



# 825News

SERVING THE LOCAL 825 MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

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## 825Calendar

### APRIL

6 **District 2 Meeting:**  
Ramada Plaza – Newark, NJ

11 **District 3 Meeting:**  
Holiday Inn – Mt. Olive, NJ

13 **District 4 Meeting:**  
Knight's Inn – Newburgh, NY

### MAY

2 **District 1 Meeting:**  
Holiday Inn – Runnemede, NJ

4 **District 2 Meeting:**  
Holiday Inn – Hazlet, NJ

9 **District 3 Meeting:**  
Russian Hall – Garfield, NJ

11 **District 4 Meeting:**  
Knight's Inn – Newburgh, NY

### JUNE

1 **District 1 Meeting:** Grand  
Versailles – Maple Shade, NJ

6 **District 2 Meeting:**  
Days Inn – Bridgewater, NJ

8 **District 3 Meeting:**  
Holiday Inn – Mt. Olive, NJ

13 **District 4 Meeting:**  
Knight's Inn – Newburgh, NY

### JULY

11 **Semi-Annual Meeting:**  
Ramada Plaza – Newark, NJ

## Spring brings a renewed push for jobs

**W**ith spring on the horizon, we look forward to an economy that may also be awakening, slowly.

In February, Governor Christie declared the arrival of “a new Atlantic City” and signed a bill creating the Atlantic City Tourism District.

He announced the Revel casino project would resume construction, helped by a new \$261 million state sales tax-reimbursement plan. At a table stacked with construction hard hats, he also committed to investments to help the industry improve its infrastructure and image, a commitment that bodes well for the construction trades.

In January, Christie also proposed an \$8 billion plan to fund state transportation needs for five years, including major

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Greg Laveve/Business Manager



efforts to raise the Bayonne Bridge and refurbish the Pulaski Skyway. It calls for new borrowing and redirects money that had been earmarked for the ARC commuter rail tunnel to Manhattan.

In New York, Gov. Cuomo has appointed Joan MacDonald as DOT Commissioner. Ms. MacDonald recently served as Connecticut's Commissioner of Economic Development. Gov. Cuomo and the N.Y. state Legislature have proposed a budget with \$1.2 billion in highway spending.

Of course, both states have a long way to go before all our members are back to work. There are concerns that not enough construction is in the pipeline. This is why it is more important than ever to keep

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## 825Briefs

- **Spectra Energy pipeline expansion.** As we await the decision by FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) over the construction application, take some time to examine the facts and benefits of this project. Visit [www.yesgaspipeline.org](http://www.yesgaspipeline.org) for all the information you need to encourage family, friends and elected officials to get behind the project
- **Revel has begun** to assemble the management team that will oversee its \$2.4 billion megaresort opening next year, according to a Press of Atlantic City report. The management recruitment campaign is on top of the 2,000 construction jobs Revel announced last month after the company secured more than \$1 billion in new financing to finish the half-built project.

# Training Classes

All Courses are held at The NJ Training Center

**COURSE DATE** **TIME**

## CCO Written Training Classes

Saturday, June 4 8 a.m.  
 Saturday, June 11 8 a.m.  
 Saturday, June 18 8 a.m.  
 Saturday, June 25 8 a.m.

## HAZMAT Refresher

Saturday, April 16 7 a.m.  
 Saturday, May 14 7 a.m.  
 Saturday, June 18 7 a.m.

## OSHA 30 MOD 1

Monday, April 4 8 a.m.

## OSHA 30 MOD 2

Tuesday, April 5 8 a.m.

## OSHA 30 MOD 3

Wednesday, April 6 8 a.m.

## OSHA 30 MOD 4

Thursday, April 7 8 a.m.

## Qualified Rigger Class

Saturday, June 11 8 a.m.

## Signalperson Qualification

Wednesday, April 20 8 a.m.  
 Saturday, May 14 8 a.m.

# Better Communications Begin Here

In line with our commitment to keep you better informed, we've taken several steps already this year. In January we launched our new website. Easy to read and navigate, the site addresses members, potential members, contractors and the general public. With plenty of photos and our latest news, the site is the cornerstone of our effort to keep you better informed of Local 825 issues and activities.

This newsletter is another attempt to reach our members, particularly those who may not use a computer or the internet, with important information about meetings, training, benefits and contact. If you have ideas how we can improve any of these efforts, we'd like to hear them. Send your suggestions to Dave Daleo at 65 Springfield Ave., 3rd Floor, Springfield, NJ 07081, or email him at [ddaleo@iuoe.org](mailto:ddaleo@iuoe.org).



## Give the gift of life

### Blood Banks

If you'd like to donate blood to help another human being in need, contact Blood Bank Chairman Richard DePalma. Remember, you or a loved one may need it someday. Call Richard at (609) 713-9886 to find out the upcoming schedule for blood donations.

# Contact Information

### Local 825 Headquarters

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 Springfield, NJ 07081  
 (973) 671 - 6800  
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### District Offices:

5 Allison Drive  
 Cherry Hill, NJ 08003  
 (856) 470-1480  
 (856) 470-1485 FAX

6 Wesley Court  
 Middletown, NY 10941  
 (856) 674-9020  
 (845) 674-9025 FAX

### Training

338 Deans Rhode Hall Rd.  
 Dayton, NJ 08810  
 (732) 798-2170  
 (732) 798-2175 FAX

### NY Training Center

6 Wesley Court  
 Middletown, NY 10941  
 (845) 692-3393

# Benefits Corner

## Doctor Search

When picking a doctor for yourself or a family member, take the time to make sure you pick a doctor who is part of the Local 825 provider network. Our doctor network is designed to provide you with significant savings simply by using our doctors.

To find a doctor who participates in the Local 825 plan, go to our website – [www.iuoe825.org](http://www.iuoe825.org) – and click on “Doctor Search” at the top of the page. For a listing of participating MagnaCare provider locations visit [www.magnacare.com](http://www.magnacare.com) and for a listing of participating MagnaCare providers outside of New York and New Jersey, visit [www.myfirsthealth.com](http://www.myfirsthealth.com).

Remember, selecting a participating provider and/or hospital does not guarantee that all of the providers in that group or at that hospital are participating with Operating Engineers Local 825. Call our Provider Relations Department to verify participation: 1-800-677-3237 weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m..



## Seasonal Health Tip

Spring brings the potential for environmental allergies and asthma. In construction, being exposed to dust and allergens is common. But spring adds seasonal allergens that can make life more difficult. Here are some suggestions to help alleviate suffering due to seasonal allergies.



- On the job, if possible, wear a good-quality air mask with a filter that traps virtually all particulates and is comfortable to wear.
- Don't take antihistamines, which cause drowsiness.
- Stay hydrated. Lack of fluids can lead to chronic fatigue and irritation. Drink 10 glasses a day of liquids. Water is best, but iced tea and even soda is better than nothing.

# LEGISLATIVE & PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

## Assemblyman John F. Amodeo (R-2),

representing the state's 2nd Legislative District, met with us on Feb. 2 at our District 1 meeting in Hammonton.

A New Jersey licensed crane operator and a retired member of Local 825, Amodeo served as the Lead Engineer on the Ocean City bridge replacement project.

At our meeting in Hammonton, he discussed the new Atlantic City Tourism District and the funding to complete construction of the Revel casino. He is a primary sponsor of Assembly Bill A321, the "Invest in New Jersey First" Act," which requires preference in awarding certain contracts for critical infrastructure projects.



## Assemblyman Jon Bramnick (R-21)



met with us on Feb. 7 to discuss recent developments in the state's Transportation Trust Fund that directly impact job opportunities for our members.

Assemblyman Bramnick also spoke about working with the Christie administration to improve New Jersey's business climate in order to attract new businesses, while also helping existing businesses grow. If these efforts are successful,

they will result in more growth and more building, which translates into more construction projects.

His office is located in Westfield, Union County. Tel. (908) 232-2073.

## Senator Steve Oroho (R-24)

met with us Feb. 9 in Mount Olive.

A member of the state Senate since 2008, Oroho serves as a member of the Budget and Appropriations committee and the Economic Growth committee.

Senator Oroho stated his support for the governor's Transportation Trust Fund plan. He also spoke about his support for bringing a new Proton Cancer Treatment Center to Jersey City.



A bill he sponsored to streamline government regulations was recently signed into law. "This legislation will eliminate the regulatory bureaucracy that has hindered economic development and job growth and will help put unemployed and underemployed New Jerseyans back to work," he said.



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our focus on our elected representatives to support projects like PurGen, the Spectra Energy pipeline expansion, highway and bridge construction, and others.

We will do our part by continuing to advocate on a state and federal level for job growth and collaborating with like-minded groups, such as the New Jersey Alliance for Action. You can do your part by staying in touch with your representatives, attending local meetings and voicing your concerns.

Meanwhile, we are keeping you more informed than ever on our efforts to promote jobs. In addition to this newsletter – which you will receive at least three or four times a year – we recently launched our new website and have embarked on a comprehensive effort to re-establish our image and our role at the bargaining table with pride, professionalism and integrity.

## IUOE Local 825

**Pride, Professionalism, Integrity**

### Mail or E-Mail?

We are mailing this initial newsletter to your home because we want to be sure to reach all our members. Over time, we'd like to transition to electronic distribution via email in order to reduce the cost of paper, printing and postage. So if you'd prefer to receive an electronic version of this newsletter via email, please let us know. Just send an email to Dave Daleo at [ddaleo@iuoe825.org](mailto:ddaleo@iuoe825.org). Let him know that you'd like to receive future newsletters via email.

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