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NEWS

Sisterhood

Changes to Missouri's petition process and equal pay were on the agenda this week for union women lobbying lawmakers in Jefferson City. Carpenter sisters joined dozens of others from across the state at the Capitol for Working Women's Lobby Day on Wednesday. This is National Women in Construction Week, drawing attention to the good jobs and high pay that too few women are aware of. It's estimated that construction trades include just 3% female workers.

Stigma

Enrollment in trade schools has nearly doubled during the 2000s. As this piece in the Atlantic points out, more teenagers are growing skeptical of a college degree, but there is still significant stigma over skilled trade jobs, especially among college-educated parents.

Sidestep

When states can't get a "Right to Work" law passed, big-
money corporate interests turn to plan B: a county-by-county law. In New Mexico, progressive lawmakers have successfully approved a bill that outlaws the practice and requires a full statewide vote on any RTW attempts.

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.

Building the Future

Anthony Blackstock, Springfield's Training School Coordinator and Build my Future Board Member, has been instrumental in creating a Workforce Development Board to help target and train the next generation of skilled craftsmen and women.

The annual Build My Future event will be held April 17 this year. The event allows students to explore careers in the construction industry and learn more about apprenticeship programs.

Know any area high school students who'd benefit from attending? Have them register at the link above!

Tiny House

The St. Louis Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Program
(CJAP) apprentices completed the interior of their Tiny House Community Service project last month. It will be on display at the St. Louis Home and Garden Show this weekend. 

Learn more about this cozy space

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**Mouse Races Raise $16,957**

It takes many hands to put together the numerous fundraisers that the regional council hosts each year. One of the biggest is the annual Mouse Races benefiting our scholarship fund. A big thank you to everyone who helped us raise more than $16,000 (and mark your calendar for next year's races on Saturday, February 29)!

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**Moving Along:** More cement trucks rumbling through our construction site means the Carpenters new Wellness Center is taking shape. Despite a lousy winter, we're still on target for a grand opening this summer.
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.

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 TOURENY
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
March 12
Monthly Regional Council Meeting, 7pm

Local Meetings
March 11
Local 636

March 13
Locals 638, 1127, 1445, 1925

March 14
Locals 945, 2214

March 15
Local 2298

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.

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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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