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NEWS

Carpenters Union Endorses Better Together plan to merge St. Louis County and City of St. Louis

CRC delegates voted this month to endorse a plan proposed by Better Together, which aims to merge the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County. This plan will give the region the unified government and growth strategies we need to save taxpayers money, improve services and spur economic development.

Read EST AI Bond's statement [here](#).



Beware

The Kansas City Star has [come out against](#) new attempts to put another "Right to Work" amendment to a statewide vote. *"Votes were cast just a few months ago. The state doesn't need another messy, expensive debate on right to work anytime soon."*

It will take 160,000 signatures to get the proposal on the ballot...so, **if you encounter someone in Missouri collecting signatures for a RTW petition, don't sign it.**

Editorial



Still Here

Public opinion of labor unions is at a 15-year high, which might explain why we're becoming more visible. The number of U.S. workers involved in [strikes and work stoppages](#) is the highest it's been since 1986.



Laser Layout

Today's carpenters have to stay on top of the newest technologies and equipment that our contractors are using on modern job sites. [In this video](#), our Belleville training team shows off the latest in laser layout robotics.





CARPENTERS TRAINING
Lifelong Training for a Lifelong Career

SKILLS
TECHNOLOGY
SAFETY

Hustling

For all its promises, the gig economy is destroying the kinds of protection and worker rights that unions spent decades building. It's creating a nation of ["independent contractors"](#) who barely scrape by, and in some cases don't even know who they're working for.



Seeking Carpenter Instructor, Topeka

Last chance! Carpenters Training Center in Topeka, KS is seeking an individual with general knowledge of the commercial carpentry trade and safety training background. Industry certifications, teaching experience, college degree, and ACT WorkKeys NCRC Gold Level is desirable. Computer skills required. Recommended to have a minimum of 9 years in good standing and be a current member of the UBCJA.



Send resume to address below by tomorrow, Friday, March 1, 2019.
EOE/AA Employer. No Walk-in's or email copy will be accepted.

Carpentry Instructors
P.O. Box 8335
Topeka, KS 66608

March and April Municipal Candidates

Municipal elections are hugely important, and they're coming up fast. We hope you'll visit carpdc.org before heading to the polls to see the list of endorsed candidates, and consider casting your vote for them.



Squeak: It's our social event of the year! A big thank you to everyone who helped make another successful Mouse Racing & Rodent Roulette fundraiser for the CRC Scholarship Fund. Hope to see everyone next year with more good times for a great cause.



Honored: Local 92 honors Dr. John Gaal, who recently retired after many years of service as the regional council's director of training and workforce development.



Construction industry tax fraud is costing taxpayers up to **\$80 every second**. The UBC has [launched a new website](#) promoting our tax fraud Days of Action planned for April 13 – 15 across the country. Coinciding with tax filing day, the event will alert the public to the lost revenue caused by cheating contractors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Show

The St. Louis Home & Garden Show returns to America's Center **March 7-10**. Explore and buy the latest home products and services from nearly 400 companies under one roof. Download/print your coupon from the Member Discount page on carpdc.org.



March 7-10, 2019
America's Center



Refer a Friend, Win \$200!

Allen Roofing is hiring roofers! If you refer a friend who gets hired, you'll get rewarded with \$200 from the Council after they complete 30 work days on the job.



Know any good candidates? Have them fill out the job application here: <https://goo.gl/oLLPMh>.

Have a question? Contact Keith Taylor by calling (314) 393-5847 or emailing kotaylor@carpdc.org.

Calling All Carpenters Cardinals' Fans!

The St. Louis Cardinals **2019 Carpenters Day at the Ballpark** is on the calendar! Tickets are now available online - get them early and get the best seats possible for our group!

Game Day: Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 1:15 pm

\$30 ticket cost includes 2 hours of unlimited buffet, Coke products and, for those over 21, Budweiser and Bud Light beer service.

Login to Member Discounts on carpdc.org to get the specifics and take advantage of this fantastic deal!



Note: Kansas City, we're working on the best Royals' game day offer for you as well. We appreciate your patience!

One More Week to Join the Gateway Region Y in February

Gateway Region YMCA's Try the Y promotion for all St. Louis and Southern IL area Carpenters members and their families runs for the entire month of February.

You may visit any Gateway Region YMCA for a two-week period free of charge for up to twice per year, no obligations.

Sign up for a YMCA membership in February and you will receive 100% off your joining fee and 100% off your first full month's draft. **Use company code 11004** and contact your local Gateway Region YMCA for questions.



1310 POKER TOURNEY

Ante up for the CRC Scholarship Fund.
Local 1310's annual poker tournament is set
for
Saturday, March 23

[GET DETAILS HERE](#)



BASS TOURNAMENT

Celebrating its 30th anniversary, the CRC's
annual bass tournament is set for **Saturday,**
April 13 at Lake of the Ozarks.

Come help us mark the occasion and enjoy
one of the council's longest running and most
fun traditions.

[ENTRY FORM HERE](#)

COUNCIL CALENDAR

Council Events

Local Meetings

March 1
Local 1770

March 4
Locals 640, 1008

March 5
Local 664

March 6
Locals 777, 1529, 1596, 2030

March 7
Locals 201, 634, 978

TRAINING



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.



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

MSHA 10-Hour Annual Refresher
MSHA Part 48B - Surface New "Inexperienced" Miner 24-Hour Training
MSHA Part 48B - Surface 8-Hour Refresher

The above MSHA classes are now available

For a list of all available MSHA courses, dates and times, [visit the schedule on carpdc.](#)

Walk-On Safety Classes St. Louis
[March schedule](#)

To register for these classes, please call 314.644.4802, ext. 4

OSHA 30 Construction Class

7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Sat 1/12/19; Sat 2/9/19; Sat 3/9/19; Sat 4/13/19

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) 644-4802 ext. 4

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 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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