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NEWS

Looking Ahead
America’s labor unions are telling 2020 presidential candidates to prove that they are unambiguously pro-worker and pro-union if they want to win the working class vote this year. Feeling that too many politicians pay lip service to their members, organized labor says Democratic hopefuls must support plans to make it easier to form unions in the workplace and harder to bust them. They also want commitments to end the National Labor Relations Act’s preemption of local and state laws.

Keep it Clean
In Missouri, the General Assembly is already plotting to undo campaign and ethics reforms passed by voters in 2018 with the CLEAN amendment. The constitutional amendment was billed as a way to “clean up Missouri politics” by capping campaign contributions, limiting the powers of lobbyists and revamping the redistricting process.

Repercussions
It was 10 years ago that Citizens United changed the face of politics, and many say it’s to blame for today’s shrinking middle class. The Supreme Court decision has allowed corporations to spend unlimited money on campaigns. It also created the phenomenon of dark money, a huge advantage for Republicans in state races and conservative wish lists like “Right to Work.” We find...
that Citizens United increased the GOP's average seat share in state legislatures by five percentage points.”

Resolute

We’re falling behind the rest of the world and becoming less competitive, so says a Harvard Business School report, which lays much of the blame on the $6 billion spent each election cycle by corporate lobbying groups. The opioid crisis, which has hit the construction industry hard, is cited as an example. While advocates pushed for tighter controls on the dangerous painkillers, drug companies spent $740 million to block federal and state regulation efforts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carpenters Wellness Program

Wellness is the new buzz word around Carpenters--and with good reason.

With one wellness center up and running and plans for another to break ground in 2020, it’s evident that your health matters. In conjunction with the new wellness centers, we’ve launched a Wellness Program to help members and dependents take the reigns on their own health, too.

Find out why and how to sign up.

Glaucoma Awareness Month

Glaucoma is a leading cause of irreversible blindness in the United States. Because there aren’t noticeable symptoms in early stages and vision loss progresses at such a gradual rate, most people affected by the condition are often unaware of it until their sight has already been compromised. The best defense against developing glaucoma-related blindness is routine, comprehensive eye exams.

Schedule your appointment today with a VSP Premier Program doctor, or call Carpenters Vision Center at 314.955.WELL today!

Glaucoma symptoms you can spot yourself

Call to Schedule your Annual Wellness Visit

New Year. New You.

Have you made your annual wellness visit with the onsite physicians at Carpenters Wellness Center yet? It’s a one-stop shop for most of your wellness needs.

314.955.WELL (9355)

Siteman Mammogram Van Returns to Carpenters

Calling all women age 40 and over, Siteman’s mammogram van is coming: Thursday, February 13, 2020 8:30am - 1:00pm
Electrical Instructor

Seeking individual with general knowledge of all aspects of the electrical trade. Teaching / training experience and or industry certifications desirable. Computer skills required. Must have a minimum of 9 years of experience at the Journey Level and be a current member in good standing with the St. Louis-Kansas City Carpenters Regional Council Local Union 57.

Send resume to address below by January 30, 2020. No walk ins or email copy will be accepted.

Electrical Instructor
Box 1234, Post-Dispatch
901 N. Tenth Street
St. Louis MO 63101
EOE/AA Employer

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

Jan. 6
Locals 640, 1008

Jan. 7
Local 664

Jan. 8
Locals 638, 1127, 1445, 1925

Jan. 9
Locals 945, 2214

TRAINING

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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

UBC LEADERSHIP

Carpenters leadership training gives our members the communications, coaching 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
January Schedule
To register for these classes, please call 314.644.4800, ext. 5227

NEW OSHA 30 Construction Class Begins Now
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
January thru June 2020 Safety Class Schedule

Skilled Trades Associate of Applied Science Degree
Check out the Completion Guide

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