

# PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES REPORTS



## DISTRICT COUNCIL 6

Jim Sherwood,  
Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

STRONGSVILLE — Brothers and Sisters, normally I would provide an update of summer work and how the PATCH outing did this year. That can wait for now.

We have arrived at a critical moment in a pivotal year.

The election on Nov. 3 is way bigger than the attention-grabbing headlines about the presidential race.

For the last two years, new laws that would benefit working families have been ignored by the U.S. Senate, which is currently controlled by Kentucky's Mitch McConnell.

The Senate Republicans have done everything wrong for workers, while attempting to please the top 1 percent. Instead of hearing about the ideas from the U.S. House of Representatives, Sen. "McCon-All" has chosen to hold nomination hearings for the lifetime tenure of young, ideologically motivated judges to a federal bench.

All the while blocking any attempt by legislative means, to level the playing field for union contractors, advance the conversation on racial equality or create good paying jobs by recognizing climate change is real and investing in the range of alternative energy markets we need in America.

If you live in Kentucky and are considering sitting this election out, please reconsider. Mitch McConnell must go home in 2020.

## PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

When it comes to the Presidential race, our latest IUPAT poll shows a nearly even split of support for both candidates.

There is a small, undecided group, and my next remarks are directed to those who may still be struggling to see a connection between what the headlines say and your weekly paycheck.

By empowering people like Sen. McConnell to ignore convention in the U.S. Senate, and refusing to staff the agencies that already exist for the protection of workers, the Trump administration has failed in its duty to represent the American people.

From the endless executive orders

that erode social and environmental progress, to the complete disregard for any laws regarding ethics or conduct in office, the President has proven that people like us do not really matter to him except on Election Day.

Even our heroes, such as fallen veterans of the Great Wars and the late Sen. John McCain, are not worthy of his admiration because they either got captured or died while serving their country.

If you are on the fence, please know that Joe Biden actually has been doing things for labor and working families for his entire life.

Since he first took the office as New Castle County Councilman in 1969, through the Senate and his two terms as U.S. Vice President, Joe has consistently voted for labor and social justice.

He is completely ready to lead our country on day one.

He has earned the respect of the IUPAT and we at District Council 6 are proud to support the Biden/Harris ticket.

## VOTE



The most important thing this Nov. 3 is to vote.

To those who have mailed or personally delivered their absentee ballots before Election Day, great job!

Encourage your friends and neighbors to make their voices heard.

## CONDOLENCES



I am sad to report that retired long-time Cleveland area painter, Business Representative **Benny Messina** passed away.

I knew Benny well and enjoyed working with him. Rest in peace Benny.

## LOCAL 1103 LEADERSHIP

Mixed Trades Local 1103 will turn 100 years old this year, which is a monumental accomplishment.

With that being said, Local 1103 President **Joe Sheiff** is asking for help.

He and two other Local 1103 Executive Board members are retiring and they are asking for members to step-up to be Local leaders.

Please contact **Lou Ferrante**, or me, if you are interested.

## CONGRATULATIONS



**John Kulju**, DC 6 Business Representative from Drywall Finishers Local 505, has announced he will retire at the end of the year.

Please join me in wishing John good luck in the next chapter of his life.

## IN CLOSING

Finally, please encourage our apprentices to master a variety of skills. Please work safe and be well!

## DISTRICT COUNCIL 6

Gary McPherson,  
Government Affairs

STRONGSVILLE — I thank all our members who have worked throughout this coronavirus pandemic.

Life as we knew it was stripped away from us, and I believe it will never be quite the same again.

Our members did what they always do when given the opportunity, they got up and went to work every day.

I am proud to call you my Brothers and Sisters.

For anyone in our Union family who lost a loved one to this horrid disease, I am so sorry for your loss.

By the time you read this, the election will be well under way. Mail-in absentee and early in-person voting is underway, with Election Day (Nov. 3) fast approaching.

We have been doing everything in our power to reason with you and give you facts to consider when you cast your vote.

I believe this: President Trump is the biggest threat to our unions and our financial security in modern history, and

it is not even close. The examples of this in words and deeds are numerous and I really hope we are able to see through all the smoke to see the fire.

I am seriously concerned about our union and the democracy we all have lived in our entire lives.

Joe Biden, on the other hand, does not inspire a person to lower his/her head and run through a block wall for him. He is steady eddy Joe.

I believe that may be exactly what our country needs right now, a calming influence; one who takes every decision with purpose and thoughtfulness.

There is no doubt Biden will be the strongest supporter of unions for a long time, maybe ever. He truly understands what unions have done for our country and the middle class.

He knows unions wake our country up every day and put her to bed every night.

It will be a relief to have a President who is not trying to destroy us in every way possible.

Joe's Vice President candidate, Kamala Harris, has always been a strong union supporter, and not afraid to say so at every campaign stop.

We will be in good hands when they are sworn into office in January 2021.

Lastly, to every person on this staff, to all our member activist and to anyone who has had a hand in our political plan for 2020, I cannot thank you enough.

The passion and hatred we have endured has never been stronger. It is common for certain members to be upset that we are talking to them at all about politics, feeling we should mind our own business.

We understand that when we are treated with some level of decency.

That has not been the case this time, as the Trump supporters are

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The IUPAT wants to offer each member and their children the opportunity to advance their reading comprehension skills with MindPlay.



MindPlay is a streamlined solution to assesses PHONEMIC AWARENESS, PHONICS, COMPREHENSION, FLUENCY and VOCABULARY through a systematic screening process that is tailored to each student's needs. Through this screening process MindPlay automatically assesses each student's current reading level then establishes the appropriate MindPlay curriculum to support targeted growth. MindPlay is designed for 2nd-12th grade as well as adults with diverse reading skills and instructional needs.

mindplay

If you are interested in learning more about how this free union benefit can help you or your child please contact  
**Director of Training, George Boots at**  
440-239-4575 or [georgeb@iupat-dc6.org](mailto:georgeb@iupat-dc6.org).

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## JOURNEY PERSON UPGRADE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2020

Location	Starting Date	Ending Date	Day of Week	Total Hours	No. of Days	Time of Class	Class Prerequisite
<b>BLUEPRINT BASICS</b>							
*CINCINNATI	11/05/2020	11/05/2020	TH	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*STRONGSVILLE	11/18/2020	11/18/2020	W	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
<b>BOOM &amp; SCISSOR LIFT</b>							
*COLUMBUS	10/7/2020	10/8/2020	WTH	8	2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	Must Attend Both Days
*COLUMBUS	10/18/2020	10/18/2020	Su	8	1	7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM	
*COLUMBUS	10/20/2020	10/21/2020	WTH	8	2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	Must Attend Both Days
<b>BOOM &amp; SCISSOR LIFT REFRESHER</b>							
*YOUNGSTOWN	10/7/2020	10/7/2020	W	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	Prerequisite: Boom & Scissor Lift
*COLUMBUS	10/13/2020	10/13/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	
*STRONGSVILLE	10/14/2020	10/14/2020	W	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	
*CINCINNATI	10/27/2020	10/27/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	
<b>CRANE RIGGING &amp; SIGNALING REFRESHER</b>							
*STRONGSVILLE	10/28/2020	10/28/2020	W	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	Prerequisite: Crane Rigging & Signaling
<b>THE CULTURE OF CONSTRUCTION</b>							
*COLUMBUS	11/4/2020	11/5/2020	WTH	8	2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
<b>FAUX FINISHING</b>							
*TOLEDO	10/27/2020	10/27/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
<b>FIRST AID/CPR-AED (ADULT)</b>							
*CINCINNATI	10/10/2020	10/10/2020	S	8	1	7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM	NA
*STRONGSVILLE	10/17/2020	10/17/2020	S	8	1	7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM	NA
<b>FORKLIFT REFRESHER</b>							
*CINCINNATI	10/08/2020	10/08/2020	TH	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*STRONGSVILLE	10/07/2020	10/07/2020	W	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
<b>INFECTIOUS CONTROL RISK ASSESSMENT (ICRA) Construction Trades Best Practices Awareness Training</b>							
*YOUNGSTOWN	10/27/2020	10/27/2020	T	8	1	4:30 PM TO 10:30 PM	NA
*AKRON	11/12/2020	11/12/2020	TH	8	1	4:30 PM TO 10:30 PM	NA
*STRONGSVILLE	11/14/2020	11/14/2020	S	8	1	7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM	NA

<b>INTRO TO VINYL WALLCOVERING</b>							
*CINCINNATI	11/10/2020	11/10/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*TOLEDO	11/10/2020	11/10/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*COLUMBUS	11/18/2020	11/18/2020	W	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
<b>INTRO TO LASERS</b>							
*STRONGSVILLE	11/11/2020	11/11/2020	W	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
<b>OSHA 30</b>							
STRONGSVILLE	08/01/2020	11/07/2020	S	30	4	7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM	8/1; 9/5; 10/3; 11/7/2020
*CINCINNATI	10/17/2020	11/22/2020	SS	30	4	7:30 AM TO 4:30 PM	10/17-18; 11/21-22/2020
<b>PATCH &amp; MATCH</b>							
*CINCINNATI	11/03/2020	11/03/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*STRONGSVILLE	11/05/2020	11/05/2020	TH	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*COLUMBUS	11/17/2020	11/17/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
<b>RESPIRATOR REFRESHER (ONLY)</b>							
*YOUNGSTOWN	10/20/2020	10/20/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*CINCINNATI	10/27/2020	10/27/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*STRONGSVILLE	10/27/2020	10/27/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*YOUNGSTOWN	11/12/2020	11/12/2020	TH	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*CINCINNATI	11/14/2020	11/14/2020	S	4	1/2	7:30 AM TO 1:00 PM	NA
<b>SCAFFOLD AWARENESS</b>							
STRONGSVILLE	09/22/2020	09/22/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
<b>SEALANTS</b>							
*STRONGSVILLE	11/04/2020	11/04/2020	W	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
*CINCINNATI	11/17/2020	11/17/2020	T	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA
<b>TEXTURING</b>							
*STRONGSVILLE	11/19/2020	11/19/2020	TH	4	1/2	4:30 PM TO 8:30 PM	NA

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED; SOME COURSES ARE BASED ON STUDENT/INSTRUCTOR REGISTRATION OR MINIMUM REQUIRED PARTICIPATION. DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. COURSE WHICH DO NOT MEET THE REGISTRATION MINIMUMS MAY BE CANCELLED. ADDITIONAL COURSES MAY BE ADDED THROUGHOUT THE TRAINING YEAR. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE AT [WWW.IUPAT-DC6.ORG](http://WWW.IUPAT-DC6.ORG) "JOURNEYMEN UPGRADES/CALENDAR" FOR DATES AND TIMES. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE A UNION MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING (INITIATION PAID IN FULL AND DUES PAID CURRENT TO ATTEND. TO SCHEDULE:

1. Go to the District Council 6 website at [www.iupat-dc6.org](http://www.iupat-dc6.org); then select the Journeyman Calendar; select the course you want to take and register.
2. Call the Training office at 440-239-4575 ext 118 or ask for a training instructor or coordinator.

**\*NEWLY ADDED COURSE**

until they expire. Be proactive, and stay ahead.

Classes are on the schedule and new ones are being added all the time. If you are not sure what you may need, call the Training Department.

To see the most current classes being offered in your area, log onto [iupat-dc6.org](http://iupat-dc6.org) and get registered.

## REGISTERING FOR A CLASS

There are several ways to register for an upgrade class.

The first option is online at [iupat-dc6.org](http://iupat-dc6.org).

Click on the training tab and find

the class on the interactive calendar. Then, click on the course for which you want to register. Now, scroll to the bottom of the description and click on the register link. Next, fill in the form and click submit.

The second option is to call the Training Department and ask for **Carly** or **Natalie** at 440-239-4575 and have them put you on the roster.

Make sure to have the following information available to complete your registration: Member ID number, a good phone number and a good email. Remember, classes have a minimum participant requirement, so make sure to get registered to ensure the

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George Boots,  
Director of Training

STRONGSVILLE — Due to COVID-19, graduation for this year's apprenticeship class has been tentatively postponed until the spring of 2021.

If you work with any new journeymen, congratulate them.

## ARE YOUR CERTS VALID?

Make sure to keep your skills and certifications up-to-date. Do not wait

extremely aggressive and not afraid to express those feelings with vitriol.

Our nation is divided and our union is divided. History tells us when we are divided, we are vulnerable to attack from the outside.

Hopefully, whoever the next President is can protect us from that in Washington, but we in this union need to do the same in house.

We may face serious attacks from our government, but we also will face difficult negotiations and issues with our contractors.

I pledge to do everything I can to help bring our union back to a great fraternal organization.

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## FINISHING TRADES INSTITUTE OF THE OHIO REGION 2019-2020 APPRENTICESHIP CLASS SCHEDULE

**COLUMBUS TRAINING CENTER - 8700 MEMORIAL DRIVE, PLAIN CITY, OH 43064**  
ALL CLASSES ARE 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

### FIRST YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 8/17/20	Mon 8/17/20	Mon 8/17/20	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 9/14/20	Mon 9/14/20	Mon 9/14/20	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 1/11/21	CINCINNATI Location; see dates below.***	Mon 3/15/21	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 3/22/21		Mon 5/17/21	N/A

### SECOND YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 9/7/20	APPRENTICES WILL ATTEND CLASS IN CINCINNATI	Mon 9/28/20	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 10/12/20		Mon 11/16/20	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 2/1/21		Mon 3/15/21	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 5/10/21		Mon 5/17/21	N/A

### THIRD YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 9/7/20	APPRENTICES WILL ATTEND CLASS IN CINCINNATI	Mon 9/28/20	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 10/12/20		Mon 11/16/20	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 2/1/21		Mon 3/15/21	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 5/10/21		Mon 5/17/21	N/A

### FOURTH YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 9/7/20	APPRENTICES WILL ATTEND CLASS IN CINCINNATI	N/A	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 10/12/20		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 2/1/21		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 5/10/21		N/A	N/A

**CINCINNATI TRAINING CENTER - 200 KOVACH DRIVE, CINCINNATI, OH 45215**  
ALL CLASSES ARE 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

### FIRST YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 8/24/20	Mon 8/24/20	Mon 8/24/20	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 9/28/20	Mon 9/28/20	Mon 9/28/20	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 1/18/21	Mon 3/22/21	Mon 3/1/21	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 4/12/21	Mon 4/26/21	Mon 5/3/21	N/A

### SECOND YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 9/21/20	Mon 8/10/20	Mon 9/14/20	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 11/9/20	Mon 10/5/20	Mon 11/2/20	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 2/15/21	Mon 2/8/21	Mon 3/1/21	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 5/3/21	Mon 4/5/21	Mon 5/3/21	N/A

### THIRD YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 10/26/20	Mon 8/10/20	Mon 9/14/20	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 12/7/20	Mon 11/16/20	Mon 11/2/20	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 3/15/21	Mon 2/22/21	Mon 3/1/21	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 5/24/21	Mon 3/22/21	Mon 5/3/21	N/A

### FOURTH YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 10/26/20	Mon 8/10/20	N/A	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 12/7/20	Mon 11/16/20	N/A	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 3/15/21	Mon 2/22/21	N/A	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 5/24/21	Mon 3/22/21	N/A	N/A

**TOLEDO TRAINING CENTER - NWOCEC, 4535 HILL AVE, TOLEDO, OH 43615**  
ALL PAINTER CLASSES ARE 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM (Day Time)  
GLAZIER CLASSES ARE 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM (Evening)

### FIRST YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 9/8/20	9/16/2020 Every Wednesday From 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM	N/A	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 12/7/20		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 2/15/21		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 4/26/21		N/A	N/A

### SECOND YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 9/21/20	9/16/2020 Every Wednesday From 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM	N/A	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 11/9/20		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 3/15/21		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 4/5/21		N/A	N/A

### THIRD YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 8/31/20	9/14/2020 Every Monday From 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM	N/A	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 10/26/20		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 2/1/21		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 4/12/21		N/A	N/A

### FOURTH YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 8/17/20	9/14/2020 Every Monday From 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM	N/A	N/A
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 10/12/20		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 1/18/21		N/A	N/A
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 3/8/21		N/A	N/A

**APPRENTICE CLASSIFICATIONS: COM PNT - Commercial Painter; GLZ - Glazier; DRY - Drywall Finisher/Taper; IND PNT - Industrial Painter**

**STRONGSVILLE TRAINING CENTER - 8257 DOW CIRCLE W, STRONGSVILLE, OH 44136**  
ALL CLASSES ARE 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM

### FIRST YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 9/14/20	Tue 8/18/20	Mon 8/17/20	Mon 11/16/20
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 11/2/20		Mon 10/5/20	Mon 1/4/21
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 2/8/21	Every Other Week	Mon 1/4/21	Mon 2/1/21
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 4/19/21		Mon 4/5/21	Mon 2/15/21

### SECOND YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 8/24/20	Wed 8/19/20	Mon 8/24/20	Mon 12/7/20
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 10/19/20		Mon 10/12/20	Mon 1/11/21
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 1/25/21	Every Other Week	Mon 1/11/21	Mon 2/8/21
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 3/22/21		Mon 4/12/21	Mon 2/22/21

### THIRD YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 8/10 - Wed 8/12	Thu 8/13 - Sat 8/15	Thu 8/20/20	Mon 8/31/20
<b>Week 2</b>	Thu 10/8 - Sat 10/10	Mon 10/5 - Wed 10/7		Mon 10/19/20
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 1/4 - Wed 1/6	Thu 1/7 - Sat 1/9	Every Other Week	Mon 1/18/21
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 2/22 - Fri 2/26	Mon 3/1 - Fri 3/5		Mon 4/19/21

### FOURTH YEAR

	COM PNT	GLZ	DRY	IND PNT
<b>Week 1</b>	Mon 8/3/20	Fri 8/21/20	N/A	Mon 12/14/20
<b>Week 2</b>	Mon 9/28/20		N/A	Mon 1/18/21
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 11/16/20	Every Other Week	N/A	Mon 2/1/21
<b>Week 4</b>	Mon 1/11/21		N/A	Mon 2/15/21

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class takes place.

Class will be cancelled if the minimum participant total is not met.

## PPE REQUIRED

Apprentices, please remember that when you are in class and working in the shop, you must wear the appropriate PPE.

The FTIOR does supply this PPE, however, if you do not want to share this safety equipment with other apprentices, bring your own.

## GET THE AGMT CERT

We are looking for 12 glaziers to take the Architectural Glass Metal Technician (AGMT) Certification course.

If you are interested, call **George Boots** at 440-239-4575.

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



The following apprentices have completed all the requirements of the apprenticeship program.

Let us welcome and congratulate them for earning the rank of journeymen: **Anthony Zingale** (181), **Radomic Kovcic** (707), **Tyler Shank** (847), **Ryan Terry** (948), **Travis Krider** (948) and **Louis Karnavas** (1275).

If you see them on the jobsite, make sure you congratulate them!

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions regarding apprenticeship or journeyman upgrade classes, please contact a trainer in your area.

- **George Boots** (Director of Training), 440-783-2909.
- **Justin Oshel** (Taper - statewide), 440-879-6422.
- **Nick Papadorotheou** (Glazier - statewide), 440-382-2922.
- **Duane Behanna** (Painter/Taper - Southern Ohio), 513-485-1312.
- **Joe Kintyhtt** (Painter-Northern Ohio and Toledo), 440-876-3340.

## IN CLOSING

Be safe and lead by example!

## DISTRICT COUNCIL 6

Nichole McCarthy,  
Recruiting and Communications Coordinator

**STRONGSVILLE** — Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I want to speak on a sensitive topic that is almost taboo within the construction industry.

Every one of us has experienced or knows someone who lost a loved one to suicide, struggles with opioid addiction or lives with a mental health disorder. In many instances, we want to help those who are struggling or get help themselves, but often we do not know where to turn.

The Helping Hand Initiative can provide members with the tools necessary to fight these everyday battles.

Please take a minute to read the information below and understand this is something we collectively need to spearhead without hesitation.

## HELPING HAND INITIATIVE

The Helping Hand Initiative is a new program introduced by the International addressing the fact that our members are dealing with suicide, substance abuse and mental health disorders.

Did you know suicide is the number one leading cause of death amongst construction workers?

The suicide rate in this male-dominated industry is about four times greater than the national average, and five times greater than that of all other construction fatalities combined.

Is it any wonder why? Construction workers are expected to meet, at times, unrealistic project deadlines, experience intimidation or harassment on the jobsite, travel away from home and are often plagued by the stigma to fit in with the "Tough Guy" culture.

Those who contemplate suicide may shame themselves for experiencing anxiety, distress and depressive or suicidal feelings because it

contradicts the idea ingrained in them that males should not be affected by their emotions.

Nobody really knows what other co-workers are dealing with outside of work, and those stressors on top of what is happening at work can, and do, influence one's decision to take their own life.

I encourage everyone to be that member who supports your Brothers and Sisters.

Sometimes all it takes is an open ear to save a life.

In addition to losing a life to suicide, substance abuse is another epidemic ravaging throughout the construction industry.

Whether it begins because of stress and anxiety or to medicate physical pain, more than 15 percent of construction workers have abused drugs, alcohol or prescription medications at one point in their life.

Some of the most abused prescription drugs include OxyContin, Percocet and Vicodin.

This raises the question, are we, every Brother and Sister in our union, doing enough to help our co-workers who are battling substance abuse? Or do we turn a blind eye because it is too uncomfortable to bring up that discussion?

Recently, our attention has been

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Interstate Commercial Glass and Door crew working on the Hylant building in downtown Toledo.



Tanya Jackson, commercial painter and fourth-year apprentice from Local 707, putting her wallcovering skills into action!



Toledo Mirror and Glass crew setting a unit at Imagination Station in downtown Toledo.

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redirected to COVID-19 and other global events. Meanwhile the opioid crisis is still very much alive and real. Let us put things into perspective on how quickly addiction can happen: When a worker suffers an injury on the job, a prescription opioid pain medication is not an atypical form of treatment. This allows the worker to treat the pain and return to work prematurely, where they risk getting another injury or worsening their current injury.

This could lead to the sustained use of opioids, which puts themselves and others at serious risk.

It is important to have a conversation with your physician prior to receiving an opioid prescription.

District Council 6 is working with the International to provide members with the resources and support needed to overcome these adversities.

We are asking members to get onboard with the Helping Hand Initiative, because losing one life to opioid addiction, suicide and mental health disorders is one life too many.

If you know of any member, or you are that member who needs help, remember, you are not alone. Reach out to your Local Union Hall, Business Agent or co-worker.

Help is available.

For more information on Helping Hands, or if you are interested in getting involved, contact **Nichole** at 440-239-4575.

Change does not happen overnight, but together, as One Union, we can start changing the culture in construction!

## DISTRICT COUNCIL 6

Jimmie Matowitz  
Retirees' Club

**STRONGSVILLE** — Hi Brothers and Sisters! I hope all is well with all of you and your families.

How about our Cleveland Indians? They made the playoffs, but didn't last long.

Of course, as I write this article, our Cleveland Browns are playing great, too!

There is finally some good Cleveland sports news for a change!

## GENERAL ELECTION



Speaking of good news, hopefully we will have some good news on Nov. 4 in the form of a new president - someone who will be a leader for the entire country and

represent the entire country.

It would be wonderful to see a new president who cares about organized labor and the future for all our families! President Joe Biden will be honest, trustworthy and will reunite America. Everyone has talked about the importance of voting this year.

I am more than confident all of us retired members, and members of the Greatest Generation, will also vote.

I certainly hope the generations who are eligible to vote, will vote.

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves, and the only way they could do this is by not voting!" — Franklin D. Roosevelt.

## CONDOLENCES



I am sad to report Brother **Ben Messina** passed away last month at the age of 78.

Ben was a retired business agent and served on many boards while representing the membership.

For many years, he was the Treasurer of Local 765. He was also a long-time member of Local 707.

A Navy veteran, he belonged to American Legion Post 703.

Ben will be deeply missed by all.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and entire family.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL 6

Bo Anderson  
Director of Organizing

**STRONGSVILLE** — Greetings Brothers and Sisters. Fall is officially upon us, but there is no slowing down in the organizing department.

We have been working diligently throughout District Council 6 to increase membership and our contractor base.

As mentioned before, there is a nationwide shortage of drywall finishers, and the organizing department has been building relationships within the southern communities to recruit new members to fulfil this shortage.

## AKRON/CLEVELAND NEWS

I am pleased to announce the signing of Big-D Glass as our newest glazing signatory contractor in the Akron area.

Big-D had previously signed with DC 6 until the 90s, and has been a tough company to crack. But the last five to six months of pushing paid off when we finally signed them on Oct. 1.

They currently have jobs throughout our jurisdiction, and we are feeding them some great talent.

## COLUMBUS UPDATE

In Columbus, we are on fire with top down and bottom up organizing techniques.

We are closely monitoring our competitors to evaluate our market share in glazing and drywall finishing.

Our team has been reaching out to community organizations to establish trust and secure workers for future contractors.

## CINCINNATI/ LEXINGTON CAMPAIGN

We need drywall finishers throughout the Cincinnati area, but our focus is widespread.

We have been evaluating virgin markets and are working to build a positive union presence for future campaigns throughout the area.

## TANKS AND BRIDGES

The water initiative is another focus our team has been working heavily on, specifically with tanks and bridges.

One of our target contractors is Panther Industrial Painting.

We will remain on their trail and are ready to wrap them up with hand billing or job actions if necessary.

## Glaziers LOCAL 948

Bruce Vidak

**TOLEDO** — I hope this finds you well. The Union Hall is open again for our Local Union meetings.

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. at 909 Front St. in Toledo.

In order for us to be able to hold in-person meetings, we have to follow a few guidelines set forth by Gov. DeWine including the wearing of facemasks, social distancing and no buffet.

These are some simple rules to follow until we get through this mess.

Also, there is other good news, as **Renata** is back to work. She is at the office from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

## BYLAW CHANGES

Since the District Council 6 bylaw changes passed, we will be working on our Local bylaws.

Please bring any suggestions to the next meeting.

## AGMT CERTIFICATION

District Council 6 is looking for 12 members to participate in the AGMT. See *PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES* on page 19.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF IUPAT DC6  
Bruce Vidak, Local 948 Business Representative, swore in second generation glazier Dean Liskai at the Local Union meeting on Sept. 8.

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Certification testing.

This is a knowledge-based test, which can be completed at home.

Practical testing will be scheduled when we have 12 participants.

This is the "Certified Glazier" certification, which is starting to be found in job specs.

It would be nice to see some of the Local 948 guys do this!

## TRAINING REMINDER



We will be putting on a journeyman upgrade class for welding.

This is a 40-hour class, which will be held over the course of five Saturdays.

We can only accommodate six people at a time, so call me if you want to get signed up.

## NOVEMBER ELECTION

The political season is here, so please everyone pay attention where you get your information.

God bless this great country and union!

## WORK OUTLOOK

Work is still going strong in our area.

## IN CLOSING

Please keep an eye on each other and make sure we are all staying safe!

If you need to get ahold of me, call me at 419-450-2442.

## Painters and Tapers LOCAL 476

Jim Taylor

YOUNGSTOWN — Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at 35 S. State St. in Girard.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD CHANGES

I thank **Jack Barringer** for his years of service as the Local 476 Financial Secretary. He is looking toward his future retirement.

I congratulate **Demetrios Tsikouris** for being nominated and elected Financial Secretary of Local 476.

## WORK OUTLOOK

Work has slowed slightly.

The industrial crafts are making their final push into mid-November to finish bridges.

Commercial painting has been steady.

Drywall finishing has slowed slightly.

They have been hiring light industrial workers at the cracker plant. If you are off work, please call the Union Hall, so we can get you back out working.

## NEW SIGNATORY CONTRACTOR

We welcome Structural Coatings Inc., an industrial contractor, who recently became signatory with Local 476.

## REMEMBER TO VOTE



Early in-person voting and mail-in absentee voting has begun.

All elections are important - from the president to local elections - as those elected determine the path of all future labor issues.

Contact the Local for any questions and a list of candidates the Local has endorsed and supports as labor-friendly candidates.

Remember to get out and vote!

## IUPAT APP



Many members have taken advantage of the IUPAT Member Mobile Portal app to keep up to date with their contact information, dues and pension amounts.

If you have not downloaded the app, please take a second and do so.

It provides very helpful information.

## DUES REMINDER



Window dues are \$39.40 a month, and are due in the office by the close of the 20th day of every month.

## TRAINING REMINDER



Remember, as per the CBA, all members are required by June 1 to have OSHA 30, annual respirator fit training and four hours of additional training, not to exceed eight hours in total.

For information, or to reserve a spot in a training/upgrade class, please contact **George Boots** or the Training Department at 440-239-4575, ext. 131.

## Painters and Tapers LOCAL 841

Scott Harter

AKRON — All who enter the Union Hall are required to wear a face mask or face covering.

## MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION PLAN

Now that all our members are on one Health and Welfare plan, we are getting a few calls on how the plan handles prescriptions.

These services are through a company called Sav-RX Prescription Services.

If you do not have a card from this company, please contact the Union Hall. The card is a discount card that can be used at local pharmacies.

It also covers all maintenance scripts, which go through their mail order service.

Also, there is a reimbursement plan for all out of pocket costs related to your prescriptions.

Receipts for prescription costs should be mailed to Stewart C. Miller & Co. for reimbursement of generics at 100 percent and brands at 80 percent after your deductible is met.

We suggest mailing in all your receipts for your out of pocket costs on prescriptions once a year, quarterly or how often you want to do it.

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Local 639 members Keith Mann and John Klucznik working for Brilliant Electric Sign Co. took to the air to install the sign for Jersey Mike's on Bagley Road in Middleburg Hts.

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We have a pamphlet at the Union Hall to explain the plan in more detail. Please call the Union Hall if you would like to have a copy mailed to you.

## MEETING UPDATES

 **Scott** will call or text with any updates on meetings or union business.

Also, please remember all retirees' club meetings are suspended until further notice.

## IN CLOSING


If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Union Hall or **Scott**.

## Glaziers LOCAL 847

Tim Halas

YOUNGSTOWN — Our next regular meeting will be on Nov. 10 at 6 p.m. at 35 S. State St. in Girard. Please try to attend.

## REMEMBER TO VOTE

 Be sure to get out and vote! If you need any help getting out to vote, let me know.

## WORK OUTLOOK

Work is going well and looks to stay that way for a while. At this time, I only know of one guy off, so please let me know if you are available for work.

## CONTACT ME

My phone number is 330-207-4855, my email address is [timh@iupat-dc6.org](mailto:timh@iupat-dc6.org) and the address to the office is 35 S. State St., Girard, OH 44420.

Please address all mail to Glaziers Local 847.

## Glaziers LOCAL 372

Harry Mullins

COLUMBUS — Members of Local 372, work in the Columbus area is busy. Pioneer is well underway at the Rhodes

Tower and they got the curtain wall on the Hilton Hotel expansion and the new OSU Hospital.

Celina has started a building they are doing for Messer on High Street for Ohio State.

Blakley has a job underway in Athens for OU and started the new WOSU TV station.

AAG is working on the Kenyon College Library and the Facebook job.

We are still waiting on the list of jobs below to get started:

AAG has the airport renovation. Blakley has the Nationwide Insurance job, and the entrances and punched openings on the Hilton Hotel.

Celina has another project for Messer on the OSU campus.

We did not get the new Crew stadium, as it went to Hemm's Glass.

NEC has a job on the OSU campus as well.

## ORGANIZING UPDATES

Everyone is working.

I have brought in several new members since the last week of February. We need to bring in more new members because we are going to be very busy next year.

If anyone knows any glaziers who might be interested in joining, please get me their information so I can try to get them to join.

Columbus Glass and Mirror got the Linden Rec Center, being built under a Community Benefits Agreement. This means it must be a union job.

Columbus Glass is a non-union contractor, who signed our agreement for the duration of the project.

We hope this will open the door for them to sign a full contract.

They have started the job and I have signed up seven of their employees.

Right now, we still need drywall finishers.

Our marketing team is working on getting our contractors working for various general contractors who have not used union contractors before.


I have been sending jobs to our contractors to bid on almost every week. Hopefully this will generate some work for our members.

Our contractors are currently bidding the Millennial Tower, a 50-story building; the North Market, a 36-story building; and Phase II of the Franklin County Jail.

The Lexington campaign has begun.


In September, I spent a week in Cleveland and a week in the Cincinnati and Lexington area.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

 The next meeting will be held on Oct. 19, and it will be a Special Called Meeting to vote on the wage allocation.

We will have safety precautions in place for COVID-19.

## PAY STUBS

 All our contractors now send electronic pay stubs.

If you do not have a computer or are unable to access your pay stubs, get ahold of **Rebecca** and she will get them for you at the office.

## HERE TO HELP

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me at 614-371-6290. You can also contact **Chris Naegele** or **Rebecca** at 800-704-2079 or 614-294-5301.

## IN CLOSING

Please protect yourselves during the pandemic. Practice social distancing as best as you can on the jobsite and wash your hands often.

If you have any concerns, give me a call. Keep up the good work and be safe.

## Mixed Trades LOCAL 249

David Lay

DAYTON — You must register to participate in a training class.

Check The Labor Citizen training section at the beginning of the Painters and Allied Trades section for updated classes on the training schedule.

You must complete 16 hours of training per year.

## WORK OUTLOOK


Work in Dayton has slowed down for drywall finishers, but has picked up for painters.

With that being said, there is a need throughout the District Council for good drywall finishers and painters. If you

are willing, I can find you work in other areas of the District Council.

Remember, when you are on jobsites where our competitors are working, be sure to talk to them about the advantages of being a union member.

## DUES REMINDER


 It is every member's obligation to keep their dues current.

If you have not worked 40 hours a week, every week, you may be behind on your dues.

If you think you are behind, call me at 937-272-4785 or **Dannie Dunn** at 937-231-2693.

We appreciate your cooperation.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

 If you have any questions, come to a Local meeting. As a reminder, Local meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

Try to attend if you are able. Please remember a mask is required to attend, and hand sanitizer you will be provided. You must practice social distancing.

## WORK STATUS

Make sure to call the Union Hall when you are laid off and when you return to work, so I can remove you from the "Out of Work" list.

## REQUEST YOUR BALLOT

I want to share a link with you to help you check the status of your voter registration and to request a mail-in ballot.

If you are interested in this information, then visit [iupatvotes.org](http://iupatvotes.org).

## IN CLOSING

Please remember to continue working safely and to help one another out.

## Mixed Trades LOCAL 555 & 1275

Christopher Naegele

PORTSMOUTH — Brothers and Sisters, as we all are aware, it is election time.

If you have not made a plan to get out and vote, please do so!

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Let your voice be heard, as there is still time to get out there and support the right candidate in this cycle.

Give me a call or contact your Local officers for information to volunteer for phone banking or literature drops.

## LOCAL MEETINGS



We will continue to hold membership meetings with social distancing and mask wearing policies in place throughout the remainder of the year, unless government policy changes.

Local 555 meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 7th St. in Portsmouth.

Local 1275 meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 5 p.m. at 8700 Memorial Drive in Plain City.

Please make every effort to attend.

## WORK STATUS

Work is looking good for our commercial painters in the Columbus area, and it is crazy busy for drywall finishing.

If your situation changes, please contact the Union Hall.

## IN CLOSING

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, contact me at 614-620-6986. You can also contact **Rebecca Reinert** at 614-294-5301 or **Harry Mullins** at 614-371-6290.

Work safe and look out for one another!

## Painters LOCAL 707 Painters & Tapers LOCAL 788

Lou Ferrante

CLEVELAND — Greetings Brothers and Sisters, I hope everyone is staying safe.

This virus has lingered, but if we all follow the guidelines, we can keep it in check.

## REMEMBER TO VOTE



Please get out and vote if you have not yet done so! Ohio does offer early in-person

voting, which means short lines and less exposure.

Play it safe, keep your social distance, but vote!

There are many issues that can sway voters, but the most important issue is your paycheck.

Joe Biden has openly supported unions, and will do so if elected.

## WORK OUTLOOK

Work has been holding steady, but winter is coming, which will bring an end to bridge work until spring.

Stay in touch with the Union Hall for any employment opportunities.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY



Discussions continue on options for a Christmas party or some other form of celebration.

We will keep you posted.

## TRAINING REMINDER



Training classes continue, so get signed up to make sure you have the certifications you need when employment opportunities open up.

## CONDOLENCES



Keep the family of retired Business Representative **Ben Messina** in your thoughts and prayers.

Ben passed away last month, and will be missed by all.

## IN CLOSING

Hope to see you soon at a meeting. Stay safe.

## Glaziers LOCAL 1162

Scott Harter

AKRON — Our next union meeting will be on Nov. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Union Hall, located at 67 South Maple St. in Akron.

All who enter the Union Hall are required to wear a face mask or face covering.

## MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION PLAN

We want to take this opportunity to explain the prescription benefits available to you through our Health and Welfare plan.

Our prescription services are through a company called Sav-RX Prescription Services.

You should have received a card from this company. If you did not get this card, please contact the Union Hall. The card is a discount card that can be used at local pharmacies.

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We have a pamphlet at the Union Hall to explain the plan in more detail.

Please call the Union Hall if you would like to have a copy mailed to you.

## MEETING UPDATES



**Scott** will call or text with any updates on meetings or union business.

## IN CLOSING

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Union Hall or **Scott**.

## Mixed Trades LOCAL 1020

Gary McPheron

LIMA — After a very slow start to our work year, hours and work have picked up significantly.

If you get laid off, please let me know. Also, if you go back to work from a lay off please, do the same as well.

## WAGES UPDATE

By the time you read this, you

should have noticed the last of the changes to your check until next April, when we will disburse the next raise.

If you have any questions about this, please call or text me.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The union meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

We started serving food again, but they are box lunches.

We only get a finite number of them, so they are available on a first come, first serve basis. I suggest you come early and stay late.

Masks are required. We will provide one for you if necessary.

Proper social distancing is observed and tables and chairs are disinfected prior to the meeting.

Hand sanitizer is also available.

## Mixed Trades LOCAL 123, 238 & 387

Jason Parr

CINCINNATI — Hello Brothers and Sisters. Work continues to be strong in the greater Cincinnati area, and should stay steady through the late fall.

**Lee, Jess** and I have been trying to get out and see all our members on jobsites, so if we have missed you, please reach out to any of us and we would love to stop out and see you.

We are spreading the word about how important it is to get out and vote.

We want everyone to vote for the candidates who support our union ideas and beliefs.

We are always under attack by big business, who tries to prevent organizing of workers to form unions.

Over 50 percent of all American workers wish they belonged to a union. Unfortunately, because of certain laws in place, they are unable to do so.

## APPRENTICESHIP REMINDER

Apprenticeship classes will continue through the rest of the year, and we want to encourage all apprentices to show up on time for all their scheduled classes.

The apprentice class week should

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not be a week where you decide to make doctor's appointments or any other reason you feel to be more important than class.

You should treat apprenticeship class as serious as a day at work.

Be there every day on time and ready to participate.


## TRAINING UPDATE

 District Council 6 is offering a lot of journeymen upgrade classes, and we can now offer the classes with a translator in Spanish.

The FTIOR has brought on **Frankie Diaz** as a part-time instructor.


Please contact any of us representatives, or Brooke, to be added onto the class list.

## CONGRATULATIONS

 We congratulate **Frankie Diaz** for being brought on staff temporarily for the political season as relief-staff.

Frankie is a Local 238 member, who lives in Kentucky and will be engaging in conversations with our members about this important election on Nov. 3.

## IN CLOSING

 I cannot stress enough the importance of educating yourselves on all the candidates in the upcoming election.

Although the presidential race is important, so is every congressional, senate, county, city and judicial race in the State of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Elections have very real consequences.

In 2016, the State of Kentucky, largely because union members voted against many of their own Union endorsements, elected very non-labor friendly candidates.

The consequences of the election were Kentucky became a So-Called "Right to Work" (for less) state, they repealed Prevailing Wage, which has cost millions of dollars in underpaid wages to blue collar workers, and made it more difficult to form unions, collect dues and lessened the unions ability to collectively bargain.

Please vote with your paycheck!

## Sign Display and Allied Trades LOCAL 639

Tony Watroba

CLEVELAND — We are back to having our Local monthly meetings. Masks are mandatory, along with social distancing.

Our next meeting will be on Nov. 4 at 6 p.m., which is the day after Election Day.

Please be sure to exercise your right to vote, then come out to the meeting on Wednesday and help us decide what we are going to do for the membership for the upcoming holidays.

With this crazy year, I doubt that we will be able to have a party.

We do have quite a few members laid off in the Display shops - all related to the COVID-19.

Please let me know if you get laid off.

## IN CLOSING

I hope you and your families are healthy. Stay safe!

## Tapers LOCAL 505

John Kulju

CLEVELAND — Hello Brothers and Sisters of Local 505, I hope this message finds you safe and well.

On the work front, work is a little bit slow right now, but hang in there.


Work is coming.

I have spoken to couple of our contractors and there seems to be a good amount of work on the books.

I believe all our contractors and general contractors have done a pretty good job with safety and sanitation in the wake of COVID-19.

Remember, none of us have been through anything like this before.

## REMINDERS

 While you are laid off, please keep up-to-date with your dues, your drug card and training certifications.

If you need help with anything, please contact me.

## CONDOLENCES



We offer our condolences to two members' families, as **Rob Theus** lost his brother Marc Kourcklas, and **Dave King** lost his brother Daniel last month.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

## IN CLOSING

Be kind, be humble and always be thankful. T.C.M.B.S.

## Glaziers LOCAL 181

Jim Black

CLEVELAND — Hello Brothers and Sisters of Local 181. As of now, our next union meeting will be on Nov. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Council 6 offices, located at 8257 Dow Circle in Strongsville.

Please try to attend.

## WORK OUTLOOK

Work has been all over the place this year - from extremely slow to very busy.

Currently work has picked back up.

We are almost at full employment with three journeymen off and all apprentices working.

School work is still going strong and keeping us very busy.

The INTRO project in Cleveland is well underway, as is the Bendix World Headquarters project in Avon and the Metro Hospital project in Cleveland.

Those are three of the biggest projects currently going on. There is also additional work planned for the downtown area.

There also is work out of town. Contact me if you are interested.

## DRUG CARDS



You must have a current drug card, even if you are working at a smaller shop or have not needed to show it in a while.

Stay on top of it, and get it renewed if it has, or will expire. If you are not working, please get it taken care of now.

I cannot stress the importance of


having a current drug card. Also, stay on top of your yearly test. Do not let it lapse.

A lot of members have missed out on work because they do not have a current drug card. Do not let that be you.

Remember, random drug tests are going out. Do not miss a random, which is equivalent to a fail.

If you have any questions, call me and I can get you set up with a test.

## TRAINING REMINDER

 Stay on top of your upgrade classes and all the certifications, as training is becoming more important.

Please call the Training Department or check the website for the updated training schedule.


The more current certifications you have, the better off you will be.

Currently, I am in need of a certified welder.

We do not have enough glaziers certified to weld.

If you are off work, this might be a great time for you to get that certification, as it will only help you in the long run.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

 Due to the current situation with the coronavirus, Local 181 decided to cancel our annual Christmas party.

It was a difficult decision to make, but there is no way to get approximately 150 people into the building and still follow the pandemic protocols.

## LOWER YOUR MORTGAGE

I have been working with Cross-Country Mortgage.

If you have any financial questions or are interested in refinancing because of the low interest rates, contact me. I can put you in contact with one of their representatives.

## ADDICTION HELP

If you, your family or anyone you know is struggling with an addiction of any kind, please reach out to addiction specialist Pat Patton at 216-548-2249.

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## IN CLOSING

I thank every member of Local 181 for your efforts and for your patience over these past eight months.

It has been a trying time for all of us.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me anytime at 440-382-2924.

Keep up the good work and stay safe out there!

## Mixed Trades LOCAL 1103

Kevin Mullen Jr.

**PAINESVILLE** — The following is a message from Local 1103 President **Joe Shieff**:

Painters Local 1103 is in need of members to keep this Local active.

Three retired members have remained active officers on the Executive Board.

Unfortunately, they have decided it is time to step down at the end of this year.

This leaves the Local in a bad position, needing members to hold officer positions. It is my hope younger members will become leaders and bring new ideas to increase the membership and keep this Local in Painesville.

If we are not able to increase the membership and fill these positions by the end of the year, Local 1103 members may have to attend meetings in Strongsville or Youngstown.

District Council 6 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer **Jim Sherwood** has waived transfer fees for members who may want to transfer to our Local.

This is your union and the trade you work at to provide a good living and benefits for your family.

I want to see this union remain, but it will take you, the members, to step up to make this happen.

If you have any questions or think you want to become a leader in your union, please contact the District Council Office.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



As **Joe** stated, we are looking for members who want to get more active and involved in our Local.

Please feel free to attend a meeting to inquire.

Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month.

Remember, strong Locals make strong unions!

## IN CLOSING

Please remember to get out and vote.

Please contact the Union Hall if you have any questions regarding the candidates we endorsed.

## Painters and Tapers LOCAL 7

Jamie Peppers

**TOLEDO** — I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful summer.

This month, I am sad to report we lost Brother **John Hanson**, who was a proud member for over 47 years.

## ELECTION REMINDER



With weeks to go before the election, politics have ramped up.

Please make sure you are an educated voter, as we are being bombarded with information to the point where we cannot stand it.

Even worse, far too much of that information is misleading or flat out lies.

Unfortunately, it will get much worse before it gets any better.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Remember, our union meetings are back on schedule.

As always, the meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Upcoming meetings will include the discussions for the Local Union Bylaws.

In the coming months, we will begin to talk about the new agreement next year for the construction trade and the Hydrochem/PSC agreement expiring in February.

Please stay in touch for important meeting notices.

One topic brought up at the last meeting was the possibility of bringing back the vacation checks.

For this and other discussions, please attend the meetings.

## UPDATE BENEFICIARY INFORMATION

We urge everyone to check their beneficiary cards and notify the union, the Local Pension and the International Pension of any changes.

You will need to notify all three entities of any changes, as all three are administered separately.

This is vital in the event of any unforeseen incidents.

Please call the Union Hall if you have any questions.

## RETIREE HEALTHCARE



The Health Insurance office has sent out notices to all participants looking to carry our insurance into their retirement.

The bottom line is this: It is in your financial interest to remain a member of the Local.