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### November 6<sup>th</sup> Sample Ballot Locator

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is election day. As a helpful resource you can find a sample of your specific ballot for the Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> General Election here:

<https://webapps.sos.state.mi.us/MVIC/selectpublicballot.aspx>

A listing of our recommended candidates is available on our website for your information at [www.seiu517m.org](http://www.seiu517m.org).

**Be informed before you go to the polls and vote on November 6<sup>th</sup>!**

### State Offices Closed on Election Day

This is a reminder that per your state employee union contract, state offices are closed on Election Day. This happens in every even numbered election year. Remember to use this time to go and vote! Democracy only works when people participate!

### South Haven Bowling Fundraiser on November 2nd



The South Haven Public School Employees are holding their Blessing in a Backpack Fundraiser at Lakeside Entertainment on Friday, November 2, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Lakeside Entertainment is located at 09921 Blue Star Hwy in South Haven. This event is open to all SEIU Local 517M members!

Cost is \$12 per person and \$10 for kids 10 and under. Cost includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental, and pizza.

This program raises money to purchase food that is sent home to needy students on the weekends so they can have nutritious meals away from the school provided meals.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact: Michelle Leadingham at 269-637-0595.

### **Lansing Toys for Tots Collections Scheduled**



On Tuesday, November 13th and Thursday, November 15th you will have the opportunity to make a child's Christmas a little brighter.

SEIU is hosting two Toys for Tots donation sites in the Van Wagoner Building and Constitution Hall. Anyone is welcome to donate a new, unwrapped toy and in return SEIU will provide lunch! Please take the time and effort to donate to needy children in our community.

Toys for Tots stated goal is "to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens." Let's do what we can to help them attain this goal.

Donations will be accepted at the following locations:

November 13th – 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Van Wagoner Building Lobby Conference Room

November 15th – 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Atrium of Constitution Hall

### **State Employee Contract Ratification Continues**

The three state employee units continue their contract ratification process leading up to the close of voting on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Member meetings and conference calls are completed for Human Services Support Unit members. Meetings for the Scientific and

Engineering and Technical Units are winding down and there are conference calls scheduled to discuss the contract provisions for those members who were unable to attend one of the numerous meetings held throughout the State. Conference calls will be using Zoom and the login information is in today's Did You Know email along with a voting reminder.

The remaining voting schedule:

November 1: State Employee Chapter 8 Meeting, Jackson

November 5: State Employee Chapter 26 Meeting, Lansing

November 5: State Employee Chapters 11, 13, 14 Combined Meeting, Lansing

November 7: Technical Unit Contract Conference Call, Noon - 1:00 pm

November 7: Scientific and Engineering Unit Contract Conference Call, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

November 7: Technical Unit Contract Conference Call, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

November 8: State Employee Chapter 4 Meeting, Gaylord

November 13: Scientific and Engineering Unit Contract Conference Call, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

November 16: Ratification voting closes at 4:00 pm

November 19: Votes are counted

Remember to click on the link in the voting email you received to vote.

## **Old Newsboys Annual Fundraiser Set for December 6<sup>th</sup>**



The Old Newsboys' "Lansing Spoofo Journal" will be out on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. Volunteers will be selling the paper to raise money for needy children in the Lansing area.

The Old Newsboys Association works with local schools and service programs within a 25-mile radius of Lansing to provide shoes and boots for needy children. Last year they helped almost 7,000 children.

If you are interested in volunteering to help sell newspapers for this great cause, please email them at [info@lansingoldnewsboys.org](mailto:info@lansingoldnewsboys.org) and let them know that you'd like to help.

Otherwise, be on the lookout for the sellers on December 6<sup>th</sup> and give generously,

**Bring in the Harvest Event in Saginaw a Success!**



On Saturday, October 13, 2018, members and the community gathered at the H.M. Boyd Community Garden, behind the SEIU Saginaw Union Hall to participate in the first harvest of the garden. Community partners including Girls on the Run were on hand to distribute information and help with the harvest. Members and community activists then went canvassing for local candidates. Food trucks from 5-2-oh and T & T Concessions provided refreshments. There was also face painting and garden games for the kids. An educational and delicious time was had by all.

## Calendar of Upcoming Union Events for November, 2018

November 1: State Employee Chapter 8 Meeting, Jackson  
November 2: South Haven Backpack Fundraiser Event  
November 5: State Employee Chapter 26 Meeting, Lansing  
November 5: State Employee Chapters 11, 13, 14 Combined Meeting, Lansing  
**November 6: ELECTION DAY. STATE OFFICES CLOSED. REMEMBER TO VOTE!!!!!!!**  
November 7: Technical Unit Contract Conference Calls, Noon - 1:00 and 7:00 - 8:00  
November 7: Scientific and Engineering Unit Contract Conference Call, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
November 8: State Employee Chapter 4 Meeting, Gaylord  
November 12: Veterans Day holiday Observed  
November 13: Scientific and Engineering Unit Contract Conference Call, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm  
November 15: Human Services Support Unit Board Meeting  
November 16: State Employee Contract Ratification Ballots due  
November 19: State Employee Contract Ratification Votes Counted  
November 22: Thanksgiving Day

For more information on the above events, consult our on-line calendar at:  
<http://www.seiu517m.org/events/month/>

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