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THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

GROUNDBREAKINGS  
FOR THE EUCLID CREEK TUNNEL  
AND THE NEW INNERBELT BRIDGE

SUMMER ROADWORK PROJECTS

AROUND TOWN: LOCAL 860  
WORKERS ON THE JOB

*Protecting 860 Members: Our #1 Issue*

**STATE SENATOR**

**TOM PATTON**

**KICKS OFF SAFETY**

**AWARENESS WEEK**

## WHO IS OHIO? WE ARE!

*A Message from Anthony D. Liberatore, Jr.*



AFTER GOVERNOR JOHN KASICH signed a so-called collective bargaining overhaul into law this spring, he triggered a union organizing effort statewide to put the issue before the voters this November with a campaign we unions are calling, "We Are Ohio."

The governor's signature, following the passage of Senate Bill 5, severely diminished the power of unionized public workers, including sewer district employees, maintenance workers, firefighters and teachers.

"Many of these hard-working men and women are members of Local 860," says Business Manager Tony Liberatore. "We will help in any way we can to overturn this restrictive law." The campaign has gathered nearly 1.3 million signatures – over one million more than needed – and raising funds for the referendum to convince Ohioans to throw out SB 5. As part of that effort, several demonstrations to protest the new law have been held in Columbus and other cities throughout Ohio.

The collective bargaining debate, however, is not limited to Ohio. In Wisconsin and Indiana, state legislatures have passed similar laws that are stirring opposition from working men and women.

It will take millions of dollars to fight SB 5, as the other side, financed by corporate money, will surely surpass our effort. A.J. Stokes, former chief of staff to former House Speaker Armond Budish of Beachwood, is chairing the campaign.

Nonetheless, I urge all Local 860 members to do what you can to get out the vote with registration and campaign activities to help save our union way of life and the extraordinary benefits it provides.

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On Tuesday, June 14th, a tragic on-the-job accident has taken the life of Brother Douglas Patterson. Before Brother Patterson was Sister Debbie Kane. Before Sister Kane was Brother John Marva. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of our fallen members. Meager words cannot console the pain and suffering these families have endured.

Nothing is more important to Local 860 than job safety. We stress it constantly. Safety is front and center in our training classes. Every new member is regularly reminded of his or her personal safety and the need to help fellow members to stay safe. That includes wearing the right protective gear and following instructions regarding the use of heavy equipment.

Safety is critical in sewer, water and utility construction. And as the summer roadway construction season peaks, we cannot stress enough the importance of our members vigilantly guarding their safety on highway jobs.

Moreover, we believe it is the responsibility of drivers to watch out for roadway workers. That is why we erect billboards each season warning drivers to slow down in work zones.

And it is why the union leadership is active in the University Transportation Center (UTC) at Cleveland State, which annually sponsors a pre-season highway construction safety rally. The UTC also strives to find ways to make work zones safer for everyone, including, of course, Local 860 members. (See the story in this issue.)

So this busy season, please be cautious. Be aware. Stay out of harm's way. Be safe. Your family and your loved ones need you.

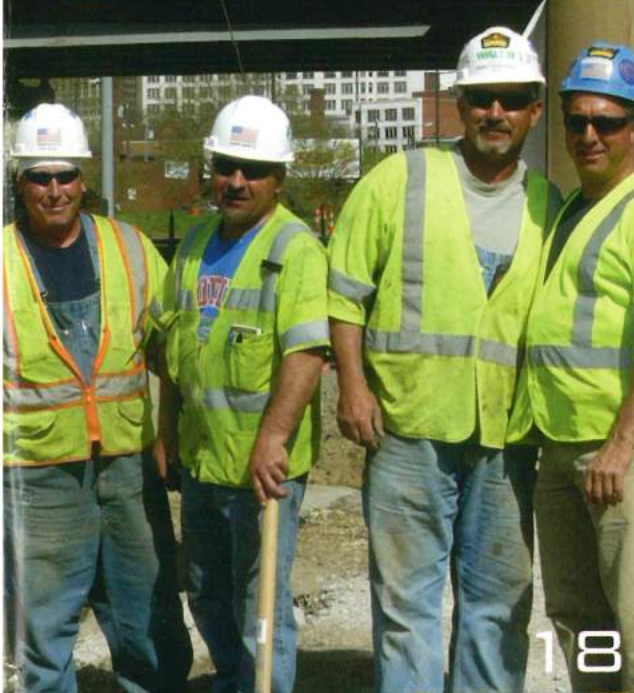
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anthony D. Liberatore, Jr." The signature is stylized and cursive.

Anthony D. Liberatore, Jr.

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# Collective Bargaining



The new Laborers' 860 lighted sign above the Training Center on Prospect Avenue helps to bring a more visible presence in the city.

**We Are Ohio Campaign  
Represents Public Employee Workers**



City of Lyndurst employees Melissa Belfiore and Shelly Griffith

# Referendum Gaining Steam



“We Are Ohio” is a state-wide union organizing effort to put the issue before the voters this November. The campaign submitted over a million signatures to the Secretary of State, some shown in boxes above.

## *Another Reason to Stay Vigilant:* Prevailing Wage Rate Threatened

WHILE THE PASSAGE of SB 5 has attracted so much publicity because it ended collective bargaining in Ohio and prompted a statewide referendum in November, another piece of legislation in Columbus also deserves the attention of our members.

It is HB 153, which has been passed by the Ohio Finance Committee and, if approved by the entire General Assembly, would remove many projects from the Prevailing Wage Law.

This would mean that contractors and subcontractors on public improvement projects would not have to pay workers the Prevailing Wage Rate paid under collective bargaining agreements in the same area for similar work. Moreover, it removes new construction projects of \$5 million or less from any Prevailing Wage requirement.

The current law requires that construction on public improvements of \$78,000 or more is required to follow Prevailing Wage. This provision raises that threshold to a ridiculous \$5 million, eliminating 80 percent of public projects from Prevailing Wage requirements.

“Fortunately, construction of public improvements on roads, sewers and bridges will not be impacted by the new law,” says Tony Liberatore. “Yet, we must oppose this because it could threaten other aspects of our work.” \$2.80 per hour per laborer. ■



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A moment of silence for victims of highway construction accidents

## Safety Awareness Week Rally Urges Drivers to Slow Down Through Construction Work Zones



State Senator Tom Patton with Tony Liberatore.

EACH YEAR, THE SPRING WORK ZONE SAFETY kick-off rally at Cleveland State University gets larger and takes on increased importance.

Early this spring, with the enthusiastic participation of Local 860 members and Business Manager Tony Liberatore, the rally, entitled, “Look Up, Hang Up, Slow Up,” was held in a spacious conference room at the Wolstein Center, home to the University’s excellent basketball team.

“Nothing is more important to Local 860 than the safety of our members,” Liberatore told the hundreds of attendees.

His remarks were prefaced by Dr. Stephen F. Duffy, head of the CSU Civil Engineering Department, and Director of the University Transportation Center, whose life work has focused on roadway safety for workers.

“The mission of the UTC is, at its essence, to increase safety in transportation construction zones, whether they are long term projects, like the Innerbelt Bridge, or short-duration efforts to repair residential streets or utilities.”

On display were 12 traffic cones draped in black, a stark reminder of the 123 Ohioans killed in 2010 in work zones and the nearly 2,000 people, mostly workers, injured in Ohio work zones accidents.

Dr. Stephen F. Duffy, Director of the Cleveland State University Transportation Center, Keynotes Safety Awareness Week.

Photos by William Rieter



Top: Panelists Greg Wood, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Joan Synenberg and Ohio Highway Patrol Sgt. Andrew Janu. Above: Panel moderator Jeff Lechak of Parsons Brinckerhoff.

Dr. Duffy reminded everyone that vigilant work by union members, contractor's, state transportation and police departments, and the public itself has helped cut fatalities in 2010 about three percent. He thanked State Senator Tom Patton and Congressman Steve LaTourette, as well as the construction industry and ODOT for their support in cutting accidents.

"I also would be remiss if I did not recognize the membership of Local 860 and Business Manager Anthony Liberatore," he added. "His passion for safety awareness is contagious."

Senator Patton, Chairman of the Ohio Senate Transportation Committee, keyed the gathering and talked about the critical need of enlisting the support of state government in highway safety issues.

Following Senator Patton's talk, Dr. Duffy introduced Jeff Lechak, Cleveland area manager for Parsons Brinckerhoff, the international engineering firm, who moderated a special panel to discuss work zone safety issues.

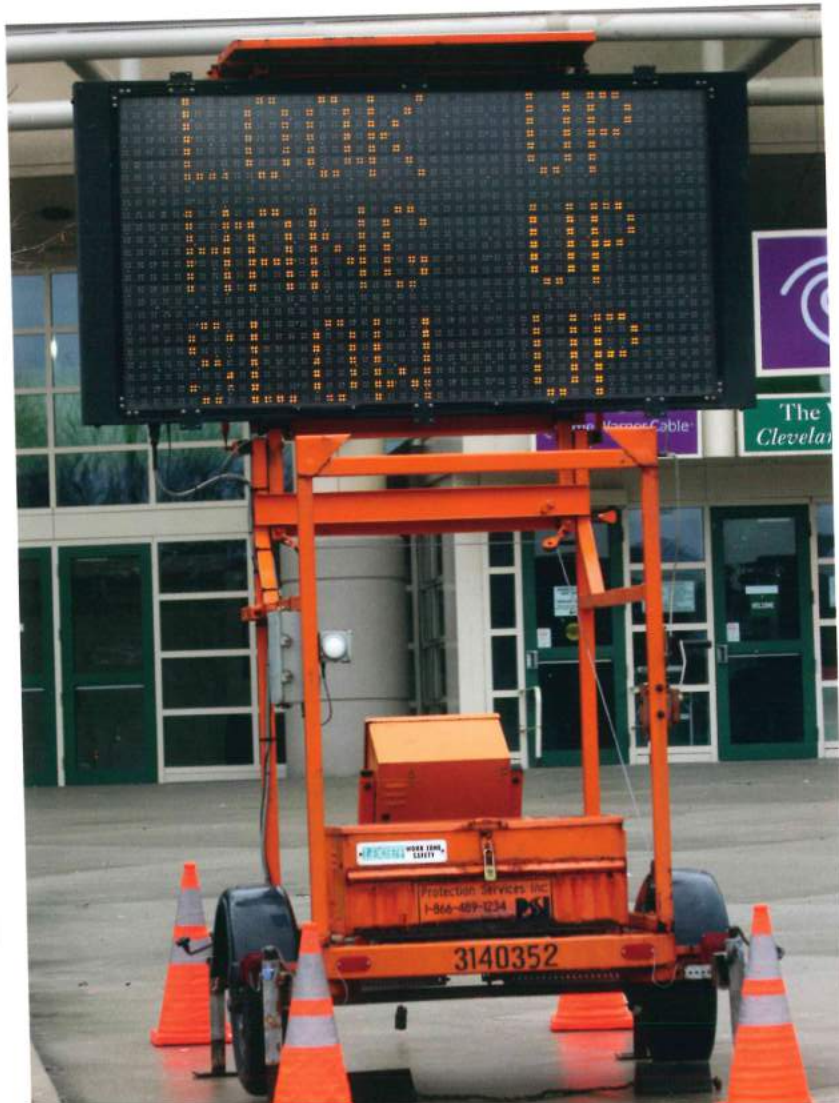
Panelists were Greg Wood, a Local 860 member, who barely survived after he was hit while working as a flagman on I-77 in 2009; Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Judge Joan Synenberg, who presided over Wood's case and sentenced the person responsible for the accident to prison, and Sergeant Andrew Janu of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Among those in attendance were CSU engineering students, who wore orange thumb bands, "to call attention to the danger of text messaging while driving." ■





Students viewing the historic construction warning lights





From left, County Executive Ed FitzGerald, ODOT Director Jerry Wray, Governor John Kasich, former U.S. Senator George V. Voinovich, and Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson.

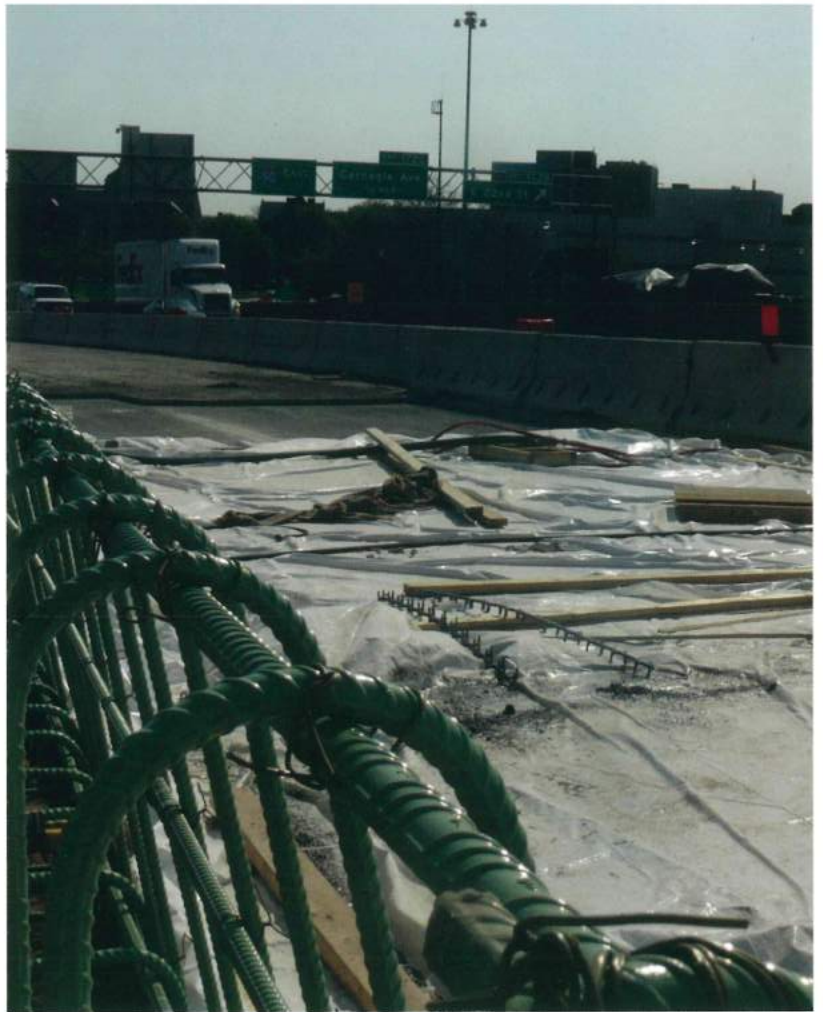
## Innerbelt Bridge Groundbreaking Commemorates the Largest Highway Improvement Project in State History

THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION this spring ceremoniously broke ground on Cleveland's new Interstate 90 Innerbelt Bridge – the largest transportation improvement project in state history, whose preliminary work actually began in the winter.

“This is a great day for Cleveland and for Local 860,” said Tony Liberatore. “It is the first step in reconstructing the entire Innerbelt Corridor through downtown Cleveland. All told, this could mean more than 20 years of work for our members.”



Local 860 Field Representative Mallory Jackson joins in on the groundbreaking.



The multi-billion dollar plan includes building another bridge when this westbound one is finished, as well as making safety improvements to the roadway, such as flattening the sharp Dead Man's Curve. More than 100 guests looked on at the groundbreaking as Governor John R. Kasich spoke, along with former U.S. Senator George V. Voinovich, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald and ODOT Director Jerry Wray.

Said Voinovich, who also is a former Cleveland mayor and Ohio governor: "This bridge is of national significance. It is important to the movement of goods in this country and to the traveling public."

Last year, ODOT awarded the bridge contract to Walsh Construction of Chicago and designer HNTB Ohio Inc. for almost \$300 million. Using a process in which the design and construction are combined in a single contract, the team will complete substantial construction of the new westbound bridge by the fall of 2013 – nearly a year earlier than originally anticipated.

The groundbreaking was concluded by Cuyahoga County Executive Ed FitzGerald who declared: "This is a bridge to somewhere – somewhere very special." Hitting home – it is also a bridge to Local 860 jobs! ■



Local 860 starts the new Innerbelt Bridge construction.



## OSHA Area Director Howard B. Eberts Focuses on Safety



AT LOCAL 860, workplace safety is our priority. Howard B. Eberts, the new Area Director of the Cleveland Area office of OSHA, takes it a step further. It is his life's calling.

Eberts came to his job in the Federal Building downtown in January to supervise 28 employees, including 17 compliance officers and two whistleblower investigators, who cover 12 counties in Northern Ohio.

Although in Cleveland just a short time, Eberts already has been very busy. He has been involved with organized labor, including Local 860, regarding OSHA-mandated training classes for construction projects involving enormous cranes.

Such training follows the collapse last September of a railroad bridge being built in Brook Park. The collapse resulted in OSHA issuing citations and fines against two companies. In the accident, which involved a swing crane, a worker from Elyria broke his leg.

This spring, the OSHA office entered into a voluntary alliance with the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation and the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) to provide member companies with access to training resources to protect the health of workers in manufacturing, service, and construction.

Eberts, the father of five daughters, grew up in Independence. He started with OSHA as a compliance officer in Columbus shortly after graduating from the University of Notre Dame. His main task then was conducting workplace safety and health enforcement inspections, including fatality investigations.

From 1991 to 2001, while at OSHA in Columbus, he served as a steward with the National Council of Field Labor Locals and as regional union representative from 1999 to 2001.

In 2001, he was promoted to assistant regional administrator in Chicago and returned to Columbus in 2006 as compliance assistance specialist. He remained there until driving up Interstate 71 for his new job in Cleveland.

"We look forward to working with this dedicated public servant with a strong union background," says Tony Liberatore, who, along with Local 860 Training & Apprentice Coordinator John Perri recently met with Eberts. "He feels about workplace safety the way we do at Local 860." ■



**A Tunnel Vision.** From left, Local 860 Field Representative Mallory Jackson, Cleveland Councilman Mike Polensek, Field Representatives Lenny Rizzo and Mark Olivo, and Organizer Joe James.

## Cleveland's Big Dig: The Start of the Euclid Creek Tunnel

THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) has signed an agreement with the federal Environmental Protection Agency to clean up greater Cleveland's storm water runoff over the next 25 years.

This \$3-billion Project Clean Lake, which will provide hundreds of Local 860 jobs in the coming years, has already begun with some immediate benefits.

This spring, the NEORS broke ground on the \$197-million Euclid Creek Tunnel, which when complete in four years, will serve as a reservoir for sewer overflows. It will significantly reduce the raw sewage that enters waterways during heavy storms.

The tunnel will start in Bratenahl south of I-90 and connect to the nearby Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant. Then it will go underneath Lake Erie – more than 200 feet down – for about 3,000 feet. All told, the tunnel will be 18,000 feet long with a 24-foot diameter. It will be capable of holding more than 50 million gallons of combined stormwater and wastewater.

A new pump station will propel the stored water to treatment plants, and eventually another storage tunnel will be built. At the same time that NEORS is implementing Project Clean Lake, it is also making plans for a separate stormwater management program to address the regional problems that occur when massive volumes of storm runoff flow from one community to another.

This will reduce flooding of homes and streets, erosion of roads and stream banks and surface pollution into Lake Erie. How will this impact Local 860?

Mightily!

"I urge all members to keep reading the *Express* as we continue to write about these projects, which mean so much to the future of our members," says Tony Liberatore. ■



## We Can Take Pride in Building One of America's Most Successful Public Transportation Systems



MANY LANDMARKS DEFINE CLEVELAND, from the Terminal Tower to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum to Progressive Field and Severance Hall. And now we have the 7.1-mile Euclid Corridor Transportation Project. Called the HealthLine, thanks to advertising support from the Cleveland Clinic and University Hospitals, the \$200 million RTA Project carries riders in elongated buses that stop in the center of Euclid.

It was completed three years ago with the hard work of Local 860 members, who put in new sidewalks, streets, landscaping and bus stops.

"Local 860 members love their city and take great pride that we help in its reconstruction," says Tony Liberatore.

That pride has been evident in the growing development along the Corridor, from downtown to University Circle

into East Cleveland. This infusion of \$3 billion has led to good jobs, including Local 860 jobs. Moreover, the RTA recently announced that the number of riders soared to 4.1 million last year.

"It has in every way exceeded our expectations," says RTA General Manager Joe Calabrese. Adds Tony Liberatore: "The well-trained and highly motivated Local 860 members will be ready to take on the next big infrastructure project whenever we are called upon." ■

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## Smooth Landing for Local 860 at Hopkins Airport

THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION awarded the City of Cleveland nearly \$12 million to improve the runway safety area at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. This created substantial work for Local 860 this spring.

The project – led by Great Lakes Construction – will enhance the safety of aircraft operations by improving the Safety Area of Runways 10/28, which is used when crosswinds are too powerful for planes to take off from and land on the main runway.

The work, which began in early March and concluded in June, included a 330-foot shift of Runway 10, relocation of navigational aids, and installation of Engineered Materials Arresting Systems beds on Runways 10 and 28, which are foam-like emergency barriers. Such safety precautions are mandated by the FAA for all major airports.

“We also hope that the Airport’s on-going master planning will result in further expansion to enhance international travel and provide more work for Local 860,” says Tony Liberatore. ■

For pictures of the Local 860 at the Airport, see *Around Town*, pages 24-29 and 33.

# Around Town

AFTER A RECORD-BREAKING SPRING SEASON of almost 30 inches of rain fall, Local 860 members are back on the job!

## ODOT Work Keeping Local 860 Busy This Summer

DURING THE 2011 construction season, ODOT District 12 will administer over 70 active construction projects involving Local 860 members.

Several of these should be completed this year, including the final surfacing of I-77, as well as the bridge rehabilitation on Broadway. Work on the Lakefront West Project will continue with the final renovation of the Lake Avenue and West 76th Street tunnels connecting Cleveland's west side neighborhoods and Lake Erie.

In Lake County, Phase II of State Route 2 will be finished, while work continues on Phase III through October 2012.

In Geauga County, Local 860 members will reconfigure ramps on U.S. Route 422 and replace pavement on U.S. Route 43.

Of course, work will progress on the long-awaited I-90 Innerbelt Westbound Bridge – the first of two – which will eventually carry five lanes of traffic.

Other significant projects to begin this construction season:

- I-90 Resurfacing between the cities of Cleveland and Euclid.
- Bessemer Avenue Extension from E. 87th Street to Union Avenue.
- State Route 87 in Geauga County, replacing two culverts in Russell and Newbury Townships.
- Resurfacing of U.S. 20 in Lake County. ■



Dan Quinones

Photos  
by Anna Matisak

# INNERBELT – E. 14th Widening

Walsh Construction

John Yavorsky, JR Bleil (Local 1058-PA), Jim "Dogman" Conroy (Local 894-Akron), Bob Burnello



Around Town

**INNERBELT – E. 14th Widening**

Walsh Construction



Charlene Wilson



Bob Burnello (front) and Frank Tomaro



**INNERBELT – W. 3rd**

Walsh Construction

Dan Liptak

# In Loving Memory of Our Brother

DOUGLAS K. PATTERSON

6/29/1957-6/15/2011



DOUGLAS K. PATTERSON, 53, of Timberlake Village, passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2011. Born June 29, 1957, in Jacksonville, North Carolina, he was a longtime Lake County resident. He was a graduate of Mentor High School, Class of 1976, and then served for eight years in the United States Air Force. He loved life, spending time with his wife and family and enjoyed golfing, bowling, fishing and was an avid outdoorsman. Doug was employed as a pipe layer with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company and was a member of Laborers Local 860. He is survived by his beloved wife and friend, Jolene; children, Regina, Douglas and Ryan Patterson; grandson, Leland Kovach; and parents, Robert and Mary Jane Patterson, all of Mentor; sister, Tracy Passariello of Indianapolis, Ind.; mother-in-law, Geraldine Law of Mentor; sister-in-law, Christine Mesko of Lenexa, Kan.; brother-in-law, James Law of Euclid; nieces, Lexi and Jessica; and nephews, Robert, Matt and Joshua. He also leaves many dear friends and co-workers. Final resting place will be in Willoughby Memorial Gardens on Lakeshore Boulevard. ■

**CROWN FILTRATION PLANT** Shook, Inc.



Greg Popik and Mark Spanulo

**Shook, Inc.**

Derek Olcott  
(Local 480-Sandusky),  
Hugh Phillips, VP  
of Local 860,  
Gary Popik





Mario Picciano and Donny White (Local 894-Akron)



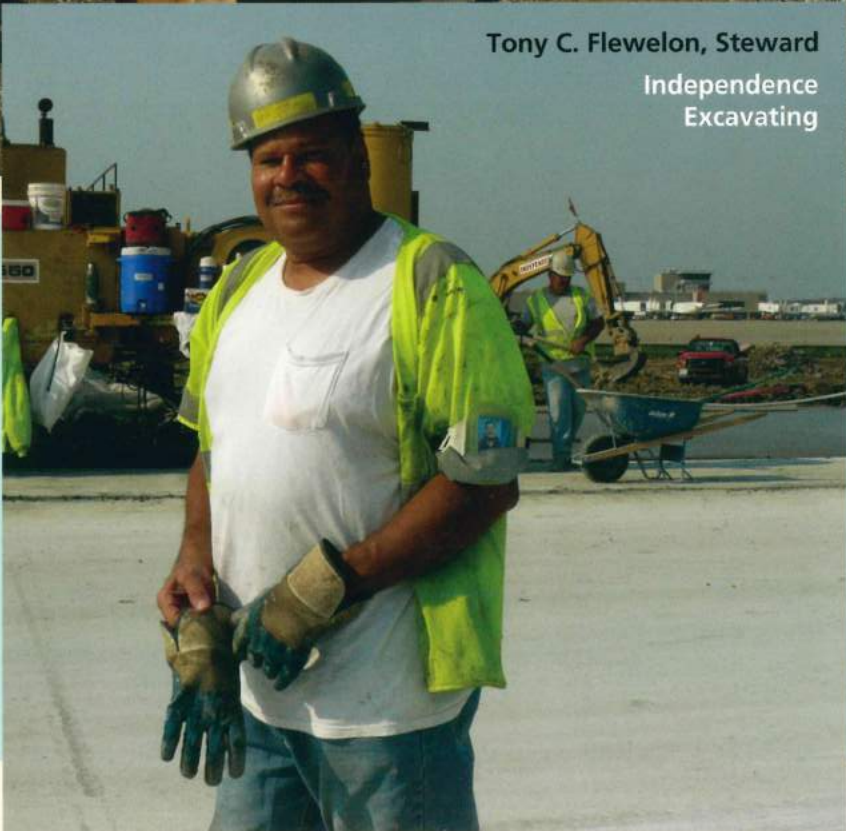
Mario Picciano, Shaun Wiser,  
Donny White (Local 894-Akron)



Keith Kist  
Independence  
Excavating



Tony C. Flewelon, Steward  
Independence  
Excavating







Joseph Story and Zack Riley **Riley Contracting**



Dennis LaSalvia  
**Independence Excavating**

**AIRPORT RUNWAY EXPANSION -  
PHASE II, continued**

Below, LeRoy Knight  
inspects inside and out

Independence Excavating



Emiddio Colombo [The Harper Co.](#)

Jason Thrower [Independence Excavating](#)





Leonard Rizzo and John Rizzo  
Zenith Systems

Below: Nick Kortowich and Frank Kordinak Independence Excavating



Around Town

# AIRPORT RUNWAY EXPANSION - PHASE II, continued

Robert Johnson and Dan Thompson **The Harper Co.**



George Sikora **The Harper Co.**



Adam Dougher, Jamie Hoessle, Leonard Rizzo and Jim Fox,  
VP of Operations

**Great Lakes Construction**

## RIVERSIDE PARKING EXPANSION



Jimmy Grattino  
Independence  
Excavating

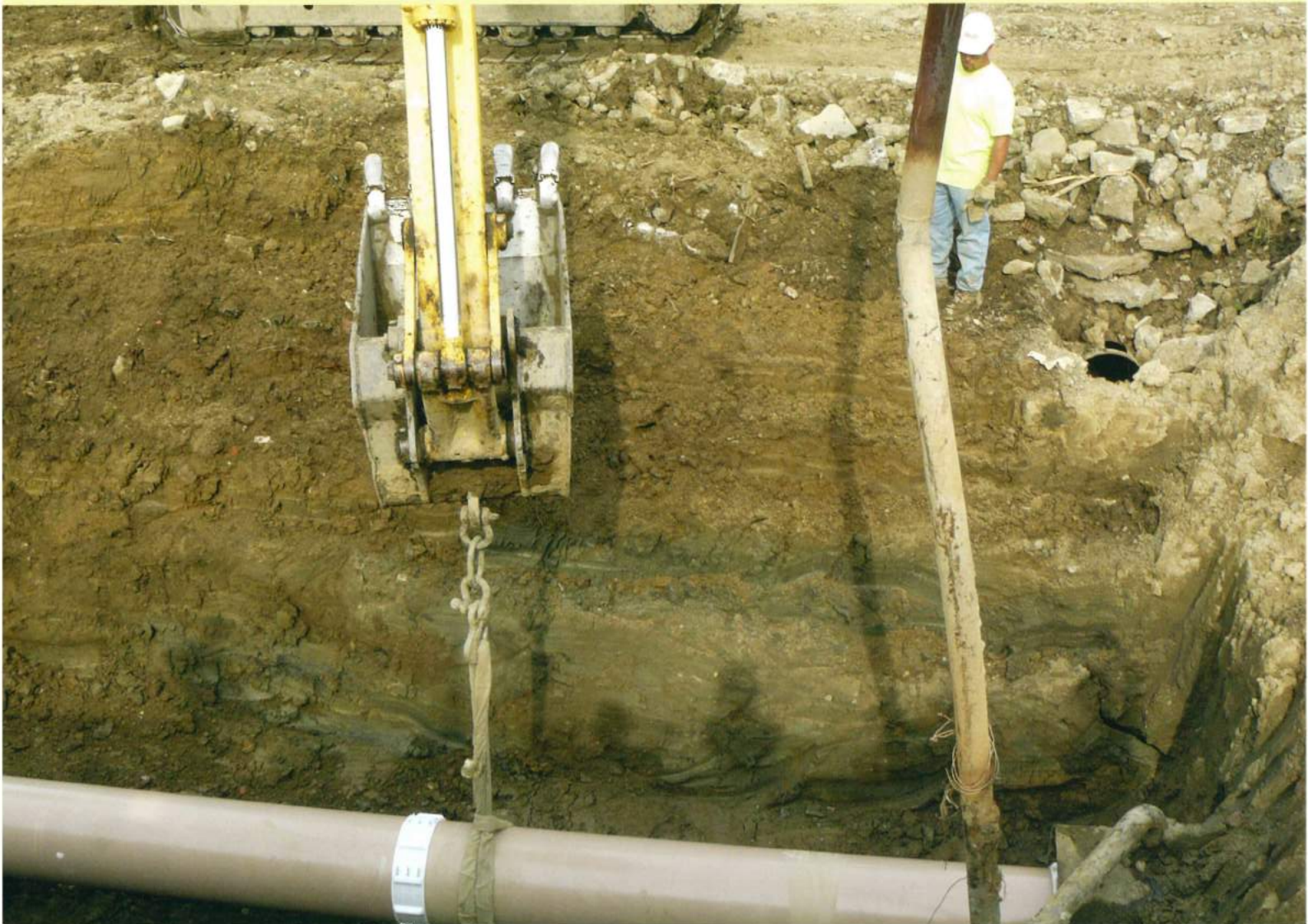
# DOMINION PIPELINE- BROADWAY & LIBBY

Steve Bricks and Marty Pampanini

Mid-Ohio Contracting



Pipeline replacement in the works



# W. 76TH STREET PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL

Ed Schill, Michael Hammett, Sr. and Bob Lesar

Stevens Engineers & Constructors

## GARRETT MORGAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT



Mike Artino,  
Tim McSweeney  
and Greg Byrne,  
Foreman

Shook, Inc.



Shawn Marang  
Shook, Inc.



Mark Stewart (Local 894) and Mike Kreinbrook  
Shook, Inc.

**GARRETT MORGAN  
WATER TREATMENT  
PLANT**

Frank Krause,  
Tim McSweeney and  
Andy Wulff (Local 18)  
on truck  
Shook, Inc.





# AIRPORT RUNWAY EXPANSION - PHASE III

Kim Hall Great Lakes Construction



Glenn Shupe (Local 480-Sandusky) and Gus Madera Great Lakes Construction

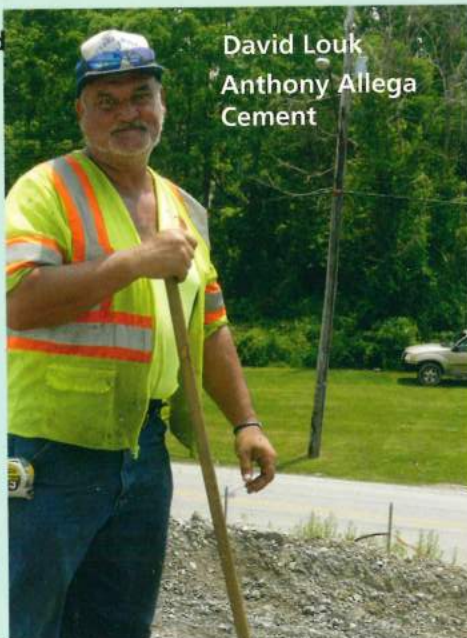


# STATE ROUTE 2 - WILLOUGHBY



Ken Sicurezza,  
Sammy Miragliotta and  
Jim Wilson

Anthony Allega  
Cement



David Louk  
Anthony Allega  
Cement



Tony McNary  
Great Lakes  
Construction

**STATE ROUTE 2 - MENTOR**

Bob Hartley and Shawn Ocel  
The Shelley Company



**JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY-  
DON SHULA STADIUM**

Robert Huy  
Sports Construction Group

Tim Austin Sports Construction Group





Jim Thompson, Luke Henderson, George Scheiman and Tom Emerick  
The DiGioia - Suburban Company



Gaetano Cianci  
Sports Construction Group



Bubba William  
and Brian Piscicelli  
Sports Construction Group

# STATE ROUTE 2 - WILLOUGHBY



Jeremy Elersse, Louis Sicurezza and Leonard Furio  
Anthony Allega Cement

# STATE ROUTE 2 - MENTOR

Debbie Gimmelli  
The Shelley Company



Dave Meyers,  
Deborah Sirianni,  
Tim Velotta,  
Gail Folger and  
Dave Mayer

Anthony  
Allega Cement



## Dominion Acceleration of Pipeline Replacement Should Generate More Local 860 Jobs

AS A PART OF ITS ongoing efforts to modernize its pipeline system, Dominion East Ohio recently sought Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approval to accelerate its previously approved Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement (PIR) program.

If approved, Dominion East Ohio would nearly double its PIR spending to more than \$200 million annually. When the program began in 2008 as a \$2.7 billion, 25-year program, the company originally identified over 4,000 miles of older pipelines for replacement.

Expanding the program would provide important economic benefits to Northeast Ohio, including the creation of over 3,000 jobs at its peak. "We know that many of these will be with Local 860 contractors who are installing the new pipeline," says Tony Liberatore. "We surely are behind Dominion's proposal." ■



Pipeline work in Brecksville  
Photo courtesy of Dominion

### In Memory of Scott Hoge, Business Manager of Laborers' Local 639



SCOTT ALLEN HOGE, of Cutler, died Monday, July 4, 2011. He was born August 31, 1958 in Parkersburg, WV to Karen Pettit Hoge. He was a 1977 graduate of Waterford High School. Scott was the Business Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of Laborers' Local 639, and he was Representative for Laborers' District Council of Ohio. He enjoyed restoring his GTO, loved camping, watching auto racing, and his dog, Dixie. Scott is survived by his mother of Cutler, his wife, Debbie Mason Hoge, two sons, Nathan Hoge (fiancé Nikita and son, Aidan Lewis) of Belpre, Derek Hoge of Cutler, and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ralph and Mary Pettit. ■

SCOTT ALLEN HOGE  
8/31/1958-7/4/2011



Rigging training class

## Local 860 Training Classes Help Build Job Security

SINCE WE OPENED our Training Center next to the Union Hall, we have offered a wide variety of job-building classes for our members. In addition, we are constantly making physical improvements to this excellent building so we can offer even more classes, which are FREE to all members.

We trained 265 members in 15 classes in the 2010/11 season: introduction to welding, pipe welding, water service mains, field rigging, commercial driving license (CDL), traffic control supervisor, ODOT flagging, plastic pipe fusion, safety training passport (STP) OSHA 30, OSHA 40 (hazwoper), Confined Space and Excavation Safety, and Soil Identification.

“The STP and Traffic Control Supervisor must be renewed every 5 years. It is imperative that you are current so please check your cards,” says John Perri, Local 860 Training & Apprenticeship Coordinator. “Furthermore, everyone who is rigging or signaling a crane must be trained to obtain and keep this work.”

“I urge all members to be sure to sign up early for next year’s classes,” says Tony Liberatore. “The good jobs of tomorrow require training. And your Local will give you that training at no cost.” ■

# The Ohio Laborers' Pension Fund Provides Retirees a Secure Future

CONGRESS PASSED THE PENSION Protection Act (PPA) in 2006 to keep tabs on the security of pension funds. By PPA standards, the Ohio Laborers' District Council and Contractors' Pension Fund is rated at 110 percent, while the U.S. Department of Labor considers a fund prudent if it reaches an 80 percent rating.

This was the good news that Matthew Archer of the Laborers' Pension fund delivered this spring to a meeting of Local 860 retirees at the union hall.

"It is an extraordinary determination," says Tony Liberatore. "It shows how solvent our retirees' money is and how careful are our fund managers."

To guarantee that the Laborers' pension fund remains strong, given the unpredictability of the stock market where much of our pension money is invested, the Board of the Fund has opted to channel 15 cents to each Laborer's hourly pension contribution. This increases the pension contribution to a solid \$2.80 per hour per laborer. ■



## Local 860 Website

INCREASINGLY TECHNOLOGY is impacting our lives, whether we like it or not. Nowhere is this more true than with the Internet. It is the way people and business – and yes, unions – communicate. That is why we are constantly improving our Website and communicating with members through it and through email. That is why we are asking each member to give us his or her email address, and at the same time we are encouraging members to check out our Website: laborers860.com. You will learn a lot about what your union is doing for you. ■

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**Mark Olivo**  
(ext. 106)



**Lenny Rizzo**  
(ext. 107)

**Secretaries**  
(ext. 100)

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**John Perri**  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS



**CedarPoint**

## CEDAR POINT SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2011

LOCAL 860 FAMILY OUTING  
AT CEDAR POINT AMUSEMENT PARK IN SANDUSKY

Tickets are on sale now. The deadline for purchasing Cedar Point tickets is July 29th. This deadline WILL NOT be extended and tickets WILL NOT be sold at the front gate. Don't miss out. Hurry and get yours today.

## CLAMBAKE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2011



BENEFITING THE DOMINIC OLIVO/MATT DELUCA  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT THE WICKLIFFE ITALIAN  
AMERICAN CLUB

Featuring entertainment by Disco Inferno! Tickets will be available from your Field Representative or at the Union Hall in early August. Tickets are \$40 each.