

THE LOCAL REVIEW



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 3rd**
John Boos
Committee Meeting
4 PM Effingham
- **August 17th**
Member Meeting
6 PM - Champaign
- **August 26th**
Southern Committee
Meeting
6:30 PM - Wheeler
- **September 7th**
Labor Day Parades
and Picnic
- **October 3rd**
Annual Tailgate
Memorial Stadium -
Lot 31. Time TBD

RECENT NEWS

Our apprentices recently gathered at our new Effingham office for the first Cub Club meeting held in the new space. Cub Club gives apprentices the opportunity to connect with fellow members, stay informed, and ask questions.

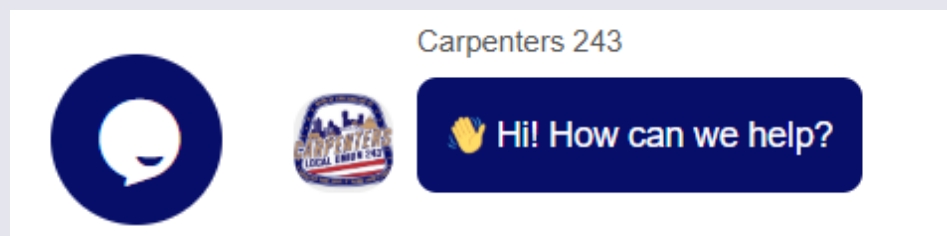
The next Cub Club meeting will be held in Champaign this October. Apprentices, keep an eye on your email for your invitation. We hope to see you there!



IMPORTANT UPDATES

NEW - Website Live Chat

You can now send us a live message directly from our website by clicking the blue chat bubble found on nearly every page. Whether you have a question about dues, apprenticeship, benefits, or upcoming events, we're here to help. During business hours, we'll respond as quickly as possible. If we're unavailable or it's after hours, simply leave us a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.



Referral List Check-In is Now Online

Checking in on the referral list is now faster and more convenient. Members can complete their referral list check-in online anytime through our website instead of calling the office. Visit carpenters243.com and select Members > Referral List Check-In to submit your check-in.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

8/8 – 8/16: Scaffold Erector

8/8: Scaffold Refresher

8/8 – 8/9: PITO – Industrial & Rough Terrain

8/8: Flash Cove Vinyl

8/15: Welding – Basic

All classes are held at:
MACTC-Pekin Campus
904 Brenkman Drive
Pekin, IL 61554

Visit mactc.org to enroll.

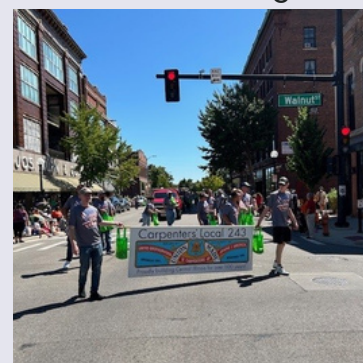
Online Training Courses also available!

<https://carpenters.trainsys.com/content/Union.aspx>

IN THE COMMUNITY

Labor Day Celebrations

Celebrate Labor Day with Carpenters Local 243 on Monday, September 7! We'll be participating in the Champaign and Danville Labor Day Parades before wrapping up the day with our Annual Labor Day Picnic at the union hall. Bring the family and enjoy food, refreshments, games, activities for the kids, including the inflatable obstacle course. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the hardworking men and women who make our communities stronger.



Parade Times:

Champaign – Lineup 10:00 a.m. | Parade 11:00 a.m.

Danville – Lineup 7:30 a.m. | Parade 9:00 a.m.

CONTRACTOR SPOTLIGHT



For 40 years, Schomburg & Schomburg Construction, Inc. has partnered with Carpenters Local 243.

The company specializes in general contracting, water and wastewater facilities, civil underground work, concrete, interior systems, and rough and finish carpentry.

What sets the company apart is that they perform all carpentry work with their own workforce, allowing them to maintain quality and productivity on every project.



President & CEO Julie Buesing says the company values the professionalism of union carpenters above all else: "Skill and attitude of the carpenters. All take pride in their work and perform every scope with the highest quality and productivity possible."

As Schomburg & Schomburg has grown, Local 243 has grown alongside them by providing the skilled workforce needed for projects, including large solar jobs.

The company looks for carpenters who demonstrate natural leadership, attention to detail, safety, and quality craftsmanship. One project they're especially proud of is the St. Joseph Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, which will increase the facility's capacity to support future growth. We appreciate Schomburg & Schomburg Construction for their continued partnership and commitment to employing skilled union carpenters.