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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 reins on their own health, too.



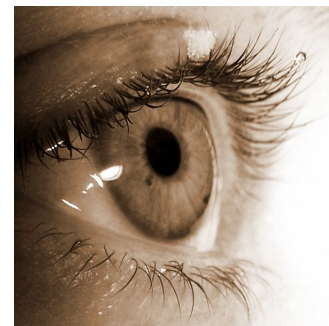
**Carpenters**  
Wellness Program  
operated by Cerner

[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.



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**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**



**314.747.7222 or 800.600.3606, #2**



## 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



### 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



### 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.

busy hospitals and other healthcare facilities. Become a part of the growing healthcare construction boom.

[info@carpdc.org](mailto:info@carpdc.org).

New **ICRA Best Practices in Health Care - 24 Hour Qualification** classes have been posted to [carpdc.org](http://carpdc.org)

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

## 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](http://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](http://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](#)

