



# PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS LOCAL 34 • ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

2nd Quarter: April – May – June 2026

## OFFICIAL NOTICE WAGE ALLOCATION MEETING

The Zone 1 Local 34 Wage Allocation will occur at the Union Meeting on April 14, 2026.

The Zone 2 contract expires April 30<sup>th</sup>. The vote date, time, and place to be determined.

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

Fortunately, the spring weather brings more work opportunities. Residential work has been interrupted over the last few months. Crews are getting back to work and hopefully the market gets back to normal shortly.

The Training Center is progressing nicely. The project is in the finishing phases and we are tentatively scheduled to start the move-in process in mid-May. We look forward to showing off the building at the Car Show this summer, and at an open house later.

Opportunities for jobs at the Airport, City, School District and U of M require City Licenses and Backflow Certifications. Many other calls request those certifications, and med-gas, as well. Having these certifications definitely gives folks more employment opportunities.

We want to thank everyone who was able to volunteer for the Waters Off event. The difference you all make in the community is so big. Your efforts help make us good stewards of our community.

We hope everyone has a great spring, and we look forward to getting the Training Program into the new building.

In Solidarity,

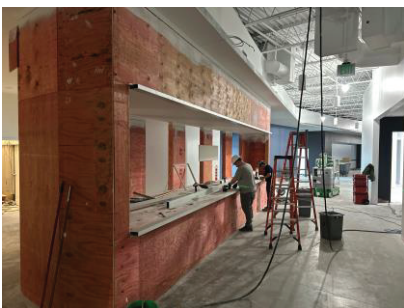
Dean W. Gale  
Business Manager

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RETIREES

Schad Fredrickson, James Heddle, Richard Jacobs,  
Harlan Klante, Thomas Zangs

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Heritage display case at our Training Center.

## APPRENTICE NEWS

**APPRENTICE CONTEST:** Jason Schorr will represent Local 34 at this year's state Apprentice Contest, March 18-20, 2026, at the Local 6 Training Facility in Rochester, MN. If he wins, he will move on to the District 4 Contest in Chicago, Illinois this June.

**1<sup>st</sup> YEAR APPRENTICE SWEARING IN:** New 2026 1<sup>st</sup> year Apprentices will be sworn in at the June 9, 2026, meeting. We will grill hot dogs prior to the meeting, so be sure to arrive early for food and fellowship.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SPRING RETIREE LUNCHEON:** The Retiree Spring Luncheon, hosted by the Retiree Club, will be Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at Mancini's, social hour at 11:00 am and lunch at noon. Invitations will be sent to *paid* Retiree Club members. Bring a guest for \$40. If you have not yet paid your 2026 dues, please send \$40, payable to Plumbers Retirees Club, care of Rick Klein, 2754 Voyageur Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125.

**25-YEAR MEMBERS:** Members who achieve 25-Year status in 2026, will be presented with a certificate at the June 9, 2026 meeting.

**MN PIPE TRADES CONVENTION:** MN Pipe Trades Convention will be in Carlton, MN, June 17-19, 2026, at Black Bear Casino & Resort. Delegates elected include Scott Anderson, Robert Boozer and Tony Mitshulis.

**MN BUILDING TRADES CONVENTION:** The MN Building Trades Convention is scheduled for July 14-17, 2026, at Treasure Island in Welch, MN.

**PLUMBERS LOCAL 34 CAR SHOW:** We will host a Car Show open to all MN Pipe Trades Locals, on August 1, 2026, at our new Training Center at 3020 Denmark Ave, Eagan. More details to come!

**ANNUAL PICNIC:** This year the ANNUAL PICNIC will again be held at Highland Park Pavilion, 1200 Montreal Ave, St. Paul, on Saturday, August 29, 2026, starting at NOON. Hope you can join us for a fun day. Only \$5 for the whole family.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The Golf Tournament will be Saturday, September 19, 2026, at Lost Spur Golf and Event Center. Be sure to SAVE THE DATE! More details to come!

## SCHOLARSHIPS

**PLUMBERS LOCAL 34 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION:** The Plumbers Local 34 Scholarship Foundation will award up to 7 scholarships this year in honor of Brother Frank Horak, to attend College or University, Trade or Vocational school (including Local 34's apprenticeship program). Applications are open to members and their dependents, and must be received in the Plumbers Local 34 office no later than July 31, 2026. For details on how to apply, see our website at [www.plumberslocal34.org](http://www.plumberslocal34.org).

**MINNESOTA PIPE TRADES ASSOCIATION BROTHER ELMER WALLS SCHOLARSHIP:** For more information, please visit our website at [www.plumberslocal34.org](http://www.plumberslocal34.org). The deadline is July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**BUILDING TRADES CREDIT UNION:** BTCU will award \$14,300 in scholarships, 20-\$715 scholarships to students enrolled in a union apprentice training program. You must have an account at BTCU to apply. Look at their website for dates and instructions to apply, [www.buildingtradescu.com/btcu-scholarship-opportunities](http://www.buildingtradescu.com/btcu-scholarship-opportunities).

# Continuing Education Class offered through the JATC

Plumbers Local 34 Union Hall  
St. Paul Labor Center  
353 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Gentlemen and Ladies, Please note the following:

Class size is limited to 75. You **Must register** for the class and receive a confirmation email.

**There will be no drop-ins allowed.** Class time has change to 4:30 – 8:30pm

**Email the completed form** to: [heather@plumbers34training.com](mailto:heather@plumbers34training.com)

Indicate the courses you would like to register for:

X	Date	Course Name	Code Credit	Tech. Credit	Location	Time
	April 27, 2026	Medical Gas NFPA 99,2024	0	4	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	May 18, 2026	2020 MN Plumbing Chapter 4	4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm
	May 20, 2026	Sizing Sanitary Drainage	4	0	Union Hall	4:30-8:30pm

\*\*\*\*\***There will be no charge to Local 34 Members for these classes**\*\*\*\*\*

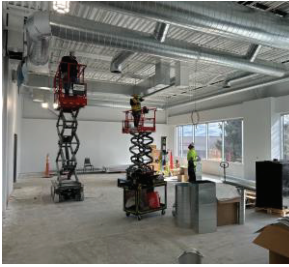
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Member 34  Contractor   
(Check one Box)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Plumbing License Number (PJ or PM number): \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation notices will only be sent via email.** **Contact information update:**

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## WATER'S OFF

Many thanks to all our members who volunteered their time to help our community members. Another successful event in the books! If you were not able to help this year, be sure to sign up next year!

Work in progress at new Training Center.

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*“At the core, labor unions are working men and women, unified as one force. Despite any personal differences that may exist between us, we have banded together to protect and improve the lives of workers. We rise up together for the greater good. We defend one another like family.”*

- Sue Carney

