

Building Your Tomorrow

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Planning to Retire?



If you would like to receive your first benefit payment on:	You must receive a Benefit Illustration Sheet from the Pension Fund Office between the previous:	And return your completed Application for Benefits and all necessary supporting documents no later than the previous:
January 1	October 1 through November 30	November 30
February 1	November 1 through December 31	December 31
March 1	December 1 through January 31	January 31
April 1	January 1 through February 28	February 28
May 1	February 1 through March 31	March 31
June 1	March 1 through April 30	April 30
July 1	April 1 through May 31	May 31
August 1	May 1 through June 30	June 30
September 1	June 1 through July 31	July 31
October 1	July 1 through August 31	August 31
November 1	August 1 through September 30	September 30
December 1	September 1 through October 31	October 31

Rules for Working After Retirement When Union Declares Full Employment

As the commercial construction industry in southeastern Wisconsin continues to rebound, many unions have needed to use retirees to bolster their ranks of available workers. To that end, a number of unions have declared a period of Full Employment in 2022. At the time of this publication, the following unions have declared periods of Full Employment:

- North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
- Laborers Local #113
- Ironworkers Local #8
- Bricklayers Local #8
- Plumbers and Gasfitters Local #75
- HVAC Service Fitters
- Tile Layers Local #5
- Painters and Drywall Finishers Local #781
- Operative Plasterers and Cement Masons Local #599

When your union declares a period of Full Employment for your trade, the Pension Plan's normal suspension of benefits provisions for working after retirement are temporarily modified. Those retirees who want to work under the modified suspension of benefits provisions must sign up at their local union during

the period of declared Full Employment. The modified provisions apply only to retired workers who complete the paperwork prior to beginning work under the modified rules.

After retirees sign the required form, they may then work 710 hours in that calendar year before being limited to 39 hours per month during the declared period of Full Employment. After working 710 hours, those retirees are then limited to 39 hours per month for the rest of the calendar year. Every December 31, the declared period of Full Employment ends. Each union must re-declare its next period of Full Employment, and each retiree who wishes to work under these provisions must sign up again after the new period of Full Employment is declared.

Retirees working out of the area should note that the 710 hours provisions do not apply to work outside of this Pension Fund's jurisdiction. In other words, this provision does not apply to hours that are worked somewhere else and then transferred in to this Pension Fund.

Refer to pages 96 through 100 of the 2021 Summary Plan Description for complete details regarding working after retirement.

After COVID, the Fund Office is Again Open for Walk-Ins

Have you missed us? We missed you! The office is once again open for you to meet in person with the Pension Fund staff to answer any questions or help with your pension benefits application. The office address is 500 Elm Grove Road, Suite 300, Elm Grove, WI.



Meet Your Trustees

José Ramírez

José Ramírez is a Business Representative with Laborers Local 113. He first joined LiUNA in June of 2017 as an apprentice working at the new Milwaukee Bucks arena. He worked on several landmark projects across the city of Milwaukee working for two major General Contractors. He started his career as a union representative in August of 2021 as one of the few bilingual reps in the trade and one of the youngest union reps in Wisconsin. His responsibilities consist of recruiting Laborers, maintaining a positive working relationship between the contractors and the union, as well as fighting for & representing the membership.

José has been recently appointed to the Board of Trustees after the retirement of long-time labor leader & 48-year LiUNA member, John Schmitt. José is a member of Labor Council of Latin American Advancement where he and other trades members push to educate, organize, and mobilize a strong and efficient Latino & minority workforce in the City of Milwaukee.

In his spare time, José enjoys playing soccer, traveling & listening to oldies music. He is currently learning to speak Portuguese as he pursues to become trilingual and better himself for the betterment of the LiUNA organization.



Dan Schneider



Dan Schneider is the President of Jens Construction located in Pewaukee. As a member of the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Milwaukee, Jens Construction has been in business since 1967 providing construction services to the greater Milwaukee area. As President of Jens, Dan holds a wide range of responsibilities including estimating, project management, field crew oversight, equipment maintenance tracking and corporate fiscal planning.

Dan began working for Jens in 2014 where he joined as an Assistant Project Manager. He served in the United States Army for eight years and is a 2008 graduate from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville with a degree in Building Construction Management. Dan was appointed to the Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund Board of Trustees in October of 2021.

Dan has been married to his wife, Jessi, for 14 years. They have two sons, Jason and Aaron, and a daughter, Abigail. In his free time, Dan enjoys both coaching and watching his kids play soccer, football, baseball, and hockey. He also enjoys annual trips to deer camp in Southwestern Wisconsin as well as vacationing up north during the summertime.

For more information on the Pension Fund, please scan the QR code below to visit the website:



Employer Updates

The following employers entered into a participation agreement covered by the Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund.

Employer	Craft	Address	Effective Date
Asphalt Concrete & Excavation Solutions, Inc.	Laborers	Lockport, IL	Jun-22
Best CCS, LLC	Laborers	Milwaukee, WI	Jun-22
Cassidy Contracting	Laborers	Eagle, WI	Aug-22
Chicago Area Plumbing & Mechanical	Plumbers	Elk Grove, IL	Aug-22
CR Schmidt, Inc.	Laborers	Warrenville, IL	Aug-22
Fluor Constructors	Carpenters	Greenville, SC	Jun-22
Golf Construction	Laborers	Hammond, IN	Jul-22
Hawk Daylighting LLC	Laborers	Slinger, WI	Jun-22
Huber Construction, Inc.	Carpenters	DePew, NY	Jul-22
Integrity Utility Pros	Laborers	Schofield, WI	Jul-22
Midwest Refrigeration	Steamfitters	Griffith, IN	Sep-22
Prosafe Utility Construction	Laborers	Burlington, WI	Aug-22
Steinhammer Masonry LLC	Carpenters	Meno Falls, WI	Aug-22
Taylor Innocations 21 LLC	Tile Layers	Milwaukee, WI	Jul-22
Tri-C Civil Construction LLC	Laborers	New Orleans, LA	Sep-22
Twin City Tile & Marble	Carpenters	Eau Claire, WI	Aug-22

The following employers are suspected to have recently withdrawn from the Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund.

Employer	Craft	Address	Effective Date
A-1 Excavating Inc.	Laborers	Bloomer, WI	Jun-22
Acoustic Professionals	Carpenters	Appleton, WI	Jun-22
Architectural Production	Carpenters	Wausau, WI	Jun-22
Bedrock Sewer & Water	Laborers, Plumbers	Eagle, WI	May-22
Hamon Custodis Inc.	Carpenters, Laborers, Iron Workers	Somerville, NJ	Jul-22
Louis Company LLC	Laborers	Grain Valley, MO	May-22
New Berlin Investment LLC	Steamfitters	East Troy, WI	Mar-22
N J Schaub & Sons, Inc.	Carpenters, Painters	Milwaukee, WI	Mar-22
Winona Controls, Inc.	Steamfitter	Caledonai, MN	Jan-22



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This newsletter is intended for your general information and not as a complete description of the Fund's legal documents. The Trust Agreement and Pension Plan document are the only instruments governing the legal rights, privileges and obligations under the Fund.

We welcome any comments or suggestions you may have for future issues of Building Your Tomorrow.

Due to limited newsletter space, it is important that you are also familiar with your Summary Plan Description (SPD). It contains detailed information about all areas of the Pension Plan. The most recent SPD was mailed in January 2021. If you would like an additional copy of the SPD, feel free to contact us at (262) 784-7880 or toll free at (800) 433-8570. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The SPD can also be found on the website or by scanning the QR code with a smart phone.

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