

UAW LOCAL 2000 ☆ INFORMATION BULLETIN ☆ AUGUST 31, 2026

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WELCOME BACK to those who have been laid off and welcome aboard to our new members just starting!

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING FUTURE UNEMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY: While we realize everyone is back to work from the layoff, we want to inform the membership that **the ODJFS is checking internet IP addresses now**, which gives them your precise location where you're filing for your benefits. **In the future, do not file your unemployment from out of state because ODJFS won't pay you unemployment benefits.** You have to be available for work to be eligible for benefits, and you aren't available if you are out of state.

BALLOTS FOR INTERNATIONAL UNION ELECTION will be arriving in the mail soon, if they haven't yet. Many members asked that there be elections for the international union positions and now we have them, so please be sure to **COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR BALLOT** as soon as you receive it.

NEXT PAID HOLIDAY: Labor Day is September 7th and all 7 units are paid for that holiday if they are otherwise eligible.

COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA) INCREASE: The UAW announced a COLA increase effective September 7, 2026 for Ford workers, The current COLA of \$1.73 per hour will increase by \$0.42, bringing the new total to \$2.15 per hour.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT: The Recreation Committee's annual softball tournament will be held at Oakwood Park in Lorain on Saturday, September 19th at 9:00 AM.

UPDATE – 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRTS: The 50th Anniversary t-shirts are in and we are working on details about how we're going to distribute them at OHAP next week.

LORAIN COUNTY ORGANIZED LABOR'S LABOR DAY CELEBRATION is back at Black River Landing on Sunday, September 6th from 12:00 – 6:00 PM. There will be live music, a car show, vendors, kids' rides and much more. 18+ please get a raffle ticket when you come into the venue to enter into the drawing to win great prizes, which will be held between 5-5:30 PM. You must be present at the time of the drawing to be eligible to win.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Our next General Membership Meeting is Sunday, September 13th at 2:30 PM at UAW Local 2000, 3151 Abbe Road in Sheffield Village. Please attend and be informed. **YOU are your union!**

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