

The October Union Meeting is Monday October 26, 2026 at 7:00 pm and will be IN PERSON ONLY. All Union Halls will be open. We would like to encourage members to come in person to the October meeting for solidarity & fellowship! We continue to communicate through the **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS for alerts & emails.** You can download our APP for android on google play or for iphone at the APP store just search "Iron Workers Local 25" Martinez web shop. Or sign up via our website (www.ironworkers25.org).

The Flint Steward meeting will be October 21, 2026 at 6:30 pm. The Lansing Steward meeting will be Monday October 26, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The Saginaw Steward meeting will be Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

The **West Michigan Informational meeting** will be Thursday October 1, 2026 at 6:00 pm., at the Masonic Temple Lodge 34, 233 Fulton St. E, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. All are welcome.

A FRINGE FUND PENSION DEPT AND HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE NOVI UNION HALL on Wednesday October 7, 2026 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm NEW TIME. If you have questions, give us a call 248-344-9494. Walk-ins are welcome!

The cut off for any early checks before the freeze period takes place is October 28, 2026 and this will be the last early check processing before the semi-annual disbursement for December 5th 2026.

December vacation check schedule: The last day to call to have your December vacation check pulled for in-person pick up is Monday November 30, 2026 at Noon. Pulled checks will be available at the Novi Hall Thursday December 3, 2026 after 2:00 pm. All other checks will be mailed to you by the end of business day on Tuesday December 1, 2026. ***All members that a receive ACH deposits, your vacation check will be on deposit Friday, December 4, 2026.*** All Vacation checks will be dated Saturday December 5, 2026.

If you have moved recently, please be sure to update the Union Hall 248-344-9494. We will gladly advise the Fringe Benefit Fund office of your move upon request.

Apprentice applications accepted electronically. Visit our website (ironworkers25.org) where you can apply online, make your application appointment & pay the application fee online; We take appointments Tuesday – Thursdays! No walk-in foot traffic.

The ClickSafety program allows ironworker members to meet a variety of training requirements, offering over 100 online courses in English and Spanish that include many OSHA-authorized courses. Simply log in:

<https://sms.copperrange.com/impact/sms/login/>

The username is the member's book # and the password is the FIRST 4 digits of your SSN

Apprentices: located under the Apprenticeship Tab you will find "Make-Up Days" & "Welding Test Certifications" where you can electronically schedule your make-up days and welding tests. To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School, please go to our website (ironworkers25.org); to view the 2026 Block Schedule, Roster or Raising Gang Schedule. Please make sure to download the TradeSchool Mobile App to submit your monthly work and school hours. These must be submitted monthly. If you have Facebook or Instagram, please give us a follow. Wixom Training Center Phone: 248-960-2130.

24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues: Pay via our **APP** or website www.ironworkers25.org. **The phone number is 866-635-2826. Or pay union dues with personal check or money order** and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 – P.O. Box 965 – Novi, MI 48376-0965. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall **(M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash).**

BENEFIT FOR LIFE CHANGE: Any member experiencing a divorce or a new spouse **MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office within 31 days;** otherwise wait until the open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

BENEFIT FOR NEW CHILD: Any member who has a new born child, or a new dependent child through marriage **MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office of your new dependent within 31 days;** otherwise wait until the open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 **and follow the prompts.** Hours 7:30 am to 4:30 pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta Dental Claims and Customer Service 800-482-8915.

If any member is having problems with the HRA substantiation letters please call Dennis Aguirre.

Check your HRA/Benny Card Balance: my.wexhealthcard.com (where you can create a log-in)

Check you online benefit information: ourbenefitoffice.com/iw25/benefits/

HRA/Benny Card Audit is continuously under way via US Mail – please respond if you have been contacted. You need to save your receipts for three (3) years.

Special Meeting Wed October 14, 2026 at 1:00 pm for Retired Members who are enrolled Local 25 BCBSM Health Plan are encouraged to attend an important informational meeting with LaborFirst to be held at the Novi Union Hall 25150 Trans X Rd. Novi MI. Representatives from LaborFirst will explain upcoming changes to the retiree health plan & outline LaborFirst's role as a healthcare navigation & advocacy resource for retirees. We strongly urge all affected retirees to attend. Come prepared to learn about the changes to your health care coverage & how LaborFirst will assist you in understanding & navigating your benefits.

The **Iron Workers' Local 25 Novi Chapter Retirees' Club**. The Retirees' Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday October 6, 2026 at 8:00 am. The Retirees' meeting/luncheon will be Tuesday October 20, 2026 at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

The **West Michigan Chapter** Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday October 6, 2026 at 9:00 am at Red Rock Grille & Café, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. All are welcome.

The next quarterly meeting for the **Bay City Chapter** will be October 15, 2026; at the Iron Workers Local 25 Saginaw Union Hall, 11 Bridgeview S. Saginaw MI 48604 at 12:00 pm. All are welcome.

The **Downriver Chapter** next quarterly Retirees breakfast to be held 9:00 am October 16, 2026 at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. All are welcome.

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Blue Cross Blue Shield Michigan: www.bcbsm.com/behavioral-mental-health/ Resources on the home page including In-Person Crisis Care options in many locations throughout the state. BCBS Michigan 877-627-1041 Substance-use-disorder.

When the World feels Heavy: FindTreatment.gov is where you can search by zip code/city. Or call SAMHSA 800-662-4357. **MentalHealth.gov** provides information & programs about mental health. **Dial 988 (National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) For help 24/7 in a Time of Crisis.** Call or text 988 if you or someone you know is in danger of suicide or experiencing a mental health crisis. You can also [Chat at 988lifeline.org/chat](http://988lifeline.org/chat) (English & Spanish). Whatever you are struggling with, help is available – its free & confidential.

Suicide Prevention Resources on IMPACT: <http://www.impact-net.org/safety/suicide-prevention-resources>. US Crisis Text Line: Text **HOME** to 741741 from anywhere in the United States, anytime, about any type of crisis. A live, trained Crisis Counselor receives the text and responds, all from our secure online platform. A volunteer Crisis Counselor will help you move from a hot moment to a cool moment.

In Memory: Brigid McDonell beloved wife of Ron McDonell #824764 passed away Sunday September 13, 2026 at the age of 84. She was the dearest mother of Kevin McDonell #1104199. ***Our sincere condolences to all of the family and friends on the loss of your dear loved one(s).***

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (Sept 28, 2026 9:00 am E.S.T.).