



The Gauge

September 2023

Local 891 - AFL-CIO



General Membership Meeting

The Next General Membership will be held at
The Labor Day Parade
on September 9th, 2023

***Our Newly Hired Members will be sworn in at
the October General Membership Meeting***

Renewals

Please be aware of your license and permit renewal date.
Apply and renew on time to avoid fees and disciplinary action.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL RENEWALS MUST
BE DONE ONLINE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Variable Rate

Variable Rate Unit Value
for August, 2023 141.395

Principal Rating

Members are reminded they only have
30 days to grieve a Principal's Rating.
Any member wanting to grieve a rating
should contact the Grievance Chairperson.

Direct Deposit

Members who are not already
enrolled in direct deposit
are encouraged to do so by
accessing the payroll portal

Business Manager's Report



Hello Brothers & Sisters,

I hope you all had a great summer! Let us welcome our new brothers and sisters, both permanent and provisional, that joined our union in June. These new members will be sworn in during October's General Membership Meeting. It's always important to attend our membership meetings when at all possible. I hope you make an extra effort to attend October's meeting to show your support when our new members take the union pledge.

This Saturday our members will be joining other unions and labor supporters for the Labor Day Parade! We will be serving a hot breakfast before the parade and handing out very nice shirts and hats to those that are able to make it. Our union is one of many that work tirelessly to make sure that employers treat us fairly. The parade is a display of solidarity to show how powerful the Labor movement is in NYC. I hope each of you can make it to show support for workers everywhere!

Now that the summer is over and most people are back from their vacations I'm hopeful we can move forward in our contract negotiations. WE DESERVE A RAISE!

Fraternally,
Robert

Electronic Communications

July 13- Supplies Memo July 2023

July 14 - COVID Leave for NYCSSS Employees

July 14 - NYCSSS Fill-ins

July 17 - Local 891 Welfare Fund Life Insurance Benefit

July 18 - NYCSSS Contact Phone Number

July 18 - Passing of Retired CE Robert Drach

July 20 - Local 891 Picnic Photo Booth!

July 24 - Kieran McKivergan elected to serve as Treasurer

August 2 - Passing of George Cipriano

August 8 - Union Representation

August 9 - 113C Coding Having an impact on your 202 allotment

August 11 - Seniority Lists

August 14 - Congratulations Joanne O'Neill

August 17 - Labor Day Parade

August 18 - Passing of Anthony Magliocco

August 24 - Before Next Transfer Lists

August 24 - Student Debt Forgiveness Webinars

August 25 - Data Breach

August 29 - You May Be Selected for Dependent Audit

NEW YORK CITY

LABOR DAY

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PARADE & MARCH



GRAND MARSHAL

NANCY HAGANS, RN
PRESIDENT
NYS NURSES ASSOCIATION

PARADE CHAIR

MARK HENRY
INTERNATIONAL VP
AMALGAMATED TRANSIT UNION

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(212) 604-9552
NYCCLC.ORG



PARADE STEPS OFF FROM
44TH STREET &
FIFTH AVENUE
AT 10:00AM

#LDP23

#UNIONMADE

**Local 891's Members and families participate in the New York City Labor Day Parade
Please attend and support this event as you have done in the past.**

Bring your family to walk with pride and in solidarity up 5th Avenue among your sisters & brothers! Those who are able to attend will receive a hat and shirt! We will be serving a hot breakfast prior to marching at the Jacqueline Onassis H.S., 120 West 46th Street between 6th and 7th, starting at 7:30 AM. This breakfast will also serve as our monthly General Membership Meeting, which will take place starting at 10:00 AM. We have a scheduled march time of 12:00 PM and will be marching from an assembly location at 46th Street between 6th and 7th Avenue. If you wish to ride a motorcycle, let us know! The assembly for motorcycles will be on 47th Street between 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue.



Local 891's Vice President, Andrew Samberg and Treasurer & Entertainment Committee Chairperson, Kieran McKivergan attended classes at the I.U.O.E Training Center in Crosby Texas. The Center offers many classes that are open to Local 891 members. Contact Frank Byrne if you are interested.



CUSTODIAL HELPER

Custodial Helper Committee Chairperson, Marvin Rodriguez

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please respond to any email's you receive from me at custodial helper committee or from Theresa DiCristi inviting you to join in on a grievance. If you cannot attend or if it's not your school or employee, reply to the email and let us know. Sometime in the near future, they will start in person grievances. I will notify you when that happens, until then it's all virtual.

I would recommend that you take advantage of cleaning periods to retrain your crew, especially difficult employees. Also, a great time to work on and update your work schedules and directives for the crew. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

When you have a TC, please write up any of the employees if needed, it's important to establish a history of bad behavior and it will help the incoming CE.

If you request fill-ins and do not get any, please email NYCSSS and inform them of that, also CC your borough person and me. I know that they (NYCSSS) have been working on getting enough fill-ins. It's still a bit of a challenge, but it has been getting better.

Stay Safe and have a great summer.

Marvin Rodriguez

Custodial Helper Committee Chairperson

HOSPITALIZATION

Hospitalization Committee Chairperson, Kevin Troy

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and I wish everyone success in the coming school year.

New Hires

All newly hired Custodian Engineer accounts have now been successfully integrated into NYCAPS (New York City Automated Personnel System.) This allows Human Resources to generate health coverage applications. All newly hired Custodian Engineers should submit their completed forms along with supporting documentation to DSFCE@schools.nyc.gov

Please make sure to select the rider for prescriptions if needed. If you choose not to take the prescription rider, the only other time you could add it would be during the Annual Fall Transfer Period in November, and it would not go into effect until the first full pay period in January of the New Year.

As a reminder, Local 891 members can be reimbursed for prescription costs. The maximum reimbursement is \$600 and 1% for any amount over \$600.

Retirees

On August 11th, New York Supreme Court Justice Lyle Frank “permanently” prohibited New York City from switching its 250,000 retired employees to the Medicare Advantage Plan managed by Aetna. The new plan was set to go into effect on September 1st.

- All current health plans remain in effect. No retirees will be moved into the new Medicare Advantage PPO Plan.
- No opt-out requests made through Aetna will be processed now.
- No waiver of City health benefits, enrollment into the Aetna Medicare Advantage PPO Plan or adding the prescription drug rider submitted on the Retiree Special Enrollment/Waiver Form will be processed.

The Union will be sure to keep you updated with any ongoing developments. If you have any questions or concerns or if you are a new hire who has not received a health coverage application from HR, please email me at hospitalization@local.com

Fraternally,
Kevin Troy
Hospitalization Committee Chairperson

EDUCATION

Education Committee Chairperson, Frank Bryne

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The schedule for the next Fire and Life Safety Director and Certified Pool Operator will be sent shortly.

Check your Pool Certification renewal dates. The certificate is renewed every five years!

I would also like to schedule the following courses if there is enough interest:

- CPR/AED-need a minimum of 20 participants. This class covers adult and infant CPR training.
- Defensive Driving-Must be on a weekend and we need a minimum of 20 participants
- Locksmith – Basic master keying and repining.
- S-12, S-13

Frank Byrne

Education and Training Fund Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP

Membership Committee Chairperson, Kieran McKivergan

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Anniversary pins will be distributed at the October General Membership Meeting. Letters have already been sent out to those members who will be receiving pins. New hires will also be sworn in at the October meeting. Attend if you can to show support both for our new members as well as though who have been with us for many years!

Fraternally,

Kieran McKivergan

Membership Committee Chairperson

In Memoriam

Richard Bennardo

Condolences to:

Mary Bennardo (spouse)
578 Normandy Village
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Carmine DeVecchis

Condolences to:

Eleanor DeVecchis (spouse)
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