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

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## Candidate Murphy grateful for member support All eyes on race to June 6 primary, then the general election



Local 825 leadership and members rallied in support of Phil Murphy, the Democrat candidate to replace Chris Christie in the fall election. Murphy is the current frontrunner against several other Democrat candidates in the June 6 primary. He has supported issues important to organized

labor and has won wide support from labor groups. If he becomes the Democrat candidate in the primary, he will campaign for governor against the Republican candidate. The fall election on Nov. 7 will put all seats in the Senate and Assembly up for grabs.

# CALENDAR

Note, all district meetings begin at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

## MAY

### 1 – District 1 meeting

Kerri Brooke Caterers  
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

### 3 – District 2 meeting

Sheraton Edison  
125 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison

### 8 – District 3 meeting

Russian Hall  
464 Outwater Lane, Garfield

### 10 – Blood Drive rescheduled due to the March 15 snowstorm

1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Holiday Inn  
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

### 10 – District 4 meeting

Holiday Inn  
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

### 10 – Health Fair

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Springfield Hall, 3rd floor

### 13 – 5th Annual Golf Outing

Gambler Ridge  
121 Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge

### 14 – Mother's Day

### 20 – Armed Forces Day

### 29 – Memorial Day UNION HOLIDAY

**30 – Construction Industry Career Day**, NJ Convention & Expo Center, Edison. **Open to the public** from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**31 – Construction Industry Career Day**, NJ Convention & Expo Center, Edison. **Open only to high school juniors**. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## JUNE

### 5 – District 1 meeting

Kerri Brooke Caterers,  
755 S. White Horse Pike, Hammonton

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# VIEW FROM THE TOP

Greg Lalevee, Business Manager



## Spring brings new work and fresh challenges

Although we're used to braving winter's elements, we appreciate when spring brings nicer weather and additional work.

After last year's shut down of TIF-related projects, we look forward to a busy, uninterrupted summer season. NJDOT, Turnpike and Parkway projects will keep us busy, along with work that continues on the Hudson River and other bridges, like the Bayonne Bridge, WittPenn, Pulaski Skyway and Manahawkin Bay.

This year, we look forward to new projects. Construction is expected to begin on a \$49.9 million project to replace two Holland Tunnel Piers, 9 and 204.

Army Corps beach restoration projects are approved for:

- Construction and beachfill from the Manasquan Inlet to the Barnegat Inlet, an approximate \$129 million project;
- Great Lakes beach nourishment, from Cape May Inlet to Lower Township, worth nearly \$15.5 million; and
- Great Lakes nourishment, from Townsends Inlet to Cape May Inlet for approximately \$15.8 million.

### Water Infrastructure

We have begun to train our focus on water infrastructure advocacy. Our latest Local 825 ad is headlined, "We Save Water." It promotes our interest in conservation and discusses the need to replace aged, inadequate infrastructure.

ELEC also has been instrumental in advancing a Water Accountability Act in both the Assembly and Senate. We are monitor-

ing this development, with the hope that a bill can be sent to Gov. Christie to act on before he leaves office.

### New TC set to open

After a few years of planning, municipal approvals, design work and construction, our new training facility in Wawayanda is set to open. The facility is truly state of the art and will provide greater access to members who live within its 100-mile radius.

A grand opening will be scheduled for this spring and we expect to begin offering classes as early as this summer.

### Local 825 to host IUOE

We have offered our New Jersey training center to host this year's IUOE Training Conference, which will be open to training staff from all IUOE locals in the east. The two-day conference is a great forum for locals to consult on common issues and learn from each other by sharing "best practices."

The training center and staff have been doing great work, as witnessed by the photos you will see in the following pages.

### Looking ahead

We have two important dates coming up: both benefitting our scholarship fund. Our fifth annual golf outing will take place on May 13; and the second annual clay shoot will be held on June 25. We hope as many of you as possible will plan to join us.

Enjoy the weather!

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# Murphy's stand on labor issues wins members support

**L**ocal 825 Operating Engineers were on hand to welcome gubernatorial candidate Phil Murphy to the Dayton Training Center in February.

In addition to more than 250 members, Business Manager Greg Levee, President John Wood and members of the Executive Board made the Democrat candidate to succeed Gov. Chris Christie feel right at home.

"Phil Murphy is the type of leader who understands the issues facing New Jersey workers and we know he'll always have our backs," Greg said, as he introduced the candidate.

Murphy won loud applause when he promised to create jobs and "Keep 'right-to-work' legislation out of our state!"

He affirmed his commitment to working families and investing in the state's energy,

water and transportation infrastructure.

"He has the right experience to create jobs and make investments that will deliver economic growth for many years to come," Greg said. "We're confident he will make the infrastructure systems we rely on for everything from safe drinking water to getting to school and work a higher priority once again."

Following the rally, Murphy met individually with members and took a tour of the training center.

Murphy, the former U.S. ambassador to Germany, must first win the Democratic Party nomination over a slate of other Dem opponents. He has secured endorsements from all of New Jersey's 21 counties and will appear on the county line, a major advantage over his opponents.

On the Republican side is Lt. Gov. Kim

Guadagno, who is facing off against four opponents in the primary. Guadagno is currently seen as the Republican front-runner.

The New Jersey Primary election is on June 6. The winners will campaign against each other until the general election determines who the next governor will be on Nov. 7.

## All legislative seats are up for grabs

In addition to a new governor, this year's election will determine the makeup of all 120 legislative seats in the NJ Legislature.

We will play an active role in this election and will be asking for members support. Our PAC will continue to host our annual reception for candidates and we will endorse the candidates who we believe will best represent our interests.





# Apprentices and members pave the way for 2017 season at Great Adventure

**T**he second phase of the Great Adventure parking lot paving took place without a hitch.

Our apprentices and journey men and women were joined by laborers from Local 172 as the huge parking area was turned from potholes and gravel into a beautiful blacktop for this season's park visitors.

The project was assisted through a training grant from the N.J. Department of Labor. The project was so large – check the parking area on Google Earth – that the grant was spread over a three-year period. One year remains on the project before its completion in 2018.





# Training Center to host IUOE Locals in June

**L**ocal 825 will host the IUOE Training Conference, tentatively set (as of press time for this newsletter) for June 20 and 21.

The two-day event is open to the training staff members of the IUOE eastern region locals and is hosted by a different local each year. This year, Business Manager Greg Lavee invited the International to use the New Jersey center and his offer was accepted.

Topics will include training in the different areas:

- New equipment becoming available; types of certifications;
- Exchange of information on the various locals' procedures and training materials to promote the adoption of "best practices," based on experience.
- Instructor Efrain Crespo will present a demonstration on the latest GPS technologies and how they will impact our members and their equipment.

Last year's conference was hosted by Local 66 in New Alexandria, PA.

## TRAINING CENTER CALENDAR

### NEW JERSEY TRAINING CENTER

All classes start at 7 a.m., except CCO, which starts at 8 a.m. To register for a New Jersey class, call (732) 798-2170.

### MAY

Sat. 6 – Signal Person

Sat. 20 – Rigging

### JUNE

Sat. 3 – Asbestos Awareness

## New blacktop for NJ Training Center

**J**ust in time for the IUOE Training Conference, the training center is sporting a brand new parking lot.

In contrast with the Great Adventure project, which is spread over three years, our own parking lot was completed in three days. On Wednesday, the old blacktop was taken up. On Thursday the new material was laid in the main lot, while the driveway apron was taken up. On Friday, the new apron was completed and the lines were marked out in the main area.

We thank everyone who worked on this project.





# Thirty-nine members donate blood; Next drive: May 10 in Middletown!

**T**he need for blood is constant and critical. Every 2.5 seconds, someone needs blood. Although 80 percent of the population will need blood at some point, less than five percent of the population donates it. It is estimated that nearly four million Americans would die each year without life-saving blood transfusions.

That's why we salute the 39 members, some of them shown in these photos, who took the time to donate blood at the Springfield headquarters in late February, the first blood drive of the year.

A second (and final) blood drive will take place between 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY, just prior to the District 4 meeting. This drive was rescheduled from March 15 when it was postponed due to the snowstorm.

We have all come to expect that if our loved ones or we need blood in an emergency, it will be available. But our aging population continues to need more transfusions and new advances in medicine and an increase in the number of people diagnosed with cancer have increased the need for blood, forcing New Jersey and New York State to import thousands of units of blood from other parts of the country.

If you're in the Middletown area on May 10, make a commitment to visit the drive and give the gift of life.



## ***Training Center Briefs***

- The new Wawayanda Training Center (left) awaits finishing touches prior to its official opening, to be announced.
- The New Jersey Training Center will acquire a Rogers Low Boy Trailer and a Spyder Crane.

Rogers trailer are used by construction, transportation, utility and mining companies, the military and local, state and federal governments.

The Spyder Crane is a mini crane designed to get the job done in tight spaces. With advance features, it has become a staple in the Construction, Steel Erection, and Glazing Industries.

# ELEC Plays Role in Helping Trenton Tackle Water Quality

Over the past two months ELEC has played a major role in lobbying for passage of the Water Quality Accountability Act (A4569), a bill to enhance the reliability and safety of New Jersey's drinking water and significantly boost water infrastructure investment.

On February 13th, the Water Quality Accountability Act was introduced in the Assembly, unanimously approved by the Environment and Solid Waste Committee, and sent with amendments to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill was sponsored by Assembly representatives Tim

Eustace (District 38); Robert Karabinchak (18); John McKeon (27); Valerie Vainieri Huttel (37); Daniel Benson (14); and was co-sponsored by Jamel Holley (20).

On March 27th, Senate President Sweeney introduced a Senate version of the Act, which was sponsored by Linda Greenstein (District 14) and Christopher Bateman (District 16).

ELEC has been working tirelessly to help pass this legislation, participating in committee hearings and lobbying our representatives for their support. As always, our key focus is expanding job opportuni-

ties for our members, and this bill would do just that by encouraging investments in water infrastructure.

The key requirements of the bill include field testing of valves and hydrants, a notice of violation action plan for public water systems, managing water main renewals under a 150-year replacement plan, and the implementation of a cyber-security program. The bill also includes yearly written confirmations from public water system officials saying these requirements are met.

We will continue to monitor this legislation closely and provide updates on its progress.

## ELEC sponsors Construction Industry Career Day

ELEC joins with other New Jersey construction trades groups to help sponsor this year's Construction Industry Career Day for two days at the NJ Convention & Expo Center, Edison.

On May 30, the event is open to the general public from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

On May 31, the event is reserved for high school juniors only and takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On this day, everyone can explore the dozens of construction-related exhibits and demonstrations designed for those interested in a challenging and rewarding career.

Every exhibit is free and many include hands-on demonstrations.

Visitors can learn about the many professions that make up the construction industry. Information will include the approximate wages and benefits of various jobs, as well as educational opportunities that are also available.

For more information, visit the Construction Industry Career Day website at [www.cicdnj.org](http://www.cicdnj.org).



## CALENDAR

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### 7 – District 2 meeting

Holiday Inn Somerset  
195 Davidson Ave., Somerset

### 12 – District 3 meeting

Holiday Inn  
1000 International Drive, Mt. Olive

### 14 – District 4 meeting

Holiday Inn  
68 Crystal Run Road, Middletown, NY

### 14 – Health Fair

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
NJ Training Center, Dayton

### 14 – Flag Day

### 18 – Father's Day

### 20 – District 4 Retiree Brunch

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Homewood Suites  
Newburgh-Steward Airport  
180 Breuing Road, New Windsor

### 21 – Summer begins

### 25 – 2nd Annual Clay Shoot

Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays  
2750 Limestone Street, Coplay, PA

### 28 – District 2 & 3 Retiree Brunch

10 a.m. (\$20), Ramada Plaza  
160 Frontage Road, Newark





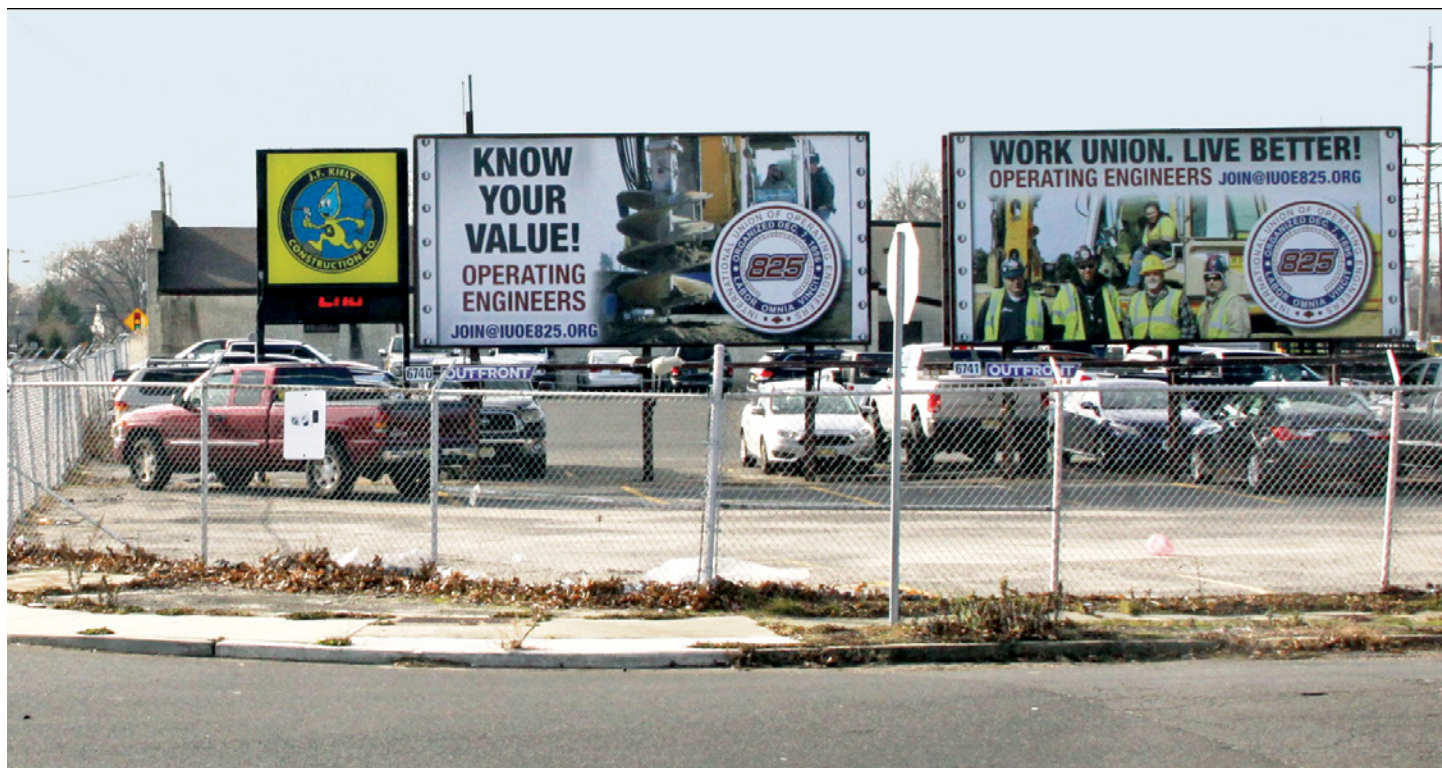
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**SEEING DOUBLE** – Motorists passing by the corner of Grand Avenue and Route 36 in West Longbranch in December may have had to do a double take as they coasted by the Local 825 billboard that has become a fixture over the last three years. For about six weeks in the November/December period, our billboard location moved closer to the road, while the old location (on the right) remained intact, as it awaited the next advertisement to go up. For people working in the area, it shows we’re doubling down on our messages: “Know Your Value!” And “Work Union. Live Better!”