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**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:** Start at 6 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday each month, at the Floorcoverers Apprenticeship and Training Center, 680 Olive St., St. Paul, MN. Food and pop are served. If you have concerns or items of interest please let this office know.

For questions on health & welfare or pension questions contact the Twin Cities Floor Covering Industry Fringe Benefit Fund Office:

**Zenith Administrators**  
**PO Box 73**  
**Minneapolis MN 55440-0073**

Office Hours  
Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
Locally 651-256-1803 Toll Free 1800-788-5885

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Some time ago we told you about the four committees that were mandated to be formed in all Local Unions. The committees are Organizing, Political, Education and Newsletter/Member Retention/Community Involvement.

We would like to hear from you about volunteer efforts you have participated in; in your schools, community and/or churches. Things like teaching classes, coaching sports, leading youth activities, caring for someone in need, etc.

Input from you is appreciated anytime. The committees meet one hour prior to the Regular Membership Meeting held the third Thursday each month.

## DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES CONTINUE

While our work situation continues to be in a slump, we want to let you know about possible sources to help you at home:

### ➤ Unemployment

Check with the Unemployment Office about Federal extensions of benefits. The following information was found on the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance website.

When you have exhausted a:

- **Regular account** – you may be eligible for either federal or state Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC).
- **Federal EUC** – you may be eligible for Federal-State Extended Benefits.
  - All eligibility requirements of regular unemployment benefits apply to extended benefits, plus there are additional work search obligations. You are required to expand your work search to jobs that may have previously been considered unsuitable for them in order to be eligible. Failure to make this adjustment in work search could result in denial of benefits.

For additional information or to apply go to [www.mnui.org](http://www.mnui.org) or call the automated phone system at: Metro 651-296-3644

Greater MN 1-877-7898-9090

➤ **North Central States Regional Council Food Shelf in St. Paul**

The Retirees group runs a food shelf at the Saint Paul Offices (710 Olive Street). The food shelf is open for members on Thursdays from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. With increased use of the food shelf, supplies are quickly dwindling we ask those who can to donate; grocery and monetary donations can be made at the Carpenters referral desk Monday - Friday during regular business hours.

➤ **United Way**

The United Way has a help line you can use. Call 2-1-1 for assistance. They may be able to help connect you to over 40,000 community resources including:

Childcare	Food	Legal Help	Youth Services
Counseling	Healthcare	Mental Health	Senior Services
Crisis Response	Housing	Transportation	

It's free & confidential. Multilingual lines available 24/7. For Russian services call 651-698-9167. Cell phone users call 651-291-0211. Toll Free 1-800-543-7709.

➤ **Fare For All Express**

Fare For All Express, a program of Emergency Food shelf Network, works with community partners to offer quality affordable grocery packages each month. Fare For All Express is partnering with 411 Main Street, St Paul, & the Minneapolis Labor Center to bring this valuable program to you. No advance payment is needed to purchase packages.

In addition to great cost-savings on food purchases, Fare For All Express is also committed to improving local communities. We encourage participants to contribute two hours of volunteer service each month. In 2007, Fare For All participants gave 145,500 hours of time volunteering. Pitch in at a local school, church or other community organization, help your neighbors, friend and relatives. Report your estimated time spent when you pick up your packages each month.

➤ **Fare For All Express (continued)**

Regular Pack                    \$17.00

The Regular Pack includes 4 or more fresh vegetable items, 2 or more fresh fruit items and 3-4 frozen meats

Vegetarian Pack            \$10.00

The Vegetarian pack contains a Generous amount of fresh fruit And vegetables, often accompanied By a dry food item such as rice, beans or pasta.

Meat Only Pack            \$12.00

The Meat Only Pack Contains 3-4 frozen meat items which may include poultry, beef, pork & fish.

Monthly Special            price varies

Fare For All Express monthly specials are another great way to get more food for less! Watch for Mega Meat Packs, Grill Packs, Holiday Packs and More! Monthly specials are subject to availability.

Payments to be made at the time of pickups. Fare For All Express accepts cash, EBT cards, credit and debit cards. Payments will be verified immediately on location.

**Labor & Professional Center – 411 Main Street, St. Paul, MN**

Tuesdays 11:00am – 1:00pm

Remaining 2009 Dates: October 20<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>

**Minneapolis Labor Center – 312 Central Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN**

Fridays 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Remaining 2009 Dates: October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, December 4<sup>th</sup>



➤ **MNBTFCU**

Minnesota Building Trades Federal Credit Union offers a number of services for members. Checking, Savings, Car Loans, Mortgage and more.

Some options available to help those facing short-term cash shortages:

- Re-negotiation of loan payment terms
- Making penalty-free loan payments from a share certificate account
- Low rate secured loans
- Assistance in repairing damaged credit
- Short-term loans to ease cash-flow worries
- Debt consolidation loans

Contact a branch near you for more information, or see their web-site at [www.mbtfcu.com](http://www.mbtfcu.com).

**Maple Grove**

12080 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave N  
 Maple Grove, MN  
 Ph. 763-315-3888

**Shoreview**

3353 Rice Street  
 Shoreview, MN  
 Ph. 651-486-9075

**Inver Grove Heights**

5300 South Robert Trail, Ste 100  
 Inver Grove Heights, MN  
 Ph. 651-455-1333

**Eden Prairie**

10340 Viking Drive, Ste 130  
 Eden Prairie, MN  
 Ph. 952-746-0990

➤ **T.E.A.M.**

Difficult times occasionally affect nearly everyone. If the impact on your personal or work life starts to become too great for you to handle T.E.A.M. consults are ready to help. This free and confidential service provides real life solutions to real life challenges. T.E.A.M. can help with:

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|----------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| Abuse / Trauma | Addictions | Anger      | Anxiety            |
| Child Care     | Depression | Elder Care | Family Counseling  |
| Finances       | Legal      | Stress     | Marital Counseling |

Members and immediate family can call TEAM 24/7 651-642-0182 or 1-800-634-7710.

**EMPLOYERS OWING TWO MONTHS OR MORE FRINGES (AS OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2009):** American Contract Flooring, B&B, MaxPro Flooring LLC, Vaughan

### **REMINDER:**

We are still receiving a few monthly dues payments at the old rates. Effective July 1, 2009 the monthly dues were increased \$1.00 for members classified as available to work. For Journeypersons and Apprentices the current rate is \$22.05 and for Material Handlers \$52.05. There was no change at that time to retired member's monthly rates. Please call the Local if you have any questions.

### **TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SLOW WORK**

Remember that when things are slow and you're not working, take advantage of your Training Center and come in and freshen up on skills you may have not used for awhile. Or if there is something you would like to practice before you tackle the Certification, call or stop in and we will be happy to work with you. If you have not completed you INSTALL Certification or the Armstrong Certification yet this is a good time to get it done so that when work picks up you won't have to lose time to do it.

### **ZENITH WEBSITE**

The Fund, together with Zenith, is excited to offer you instant access to your Health & Welfare and Pension Fund information. By utilizing the website, you will have immediate access to details and documents related to the Plans, links to helpful resources, your personal claims and contribution history and much more. By offering you an alternative to calling the Fund Office, we reduce cost and increase the efficiency in which our Funds operate. [www.zenithadmin.com](http://www.zenithadmin.com) is now available. The first screen is a welcome to Zenith Administrators website. You will need to click on the LOGIN text at the top right of the web page. The Participant Information screen will appear. This is where you will login each time you enter the site. The first time that you enter this site, you will enter your LAST NAME as your USERNAME and your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER as your PASSWORD. Once you have entered this information, please click on the LOGIN button. If this is the first time you are entering the site you will be required to change your USERNAME and PASSWORD before you are allowed to go any further. Zenith is sending all participants this information with more detail via a mailing that should be to you soon.

**UPGRADE SCHEDULE**

**October**

10/1/2009	Thursday	Stretching Woven Carpet	4:30 PM	
10/5/2009	Monday	Install Carpet Refresher	4:30 PM	Skills needed to successfully complete the INSTALL Carpet Certification
10/6/2009	Tuesday	Heat Welding w/Urethane Finishes <b>Duluth</b>	Follows Duluth Mtg	
10/8/2009	Thursday	Welding Urethane Finishes with new welding tip designed for Urethane floors	4:30 PM	
10/13/2009	Tuesday	Custom Rug	4:30 PM	Learn the basics for rug making
10/15/2009	Thursday	OSHA 10	7:00 AM	OSHA 10 Certification. We must have at least 5 participants to hold the class, Please call to reserve your spot ASAP. No class limit
10/20/2009	Tuesday	OSHA 10	7:00 AM	OSHA 10 Certification. We must have at least 5 participants to hold the class, Please call to reserve your spot ASAP. No class limit
10/24/2009	Saturday	OSHA 10	7:00 AM	OSHA 10 Certification. We must have at least 5 participants to hold the class, Please call to reserve your spot ASAP. No class limit
10/26/2009	Monday	Cutting Cap Metal w/ Die Mold Cutter	4:30 PM	
10/27/2009	Tuesday	Heat Welding w/Urethane Finishes <b>Rochester</b>	4:30 PM	Being held at the New Training Center: 6692-10 <sup>th</sup> Ave SW Rochester, MN
10/28/2009	Wednesday	Upholstered Step w/Baluster	4:30 PM	Skills needed to successfully complete the INSTALL Carpet Certification

**November**

**Please note: there will not be any upgrades for the week of November 2nd as the instructors will be attending the Wood Sand & Finish Train the Trainer class.**

11/9/2009	Monday	Armstrong Flat Lay Certification	4:30 PM	If you have taken and passed the INSTALL Resilient Cert. already this is an opportunity to come in for a 25 question, open book test to also become Armstrong Flat-lay Certified.
11/11/2009	Wednesday	Introduction to Nail & Staple Down Floors	4:30 PM	

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651/221-1304 or 651/221-1305**

Classes that are up to 4 hrs count as ONE UPGRADE    Classes that are 4-8 hrs count as TWO UPGRADES  
Classes that are more than 8 hrs count as THREE UPGRADES

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