

# Badger Lodge News

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**United Lodge 66  
Business Meeting  
October 11th at 7:00 PM  
1650 S 38th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53215  
414-671-3800  
All lodge members are  
encouraged to attend**

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## Office Hours:

**Suspended until notice due to Covid-19 guidelines. See pg. 2**

**All Contract issues must be settled by your Business Rep at District 10. See Last Page**

## **Labor Day Celebrations: Milwaukee**

Labor Fest returned in Milwaukee for 2022 marking the first celebration since 2019. The Milwaukee Area Labor Council put together the familiar celebration with a parade and Labor Fest at the Henry Meier Festival Grounds.

The weather was absolutely perfect for the day, not too warm and sunny. Members of Lodge 66 gathered at the parade starting point near Zeidler Union Square in downtown Milwaukee, It was great to see so many unions come together to celebrate our holiday.

Being an election year there were a number of dignitaries in attendance. Our members had the chance to talk with a few of them, AFL-CIO President Liz Schuler, Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh and Lieutenant Governor and Senate Candidate Mandela Barnes. Security was tight with the late addition of President Joe Biden set to attend Labor Fest and address those in attendance.

The parade got underway around 1030 am and it was great to watch the various unions and their members get underway. It is a great way to really feel the solidarity in the labor movement with our fellow sisters and brothers in the other unions.

The parade route led us straight to the festival grounds where there were plenty of activities for the whole family as well as food and beverage options as well. President Biden addressed the crowd touting his policies that have been the most worker and union friendly in the history of our country.

Overall Labor Day in Milwaukee was a great day filled with solidarity and a return to a normal celebration of our holiday.



**Members meet with AFL-CIO President Liz Schuler (above) and Labor Secretary Marty Walsh (below)**





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### Lodge 66 Operations during Covid-19 Situation

The Executive Board of United Lodge 66 has made some decisions to protect the Membership and Office Staff of Lodge 66.

First of all we would like to encourage our members and their families to stay safe during this health crisis. Following the recommendations from the Federal, State and Local Governments is advised.

To protect our members and staff the office will be closed for drop-in traffic.

The office telephone will forward to Secretary-Treasurer Ivan Collins phone. The phone number for Lodge 66 is (414) 671-3800. The Lodge email is [lodge66@gmail.com](mailto:lodge66@gmail.com). The lodge address is 1650 S 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee WI 53215. Mail can be put in the mail slot at the office. Members are encouraged to do as much as possible through the mail. Emails and communications will be monitored. If an appointment needs to be made we will try to accommodate on an Individual basis. Several of the offices within the Machinists Organization will be staffed with reduced workforce. During these critical times we want to express to the membership that we will serve to the best of our ability and you are our main concern. The Brothers and Sisters of the Machinists Union will get through this challenge. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this major event.

In Solidarity,

*Frank Riedijk*

United Lodge 66 President

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# Labor Day Celebrations: Kenosha

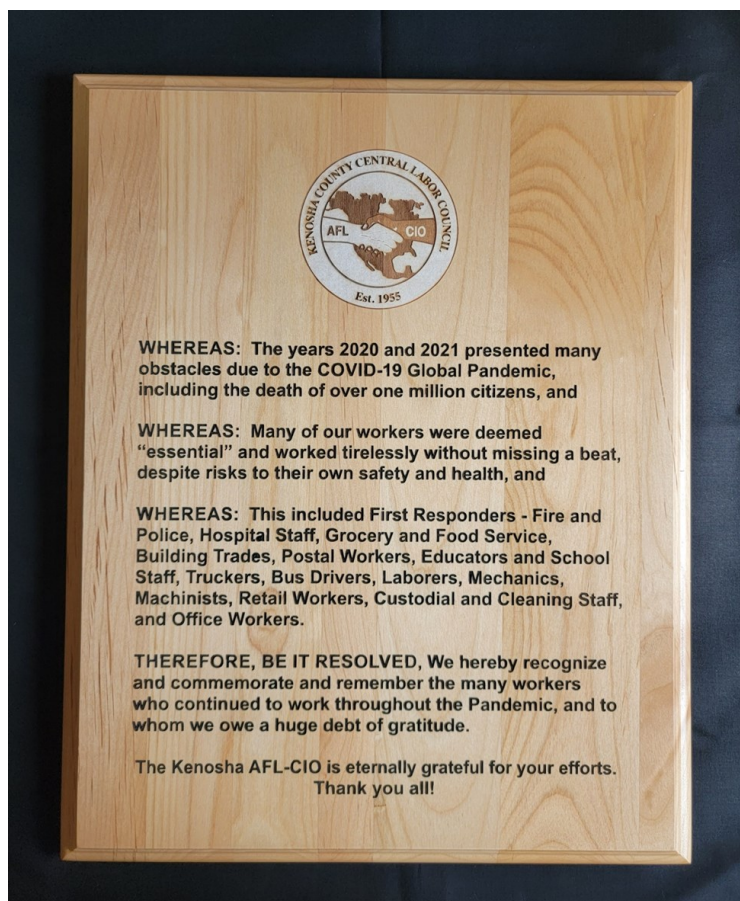
*By: Donald Aiello*

After being cancelled for the past 2 years it was good to get back to celebrating Laborfest. This year I helped man the beer tent, which was more work than actually being at work, we had a large number of thirsty people in attendance with no shortage of entertainment, activities... and politicians - it is an election year.

Betsy Ade and The Well-Know strangers took the main stage again (they performed in 2019) putting on a great show. The Kenosha Professional Police Association conducted a K-9 demonstration; although the kids were more interested in petting K-9 Officer Ace then the demonstration. The Firefighters union had their annual chili cook-off... In 2019, I was told that was the first time they ran out of chili in at least 13 years. They ran out of chili once again. The Firefighters also had Fire Safety House demonstrations. Each year the Carpenters Union has little projects for the kids to build and take home, this year they made tool boxes, which some of the parents found out could double as drink carriers. There was also a variety of foods and desserts to enjoy.

Along with the beer tent, the Kenosha AFL-CIO also had two bounce houses, games for kids, hourly door prizes with donations going to the Shalom Center and 6 "Labor Person of the Year" awards and a plaque honoring the "essential" workers who continued on through the pandemic.

The nice weather helped provide for a great day of entertainment. Laborfest is held rain or shine on Labor Day at the St. Therese Festival Grounds, 2020 91st St. in Kenosha.



# Images From LaborFest in Milwaukee



*Lodge 66 members meet with Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes*



*Lodge 66 members meet with Wisconsin AFL-CIO President Stephanie Bloomingdale*



*Group photo before the parade begins*



*A great day for Solidarity*



*On the march!*



*Laborfest was a blast after the parade*

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# 2022 Sock Drive

## WARM SOCKS FOR COLD FEET

Many of us take clean socks for granted when in fact they are the most requested item in shelters, community agencies, and schools.

**SEPTEMBER 5- OCTOBER 14**

**Drop off location:**  
Milwaukee Area Labor Council  
633 S. Hawley Rd. Suite 110

**Financial Donations:**  
Labor Community at Work  
Memo Line: Sock Drive

**NEW SOCKS ONLY  
PLEASE!**

For further information, please contact: Jay Reinke @ 414-429-5525 or [jay@milwaukeeelabor.org](mailto:jay@milwaukeeelabor.org)

\*SOCKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MPS CHILDREN AND AREA SHELTERS IN MILWAUKEE OZAUKEE, WASHINGTON AND WAUKESHA COUNTIES.



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## Kenosha AFL-CIO Candidate Meet and Greet

On Sunday, October 9th the Kenosha AFL-CIO will be hosting a Candidate Meet and Greet at The Kenosha Union Club located at 3030 39th Avenue from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Food will be provided and drinks will be available for purchase.

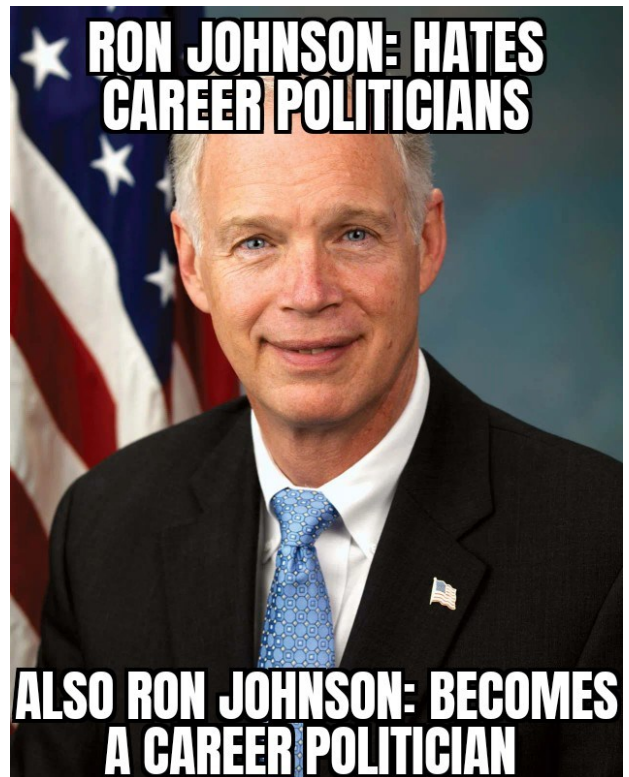
## Seniors Corner: Ron Johnson Takes Aim at Retirees

Senator Ron Johnson was recently on record discussing a number of issues facing the country, namely the labor shortage employers are experiencing across the nation, One quote in particular raised a lot of eye brows as he said “There are a number of innovative ideas I would support. Former Senator Phil Gramm (TX) came to the Senate, we were talking about our labor shortage. One of his suggestions was to coax seniors that could re-enter the workforce and don’t charge them payroll tax. They’re not paying it anyway, so if they want to get back and earn a few extra bucks, let them start working and don’t charge them payroll tax.”

While eliminating the tax would put more of their paychecks in their pockets, the biggest concern with this notion is that payroll tax helps fund Social Security and Medicare. If funding is reduced for these programs, what would workers be left with from these safety net programs?

Senator Johnson is facing an election this November 8th and is being challenged by Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes. On his twitter account, Barnes wrote “Ron Johnson’s solution to the labor shortage: send seniors back to work. Why is Ron Johnson waging a war on our seniors and the benefits they’ve worked towards their entire lives?”

As you consider who to vote for in this upcoming Senate race here in Wisconsin, please remember where these candidates stand when it comes to seniors and retiree rights.



## Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

<b>Milwaukee Area Labor Council Delegate Meeting</b> Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 PM Milwaukee Labor Temple 633 S. Hawley Rd. Milwaukee, WI	<b>District 10 Business Meeting</b> Monday, October 10th At 7 PM Satellite Meeting @ Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	<b>Lodge 66 Business Meeting</b> Tuesday, October 11th at 7 PM Local Lodge 66 1650 S. 38th Street Milwaukee, WI	<b>Deadline to submit articles for the next Badger Lodge News is October 21st</b> Submit articles by email: lodge66@gmail.com
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