

IBEW LOCAL 43

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April 2020 Newsletter

See the digital newsletter at: www.ibew43.org/currentnewsletter.html

Union Meeting Schedule

6:00 pm—4566 Waterhouse Rd., Clay, NY

Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Unless cancelled by Business Manager
due to COVID-19 crisis

From the desk of the Business Manager

Letter to IBEW Local 43 Members Regarding COVID-19

Brothers & Sisters:

As the United States and nations throughout the globe are facing concerns related to the new coronavirus known as COVID-19, I feel it's important to speak directly to all IBEW Local 43 members and share the following information.

IBEW Local 43 is taking this pandemic very seriously and its impact on our members and the industries in which they work. We are working with our local NECA chapter and our local and state leaders to put in place protocols to ensure we best serve our members and your needs during this crisis.

We are also following directives given to businesses and organizations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Local 43's leadership have taken several steps to limit potential exposure to our members by working with our local NECA chapter and our signatory contractors to ensure our job sites are safe and have the proper cleaning and disinfecting materials for our members use.

We also are currently working with our benefits professionals to help our members cope with anxiety, pressing financial concerns such as credit counseling, mortgage and rent relief and have provided those resources on our website.

In addition, we are pressing both federal and state governments to adopt measures that protect the health and safety, as well as the financial security of working people, including paid sick leave.

As a union representing more than 1,200 unionized electrician professionals we are working with our International Union, the AFL/CIO, & the National Building Trades to push for measures that protect the health of those working on construction projects that are deemed essential to our state and nation.

For now, there are several steps that everyone can continue to take to keep yourself safe and help stop the spread of the virus, including these basic hygiene practices recommended by the CDC:

- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or cloth when you sneeze or cough or use your elbow. Dispose of the tissue immediately.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Also, please follow all guidelines issued by your state and local governments, particularly in the nation's hot spots, such as New York State.

Throughout the past several weeks, Local 43 has posted several resources via mass email and text and have them on our website at www.ibew43.org under the COVID-19 section. Included is current recommendations of the CDC and WHO. We will continue to update this information as it becomes available.

Thank you all for the caution you're showing to keep yourself, families and co-workers safe during this very difficult and uncertain time. Your union is standing beside you and your family and is working to protect you and our construction industry.

The safety and well being of our members and their families will ALWAYS come first.

In solidarity,

Alan Marzullo

Alan Marzullo
Business Manager
Card # 869954



NECA Safety

COVID-19 Guidelines on Social Distancing

What is the Coronavirus?

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)-CoV-2 virus. The current mutation is a new strain of the SARS virus and no individual has any immunity prior to an exposure. The CDC has reported that testing has begun on a vaccine but for now, everyone should prepare and plan for possible impacts resulting from COVID-19. It has spread from China to many other countries around the world, including the United States.



With many construction sites remaining operational during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is extremely important to maintain compliance with all social distancing guidelines and requirements. The following recommendations are specific to construction projects that continue to be operational. While these are fairly comprehensive, they are not all-inclusive. The needs of each site can vary. State or other local requirements can be more restrictive, and would take precedent.

- Limit the jobsite to essential employees, and keep any visitors and vendors from being in close proximity to workers.
- Maintain a log of all employees on the jobsite.
- Allow only 1 person per aerial lift bucket, scaffold platform or other confined area to maintain appropriate space separation.
- Suspend or postpone work requiring 2 or more people in close proximity.
- Use full body PPE (health related in addition to other hazards identified in risk assessment) in situations where work involving 2 or more workers in close proximity must take place.
- Encourage workers to stay home if they show any signs of illness.
- Regularly clean and disinfect surfaces, common work area and tables, tools, desks, cell phones and any other item(s) that could be shared.
- Use approved cleaning chemicals and follow all label and SDS requirements and manufacturer's instructions

Below is a link to the CDC guidance on Social Distancing:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>

Below is the link to the CDC guidance on face coverings to be used in conjunction with social distancing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.htm>

Obituaries

IBEW 43 notes the passing of these members, with gratitude for their service to the union.

Mike Lebednik passed away in March 2020 at age 78. Brother Lebednik was initiated into Local 181 in 1961. He was an IBEW member for 59 years.

The Retirees' Club

Next Meeting: Postponed until further notice

Our Retirees' Meetings are a great way to stay in touch!

All retirees, wives and retirees' widows are welcome. Please join us!

Veterans Committee

Brothers and Sisters, we are looking for new recruits for the Veterans Committee. If you are a veteran and are not already a member of the committee, please call the union office with your name, phone number, email address and branch of service.

Union Sportsmen's Alliance

The 7th Annual CENTRAL & NORTHERN NY BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

Conservation Dinner *has been rescheduled to:*

October 8, 2020 (same location and time)



EVENT DATE CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19



Central New York MORE THAN PINK Walk
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020
New York State Fairgrounds

Western New York MORE THAN PINK Walk
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020
Buffalo River Works

For more info and to sign up, go to:

<https://komenupstatenewyork.org/morethanpinkwalk>

News from the Electrical Training Alliance Center: 315-546-0221

In the wake of the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19), all Apprentice, CE & CW class cancellations have been **EXTENDED**.

Classes will resume on **MAY 4TH** unless circumstances prevent.

Note: We will be revisiting these cancellations on a weekly basis.

APRIL BLUEPRINT READING COURSE

This event has been CANCELLED—Will be rescheduled in the Fall

6th Annual IBEW #43 William Towsley Memorial 2020 Bowling Tournament

This event has been CANCELLED

Anyone who paid in advance for either events, will be getting a refund after we return to normal

Reminder to all Journeymen In our current contract - Section 2.19 Tool List - it states "In addition, **Journeymen shall be responsible to have verifiable 'OSHA-10' training and CPR certified training.**" Please call the Training Center (315-546-0221) to see when the next scheduled classes are if you need either of these training sessions.



NEW Effective April 2nd you can now pay dues on-line...

Pay your dues 24/7/365

Check it out click here

Note: PayPal is our payment processor but you do NOT need a PayPal account to pay on-line

Local 43, On The Move...



NEW Effective March 5th you can now bid jobs on-line...

You can bid on jobs daily from 5p-9a & all day Sat & Sun

bid now click here

Note: The phone bidding system is still available at: 315-571-0095 5p-9a

Local 43, On The Move...

Group Email /Group Text

In an effort to communicate with our membership better, we have been utilizing a group email service and a group text service to keep every member up-to-date on Local 43 news and events. If you have not been receiving these emails and/or texts, please send Chris an email at cgraf@ibew43.org with your updated information.

We are really trying to make an effort to Go Green. Please consider switching to the digital newsletter. Email Chris at cgraf@ibew43.org and let her know you would like to switch; We appreciate your participation!

Listed below are some jobs our members have recently worked on:

Due to our organizing efforts, some of Local 43's Successes in the construction field -

Apartment Remodel –Warren St	\$ 7-8 million	O'Reilly's Auto Supply-Fulton	\$ 800,000
New Compass FCU0-Fulton	\$ 1.3 million	Steet Ponte Car Dealership	\$1.5-2,000,000
Dollar General-Sylvan Beach	\$ 250,000	Taco Bell Utica Remodel	\$ 300-500,000
Dunkin Donuts-Park St., Syr.	\$ 400,000	New Hartford Urgent Care	\$ 750-800,000

Please patronize these businesses in support of Local 43 and Union labor -

The Preserve-Syracuse	Port City Café-Oswego	Wendy's-Utica
4 Seasons Car Wash-Syracuse	Red Sun Fire Roasting Co.-Oswego	Rescue Mission—Camillus
Strong Hearts Café-Syracuse	Helping Hounds-Syracuse	Blink Fitness—Western Lights

Coronavirus Disease: Manage Anxiety & Stress

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Coping with stress will make you, the people you care about, and your community stronger.

Emotional Support

Self-quarantine. Shelter in place. Safe at home. Social distancing. Asymptomatic carrier. Novel coronavirus. New phrases that have become an everyday part of our lexicon.

We're standing at least six feet away from people. Working virtually. Avoiding face-to-face visits with parents, grandparents and grandchildren.

It's unsettling, even frightening. It's a completely abnormal situation that's becoming our new normal. For how long? We don't know.

We do, however, have IBEW Local 43 resources to assist with all of the above challenges that may be impacting you and your families during these unprecedented times. Please contact one of the organizations listed below if you are stressed or anxious because of job uncertainty, social isolation and health concerns stemming from the coronavirus pandemic.

- **eni** offers professional short-term counseling. Members and Family receive up to 8 sessions with a counselor at no cost (\$) for each separate issue that arises during a calendar year. If needed, eni will assist you in finding long term counseling that is covered by IBEW Local 43's Health Plan. **Call Eni at 1-800-327-2255 for assistance.**

Our Member ID is: [93793410](#) Our Group ID is: [8413](#)

- **Optum Emotional Support Help Line** is free of charge during the pandemic and available to anyone, so you can share it with family and friends. Call Optum at 1-866-342-6892.