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NEWS

Let's Stop Tax Fraud

Regional councils throughout the United Brotherhood of Carpenters are drawing attention this weekend to the national problem of wage theft and tax fraud. EST AI Bond wrote a [powerful op-ed](#) outlining how wage theft and tax fraud hurts us all by robbing the government of tax dollars it's owed.

Read more about the UBC's work to fight tax fraud at standinguptotaxfraud.net



Stronger Together

Union bargaining power is needed now, more than ever. Nearly half of American workers are taking home [less than \\$30,000 a year](#). Despite years of economic recovery, evidence shows that typical wages in the U.S. are barely moving.

**WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE
MIDDLE CLASS?**

Fair Play

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker, a great friend to working families, is taking **a major step forward** for a fair income tax. His proposal would address the state's multi-billion-dollar budget deficit by raising taxes only on those making more than \$250,000. *"We are one step closer to giving voters a choice about whether the wealthy will pay more, and 97% of families will pay the same or less."*



A Word of Caution

Highly addictive painkillers - a major problem among construction workers - are prescribed more often by **doctors in rural areas**. *"It is possible that in rural areas there are fewer specialists compared to urban areas, which might be one of the factors."* A Midwest Economic Policy Institute study finds that the injury rate for construction workers is 77% higher than the national average, and nearly 15% of construction workers deal with substance abuse.



Introducing the Carpenters Wellness Center logo!
This logo will be used in all materials pertaining to the new wellness center on the Hampton campus.

It's Not Too Late to Enter for a Chance to Win!

Healthcare Bluebook launched for members and dependents covered under Carpenters Health Plan on April 1.

During the month of April, you have the chance to win one (1) of four (4) \$250 Visa Gift Cards when you participate in **Healthcare Bluebook's Guided Tour online**.



You Won't Want to Miss This Telephone Town Hall

Carpenters Health Plan will be leading a Telephone Town Hall for members covered under the Plan and not enrolled in UnitedHealthcare later this month.

We'll discuss Healthcare Bluebook, Teladoc, Secova's Dependent Audit and Carpenters Wellness Center.

To ensure you receive this important call, please make sure we have your most current phone number!

Expect a call to participate in the Tele-Town Hall on **Monday, April 29**, at 7 pm. All you need to do is answer your phone when we call. There will be time to ask questions throughout the call.





BOOM: The old Route 47 bridge over the Missouri River in Franklin County came down today. The new bridge, which we and contractor Alberici had a hand in building, was opened in December to replace the 83-year-old span connecting Washington, MO to Warren County. The project has produced approximately 230,000 man hours for our carpenters.



JUST SAY
NO

RIGHT TO WORK WRONG FOR MISSOURI



There's a petition going around Missouri to put another "Right to Work" amendment on the ballot.

BEWARE
DON'T SIGN IT!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Wanted

Looking for a career with a stable and growing company? Join Overhead Door Company of St. Louis, a progressive company with over 90 years of experience providing top-notch customer service and training for the best installers in the industry. For more information please call **800-507-0023**.

Overhead Door Company of St. Louis, a DH Pace Company, is currently looking for Residential Door Installers. [More Info Here](#)



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.

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



STANDING UP TO **TAX FRAUD** SPEAK OUT. TAKE ACTION.

Construction Industry Tax Fraud Days of Action — **April 13–15, 2019**

Construction industry tax fraud is costing taxpayers up to **\$80 every second**. The UBC has **launched this website** promoting our tax fraud Days of Action April 13 – 15

Summer Discounts

It's that time of year again! Log on to carpdc.org (under the Member Discounts page) and download your cost-saving coupons to fun summer attractions, including Six Flags and Silver Dollar City.



Girl Power!

Tradeswomen needed **Sat. May 18** to help girls learn tools and build. Arrive at 7am with tools, PPE and whites. Class starts at 8am. Contact Lynda Mueller-Drendel to register at ldrendel@cjtf.org or 314.210.1089.



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!

COUNCIL CALENDAR

Council Events

Local Meetings

April 15
Local 918

April 16
Locals 97, 662

April 17
Locals 32, 92, 315, 1839

April 18
Locals 110, 311, 716

April 19
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.

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 our "carpdc.org" website 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 [April 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. 5/11/19; Sat. 6/8/19; Sat. 7/13/19; Sat. 8/10/19

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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