



Local 1342 Newsletter

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Upcoming Charter Union Meetings

August 14, 2019
September 11, 2019
October 9, 2019
November 13, 2019
December 11, 2019
January 8, 2020
February 12, 2020



All Charter Union
Meetings are held at
the Union Hall

**196 Orchard Park Rd.
West Seneca NY**

**10:00 AM
and
7:30 PM**

From the President's Desk By: Jeff Richardson

Is automation completely taking over the world? Are we people going to be sidelined in the coming generations? Automation seems to be the new craze, the future. Automated checkout lines, automated banking, automated production lines, automated this, automated that.

Now, the so-called "futurists" are pushing and experimenting with the "Next Big Thing" in automation. A field that could, well, negatively impact us; automated – driverless – mass transit.

Really?

Driverless city buses packed with people trying to navi-

gate crowded streets. Driverless commuter trains on busy tracks carrying hundreds of people during rush hour. Even automated planes filled with passengers, flying miles over our heads. We've already seen driverless cars road tested – with very mixed results. That's already bad enough, but driverless mass transit, with hundreds of thousands of lives on the line everyday in cities across this country and around the world.

Really?

Let's step back and think about this. The possibility of automated, driverless, mass transit are – to-

day - far too untested and potentially dangerous to think about. Of course, there are tens of thousands of good jobs, unionized at stake, some within ATU Local 1342's units. Of course, that's our principal concern, maintaining jobs and safeguarding the futures of working people and families.

But this matter goes beyond even the top priority of keeping jobs. There's the danger to the mass transit dependent public, the people that we, as transit professionals, are duty bound to serve and safeguard. Driverless mass transit simply isn't safe.

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A Message From Charlie Sikora Financial Secretary/Treasurer



With our election coming up, it is important for every member to make sure the union hall has your updated address if you have moved or plan on moving before the end of the year. Every union election, this becomes an issue of ballots going to the wrong address. No matter what election service is used, there is a cost of sending out replacement ballots and every election that averages about fifty re-

placement ballots.

Also, there are multiple ballot variations (that means that the Ex. Board member and Steward for your location is on your ballot) depending on your work location along with the top offices which are voted on by all members, no matter their work location.

Metro is good at informing the union hall if a member changes work location. But when it gets close

to when the ballots are mailed out, a one or two day delay of this change will cause that member to get a ballot with the wrong variation and a new one will have to be sent to the member again adding to the final cost of the election. So a call to the union hall if you change your work location will be a big help in deferring additional election costs.

Deceased Members

John Gaines - 5/20/19

James Gough - 5/21/19

Pat Caruso - 5/22/19

Joe Turano - 6/02/19

Tony Pedulla - 6/15/19

Monserate Riollano - 7/08/19

Patricia Freeman - 7/28/19

A big congratulations to Cold Spring Operator and ATU Member, Washington Lewis. Brother Lewis was recognized as the 60th Senate District Veteran of the Month for July 2019! Washington has been with NFTA-Metro since 1995. Thank you for serving our country and our community!



Happy Birthday

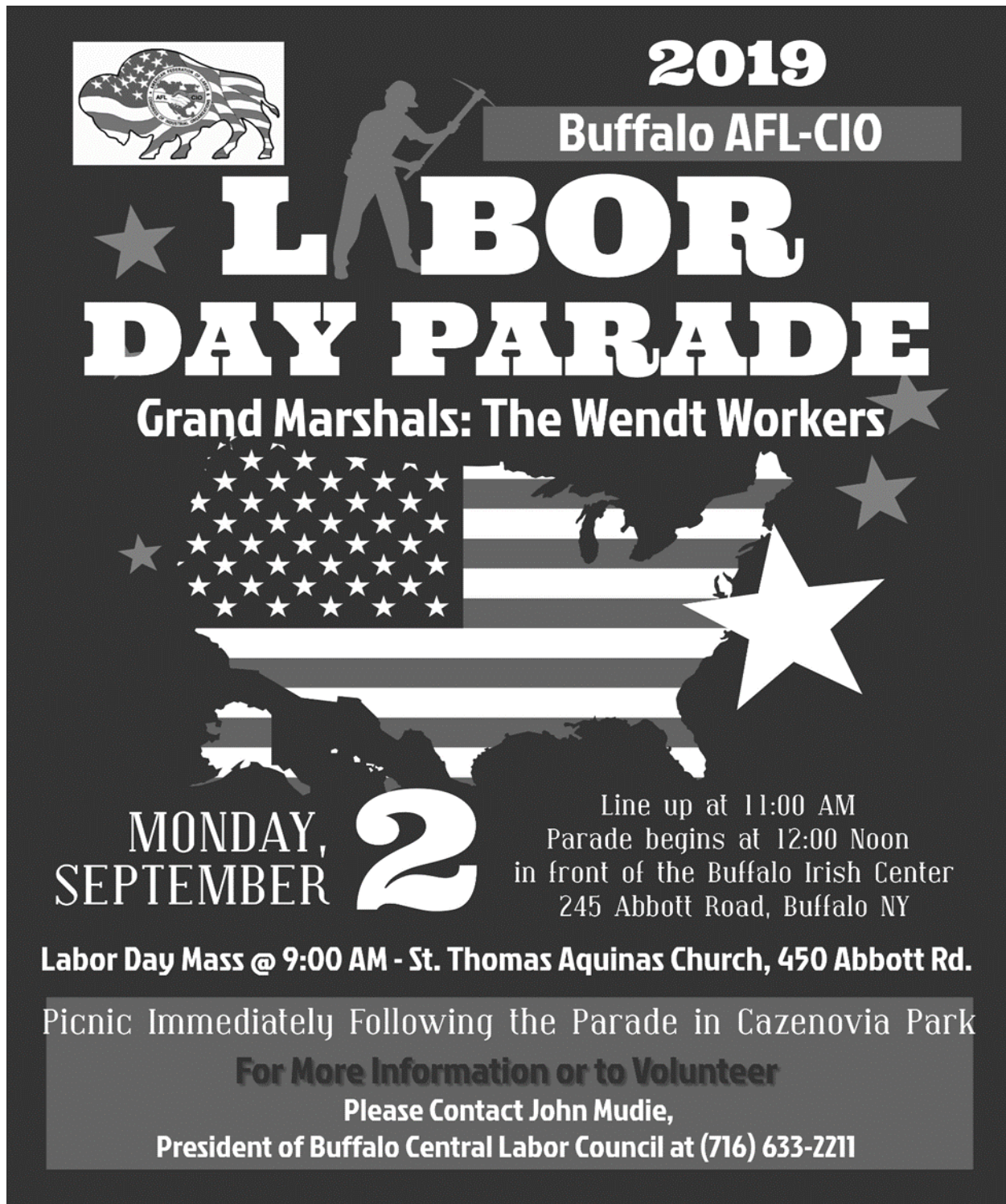
Armbruster, Clayton	Davis, Tahje	Johnson, Kenneth	Mule, Frank	Scott, Bruce
Balistieri, James	Duckworth, Glenn	Kanalley, Brian	Norman, Larry	Sebastian, John
Bauer, Mark	Dudziak, John	Kennedy, Alzo	Noworyta, Paul	Shanley, David
Beal, Keith	Duffin, Dawn	Klemm, Jack	O'Connell, Patrick	Shepard, Roy
Beal, Vernon	Eagen, Thomas	Kozak, Richard	O'Connor, Martin	Simmons, Tawana
Becker, Scott	Esford, Robert	Krause, Raymond	O'Shensky, Mary	Skea, Miriam
Beckwith, Gregory	Gauss, Jeffrey	Kuehne, Peter	Overton, Raymond	Skulski, Norman
Binizskiewicz, Stephen	Graves, Tiawan	Lewis, Shirley	Page, Princess	Smith, Carla
Bones, Deborah	Griffin Jr, Willie	Lipman, Ivy	Parker, Kenya	Spencer, Clyde
Boykin, Charles	Hawkins, Bryan	Mack, Kareemah	Pawlowski, Kevin	Sterling, June
Brown, Clifton	Hayek, Richard	Mathewson, Charles	Pinkard, Bridgette	Terry, Kevin
Carter, Shawn	Henry, George	Mazurowski, Andrew	Price, Barbara	Tirado, Jose
Castellano, Ramon	Holliday, Antwion	McGrath, Bernard	Purdy, Jennifer	Torres Jr, Juan
Confer, Marygrace	Holt, Michael	McKnight, Richard	Putney, Andrew	Vincent, Ronald
Curry, Gwendolyn	Horton, Michael	Middlebrooks, Richard	Reid, Sheila	Webster, Etienne
Daniels, Javan	Jackson, Akmell	Montanari, Mathew	Riehle, Brian	Williams, Lawrence
Daniels, Ronald	Jenkins, Eugene	Moore, Bruce	Rivera, George	Wiltsey, Benjamin
Data, Julian	Johnson, David	Moriarity, Timothy	Rivera, Ricardo	Wrobel, Michael
Davis, Doreen	Johnson, Jeremiah	Morris III, Paul	Schoenle, James	

Metro Anniversaries

Austin, Kevin	1	Fulgham, Ralph	1	Moss, Jeffrey	10	Scarano, Richard	23
Banister, Timothy	2	Harris, Tito	20	Musgrove, Henry	5	Sharp, Connell	18
Bates, Jeffrey	5	Heft, Edward	14	Nichols, John	3	Smith, Kimberly	10
Beckwith, Gregory	6	Hess, Paul	1	Nieves, Jose	9	Swain, Eddie	3
Bigaj, Steven	11	Hoffarth, Lucas	8	Noworyta, Paul	2	Szeluga, Gregory	3
Bishop, Leonard	10	Holt, Michael	12	O'Shensky, Mary	18	Tavarez, Sabrina	1
Boice, Frank	28	Hundley, Jerome	25	Parylo, Joseph	1	Taylor, Tracy	12
Borden, Christian	6	Jaeckle, Gordon	3	Patterson, Demetrius	3	Thomas, Qiturah	1
Boyd, Jason	1	Johnson, Jeremiah	1	Pease, Kenneth	1	Tillis, Lavar	3
Brand, Michelle	2	Jones, Samuel	14	Pellish, Galen	28	Trietley, Kevin	22
Carter, Shawn	12	Keith, Marlon	18	Pieszala, Eric	9	Walczak, Brad	18
Cason, Michael	16	Krauss, Shawn	9	Pollutro, Jerome	19	Walker, John	3
Castellano, Ramon	8	Lawrence, Kalvin	8	Pontrello, Joseph	8	Wallace, Jasmine	1
Chappell Jr, Baron	3	Lewis, Shirley	18	Pulaski, Ryan	2	Ware, Terrance	18
Clarke, Kevin	8	London, Takesha	8	Purdue, Gary	3	Waters, Robert	8
Dierolf, Mark	8	Lucas, Dalton	3	Rivera, George	16	Williams, Jerome	28
Druz bik, Darren	12	Mathews, Janice	25	Rolon Sr, Gemark	12	Williams, Ramona	3
Dudziak, John	15	McKinney, Jennifer	4	Rosa, Paul	1	Zipp, David	9
Elliot-Albirght, Marc	1	Medero, Jose	6	Sampman, Samuel	3		
Evans, Demetrius	14	Mencia, Rafael	4	Sanders, Lavell	1		
Everett, John	19	Montanez, Estella	12	Sargent, Mark	15		

PLEASE JOIN US!!!

This years Labor Day Parade and Picnic will be held on Monday, September 2nd. Please attend for an enjoyable afternoon and help promote our union, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1342. Your participation will give us a chance to show unity in our membership.



2019
Buffalo AFL-CIO

★ LABOR DAY PARADE

Grand Marshals: The Wendt Workers ★

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Line up at 11:00 AM
Parade begins at 12:00 Noon
in front of the Buffalo Irish Center
245 Abbott Road, Buffalo NY

Labor Day Mass @ 9:00 AM - St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 450 Abbott Rd.

Picnic Immediately Following the Parade in Cazenovia Park

For More Information or to Volunteer
Please Contact John Mudie,
President of Buffalo Central Labor Council at (716) 633-2211