

SMART UPDATE

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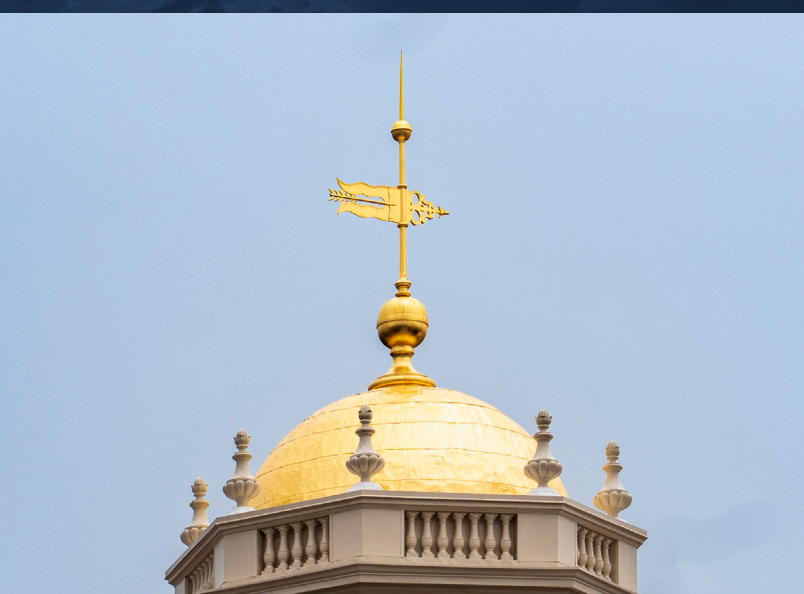


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ABOUT

SHEET METAL WORKERS

The SMART Northeast Regional Council was formed in 2021 to centralize our resources throughout the region. By creating a united front among our locals and contractors, we are able to bring new jobs for our collective workforce, making us stronger and more nimble in the fight ahead. The SMART Northeast Regional Council is composed of Locals 17, 40, 63, and 83. Our locals span across New England. With over 4,000 members and counting, we use our collective bargaining power to fight for better training, benefits, and wages for our workers and a better future for our communities.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that you and your loved ones enjoyed a pleasant and relaxing summer. The members and staff of the SMART Northeast Regional Council have been hard at work winning work hours,

expanding prevailing wage standards, and giving back to the communities where our members live and work. As you'll see in the pages ahead, it's been a terrific few months, and this fall will continue to be full of important work and progress.

The spring and summer were busy with celebratory moments and important milestones including our membership meeting, Retiree Lunch, and the retirement celebration for Rick Keogh. On the jobsite, our members played a key role in restoring a local landmark, securing the iconic copper rooster weather vane atop Somerville's City Hall clock tower as part of the building's \$3.85 million restoration.

We took a strong stand for Project Labor Agreements and prevailing wage standards for offsite fabrication. For years, companies have dodged fair wage standards by shifting construction work to nearby "offsite" locations. In Connecticut, our members played a key role in winning protections for custom fabrication, which supports local shops that hire in-state and pay fair wages. In Massachusetts, we pushed back forcefully against efforts to deny prevailing wages for work on fabricating systems for the Clarendon Hill public housing project. This effort was about more than a single project: it was about stopping a dangerous precedent that could open the door to wage theft, unsafe working conditions, and the erosion of standards we've worked generations to build.

Unfortunately, the news isn't as promising on the federal level. The Trump administration has authorized extensive funding cuts that put vital projects and union jobs at risk:

- \$327 million in federal funding was cut for the Allston Multimodal Project in Massachusetts which was set to deliver more than 3,000 union jobs. Now the project's future and thousands of work hours are in jeopardy.
- \$34 million in federal grant funding was cut for the Salem Terminal Project, which was set to be built under a PLA to support future offshore wind projects. The project would have supported more than 800 union construction jobs, but it's now on hold.
- Nearly \$32 million in federal funding that had been allocated to support transportation construction materials was also canceled, shelving more vital projects and work hours.

These cuts show that federal funding decisions have a direct impact on union jobs, and the projects that strengthen our region's economy and infrastructure.

That's why building strong relationships with local, state, and federal leaders is so important. By working together with our allies to support labor-friendly policymakers, we strengthen our ability to protect jobs, secure more work hours for our members, and shape regulations that benefit working people. Collective action in politics ensures we have a voice in decisions that affect our industry and our communities.

As always, thank you for your hard work and dedication. Our strength as a union comes from members like you, and together, we will continue to protect our standards, support our communities, and shape the future of our trade.

In Solidarity,

Robert Butler
President
SMART Northeast Regional Council

LOCAL 17 UPDATE

HISTORIC SOMERVILLE CLOCK TOWER RENOVATION

Somerville's iconic City Hall clock tower reached a major milestone in its restoration, thanks to the skill and dedication of Local 17 members. Members carefully transported the building's distinctive copper rooster weathervane to the site and expertly secured it atop the tower. Originally built in 1852, the structure had fallen into disrepair in recent years, making this work an important step in preserving a treasured landmark.

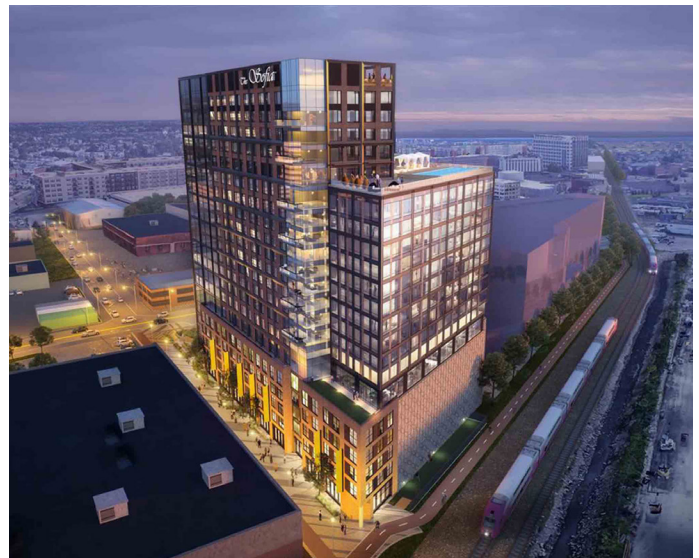
The renovation includes a new copper covering for the tower and roof. This project is part of a broader initiative by Somerville's Capital Projects Division to maintain and enhance municipal buildings, ensuring they remain functional, safe, and historically preserved for future generations. Suffolk Construction Company won the contract to complete the work.





A WIN FOR UNION JOBS AND HOUSING IN EVERETT

Thanks to strong union advocacy, the Everett City Council approved The Sofia project, an affordable housing development at 380 2nd Street. This union-built residential housing development is a major victory for our members and the community. It will create more than 1,300 good-paying union jobs, provide hundreds of new housing units for working families, prioritize local hiring and apprenticeships, and invest in Everett through public improvements and a new Good Neighbor Fund.



LOCAL 40 UPDATE

REGIONAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The legislative season has brought a major win for working people. On June 6, 2025, Senate Bill 1370 officially passed in Connecticut, extending prevailing wage protections to offsite custom fabrication.

This is a historic victory. The workers of Connecticut took action and played a huge part in making this happen through every action. Thank you for standing up and fighting for quality and a strong prevailing wage.

We also want to recognize the elected leaders who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with labor and made this win possible:

- Senate President Martin Looney
- Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff
- House Appropriations Chair Toni Walker
- Senate Appropriations Chair Cathy Osten
- House Speaker Matt Ritter
- Senate Labor Committee Chair Julie Kushner
- House Labor Committee Chair Manny Sanchez
- Governor Ned Lamont

Their partnership and their commitment to working families ensured this bill crossed the finish line.

To hear directly from one of our own, read Local 40 member Paul Massimo's recent opinion piece in the *Hartford Courant*. Paul explains how SB 1370 restores fairness and strengthens Connecticut's ability to build the infrastructure we need, while protecting the wages and dignity of working people.



This is proof that when we organize, speak out, and take action, we win. Enjoy your fall, and let's continue building momentum together.

In Solidarity,

John Nimmons

Local 40 Regional Manager

SMART Northeast Regional Council

TRAINING CENTER UPDATES



SMART Local 40's Class of 2025 – (Left to Right) – John M. Beal (Coordinator), Jose Garcia, William Sweat, Jr., Jude Smith, Jr., Grant Barrows, Sean O'Connor, Zach Deschene, Shane Bogdanyi (SMART HERO), Andrew Ferrara, Jr., JP Carter-Walker, and Jason Divito (Instructor)



SMART Local 40's Apprentice of the Year and Malco's Head of the Class Recipient – (Left to Right) – Jason Divito (Instructor), Sean O'Connor, and John M. Beal (Coordinator)



2025 SMART Region 1 Apprentice Contest at SMART Local 38, Brewster, NY - Local 40's Contestants (Left to Right) – Jason Divito (Instructor), Sean O'Connor (Architectural), Eric Burgos (HVAC), Pat Lacoursiere (2nd Year), Nick Dobrowolski (TAB), John M. Beal (Coordinator), and Zach Deschene (Industrial/Welding)



SMART Local 40 – John M. Beal, Training Coordinator, swearing in the Class of 2025



2025 SMART Region 1 Apprentice Contest – Local # 40's Winners (Left to Right) – Nick Dobrowolski (2nd Place – TAB), John M. Beal (Coordinator), and Colin Forbes (3rd Place – TAB – Local 63)

LOCAL 40 PENSION UPDATE

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) has officially approved \$9.87 million in Special Financial Assistance (SFA) for SMART Local 40's Pension Plan. This funding, made possible by former President Joe Biden's American Rescue Plan, helps protect and secure the retirement our members have worked a lifetime to earn.

This was a huge win for our union and a testament to what we can achieve when workers' voices have a seat at the table at the highest levels of government.

PLAN HIGHLIGHTS:

- ✓ The full \$9.87 million includes interest and is expected to be paid by the end of June.
- ✓ These funds will be used exclusively for pension benefits and administrative expenses as required by law.

For years, we've fought to protect the promises made to working Americans, to retire with dignity and respect. Thanks to the efforts of our union leadership, the strength of our members, and the bold action of President Biden, this victory marks a major step forward in protecting the retirement benefits our members have worked hard to earn.

LOCAL 63

REGIONAL MANAGER'S REPORT

As fall 2025 is upon us, so is the election cycle for local politicians. As I've said before, ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES. The mayors and officials we elect are often the decision-makers on whether construction projects move forward in their cities and towns. Electing pro-labor and pro-worker candidates who advocate for safer workplaces and careers in the skilled trades with health insurance and retirement benefits helps to strengthen the communities in which we live and raise our families.

On a national level, there is still a lot of uncertainty regarding tariffs and how they will affect ongoing and future construction projects in the Northeast. We've already seen several jobs put on hold, and a few abandoned altogether.

On a state level, we are excited to announce that the PLA legislation we have fought for over the past several years has finally passed. In addition, Governor Maura Healey has signed an executive order allowing all state construction projects to be considered for a Project Labor Agreement (PLA).

60TH ANNUAL CLAMBAKE

Local 63 celebrated its 60th Annual Clambake on July 16 at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club. This year's event was one for the record books, with more than 230 members and guests joining together in solidarity.

A special thank-you goes out to the dozens of Local 63 volunteers whose dedication and hard work made this milestone event a success.

Local 63 is planning an Anniversary & Pin Ceremony Dinner Dance on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the Springfield Sheraton in Springfield, MA.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE OFFICIAL INVITATION.

As always, I will continue to work collaboratively with the Northeast Regional Council Representatives to provide new work opportunities and reduce administrative costs for our hard-working Brothers and Sisters.

In Solidarity,

Michael J. LaFleur
Local 63 Business Manager
SMART Northeast Regional Council



LOCAL 83

REGIONAL MANAGER'S REPORT

APPRENTICE REGIONAL CONTEST

The Sheet Metal Workers' Regional Apprentice Contest was an incredibly exciting event, with apprentices from all locals competing in skills competitions, showcasing their abilities in areas like HVAC, architectural, industrial, and service sheet metal work.

This year's event brought together a wide range of apprentices to compete for top honors and recognition. These talented competitors showed their dedication and skill, as well as their mastery of our trade. They truly represent the future of the sheet metal trade.

Congratulations to our Qualifying Round Apprentice Contest winners!

- Connor Tiernan – 2nd Year Apprentice
- Jared Lesiczka – 3rd Year HVAC
- Andrew Harrison – 3rd Year Welding
- Joseph Hulverson – 4th Year Architectural
- Renee Williamson – 4th Year TAB

And a special thank you to the instructors for educating our apprentices and empowering them to get to this level.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW JOURNEYMEN!

We are proud to announce that apprentices Vernon Howe, Grant LaMoy, and Cody Steves successfully completed their apprenticeship program and were officially sworn in at the June 19, 2025, Union Meeting. Completing an apprenticeship is no small feat—it requires hard work, persistence, and a willingness to learn from those who came before.

As they begin this next chapter, we wish them long, prosperous careers as proud members of Local 83.

128TH AWARDS CEREMONY & RETIREMENT DINNER

Local 83 is proud to announce its 128th Awards Ceremony and Retirement Dinner honoring recently retired, longtime Coordinator Larry Warzek. The event took place on Saturday, September 27, 2025, at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, NY.

We're grateful for Larry's remarkable contributions and would like to congratulate this year's award recipients.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JONATHAN STAUNCHES!

The SMART Local 83 JATC proudly recognizes Jonathan for achieving perfect attendance during the 2024–2025 apprenticeship school year. Your commitment to excellence and dedication to the program are truly commendable.

NY HEALTH CARE ALLIANCE QUARTERLY MEETING & "A DAY AT THE RACES"

Rob Monahan, Regional Manager; Donna Stoliker, Insurance Fund Administrator; and Angela Grant, Assistant Funds Manager, recently attended the NY Health Care Alliance Quarterly Meeting and "A Day at the Races" at the historic Saratoga Racetrack.

The gathering brought together members and providers to share updates, exchange insights, and discuss new initiatives. Events like these strengthen connections and spark fresh ideas that ultimately deliver cost-saving benefits to our members.

It was a day filled with networking, collaboration, and camaraderie—all while enjoying the excitement and tradition of the races.



SMART IN THE COMMUNITY

BROCKTON FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERING

Our union was proud to partner with the Charity Guild to deliver food to homebound seniors in Brockton last April. The Guild operates two food pantries and a home food delivery program for seniors and those who are homebound.

In Plymouth County, about 30 percent of households reported experiencing food insecurity in 2024. A minor change of circumstances, like an unexpected medical bill, could force families to make an impossible choice between paying their bills and feeding their children. This event highlighted our union's commitment to serving the community and embodied the Guild's theme that "Food is love, and that to feel nourished is to feel cared for."

CONNECTICUT PREFAB BILL VICTORY

In June, we scored a major victory in the state of Connecticut in the fight to close the prevailing wage loophole, with the passage of Senate Bill 1370. The measure supports prevailing wage protections for offsite custom fabrication.

The workers of Connecticut showed up and played a huge part in this victory, banding together and fighting for equality and a strong prevailing wage. This win means fair pay for custom offsite fabrication, stronger labor standards, and more union work staying local, especially for trades like sheet metal workers, who are impacted by the expansion of these protections to offsite work. This is what being union strong looks like.



Local 40 members gather at the Connecticut Statehouse for fair pay and stronger labor standards in custom offsite fabrication shops.



Rod Badaro (DC 35), Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, Joe Guarino (DC 35), Russell Bartash (Local 17), and Brian Doherty (GBBTU).

SOMERVILLE PLA RALLY

In June, history was made in Somerville and our union was proud to be a part of it. The city celebrated the signing of its first-ever Project Labor Agreement. This was a milestone victory for union labor, community power, and the future of family-sustaining union jobs.

The Union Square Neighborhood Council (USNC) and Rafi Properties announced a landmark Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) tied to the Somernova campus expansion in Union Square. As part of the project's Collective Bargaining Agreement, Rafi Properties has executed a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions, North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, and Shawmut Design & Construction for the expansion of Somernova's campus.

STEPHEN LYNCH RALLY

Local 17 members turned out in force in May for the "Fight for the Working Class Rally" with Rep. Stephen Lynch. Our members stood side by side for labor rights, pensions, privacy protections, and other issues crucial to workers and their families.

Demonstrators filled the Hancock Adams Common, carrying signs, chanting slogans, and loudly cheering on an array of speakers. Rep. Lynch said he'd never seen so many people fighting for so

many different causes in one place, calling it a direct response to President Donald Trump's first 100 days in office.

"We come together, not simply to voice our protest, but to actually respond to pushback to fight back against the Trump administration," Rep. Lynch told the cheering crowd.

LOCAL 17 HELPS ELECT LISA FIELD

State Representative Lisa Field knows firsthand the struggles working families face every day—whether that's dealing with substance use, the rising cost of living, or tragedies such as losing one's home.

That's why, in June's special election, SMART Local 17 members stood in solidarity with Field to help elect this longtime union advocate and Associate Director of the Massachusetts Nurses Association to public office. Our members powered phone banks, labor walks, and other get-out-the-vote efforts. Field secured the seat by just a handful of votes, with a recount now possible due to the razor-thin margin.

Field has spent years fighting for workers' rights, fair working conditions, and respect on the job. We are confident she will continue the legacy of the late Representative Carol Doherty in Taunton and Easton.



RETIREES: BROTHERHOOD AND SISTERHOOD FOR LIFE

The annual retiree luncheon sponsored by our local union was held in May, giving our retirees an opportunity to gather, share old stories, and make new memories.

The event was held at Florian Hall in Boston and was filled with laughter, smiles, and warm feelings. It was a great time for our retirees and their spouses to reconnect and celebrate the lifelong bond of SMART Local 17.

All retired SMART Local 17 members are invited to join our Retirees Club to stay in touch with your union Brothers and Sisters, and to keep up to date about retiree events, benefits, and more. The club meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. at the JATC Center, 1181 Adams Street in Dorchester.





SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS —

Four-Year Scholarship Winners

- Owen Enright, Senior at Milford High School
Amount: \$16,000 (\$4,000 per year)
- Kaylee Hennessey, Senior at North Attleboro High School, Amount: \$14,000 (\$3,500 per year)
- Jessica Hansen, Senior at King Philip Regional High School, Amount: \$12,000 (\$3,000 per year)
- Domenic Catino, Senior at St Mary's Jr./Sr. High School, Amount: \$10,000 (\$2,500 per year)
- David Mellyn, Jr., Senior at Quincy High School, Amount: \$8,000 (\$2,000 per year)
- Patrick Oberg, Senior at Plymouth South High School
- Cole Mulcahy, Student at Catholic University
- Camdyn Swain, Student at Southern New Hampshire University
- Alice McGuire, Senior at The Prout School
- Katelyn Sweeney, Student at Stevens Institute of Technology
- Katie Cronin, Student at Providence College
- Lucas Campbell, Student at Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Ella Harrington, Senior at Mansfield High School

Memorial Scholarship Winners \$4,500/ONE-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Justin Lopez, Senior at Revere High School
– Joseph J. Nigro Memorial Scholarship
- Nicole Donato, Student at University of Florida
– Charlie F. Geary Memorial Scholarship
- James Mackay, Senior at Norton High School
– James M. Kelly Memorial Scholarship
- Allison Arruda, Senior at Apponequet Regional High School
- Caitlyn Kittredge, Student at Southern New Hampshire University
- Angel Rivas, Jr., Senior at Brockton High School
- Edward Reilly, Student at Clemson University
- William Hansen, Student at Roger Williams University

Lottery Scholarship Winners \$4,000/ONE-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Emma Crosby, Student at Coastal Carolina University
- Nathan Megna, Student at University of Rhode Island
- Cameron Wagner, Student at Bridgewater State University
- Nicolas Manganiello, Student at Coastal Carolina University

- Katlin Argentina, Senior at Southeastern Regional Technical High School
- Tyler Czerniak, Student at University of Minnesota
- Elizabeth Willie, Student at Northeastern University
- Isabella MacWilliams, Student at Montclair State University
- Lily Mackin, Student at Bridgewater State University
- Tess Donlan, Senior at Weymouth High School
- Jomar Lopez, Senior at Dearborn STEM Academy
- Nathan Keany, Senior at East Bridgewater Jr./Sr. High School

Alternate Scholarship Winners \$1,500/ONE-YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

- Annabel MacDonald, Senior at Marshfield High School
- Dylan LaMonica, Student at University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Matthew Hansen, Student at Boston University

2025 Regional Apprentice Contest Results

ARCHITECTURAL:

- 1st – Nick Hoffman, Local 71
- 2nd – Joe Hulverson, Local 17
- 3rd – Jason Lagas, Local 38

INDUSTRIAL:

- 1st – Andrew Harrison, Local 17
- 2nd – Nick Ickowski, Local 71
- 3rd – Reilly Hanrahan, Local 63

TAB:

- 1st – Renee Williamson, Local 17
- 2nd – Nick Dobrowolski, Local 40
- 3rd – Colin Forbes, Local 63

HVAC:

- 1st – Matt Sudol, Local 38
- 2nd – Samantha Kiewra, Local 28
- 3rd – Rhiannon Zollo, Local 58

SECOND YEAR:

- 1st – Cole Farrell, Local 63
- 2nd – Kasey Hammel, Local 28
- 3rd – Connor Tiernan, Local 17

APPLE PICKING FAMILY OUTING

On Saturday, September 13, SMART Local 17 held our first-ever Apple Picking Family Outing, uniting members and our families for a festive day of fall activities and community.

Families enjoyed an early autumn day filled with apple picking, hayrides, and the opportunity to connect outside of the jobsite.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this inaugural event such a success. We look forward to building on this tradition in the years ahead!





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Local 17 was proud to be a part of Boston's first-ever Labor Day Parade! Boston's labor movement is stronger than ever!

