of a baby boy, James.

We would like to extend a SPEEDY recovery to Jon Saunders .... Get Well Soon!

**CONDOLENCES:** Condolences to the family of Levi Franco on the recent passing of his grandfather.

Condolences to the family of Jerald Aubuchon on the recent passing of his son.

Condolences to the family of a lifetime brother, Richard Yoder, on his recent passing.

*“Gratitude is the most exquisite form of courtesy.”*  
– Jacques Maritain (1882 - 1973)

*“Decisions are made by people who have time, not people who have talent.”*  
– Scott Adams (1957 - )

*“The Creator gave man two ears and one mouth; there is a reason why He did so.”*  
– Thomas Barron

*“I merely took the energy it takes to pout and wrote some blues.”*  
– Duke Ellington (1899 - 1974)

*“True friendship is like sound health; the value of it is seldom known until it be lost.”*  
– Charles Caleb Colton (1780 - 1832)



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

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 111

**UPPER PENINSULA – Both the Escanaba and Marquette halls have been closed to walk-in members until further notice. Please call either hall for any assistance you may need.**

The July union meeting is cancelled. The next possible membership meeting will be announced as soon as possible.

Thank you to the membership for your patience during this process due to the current situation of the COVID-19 mandates of gatherings. Any questions please call Business Manager, Dean Gutzman, and stay safe.

**Training/Apprenticeship News:** Notice to members and apprentices; Jesse Harvala is stepping down as training coordinator and the JATC committee has chosen John Antoncew as his replacement. John Antoncew will begin his new duties August 1st, 2020. Jesse will be staying on as a part-time instructor. Local 111 and the JATC would like to thank Jesse for his time as coordinator and welcome John to his new position.

Local 111 JATC has cancelled all Apprenticeship classes including open welding at the training center until further notice, with the exception of Med Gas and Backflow, they are on as scheduled.

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

**Important Information:** Contact the hall with any changes with any of the following: E-Mail, address, phone number, a new birth, marriage, divorce, or death. For those of you, who have an email address that we do not yet have on record, please call and give it to April or Ann.

**Reminder to Welders/Welding Forms:** The UA Welder Qualification Continuity Report forms are available on our website under Training or at the hall. Certifications expire every 6 months and it is YOUR responsibility to get your welding forms turned in on time.

2020 Upgrade Certification Class Schedule has been posted to Local 111 web-site ([lu111.com](http://lu111.com)).

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

2020 BTA Class Schedule has been posted to Local 111 web-site ([lu111.com](http://lu111.com)).

**Check your dues records!** You are assessed a \$50 reinstatement once you become 3 months behind. You are automatically expelled once you are over 6 months behind.

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

**MSHA Training:** The 2020 MSHA schedule is on our web site & our Facebook page. Call Cindy at (906) 228-6450 to register. MSHA expires in one year.

*“Truth is more of a stranger than fiction.”*

– Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

*“Genuine beginnings begin within us, even when they are brought to our attention by external opportunities.”*  
– William Bridges

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# Plumbers Local 98

Plumbers 98

DETROIT – Membership of Plumbers Local 98, Brothers and Sisters,

Your officers and myself are in hope this letter find you and your family well.

Sometime in August we hope to have a Special-called meeting, please keep an eye out for email blasts or further information. All distributed allocations are posted on our 98 Web page and went into effect the first week in June.

**Jean Murley.** What can I say, 19 and 1/2 years ago I was newly elected as an agent and walked in to meet a young gal who was just hired in the 98 office on Seven Mile. We had gone to a new phone system just like we have recently (I thought that was rough) at the same time we moved away from beepers and quarters to new flip phones and I told her we got this. Since then she has helped with the local politics in our area, 98's elections, the good times and the bad dealing with many personalities along the way (that would be us members).

She knew almost every member and always had a smile to receive us, unless you gave her grief. Seems just yesterday I introduced her to her now husband Ron Murley. If that does not tell you how tough she is, let's just say this woman has put up with 5 different Business Managers, that's worthy of any medal given by the Pope! This is the toughest news I can tell you, as Jean Murley is retiring from active duty at our hall. On behalf of all the members and officers we wish you the best in your retirement and if we do have an award banquet this year, I hope you can attend, you will be a special guest. We hope the road rises to meet you, God Bless you and your family.

Due to our compliance with Mayor Duggan's STEP program, we have been given access to free covid-19 testing to all Local 98 members at the old State Fair Grounds on Woodward and 8 mile in Detroit. Prior to going you must call for an appointment at 313-230-0505. No doctor's note is needed, they will ask you for a code and ours is 289488PL. This is free and zero copay.

Our auto plants as well as construction sites are up and running again. If you are asked to do any pre-hire safety of any type prior to entering the plant on your own time that is not acceptable, you must be reimbursed for your time.

If you are not supplied any PPE or feel the job is not addressing these issues you have the right to call your agent and leave the job. We have established an anonymous safety hotline call-in number for our locals 98, 636 members and our Contractors to investigate any lack of protection or wrong doing by the owners we all work for, the number is 313-340-7339.

I believe I must constantly reiterate the dangers of this disease to us as tradesmen, we have seen small mistakes that can evolve into serious situations or missed time, there is no set pattern as it has gone from a killer of old and weak to now having no concern to age, race or creed. Please take caution and watch out for each other.

The Union Hall is now open only to essential foot traffic, as the parking lot is being redone please use the West entrance, until further notice, masks and gloves are required. You need to make an appointment to visit. Temperatures will be taken and a questionnaire will be filled out when you arrive.

Until further notice E-Board meetings are slowly getting underway, if you need to contact or see the board please call V.P. Jim Cools at 734-307-9841, Retiree meetings are still cancelled.

Repeat The Union Hall and our Training Center have been shut down to all unnecessary foot traffic, that does not mean the officers cannot be reached or center can't be used.

In the meantime, any pertinent information can be found on our new web page, a whole list of information is now available to you under the member only section. <https://ualocal98.com>

You now can fill out sub apps electronically, this now can be found on the web page.

The new Out of work list available to access there as well, just follow the instructions on the top of the web page.

If you're still having unemployment issues call BA's Gary Glaser or Tom McWilliams

Any Must/Most, upgrades, continuities or letters of certifications will still be taken care of by Paul Baker 248-585-1435, or our Officers at 248-307-9800.

It's that time again for your **2020 Plumbing License Renewal**, it can be done **ONLINE ONLY!** For detailed instructions and requirements, please visit [www.michigan.gov/bcc](http://www.michigan.gov/bcc). Or call 98's training Center and they will assist you.

We are looking for Residential and Service Plumbers at this time, it will be a great chance to expand and grow again as many members are looking to retire. So, if you know anyone working Non-Union or is a past member that may be interested in us. Have them call 98's Organizer Rob Moses on his cell phone 248-763-2187.

Don't miss out on our agreement with the Detroit Land Bank Authority. Local 98 members can purchase home or building in the Land Banks Holdings for half the list cost. Go to [www.buildingdetroit.org](http://www.buildingdetroit.org) to see what this is about or contact the hall for details.

**-In Brotherhood, Carlo Castiglione Business Manager Plumbers Local 98**

All Retiree Meetings cancelled.

Golf Outing Detroit Plumbers Local 98 Scholarship Fund Golf outing will be held Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Oakridge/Marsh Oaks Golf Club. For tickets or sponsorship information call Jon DeRoo at the hall.

**Workers Assistance Program: I personally can't tell you how lucky we are to have Work life Strategies, LLC, they are available to our members and their families to provide personal counseling services and when needed referrals to professionals in Recovery and Relationship/Divorce Support Groups/Child Custody/Criminal Defense.** This program is not only for medical and/or personal issues, they also can steer you thru governmental resources with any consumer rights or child disability and much more. Please don't hesitate and call C.J. Harrison at Work Life Strategies at 313-580-6887 for an appointment.

**Out of Work List Changes/SUB Pay.** All working members will be required to complete a SUB application within 48 hours of their lay-off on-line or in person to ensure placement on the Out of Work List. If you are out of work due to Disability or Workers Compensation, please contact Jon DeRoo first at 248-762-9238 than BeneSys at 248-813-9800 to verify your continued Insurance eligibility.

**TRAINING CENTER NEWS.** Phone# 248-585-1435

Check out The Training Center's website [www.Plumbers98tc.org](http://www.Plumbers98tc.org)

**The Apprenticeship Application process is closed until further notice.**

The Training Center staff and trustees would like to send out a hearty congratulations to our newest graduate Antonio Robinson, who has completed his Apprenticeship and is now a Non-restricted Journey Plumber.

As the COVID-19 restrictions begin to relax the Training Center is open and slowly returning to normal operations. We will begin journey plumber upgrade classes as soon as we are able. Please call Paul Baker at 248-585-1435 ext. 123 if you have any questions.

**ASSE Backflow Repairer Certification - \*** Prerequisite: Must hold a current ASSE 5110 Backflow Tester Certification. Class begins 8/18/2020. Call Training Center for full schedule. Pre-pay by check only to hold your spot before the **deadline 7/31/2020.**

**ASSE Backflow Tester Re-Certification exams are scheduled quarterly.** Please be sure to check your expiration date, it is now required that you complete your update class prior to your expiration. For those who are eligible, please call the Training Center to register and pre-pay by check only **before the deadline September 25, 2020.** The next scheduled recertification class is **October 27 & (Continued next column)**



**AT THE CONTROLS OF A Manitowac 3900W crane at the Detroit TCF Bank headquarters site is Terry Kison of Operating Engineers Local 324.**



# Local 174 Plumbers, Pipe Fitters & Service Trades

West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters & Service Trades Local 174

COOPERSVILLE – Meeting Notice: **THE AUGUST MEETING IS CANCELLED.** A recent spike in cases has resulted in our region being moved back to Phase Three. We need to reach Phase Five to have a meeting. It is very unlikely that we will reach Phase Five by August 4<sup>th</sup>. For that reason the Business Manager and Executive Board agreed to cancel the meeting. **THE AUGUST RETIREE BREAKFAST IS ALSO CANCELLED.**

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

**August 4<sup>th</sup> Primary Endorsements:**

**Muskegon County Commissioner District #3** (Muskegon Township) Kip Smith

**Muskegon County Commissioner District #4** (Norton Shores) **\*\*WRITE IN\*\*** Mary Valentine

**Muskegon County Commissioner District #2** (City of Muskegon) Ben Cross

**Muskegon County Drain Commissioner** Tim DeMumbrum

**Condolences:** Local #174 would like to offer our condolences to the family of Robert (Lipp) Lepzinski who recently passed away. Brother Lipp was a great hand, and a great Union brother. He will be sorely missed, but "Lipp" stories and memories will live on forever.

**Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing:** The golf outing will take place on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at The Falls at Barber Creek Golf Course. Registration starts at 8am with a shotgun start at 8:30 am. The cost is \$65 per player and MUST be paid by check or cash at the Union Hall by July 27<sup>th</sup>. Each group must have at least two UA members.

**Local #174 Golf League:** The golf league has begun, but you can still join. The league takes place a Hickory Knoll Golf Course in Whitehall at 5pm on Wednesdays. The format is 2 person teams, if you do not have a partner let us know and we'll pair you up. If you would like to join or have any questions contact Ryan Bennett.

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28, 2020.

If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next **WELDING Tests** will be Saturday, September 12, 2020. You must call to schedule your welding tests at least 3 days prior to the class. The next **BRAZING Cert Sessions** will be Friday, September 11, 2020. Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

**2020 Course Hour reimbursement forms** are now available at the Training Center. You must have 8 hours (approved hours credited may vary from actual hours attended) of verifiable approved classes/training from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2020 to be eligible for the \$80 reimbursement.

**OSHA Training - OSHA 10,** available as on an online class for \$25 at [www.careersafeonline.com](http://www.careersafeonline.com). This OSHA 10 class is **not affiliated** with the UA or our Training Center. OSHA 10 and 30 Hour Training is also offered online through the MUST website. Go to [www.mustonline.org](http://www.mustonline.org). **\*\*Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.**

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

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

**Labor Day Events Cancelled:** Unfortunately, as we navigate these uncertain times the LPC has decided to **cancel the Wild Game Dinner and the Labor Day Parade for 2020.** This was not an easy decision, but with the uncertainty of COVID-19 we as a committee feel it is the responsible thing to do. **Labor Fest in Grand Rapids is also cancelled.**

**Family Picnic Cancelled:** The Picnic Committee has recommended cancellation of this year's family picnic. It is unlikely that a gathering of that size will be allowed by July. We want to make sure to protect the health of our members and especially our retirees.

**Dues:** The UA and Local #174 are providing monthly dues relief to those members not working due to COVID-19.

•Beginning in April any member working in the trade who works 40 hours or less in the prior month will be given credit for one month's dues.

•Eligibility will be determined off the previous month's employer contribution list.

•Each month you are eligible, one month's dues credit will be added to your account. There will also be no reinstatement fees assessed.

•This program will continue on a month by month basis as determined by the UA.

•You will still be expelled if you are more than 6 months in arrears.

**VOTE:** Mail ballots are going out and the campaigning is ramping up. Remember in Michigan you can now vote absentee for no reason. You can apply for an absentee ballot and register to vote at [www.mvic.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication](http://www.mvic.sos.state.mi.us/avapplication)

**401K Withdrawal:** The recently enacted CARES Act allows the 401k Plan to adopt a special in-service distribution for participants who are diagnosed with COVID-19, whose spouse or child is diagnosed with COVID-19, or who are experiencing economic hardship as a result of the pandemic.

This distribution can be *up to \$100k*, is not subject to the ordinary 10% excise tax, and the income tax from the distribution can be spread out over a 3-year period. Individuals receiving such a distribution may also repay the distribution over 3-year period, in which case they will not be subject to income tax on what they repay.

Unlike other hardships, this particular distribution only requires that the member self-certify the need. The Fund is not required to independently corroborate the participant's certification with medical documentation or other types of documentation. The distribution is a one-time event only and must be taken in 2020. This program applies to only the employer contribution 401k and will begin April 20th, 2020. You will receive an official notice in the mail soon.

**Sub-Pay:** The board of trustees voted to temporarily raise the maximum sub pay credit from \$130 to \$260 from March 23<sup>rd</sup> until the end of April. To file for sub-pay, fill out a sub-pay form. You can find a form on the members only section of the website under the "forms" tab on the left hand side, or you can call the Union office and we'll mail or email you some. Mail or fax the completed form along with verification that you received an unemployment payment to TIC. If you prefer to email the forms, please email them to Cami at [cburris@ua174.org](mailto:cburris@ua174.org) and she will submit them to TIC.

**PAC Cards:** Since the elimination of prevailing wage, the race to the bottom on wages and benefits for publicly funded

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

**Save the Dates:**

Union Picnic, **CANCELLED**  
Dave Reynolds Memorial Golf Outing: Saturday, Aug. 1, 8:30am Shotgun, Falls at Barber Creek

November Union Meeting: **MONDAY** November 2nd at 7pm

**Medicare Retirees:** Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> you are now enrolled in a Humana Medicare Advantage Plan administered by Labor First. If you have any questions about premium payments contact TIC. All other questions should be directed to Labor First.

**Short Term Disability:** The Local #174 Board of Trustees recently voted to increase the short-term disability amount from \$300 per week to \$400 per week. This increase will be effective September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Local #174 Gear:** We have setup an online store with apparel through Trophy House in Muskegon. You can order and pay online and either pick up the merchandise or pay to have it shipped. There is a link on our website, [ua174.org](http://ua174.org). You can also go to [www.trophyhousebrands.com/online-stores/local-174](http://www.trophyhousebrands.com/online-stores/local-174) to order. You can also find a link in the members Facebook group. They will print the apparel once they receive 20 orders and contact you once your order is ready.

**Dispatch:** We will be splitting up the dispatch responsibilities between the business agent and the assistant business manager positions. Each person will be on dispatch for 2 weeks. There is a dispatch email: [dispatch@ua174.org](mailto:dispatch@ua174.org) which both offices have access to. There is a dispatch phone extension that will switch between the two offices depending on who is on dispatch. The dispatch schedule for the next month will be as follows:

Jason Finch (231) 670-4482: 7/12/2020 to 7/26/2020

Nathan Phillips (616) 916-0667: 7/27/2020 to 8/10/2020

**New insurance carriers:** Active and NON Medicare Retirees.

Aetna: (888) 290-7241  
Save-Rx: (800) 228-3108  
Medicare Retirees Labor First: (616) 345-0788

**Organizing Update:** Please contact Chris Pelton if you know of any jobsites with a non-union plumbing or mechanical contractor or if you are interested in actively assisting with our organizing efforts. There are plenty of opportunities available, ranging from a one-day ride-along with a Business Agent or Organizer all the way up to full blown salting.

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

**Jurisdiction:** Remember to always call into the local you are traveling to. Don't rely on anyone else to call in for you.

**Contact Info:** Please make sure we have your updated contact information. Check your info on the website or by calling Cami at the Union office.

**Retiree Breakfast:** The status of the August Retiree Breakfast is **cancelled.** If you are a retiree and in need of assistance please contact the Local Union Office.

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

**Labor Councils:** - Kent Ionia - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month / Labor Temple 918 Benjamin / 5:30pm

Lakeshore - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month / CIO Hall 490 Western / 6pm

**FRINGE PLAN THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR: (TIC).** West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local No.174 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275 (517) 321-7502 Phone (855) 40-PLUMB Toll Free (517) 321-7508 Fax

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

**Forms:** The forms for Dollar Bank Reimbursement and Sub Pay are on the [www.ua174.org](http://www.ua174.org) website under the Members Only section and Forms and Links tab.

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

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

**Union Hall extension numbers:** Ryan Bennett Business Manager ext:12, Nathan Phillips Assistant Business Manager ext. 13, Jason Finch Business Agent ext.14, Chris Pelton Organizer ext.15, Lisa Johnson Accounting Manager 11, Cami Burris Administrative Assistant ext. 10, Training Dept: Jeff Rumsey ext. 16, Nicole Shumaker ext. 30.

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

**FIRST AID:** First Aid/CPR/BBP class will be the second Thursday of the month, from 5:00p-9:00p. The next classes will be held on Thursday, August 13 and Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020.

Due to the current indoor social distancing restrictions, we are unable to start open welding.

Please contact Jeff or Nicole to sign up for classes or if you have questions. Call the training office  
@ (616) 837-0222 x16 (Jeff) / Nicole @ (616) 837-0222 x30.  
Or via text Jeff (231) 923-8140 / Nicole (231) 206-4213.



MANUVERING HIS John Deere loader through the narrow TCF headquarters site in Detroit is Erik Key Jr. of Operating Engineers Local 324.



## Local 85 Plumbers & Steam Fitters

Plumbers and Steamfitters 85

SAGINAW – All Union Meetings are postponed until further notice. Currently we have canceled July Meeting. We will make decisions on all future meetings as we get closer.

Annual Local 85 Picnic 2020 is cancelled.  
Annual Local 85 Golf Outing 2020 is cancelled.

We encourage members to do as much of their business as they can by phone, email and fax. We will adhere to social distancing practices. SUB checks will continue to be mailed ONLY. We will be available by phone and email anytime for your convenience. Please utilize the phone numbers and email addresses listed below.

ALL NON-CRITICAL INTERACTIONS is cancelled until further notice. Please utilize email and phone calls whenever possible. Below is a list of main contacts for the hall:

Justin Pomerville, Business Manager (989) 799-5261 x 13  
jpomerville@ualocal85.org

Jamie Badour, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 15  
jbadour@ualocal85.org

Tim Danielak, Business Agent (989) 799-5261 x 14  
tdanielak@ualocal85.org

Clint Steele, Business Agent (231) 499-7330  
csteele@ualocal85.org

Bobby Anderson, Organizer (989) 799-5261 x 12  
rjanderson@ualocal85.org

Kristin Tuthill, Office Professional (989) 799-5261 x 11  
ktuthill@ualocal85.org

Feather Reige, Office Professional (989) 799-5261 x 10  
freige@ualocal85.org

The next Northern Meeting is postponed until further notice. 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 or Feather at (989) 799-5261 ext. 11 or 10.

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

**GODBLESS ORGANIZED LABOR AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT!**

**Training Center News:**

**Congratulations:** to our newest Journeymen Jared Gerring and Bryan Rector.

JATC interviews will be held the middle of July for the purpose of selecting a new class of apprentices.

The UA Local 85 JATC also held interviews for a new Service Instructor. Congratulations and welcome to Jason Boensch, I am certain you will be an asset to the Service Training Program.

**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, P.O. Box 6547, Saginaw, MI 48608 Fax: (989) 791-3468 Email: SUB@ualocal85.org

**SUB Application for Benefits:** Must be on file in order to receive SUB Check. Available at the Hall.

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

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

**NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:**

**Address & Phone Update:** Please call the Union Hall to update any address or phone number changes at (989) 799-5261 ext. 10.

**Beneficiary Cards:** Please call the Union Hall for any changes in beneficiary information at (989) 799-5261 ext. 10.

**Email Addresses:** Please email freige@ualocal85.org to update email addresses.

**Website Address:** Please visit www.ualocal85.org.

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

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

Remember you all are essential to me.

Justin M. Pomerville

Business Manager/Financial Secretary  
Local Union 85

*"That would be a good thing for them to cut on my tombstone: Wherever she went, including here, it was against her better judgment."*

–Dorothy Parker (1893 - 1967)

*"Every living thing is a sort of imperialist, seeking to transform as much as possible of its environment into itself."*

–Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)



## Plumbers & Pipe Fitters

Plumbers and Pipe Fitters 333

LANSING – With July 1<sup>st</sup> in the rear view mirror and auto insurance renewals taking place, we once again want to remind you that the Local 333 Health Insurance does NOT in any way cover auto related claims.

It is imperative that you do NOT reduce your Auto Insurance Health Care Coverage. If so, it will be at your own risk. Republicans and Democrats who supported and rushed the bill through should be ashamed. This was a gift to the Auto Insurance Companies in an effort to simply get the liability off Auto Insurance Carriers and on to Traditional Health Care Insurance Plans. Local 333 Health and Welfare is doing well at this time but simply not in a position to accept the new risk.

THE LOCAL 333 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR WAS DELAYED ONE MONTH THIS YEAR DUE TO THE COVID 19 OUTBREAK. APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE MAY 1, 2020. THE DEADLINE TO APPLY HAS BEEN EXTENDED. APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST-MARKED BY JULY 28, 2020 AND IN THE JACKSON OFFICE BY JULY 31, 2020.

MEMBERS MAY REQUEST AN APPLICATION BY EMAILING JONI AT jthomas@local333.com OR CALLING 517-784-1106 EXT. #4 AND LEAVING A MESSAGE. APPLICATIONS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT ALL THREE OFFICES WHEN OFFICES REOPEN.

LOCAL 333 PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS GOLF OUTING HELD IN AUGUST IS CANCELLED.

If you're interested in taking any classes please sign up at www.ua333.org or call Trent or Diana at 517-323-0333.

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

Weld Test (Second Tuesday of the Month) Weld Test are scheduled each month. (Unless lack of participants)

If your Med-Gas Installer is going to expire within the next few months please sign up on our website to take the renewal class.

Med-Gas new certification: Please sign up online on our website or contact the training center.

Local 333 would like to thank the volunteers that came out and helped with the Adopt-A-Highway clean up past weekend. And thank you to Todd Scarbrough, and Jordon Grove for coordinating the event. You hard work is greatly appreciated.

We have long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts available.



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

Pipe Fitters 636

DETROIT – The Hall will be Re-Opening on July 13, 2020 to all foot traffic. Masks are REQUIRED. Dues payments or SUB transactions can still be done via email or by phone. SUB email is mapril@pipefitters636.org.

Pipefitters Local 636 would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Retiree Brother Russell Bohm who passed away on July 8, 2020.

The Leadership of Local 636 is doing their best to balance the concerns of our members in regards to their health with the concerns of the health of our Union, Trust Funds and Industry. We encourage everyone to fill calls as we are receiving for jobs where all the OSHA regulations working safely are being followed. These jobs must be filled. If the hours are not worked by our members they will be worked by Travelers, which doesn't help our Union or our Trust Funds as the money is sent to the Traveler's Home Local.

In situations where a member doesn't have COVID, isn't caring for someone with COVID or eligible under any of the other relaxed rules of the State of MI regarding unemployment benefits; we ask that you to take available work, and it is your choice if you do not, but please understand SUB benefits will not be paid in these instances where Traveler fitters are dispatched. Also it is your responsibility as a member to report when you return to work not the contractors. So please call the Hall and speak to the Business Agent on dispatch to report your return to work date.

CJ Harrison would like all our members to know that she is still available by phone during these uncertain times, she is working from home doing phone conferences which is still beneficial to all our members and their families. You can contact her @ 313-580-6887

The Retiree Association Meeting for the month of July and all other Retiree Meetings moving forward, have been cancelled until further notice. The election has also been postponed until further notice. – President David Evans

Any member that is Retiring contact Benesys @ 248-813-9800 for your Retirement paperwork or if you want to meet with the Financial Secretary Treasurer, please give him a 7 to 10 day notice so that he can get all of your paperwork in order.

New Quarterly ending September 30, 2020 UA Password is: ESSENTIAL

Dues: If you do not pay your Dues by the end of each quarter. After 2 quarters go unpaid you will then be Expelled and have to be Re-Initiated and pay a \$200 Re-Initiation fee.

Defined Contribution Pension Plan: For those members who use the Voice Response Unit, VRU to obtain balance information and transfers funds in your Defined Contribution Pension, the number has changed. The new number for the VRU is 877-410-9984. Plan provider number is 7526.

You can now login to your Defined Contribution account on the Local's website. Just click on the "Defined Contribution login here tab" and it will take you to the BeneSys login page. The Defined Contribution website is www.yourplanaccess.com/benesys. All inquiries.

Are you "Work Ready"? Have any of your safety modules expired? Is your Drug Test current? Check your report card at mustbsafe.org and if it is time for renewal call the Training Center 248-585-0636 and they will register you. Be "ready" when the calls come in. Safety modules and drug tests are paid for by the Contractors Association. WHEN YOU STAY CURRENT WITH YOUR SAFETY MODULES, DRUG TEST AND FIRST AID, YOU WILL QUALIFY FOR FUTURE BONUS PAYMENTS.

Financial Planning: Call Jason May at Morgan Stanley 248-258-1750 for assistance and consultation relating to your Defined Contribution Investments. He will help with a total financial plan if requested. Services are paid for by the Defined Contribution Pension Fund.

Recovery Support Group: Pipe Dreamers, a Peer Support Recovery group for ongoing recovery from substance abuse and addiction meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm at the office of "Work Life Strategies" 26789 Woodward Avenue, Suite 3105, Huntington Woods 48070. Call 248-545-8301 for details or any questions you may have.

Also, a Relations/Divorce Support Group meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6pm.

Worker Assistance Program: Work Life Strategies, LLC are available to our members and their families to provide personal counseling services and when needed, referral to other professionals. Call 248-545-8301 to talk to a counselor for issues relating to grief, alcohol and or drug addiction, bankruptcy, financial management, marital, depression, legal and family counseling. Consultations with Work Life Strategies are a service paid for by the Insurance Fund. Referrals to outside professionals, if needed, will be paid for according to the current health care plan benefits.

## NACOSH launches drive to get anti-virus standard into economic aid bill

By Mark Gruenberg  
PAI Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (PAI) – The National Council for Occupational Safety and Health launched a major drive, complete with a riveting video to be attached to communications to lawmakers, to ensure a mandatory anti-coronavirus safety and health standard is in the next economic stimulus law.

Their objective: To put enough pressure on GOP senators, notably ones who are vulnerable at the polls this fall, to defy both Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., and GOP President Donald Trump and force Trump's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to write such a standard and enforce it, now.

The standard, in turn, would force firms to protect their workers against airborne viral transmissions, one of the most-common ways the coronavirus spreads quickly.

Senators "have got to wake up and realize people are dying," Postal Workers Vice President Debbie Szeredy told a July 14 zoom press conference.

NACOSH and the Labor Network for Sustainability put together the Fight For The Living video featuring first responders – or, in some cases, their survivors – who had to battle the coronavirus pandemic while also battling a lack of per-

sonal protective equipment (PPE), such as N95 masks, protective gloves, respirators and hazmat suits.

The result has been hundreds of dead first responders among the 136,466 people the virus has killed since the pandemic was declared in the U.S. on March 13. As of 12:30 am on July 15, 3,431,574 million people have tested positive. Both figures are around a quarter of the world's total. More than 58,000 people in the U.S. tested positive on July 14.

"Our message is clear: The next COVID stimulus bill must include protections of those essential workers," NACOSH's Jessica Martinez explained. Their "lives...hang in the balance."

On the state level, on July 15, Virginia became the first state to adopt its own emergency anti-coronavirus standard, effective immediately.

The overall stimulus bill would also extend temporary federal jobless benefits – the \$600 weekly checks – through Jan. 31. They now are scheduled to end July 31, leaving millions of people to face financial ruin without them.

"The bottom line is people really need to step up and put pressure on the Senate," said Michael Leon Guerrero of the Labor Network.



## Local 149 Roofers & Waterproofers

DETROIT – Main Office – Southeastern Lower Michigan –

Attention all United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers Local 149 Detroit Members: The negotiating committee has reached a tentative agreement with the SMRCA. The ratification meeting will be held on Aug. 1, 2020, at 10:00am, at the IBEW Hall, 1358 Abbott St, Detroit, MI 48226.

The tentative agreement is as follows: 1 year contract with a \$1.50 increase across the board Zone 2 \$75 a day Zone 3 \$85 a day Mileage 30 cents per mile Negotiated agreement will be retroactive and become effective on July 1, 2020

Regular Membership Meeting: The next regular membership meeting is scheduled for Tues., Aug. 4, 2020 at 7 p.m. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., July 28, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Condolences: It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we inform you of the passing of the following Brother. Brother James Grabowski, he was 62 years old and a 41-year member. Brother Grabowski past on 6/24/2020.

Follow us on Facebook for announcement updates: @ United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers, and Allied Workers Local 149

Detroit Training Center Information

The next term for all Detroit Apprentices will be as follows:

Apprentice 2 & Single Ply 1-Monday, July 20

Apprentice 1 & Single Ply 2-Tuesday, July 21

BUR 1 & Steep Slope 1-Wednesday July 22

BUR 2 & Steep Slope 2-Thursday, July 23

Apprentice 7 & 8 Safety & Health - Thursday, July 23

All classes begin at 6:30pm

Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Detroit LU 149 members.

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

If you are interested in any of these classes, contact Thomas Jaranowski at the Training Center, 248-543-3847, or TJaranowski@DetroitRoofers.org to make arrangements.

Reminder: Members please call the Hall when you see a roofing project whether it is one of our signatory companies or not. The Hall needs this information

Members are reminded to call the Hall (313) 961-6093 to put their name on the out of work list.

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

Retirees' Association: If you are a retired 149 member and are interested in joining the Roofers & Waterproofers Local 149 Retiree's Association, contact Bus. Mgr. Brian Gregg, 313-961-6093.

MID-MICHIGAN AREA – Clio Office: The next Mid-Michigan regular membership meeting is scheduled for Tue, Oct 13, 2020 at 6 p.m. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420.

Raise Notice: The Mid-Michigan members have spoken loud and clear by voting for proposal 1. \$1.05 on the check, \$0.40 to the Pension, and \$0.40 to the Health & Welfare.

Mid-Michigan Training Center Information. The Mid-Michigan Apprentices will be as follows:

Apprentice 1, thru 3- are on Mondays

Apprentice 4, thru 8- are on Wednesdays

All classes begin at 6:00pm 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 Rick Baird at the Training Center, 810-687-1368, or rickbaird81@gmail.com to make arrangements.

When contractors call the Union Hall for help, we need to know who is available, and have an up to date phone no. 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.



**Michigan Painters District Council**

Painters DC 1M  
WARREN – Dear Members,  
As our great state of Michigan reopens and our Members return to work. Please use best practices to stay safe on the job. Wear your masks, maintain social distancing whenever possible, wash your hands, most of all use common sense while on the job. Please take care of yourself and each other.



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

**SICKNESS and DEATH.** It with a heavy heart we announce that:

Local 357 – Dan Diehl passed due to a car accident.

Local 357– Cody Strickland has stage 4 esophageal cancer.

Local 312 retirees Mike Goodwin and Hugh Burdette passed away.

Please keep these brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

**FTI OF THE GREAT LAKES MICHIGAN APPRENTICESHIP.** The Apprenticeship School has sent letters to all Apprentices regarding their schedule.

Painter, Drywall Finisher and Glazier Apprentices: should you have any questions, please contact Director of Training Shawn O'neill at (517)304-4425 or by email dot@iupatdc1m.org.

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Warren office# is 586-552-4474 or Freeland office# is 810-232-0005.

New job starts should be reported to the Union office.

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**District Council 1M**

**Business Manager:** Robert Gonzalez

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

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

**Local Union 312**

**Business Rep:** Tim Schwerin

**Meeting date:** 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** 1473 N. 30th St., Galesburg, MI 49053

**Local Union 514**

**Business Rep:** Scott Mikulen

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

**Place:** 7920 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, MI.

**Web site:** [www.iupat-local514.org](http://www.iupat-local514.org).

**Local Union 826**

**Business Rep:** Rocky Ackerman

**Meeting date:** 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** 3115 Joyce St. Burton, MI 48529

**Local Union 845**

**Business Rep:** Fred Frederickson

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

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

**Local Union 1052**

**Business Rep:** Jake Fluty

**Meeting date:** The Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m

**Place:** 3115 Joyce St., Burton MI 48529

**Local Union 1803**

**Business Rep:** Josh Ovalle

**Meeting date:** 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

**Place:** 7677 Midland Road, Freeland, MI 48623.

**Local Union 2352**

**Business Rep:** John Sape

**Meeting Date:** 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

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

**Local Union 2353**

**Business Rep:** Keith Anderson

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

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

**Local 357**



**Glaziers & Glassworkers**

Glaziers & Glassworkers 357

WARREN – Our next regular scheduled union meeting will be Monday August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.

Hopefully all 357 members, and your families had a terrific 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. We had terrific weather again for the holiday.

Unfortunately, brother Dan Diehl passed away on May 26 in a fatal car accident. Dan was a member of local 357 since 1999 and was a father to three young girls.

Please keep Dan and his family in your thoughts and prayers. He was our brother, and our friend. Mike Pheny is gathering donations currently for Dan's family. If you wish to contribute something please get the money to Mike, or you can send the money to the union hall, attention Dan Diehl, or Don Stepp and we will get the money into Mikes hands. We are going to take contributions thru to the Aug. 3 union meeting.

The Governor has let construction resume. This being said please follow the specific guidelines required on each project. It will take some get used to, the new ppe required, but it is necessary to keep each other safe, and our families safe.

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

Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at 14587 Barber Avenue, Warren, MI 48088. Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M** in care of Glassworkers #357.

When traveling to work out of town, all members are reminded that they must check in with the local that you are working in as per the International Constitution and our local C.B.A.

The Fund Office address is Michigan Glass and Glazing Joint Funds, P.O. Box 966, Troy, MI 48098-066; phone number: 248-641-4957; fax 248-813-9898.

If you are in need of safety modules, please contact your employer if you are employed or the union office @ 586-552-4478, if you're not. Any questions call the hall or call the Council @ 586-552-4474. Participation is very important to keep your union strong, so try to make it to a meeting.

–Business Rep- Don Stepp

**Local 591**

**Sign, Pictorial & Display**



Sign Pictorial & Display 591

WARREN – The next General Membership Meeting will be held on Sep. 1, 2020 at 6:30p.m. Trustees and union stewards meet at 6:20 p.m.

The August 4, 2020 meeting has been cancelled as usual.

Anyone possessing a union membership and willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4, and 19.8 of the District Council By-laws. Any questions on local

union issues, please call John Sape at 586-899-8082, or Keith Anderson at 586-899-7958, your Business Representatives.

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

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.

**Masons rehab former Stroh's HQ**

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been moving scaffolding up and down the exterior, removing and replacing brick, re-sealing the masonry and performing general repairs.

Conceived as Prohibition began in 1920, the Stroh headquarters was originally built to house the brewer's corporate offices, leased space, and it included several floors for high-end specialty retail. Stroh survived the 12 years of Prohibition by selling other products, like low-alcohol "near-beer," ginger ale and ice cream.

"The first decade of Prohibition," says *Brewed in Detroit*, "was a period of postwar boom and prosperity. Julius Stroh (the son of founder Bernard Stroh) was determined not to lose out completely. He had the 18-story Stroh Building at 28 West Adams erected, a well-proportioned office building that still stands..."

The building was later crowned with a beer garden on the roof, which was converted into two additional floors in the 1950s to increase leasable space.

Also at the top, an original decorative cornice was removed in the 1960s, a fate which befell a number of Detroit towers in that period by owners looking to modernize their buildings. The building was designed in the Chicago School architectural style with a steel and concrete structural system that allowed for numerous large windows.

A 10-story annex to the building was also added to the back in 1951 when Stroh sold the building to the Michigan Mutual Insurance Co. Building. Stroh sold its tower to raise capital to build a new bottle packaging plant in Detroit.



ERECTED AT A COST OF \$2.5 million in 1921 for the Stroh Co., the 250-foot-tall building in Detroit is now known as Grand Park Centre. It's exterior masonry is undergoing rehabilitation.

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## Outdoors



# Century celebration for 13 state parks

By John Pepin  
Michigan Department  
of Natural Resources

Like Band-Aid bandages, Baby Ruth candy bars, the National Football League and the psychiatrist Rorschach's ink-blot test, 13 of Michigan's 103 state parks are this year turning 100 years old.

It was 1920 – the simultaneous infancy and high water benchmark year in development of Michigan's state parks system – when these 13 state parks were established within portions of as many counties across the Lower Peninsula.

Counties where the parks were set up included portions of Cheboygan, Oceana, Ottawa, Alcona, Presque Isle, Otsego, Clare, Grand Traverse, Charlevoix, Wexford, Lenawee, Jackson and Washtenaw counties.

The previous year, Interlochen had become the first state park in Michigan established under the auspices of the Michigan State Parks Commission.

It wouldn't be until 1922, with Brimley and Baraga, that the first mainland state parks would be created in the Upper Peninsula. A state park at Mackinac Island and Fort Michilimackinac had been created previously under another governance.

"With Michigan's then-burgeoning population and Henry Ford's development of affordable automobiles, it didn't take long before motorists began looking for places to drive to for the enjoyment of leisure time and recreation," said Ron Olson, chief of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division. "With places available to the public for this few and far between, the state parks commission was working hard to establish new parks."

In many cases, lands were donated to the cause – some with parks already on them – or reverted to the state after taxes became delinquent. In still other instances, some tracts of land were purchased outright for park development.

In August 1920, *The Times-Herald* in Port Huron described



A BIRD'S EYE VIEW shows visitors enjoying the beach along Lake Michigan at Charles Mears State Park in Oceana County. MDNR photos

the activities of the recently created state parks commission.

"There was appropriated the sum of \$150,000 for the years 1920 and 1921," the newspaper reported. "As a result of this action, the State of Michigan is rapidly acquiring a system of state parks which not only promise to be comparable in size and beauty and interest to those of any other state in the union, but will make Michigan more than ever the summer playground of the great middle west."

By June 1921, 24 sites had been acquired and improvements begun on 17 of them. To make these sites easily accessible to tourists, most new state parks were established either on or adjacent to state trunk highways.

"One hundred years later, we want to acknowledge the contributions establishment of these early state parks had in creating a lasting legacy for Michigan," Olson said. "From Burt Lake to Grand Haven and Silver Lake, we've got a lot of reasons to commemorate this milestone."

Here is a closer look at each of the 13 state parks established in 1920.

**Burt Lake State Park** – Home to 2,000 feet of sandy shoreline, fishing and boating, this state park is situated south

of Indian River, along the southeast corner of 17,120-acre Burt Lake in Cheboygan County. The first portion of land to be set aside for the park was purchased in 1920, with more land acquired through 1939 bringing the total size of the park to 406 acres.

**Charles Mears State Park** – Located along the shores of Lake Michigan in Oceana County, a harbor pier, paved campsites and a fine sand swimming beach greet visitors to this 50-acre state park in Pentwater. Namesake Mears was an early settler of Pentwater who built a sawmill, and a boarding house and founded the Middlesex Brick & Title Co. His daughter would later donate land for the park.

**Grand Haven State Park** – Situated between the beauty of Lake Michigan to the west and the Grand River on the north, this 48-acre beach state park in Ottawa County offers scenic views of the lake and the Grand Haven pier and lighthouse. An initial 10 acres from the estate of Stephen Monroe was purchased by the city of Grand Haven and offered to the state for development of this park. *The Battle Creek Enquirer* reported the land was officially accepted by the state conservation commission in June 1921.

**Harrisville State Park** – This

107-acre park in Alcona County is within walking distance of the resort town of Harrisville on the sandy shores of Lake Huron. Near the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse, the park has a day-use and campground area among a stand of cedar and pine trees.

**Onaway State Park** – Located 6 miles north of Onaway along M-211, this park in Presque Isle County is known for its rugged and picturesque landscape along the shores of Black Lake. At 158-acres, the park sports sand cobblestone beaches, unique rock outcroppings and virgin white pines. The park, located in an area once frequented by Ojibwa Indians, was acquired from Presque Isle County and private donors.

**Otsego Lake State Park** – This 62-acre park, home to sandy beaches with beautiful views, is found south of Gaylord in Otsego

County. The park has easy access to Michigan's signature Iron Belle Trail for biking and hiking, along with opportunities for boating and fishing. Large oak, maple and pine trees offer visitors shade on hot summer days.

**P.H. Hoeft State Park** – Named for lumber baron Paul H. Hoeft, who donated property toward creation of this Presque Isle County recreation destination, this 304-acre park is heavily wooded and situated along the Lake Huron shoreline. A picnic pavilion was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps during the 1930s. There are several trails here, including beach and hardwood forest trails that stretch for 1.5 miles each, along with the Occoque Falls Bicentennial Pathway.

**Silver Lake State Park** – At 2,936 acres, this is the largest of those early state parks created a century ago. Located along the Lake Michigan shore in Oceana County, Silver Lake State Park is best known for extensive sand dunes that attract off-road vehicle riders to the park's scramble area. These are the only sand dunes open to off-road vehicle riders east of the Mississippi River. The park also features camping and swimming.

**Traverse City State Park** – Later renamed Keith J. Charters Traverse City State Park, after the conservationist, hunter and fisherman who served on the Michigan Natural Resources Commission from 1994 to 2010, this park is located on a quarter mile of beach on Grand Traverse Bay. The 47-acre park in Grand Traverse County was initially established on 16 acres of land, with additional property added in 1921 and 1939.

**Cedar Hill State Park** – This southern Michigan park situated on Wampplers Lake, 9 miles west of Clinton, was later renamed for state Sen. Walter J. Hayes after land was donated to the park honoring him. Today, the 78 acres at W.J. Hayes State Park are found

within portions of Lenawee, Jackson and Washtenaw counties, in an area known as the Irish Hills, which is home to 52 lakes and rolling topography. Activities here range from geocaching and metal detecting to boating, fishing and swimming.

**Wilson State Park** – Located in Clare County at the north end of Budd Lake, this park offers 36 wooded acres, with fishing, paddling and opportunities for day trips, near Harrison. This location was the original site of the Wilson Brothers Sawmill and Company Store, which thrived in the late 1800s.

**William Mitchell State Park** – Situated between Lake Cadillac and Lake Mitchell, this 334-acre park in Wexford County is popular as a camping, fishing and boating destination. A historic canal runs through the park and connects the two lakes. The Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center and the Mitchell Heritage Nature Trail are located within the park.

**Young State Park** – This 563-acre park on Lake Charlevoix is home to a popular beach and an interesting blend of gently rolling terrain, cedar swamp and lowlands. The park's concession stand was built during the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In its Aug. 21, 1920 article, *The Times-Herald* of Port Huron said it didn't have the space available "to even outline every important feature in connection with the state park system. That it will be of tremendous benefit goes almost without saying."

"Great growths of virgin pine and other woods will be kept intact, so that in the years to come the children of our children and of their children and those who follow after may enjoy the secluded and inspiring wilderness of their forefathers," the newspaper said.

"They may take canoe trips through the lakes and rivers, as the Indians did. They may use the same trails, or they may go by automobile or train to escape the driving pace of city life to the tree covered hills, the brooks, the rocky glens. There will be reforestation, too, in many places so that, a hundred years from now, thousands of acres will have been restored to their natural state."

For more information about Michigan's fabulous 103 state parks, visit [Michigan.gov/StateParks](http://Michigan.gov/StateParks).



AN UNDATED historic postcard shows the beach and trailer park at Grand Haven State Park in Ottawa County.

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