

DC 57 NEWS

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES

Empowering Our Members



IUPAT GP Jim Williams Jr. chatting with workers on break at the Pittsburgh International Airport during Phase 2 of the IUPAT's Member Empowerment Program

Our newsletters are moving online!

We are adjusting our DC 57 newsletter schedule to more regular updates. All newsletters will be available on our website, but only the winter issue will be mailed; other issues will be sent via email. Make sure your email address is up to date on the Mobile Member App in order to receive these newsletters.

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Empowering Ourselves to Be the Best

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone is well and enjoying the summer months. It has been a very long winter and spring season, and while we recognize that work was very slow, it is now picking up and there appears to be a good amount for the rest of the year. As we head into the fall, let us celebrate the forthcoming holidays and also being UNION. Let us stand together with each other and the leadership of DC 57 to move forward on the issues that we face day in and day out. As we continue to hit jobsites or talk to our members on the phone, we hear you. The issues we face are largely the same since us staff members were in the field: trouble recruiting and retaining new members, inadequate healthcare administration, and even understanding the power of your UNION! That needs to change. It will change. However, we cannot change without a collective charge and one voice. Together, we will make the members of every Local under the DC 57 umbrella the most legendary trades men and women the Building Trades have ever seen.

One Union, One Family, One Fight!

In Solidarity,

Brian Herbinko



Brian Herbinko
IUPAT DC 57 BM/ST



BM/ST Herbinko, DC 57 staff, and IU staff visit with a group of Local 6 painters on a Courtman jobsite in May.

Join our General Membership Meeting on September 6th!

We will be hosting our general membership meeting on September 6th on 11:00am at our Carnegie union hall. Come to hear about what our union has been doing for the past year, and stay for some food and cornhole! All members are invited, but union leadership will also be attending LU 409 and LU 530's regular September meeting.



GP Williams visited bridge and industrial sites throughout western PA while IU and DC 57 staff visited members across crafts this May. The message was simple: no matter what your role is in this union, there are opportunities for you to make your union and your jobsite a better, safer place. We thrive as a union when we look out for our brothers and sisters.



Training Department Update

Fellow Union Members,

Hello from the FTI Staff. We hope all members and their families are having a great year so far.

The 2025 journeyperson certification/upgrade season this year was an overall success. Members gained knowledge, safety training, and certifications as we continue to offer our contractors the best trained workforce. As Union members, we need to make every effort to make sure all our certifications are up to date and have the mindset to sign up for more training. We know by talking to our signatory contractors that more and more general contractors require up-to-date OSHA training. We all need to stay ahead of our non-union competition and separate ourselves from them by being the best educated and safest workers in our respective industries. Also, just a reminder, any member that holds an industry third-party certification like CAS or AGMT must complete a certain amount of training per year to keep their credential up to date.

The 2025 physical and training Saturdays experienced some success, but attendance was lower than usual. Just a friendly reminder that all painters need to have a respirator fit card according to their respective Collective Bargaining Agreement. Even if you don't need a respirator fit card, please plan on coming to one of our scheduled physicals. It's one of the many benefits you have as a DC 57 member, can keep you healthy, and it's required by our CBAs.

Please watch your mailbox for the 2026 training schedule to hit your mailbox around Thanksgiving. You can also find the training schedule on our website. Look it over and sign up for industry-changing education! Always remember that knowledge is power!

I just want to close with this: our apprentices are our future. Collectively we need to train them like our pension depends on it... because it does.

If you have any training or apprenticeship questions, feel free to contact the Training Department at (412) 276-6877.

In Solidarity,

Thaddeus R Szymkowiak-Director of Apprenticeship and Training

Deena Bodnar-Executive Administrator | **Monica Dunn**-Drywall Finishing Coordinator

Ryan Kent- Industrial/Bridge Paint Coordinator | **Brandon Zieger**-Commercial Paint Coordinator

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Servicing Department Update

Hello, brothers and sisters! I hope you are well. Over the past months we have had some slow times with regards to work. Hearing the struggle of members we care about takes a toll on us as union reps, not to mention how it feels for all the members who have to make sacrifices during struggling times. But now it is looking like many work opportunities are coming available, and we as union members need to seize the moment. We all know the end user can take the non-union route, but we as strong union members need to remind them through our expert work why using a union contractor with a skilled workforce is the best option. We need to pick each other up on the jobsite, stand together, and be the best in the business. When training is available let's take advantage to set us apart from others. Give an honest day's work: 8 hours work for 8 hours pay. Be on time and don't miss work, doing so shows the general contractor and/or end user why using IUPAT DC 57 members is the best way to get the job done because DC 57 has the most badass workers in western PA. One union, one family, one fight!

In solidarity,

Steve Olash
Director of Service

Organizing Department Update

Brothers and Sisters of DC 57,

Our organizing department has had a busy summer so far. We are working diligently each day to bring more contractors and members into our union and strengthen our collective power. We hosted an Organizing Bootcamp in May, during which participants learned some basics of building trades organizing, and considered whether the role of a union organizer would be a good fit for them. It was a challenging but successful weekend and participants left the Bootcamp with more organizing knowledge and best practices to grow our union. After careful consideration, Bootcamp participant and longtime LU 530 member Justin Smith was hired as a DC 57 organizer. The organizing department looks forward to welcoming Justin to our team!

Another recent success for our organization and for worker power in our region is the newly formed bargaining unit at City of Bridges Community Land Trust. These new DC 57 members ratified their first union contract in June and we are proud to welcome them into our union! The Organizing Department wishes every DC 57 member a fun and safe end to the summer and we hope to see everyone at the Labor Day parades in September!

In solidarity,
The DC57 Organizing Department

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete
our Organizing Bootcamp!

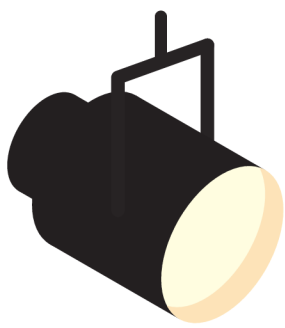


City of Bridges Community Land Trust: DC 57's Newest Bargaining Unit

Congratulations to the staff of City of Bridges Community Land Trust (CBCLT), who ratified their first union contract and became the newest members of DC 57! CBCLT is a nonprofit that strengthens our Pittsburgh community by creating affordable housing opportunities throughout our neighborhoods. The CBCLT board unanimously voted to recognize the union last fall, and after five months of negotiating agreed on a contract that secures raises for the employees along with other benefits. Workers deserve a union whether they're building the future of our region in our traditional construction crafts or building vibrant and affordable Pittsburgh communities in organizations like City of Bridges. Thank you to the board for a collaborative and pleasant negotiating process and we welcome the newest members of our One Union family!



City of Bridges staff with DC 57 Organizing Director Claire Cawley earlier this year after coming to terms with their first contract, which secures regular raises and other benefits. Welcome to our Union!



Jobsite Spotlight

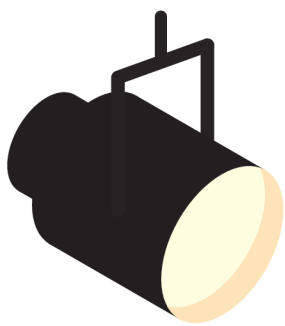
UPMC Presbyterian Bedtower

Local 751 Glaziers have spent the past year installing unitized panels on UPMC Presbyterian's expansion for Pioneer Cladding and Glazing, a contractor new to the area. After going through a prep class, our glaziers hit the jobsite running. Our Local 751 members enjoy the challenge a unitized glazing system presents, and the angles, slopes, and curves throughout the building design add a level of difficulty and creativity to the job. The glaziers, leading the way on a composite crew that includes 50% Ironworkers, embraced the challenge, leaning on their training and willingness to learn something new every day. They finished exterior work a month ahead of schedule.

Working with Pioneer has been a professional and rewarding experience for LU 751, but we have other crafts represented on the job as well. As our painters and drywall finishers get to work on the interior of the bedtower and get the project closer to completion, we're all excited to see this new addition to UPMC and the Pitt campus!

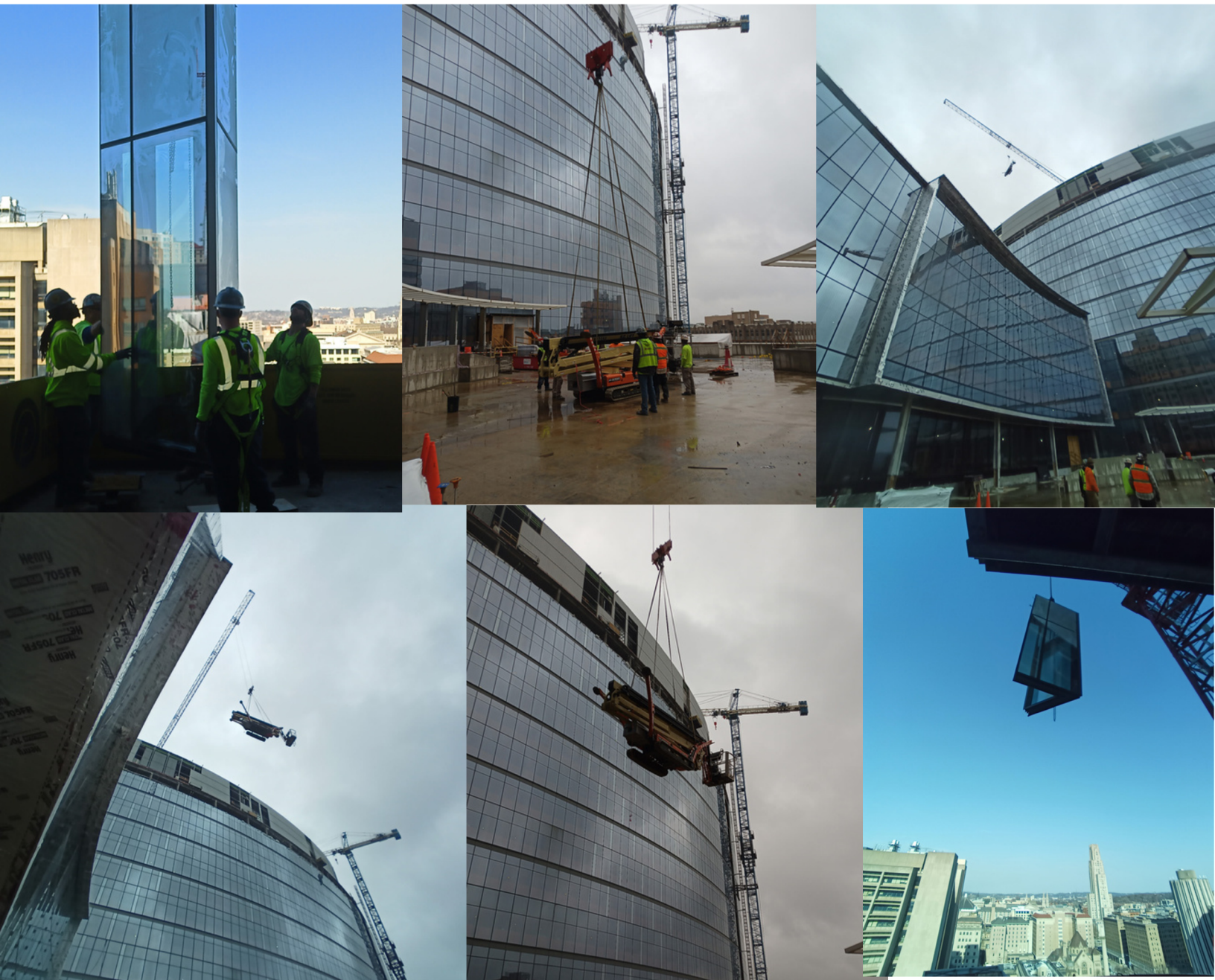


LU 751 financial secretary Steve Thompson (left) has been on the job since last August. He's enjoyed working with Pioneer and showing them the great work Glaziers (full crew, right) do. He rates the Presby job with PNC Tower as among his favorite jobs he's worked on.



Jobsite Spotlight

UPMC Presbyterian Bedtower



UPMC Presby as it takes its shape over the past year. Next time you're in Oakland, stop and admire the work our badass DC 57 members have done; it's hard to miss!

DC 57 Scores Victory in Pittsburgh Mayor Primary

When the DC 57 political department issued the union's Pittsburgh mayor endorsement to Corey O'Connor, it did not do so lightly. As one of the most powerful offices in the region, the mayor has an incredible impact on our members and our work: approaches towards development, worker safety, and programs that attract and assist working class Pittsburghers are just a few of the direct impacts the Mayor of Pittsburgh has on DC 57's work and members. Four years ago, DC 57 went out on a limb, endorsing challenger Ed Gainey over Bill Peduto, who did nothing while non-union, unscrupulous contractors feasted in the city. That was the right choice then, but after years of slow-to-react leadership and managed decline rather than forward-thinking city planning pushed DC 57 towards O'Connor. A stellar candidate in his own right, Corey is also familiar with DC 57's work and issues, serving on an AMPP advisory board and acting as financial watchdog in his Allegheny County Controller role. While most of Pittsburgh's other building trades unions endorsed O'Connor, DC 57 led the way; BM/ST Brian Herbinko introduced Corey at his Building Trades endorsement announcement, stating "Corey O'Connor has prioritized working families' needs with an eye towards growing our region. He passed paid sick days legislation, fought for county pensions, and pays close attention to our region's infrastructure needs." O'Connor will still have to win November's general election, but we're excited to see what he will do over the next four years with his vision of a growing Pittsburgh with Pittsburgh's working class professionals by his side.



Left: BM/ST Brian Herbinko introduces Corey O'Connor before a press conference announcing building trades endorsements.



Right: Corey O'Connor speaks about making Pittsburgh better for its workers as BM/ST Herbinko looks on.

2025 General Elections

This fall, vote "Yes" on PA Supreme Court retentions. Justices Donohue, Dougherty, and Wecht have been hearing cases involving labor and working Pennsylvanians for their entire careers and always keep our interests in mind. Vote "Yes" in November!

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DC 57 staff and volunteers spent a Saturday earlier this year repainting the Trade Institute of Pittsburgh (TIP) as part of the IUPAT's CORE Day of Action. Thank you to everyone who came out and helped out a great organization!



John Hancock Annuity Transition Complete

John Hancock has officially completed its transition to being DC 57's annuity recordkeeper. The blackout period ended on April 18, 2025, meaning you are now able to access your annuity funds and make any investment changes you may wish to make. Remember, this is **only a change in who maintains our funds**, not where your funds are invested. You can register your John Hancock account here, and download the John Hancock app via the QR codes below. Please call your service representative with any questions.



Labor Day Parades

As always, DC 57 participates in three Labor Day parades every year. The details for this year's parades are below. We hope to see everyone there; we will have snacks and a brand new Labor Day shirt as we celebrate the vital role workers have played and continue to play in this country.

Remember apprentices: this is your first day of class and **attendance is mandatory!**

Pittsburgh: September 1st-Meet at the corner of Fullerton St/Wylie Ave at 8:30am.

Erie: September 1st-Meet at Erie Bank (10th and Peach) between 9:00am and 9:30am.

Altoona: August 30th-Meet at 9:30am outside the Altoona Water Authority Building and Wingate Hotel.