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NEWS



Leading the Way

This week, EST AI Bond brought together a diverse group of developers and investment firms at 1401 Hampton to discuss the many development opportunities around the future home of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in North St. Louis. The \$1.7 billion project is set to break ground next week. The project is expected to spur major development of commercial, industrial and residential real estate in the surrounding area.

Tragedy to Triumph

In 2018, Local 1127 member Ryan Mercia was working his dream job in commercial carpentry,

celebrating the birth of his daughter and his wife's admission to nursing school. Everything changed when a motocross accident took his right leg. Determined to return to the career he loved, Ryan was back on the job site within 8 months having his leg amputated.

Ryan's attitude and perseverance have inspired many, including UBC General President Doug McCarron. On behalf of the Carpenters Helping Hand Fund, he surprised Ryan and his family with a \$25,000 check to help pay off medical debt.



[Read more of Ryan's story here.](#)

Trap & Catch

They're called "coyotes" and they're ravaging the construction industry. A national epidemic is seeing labor brokers [smuggling workers](#) onto construction sites and paying them off the books. The workers get cheated, and the smugglers undercut honest union contractors. It's a problem that the Carpenters union is fighting to end.



A New Day

It's a new day in Virginia, where recent elections ended decades-long GOP rule. Armed with control of the state capital for the first time since the early '90s, many Democrats want [repealing Virginia's "Right to Work" law](#) to be priority #1. Pundits believe the Virginia elections could signal a "blue wave" and stronger worker rights sweeping more states in 2020.



Lifeline

The latest issue of the *CRC Carpenter* is in the mail and we're sharing the harrowing [story of Mike Volz](#) (Local 32). Mike suffered a near-fatal heart attack on the job, but was saved by some quick thinking and skilled CPR training. Help us spread even more news to our members. Share your story ideas at: info@carpdc.org





Up Close: Students from South Tech High School got a jobsite walk-thru at Paric's Friendship Village this week. We gave them an up-close look at all facets of today's carpentry, including: concrete, metal studs, drywall, finishing, door installation, acoustical ceilings and floor coverings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY parties

2019 Christmas Parties

It's that time of year! Keep checking here for our list of CRC locals' holiday parties.

Local 1596: Wed. **December 4** @ 6pm (January meeting moved to Jan. 8)

Local 97: Tues. **December 17** @ 7pm

Welcome to your Vision Benefits

Healthcare Bluebook

Let's talk turkey!

Knee MRI

Fair Price \$593

\$435 - \$4,780+

Reasonable Rates Imaging Center (~ 2 miles)

XTRA Imaging (~ 3 miles)

Too Much Medical Center (~ 1 mile)

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TODAY is Quit Day!



The Great American Smokeout Quit Day: November 21

If you are ready to quit, or even just thinking about it, **log in to Carpenters Wellness Program online portal**, sign up for the Smokeout Challenge during the month of November and complete the 12-week guided program for a chance to win! **Find out more**



Small changes can lead to BIG improvements and an improved, healthier YOU.

Log In Now to sign up today. Don't let this Quit Attempt pass you by.

*Not a tobacco user? There's more in the Wellness Program portal to serve your wellness needs! **Set up your account now!***

Avoid the Wait! Call Before You Come.

Carpenters Wellness Center accepts same-day appointments for acute and sick care, but please understand that patients are scheduled based on severity of symptoms.



Call ahead to schedule your appointment.

314.955.WELL (9355)

MO CGA Damage Prevention & Safety Summit Dec 11-12

The 2019 Missouri Common Ground Alliance Damage Prevention & Excavation Safety Summit is scheduled for December 11-12 in **Springfield, MO**. Credit for courses is available with proof of registration and attendance of any safety course.



Sign Up EARLY to save your spot

For Knife Enthusiasts

Back by popular demand. If you need a knife for work or home, or just like collecting cool knives, this is the place to be.

January 25 & 26, 2020

Carpenters Hall, St. Louis (*union carpenters get in free*)

Download the flier here.



2020 Mouse Races

Mark your calendar for our social event of the year !

Sat., February 29 (advance tickets only)

Carpenters Hall, St. Louis

Call Robin @ (314) 644-4800, or 1-800-332-7188 ext. 5250

Download the flier here.



Local 1310 Poker Tournament

Sat. March 21

Carpenters Hall, St. Louis

Doors open @ 7pm

[Download the flier here.](#)



St. Louis CJAP Exploring Program

The Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship Program is working with the Exploring Program of the Greater St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America to start a workforce development program. This program will expose high school students to the skills and great opportunities that a career in carpentry provides.

Interested in more information in leadership or have a high school youth who wants to participate?

[Find out how to get involved.](#)



COUNCIL CALENDAR

Council Events

Local Meetings

Nov 25
Local 57

Nov 26
Local 1181

Nov 27
Local 1795

Nov. 28
Thanksgiving

TRAINING



ICRA TRAINING



UBC LEADERSHIP

Carpenters leadership training gives our members the communications, coaching

ICRA

We can't afford to lose. It's that simple. The Carpenters Regional Council has the ability to train its members with a skill no one else has - yet. Our union is leading the way developing new innovative training and techniques that teach our membership how to reduce contamination while working on expansion and renovation projects in busy hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Become a part of the growing healthcare construction boom.

info@carpdc.org.

New **ICRA Best Practices in Health Care - 24 Hour Qualification** classes have been posted to carpdc.org

Please register for these classes by following the instructions for the ICRA classes in your area.

and mentoring skills we need to carry our union into the future. Held at the UBC's International Training Center in Las Vegas, these comprehensive courses have already helped thousands of carpenters learn practical on-the-job tips. [Learn more here](#) and spread the word.

AVAILABLE TRAINING CLASSES

On May 1, 2017, the new Safety Training Requirement changes went into effect. On May 1, 2019, we will enter the third year since the changes. This is a reminder to check your "Safety Training" "Met Through Date" on your carpdc.org account.

If you have not taken any Safety or Technical training since May 1, 2017, as of May 1, 2020, you will "Not Have Met" your training requirement per the guidelines of our collective bargaining agreement. **Please refer to the "Around the CRC" weekly update and carpdc.org for training class schedules and locations.**

Thank you for maintaining your Safety Training Requirement and continuing to be the most productive, highest quality and safest workers in the construction industry.

Walk-On Safety Classes St. Louis

[November Schedule](#)

[December Schedule](#)

To register for these classes, please call 314.644.4800, ext. 5227

Remaining OSHA 30 Construction Class *currently in progress*

7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Sat. 12/14/19

NEW OSHA 30 Construction Class

Saturdays 1/11/20, 2/8/20, 3/14/20, 4/11/20

Location & Directions:

St. Louis Carpenters Training Center

8300 Valcour Ave St. Louis, MO 63123

Park in the rear parking lot and enter through Door #10

CRC Safety Classroom

OSHA requires at least three participants for this class to run.

To register, please call (314) 644-4800 ext. 5227

OSHA Silica Awareness Course

The purpose of this course is to educate carpenters on OSHA's Crystalline Silica Standard and to provide an understanding of proper ways to limit exposure.

[Registration form](#)

Kansas City Builders Association

[July thru December 2019 Safety Class Schedule](#)

Skilled Trades Associate of Applied Science Degree

Check out the [Completion Guide](#)

Southeast Missouri CJAP Training

[Upcoming training course schedule](#)

AGC MO Safety Course Schedule

[Upcoming AGC course schedule](#)

Local 32 Safety Training

[Local 32's safety training course schedule](#)

Welding Shop Hours

[New Shop Hours](#)

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