

# IBEW LOCAL 43

on the **move**

July 2020 Newsletter

See the digital newsletter at: [www.ibew43.org/currentnewsletter.html](http://www.ibew43.org/currentnewsletter.html)



## Union Meeting Schedule

6:00 pm—4566 Waterhouse Rd., Clay, NY

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

Unless cancelled by Business Manager due to COVID-19 crisis

## *From the desk of the Business Manager*

Brothers & Sisters:

We are very pleased to be able to offer to our membership the ability to purchase a memorial brick to honor the life's work of our deceased Brothers and Sisters.

The Officers and Staff are very proud of this Memorial park. Those members who have seen the park are equally pleased to see that Local #43 honors their deceased members. If you have not yet seen this beautiful park, please make an effort to stop by the Union Hall and take a look at this tribute to those who have made our union great.

If you would like to honor a Brother or Sister who is no longer with us, please call the union office to request an order form or go to: <https://www.ibew43.org/towsley-memorial>

Fraternally,

*Alan Marzullo*

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Business Manager

**"TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT US TOO EARLY"**

**The Bill Towsley Memorial Park**

The Bill Towsley Memorial Park was built as a result of Local 43 wanting to honor our Brother Bill Towsley. As we talked of many ways in which we could honor Bill's lifetime of work on our behalf, this memorial park seemed like the best way to show our respect.

Honor a member with a memorial brick

Local 43

## REMINDER!

We are **not** accepting in person dues payments at this time due to COVID-19.

All dues payments must be made:

- Via US Mail
- Online via the Referral Portal on our website
- Drop-off in our secure mailbox (located between the training center and the union hall)

### Quarterly Dues Increase Effective January 1, 2020

The delegates to the 39<sup>th</sup> IBEW International Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri during the week of September 19 through 23, 2016 approved several amendments to Article IX of the *IBEW Constitution*.

Accordingly, effective January 1, 2020, there will be an increase of **one dollar (\$1.00) per month** or **three dollars (\$3.00) per quarter** for the IBEW Per Capita payment, which applies to "A" and "BA" members.

The following rates will apply to the International Office and Local 43 portions of all dues payments for January 2020 through December 2020:

**Ø "A" Members -- \$118.50 per quarter (Paid by each individual member)**

Breakdown –	Per Capita:	\$60.00/quarter
	Pension Fund:	\$57.00/quarter
	Basic Dues:	\$ 1.50/quarter

**Ø "BA" Members -- \$20.00 per month + working assessment (Dues Check-off by Employer)**

Breakdown –	Per Capita:	\$20.00/month
	Pension Fund:	N/A
	Basic Dues:	N/A

**OUR NEW IBEW LOCAL 43 BILLBOARD IN UTICA!!!!**

*(One coming soon to Syracuse)*

**Location Description:**

Route 12 in Utica Facing North. West of Rts. 5-8-12, just North of the Burrstone Road Overpass in Utica seen traveling Southbound to New Hartford

**Helping to Light, Power & Grow Central NY!**



**IBEW Local 43**  
**Union Electricians**



**315-422-0435 | www.IBEW43.org**

**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>



## Local 43 Annual Clambake

**Due to the COVID-19, we unfortunately will be Cancelling our Annual Clambake this year**

**We look forward to seeing you all there in 2021!**



## 2020 Golf Tournaments



Due to the COVID-19, the dates for the following golf tournaments are:

- Frank Kite Memorial Golf Tournament – September 19, 2020
- Craft Bash – August 22, 2020
- Wireman's Golf Association – Cancelled (2021 – Detroit, MI)

\*Stay tuned for further details\*



## **Syracuse *Mets* Baseball**

**Due to the COVID-19, the 2020 season is "Cancelled"**

**We look forward to the 2021 season!**

**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**. We have set classes to resume on **AUGUST 31st.**

**Note: We will be revisiting these cancellations on an ongoing basis.**

**Need OSHA 10?? Get it safely online by going to [careersafeonline.com](http://careersafeonline.com)—be sure to choose the course labeled “Construction Industry”**

**Please continue to watch the website for important details and updates!**

**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.

OSHA-10 and CPR training are needed to work in Local 43’s jurisdiction as a Journeyman.

**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 -**

Amazon Distribution Center	\$350 million	All Seasons Outfitters-New Hartford	\$ 100, 000
Dollar Tree—Sandy Creek	\$ 150,000	Carbone Auto Group	\$ 500,000
Big Lots– Pulaski	\$ 250,000	Apartment Remodel-Warren St.	\$ 7-8 million
Advanced Auto Parts-Utica	\$ 150,000	Well Now Medical—Camillus	\$ TBD

**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



**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



**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: 315-671-0095 5p-9a

**Local 43, On The Move...**

**Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)**

IBEW Local 43 Annuity Fund Trustees elected to adopt the optional provision of the CARES Act to suspend the 2020 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD).

**Member Portal Updates:**

**“What If” Pension Calculations” Available on the Member Portal**

Effective July 1, 2020 Members will have the ability to estimate current pension benefit values and forecast future pension benefits based upon your age at retirement and an estimated additional years and months worked.

A new “Benefit Calculation” option will be available in the portal’s pension section. Based upon your age, you will be able to estimate your pension benefit based upon “Today’s Date” the future dates of Ages 55, 62 and 65. The estimation system will allow you to enter the number of years you anticipate to work before retirement along with an estimated average number of hours worked per year. The portal will produce a PDF file for your reference and keep a copy of the PDF online for your future reference.

**The Portal will be Expanded to include Retiree Information** - Estimated effective date is September 1, 2020.

Initially the expanded portal will include the following:

- Pension benefit payment history
- Pension Verification Letters
- Retiree Links and Information: Federal & New York State Tax forms/Beneficiary Forms

**Effective January 1, 2021 1099 R forms will be available.**

**Retiree Health Care Premium Reimbursement - Effective July 1,2020**

IBEW Local 43 & Electrical Contractors Welfare Fund now offers retirees, who have a HRA account balance, a free service that will allow you to receive your monthly Local 43 Healthcare Premium Reimbursement, and any other reimbursement, from your Health Reimbursement Account, via direct deposit with your bank or other financial institution.

Here’s reason why to choose this direct deposit method:

- You eliminate submitting an HRA Claim Form to UMR for Healthcare Premium Reimbursement.
- Payments are electronically transferred directly to your bank, avoiding delays in the mail service.
- You do not have to worry about depositing your bank check since it will automatically be in your bank account. This saves you a trip to the bank and ensures that the check is deposited even when you are out of town.
- You have the flexibility to change your bank information

Please contact the Fund Office at (315) 474-5729 if you have questions or if you wish to elect this service.