



PLUMBERS AND GASFITTERS LOCAL 34 • ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

4th Quarter: October – November – December 2026

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday,

November 3, 2026

Be sure to support
candidates that
support YOUR job!

We will email
endorsed candidate
list – make sure we
have your correct
email!



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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the Labor Day weekend.

After a tough start to the year due to immigration campaigns in the state, hours have rebounded. We are still a ways behind last year's pace, however there are some projects coming out of the ground. City Licenses, RPZ and Med Gas certifications continue to be extremely helpful for folks getting out to work. As always, higher interest rates have certainly had an affect on work, especially for multi-family and smaller residential construction.

We completed the buildout for the new Training Center and the project is spectacular, something for Local 34 to be very proud of. It is a much needed investment into Local 34's future.

We scheduled a Training Center Open House for October 15th, 3 to 6 pm, for members, affiliated union leadership, employers, industry partners, and area politicians. We are proud to show off our school far and wide. We received great feedback from UA officers. If you haven't yet, come out and see the building at the Open House or at your next continuing education class.

It is bittersweet to announce the retirement of Rick Gale, my brother both in blood and solidarity. Effective October 1st, Rick is officially retired after 37 years as a Local member and 22 years as our Training Director. I would like to personally thank Rick for his dedicated service to the Local and for his help getting through the new building project. Help us say goodbye to Rick on Thursday October 22nd, at Mancinis, 4 to 7 pm.

As Rick goes out, we welcome Jonathan Lemke as he comes in to lead the Training Department into the future. Jonathan has many years working for the JATC, and we have confidence that he will do a great job for our members now and into the future.

We would also like to congratulate Local 34's own Tom McCarthy on his re-election as a UA Representative. Tom will take on a new role as Director of Plumbing for the UA. Congratulations Tom!

In Solidarity,

Dean W. Gale
Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer

PLUMBERS LOCAL 34 SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The Plumbers Local 34 Scholarship Foundation awarded scholarships in August 2026, two (2) for trade school and three (3) for college applicants. The \$500 Trade School scholarship winners were Megan Gale and Liam Tate-Ellis, and \$1500 College scholarship winners were Madison Burman, Natalie Fernlund and Madelyn Pearson.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW RETIREES

Rick Gale

Jeff Leifeld

Ronald Opine

Neil Smith

2026 ANNUAL PICNIC

We want to thank Michael and Jessica Carlson and their family for their hard work putting together the fun events at the picnic. Their hard work and the beautiful summer weather helped make it a great day!

Thanks to all who participated in the fundraising raffle - we raised \$1,100!

A big THANK YOU to the following Contractors for their generous donations:

Alexander Plumbing
Building Trades Credit Union
Corporate Mechanical
Gilbert Mechanical
Jay Hawk Mechanical
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Total Mechanical

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Corval Group
GR Mechanical
Major Mechanical
Paul Bunyan
Spriggs Plumbing & Heating
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Cities One Plumbing
Cummins & Cummins
Harris Mechanical
Modern Heating & Air
Rascher Plumbing
Stewart Plumbing

Bredahl Plumbing
Commercial Plumbing & Htg
Elander Mechanical
Horwitz Mechanical
Muska Companies
Red Wing Plbg & Htg
Sun Ray Plbg & Htg

BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON

MN State Building Trades, a Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Organization, Plumbers Local 34, and many of our members have volunteered their time and money to support this worthy cause at events throughout the year to raise money for veterans in need, including Local 34 veteran members.

SYMPATHIES

Local 34 extends its deepest sympathies to the families of: **Michael Bellows** and **Kenneth Groth**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

ELECTION DAY: Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Be sure to get out and vote. Vote your JOB!

CHRISTMAS RETIREE LUNCHEON: Tuesday, December 1, 2026, at Mancini's Char House. Invitations will be mailed in November to all retirees.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The annual Building Corporation meeting will be held at 5:30 pm, prior to the regular October 13, 2026, membership meeting at 6 pm.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The December membership meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2026, as usual at the St. Paul Labor Center, will be catered by Mancini's Char House. Be sure to come to the meeting, enjoy some good food and enter drawings to raise money for the Plumbers Local 34 Scholarship Foundation.



Bikes to give away at the Picnic!

CAR SHOW

The MN Pipe Trades Car Show was held at the Training Center on Saturday, August 1, 2026. Congratulations to Local 34 winners Greg Earley and Justin Weitnauer. There was representation from Plumbers Local 15, Sprinklerfitters Local 417, Pipefitters Locals 455 and 539, and Centerpoint Energy Gasworkers Local 340. It was great to see the participation and solidarity between all the UA Locals participating.

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“Had the employers of past generations all of them dealt fairly with their men [and women], there would have been no unions.”
- **Stanley Baldwin**

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