

SWALC Newsletter

AFL-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL



Next Meeting

SWALC Monthly ZOOM
E-Board & Delegates Meeting
Monday, August 17 at 5:30PM

Join Meeting

<https://aflcio.zoom.us/j/92692475108?pwd=YnYyY0FieVJSQXIlajZFZGNLUkordz09>

Password: 739710

or call

888.844.9904 (US Toll Free)

Conference code: 543216

UPCOMING EVENTS

United Way of Southwest Alabama
Campaign Kickoff
August 26

Labor Day
September 7

National Disability Employment
Awareness Month
October

National Fire Prevention Week
October 4 - 10

World Teachers Day
October 5

Port Industry Day
October 7

Essential Workers. Essential Voters.

America's labor movement is committed to championing democracy—in the workplace and at the ballot box. As we rise to meet the challenges COVID-19 presents to our nation, we know that registering to vote will be critical to making sure working people's voices are heard and values win on Election Day.

Working people are essential voters—we must make our voices heard this fall and vote in candidates who have working people's interests at heart, up and down the ballot.

We also know that this year, the enemies of democracy will be working harder than ever to suppress our votes and our voices. They will try to make it even more difficult to vote for millions of Americans. So we'll have to work harder to make sure our votes, and the votes of all working people in this country, are counted. Registering to vote is the first crucial step in this process. Register now at <https://sos.alabama.gov/alabama-votes/voter/register-to-vote>.

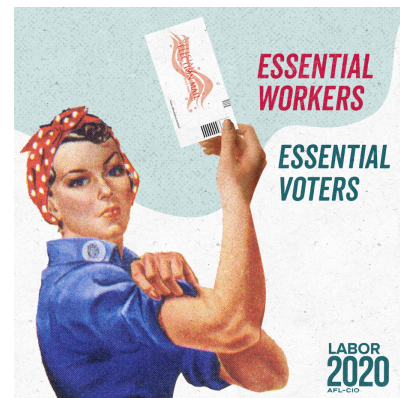
ALABAMA REGISTRATION DEADLINE - October 19, 2020

ALABAMA ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE - October 29, 2020

ALABAMA DEADLINE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS - NOVEMBER 2, 2020.

If mailing absentee ballot in, give yourself 10 days in advance to make sure it arrives by the deadline.

In addition, the AFL-CIO has created a suite of customizable graphics, including graphics on upcoming election dates, how to vote by mail, digital labor walks and other events, and endorsement graphics to use in Canva. Find templates for Canva - <https://bit.ly/2Z8q95r>. Download social media graphics - <https://bit.ly/31VzejN>



SWALC Labor Day Parade Cancelled



The safety of our affiliates, their members, and the general public is our primary concern and we feel cancelling is the safest decision at this time.

We will celebrate the 75th Annual Labor Day Parade in 2021. Mark your calendar today for September 6, 2021.

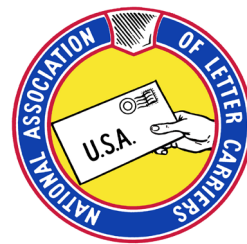
SWALC & United Way Labor Awards

Congratulations to the 2019 United Way of Southwest Alabama and SWALC Labor Award winners. This year the Red Leachman Award has been given to the National Association of Letter Carrier Branch 469, The WO Mozingo Award has been given to Frank Everett, Business Manager of the IBEW Local 505.

The UWSWA presents this award each year to the Local Union who runs an outstanding campaign and/or makes a significant impact in the labor area. The award was created in the memory of James E. "Red" Leachman, Labor Liaison on the staff of the Mobile County United Fund from 1964 until his death in May of 1979. Red was primarily responsible for building the exemplary partnership that exists between the United Way and organized labor in Southwest Alabama, a tradition of support unsurpassed anywhere in the United States.

The WO Mozingo award is presented annually by the SWALC and the United Way of Southwest Alabama (UWSWA) to recognize outstanding community service by an individual. The award was created in 1992 to honor great humanitarian and honored leader in the labor community, W.O. Mozingo.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a traditional Annual Meeting or celebration for the award winners this year. In place of an Annual Meeting, UWSWA is having virtual multi-platform broadcast event with FOX 10 sponsored by Shoe Station on Wednesday, August 26th. During this event, the UWSWA team will honor our winners for their service to the labor community.



United Way Program Spotlight: United Way 2-1-1

Since its creation in 2007, United Way's 2-1-1 Help Line has been the nation's premier referral resource for people who are seeking health and human services information. Locally, through a UWSWA partnership with Lifelines Counseling Services, trained and caring call specialists provide direct access to free and confidential referrals to safety-net services for individuals seeking assistance.

In 2019, UWSWA 2-1-1 Help Line answered 12,420 incoming calls and provided 9,416 referrals to health and human services. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2-1-1 has received more than triple the average monthly calls from people seeking rental, utility, and food assistance.



Get Connected. Get Help.™

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN KICKOFF WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Tune into Fox10 during any newscast on August 26th to watch the UWSWA 2020 Kickoff. United Way partner agencies, award winners, service area counties, programs, sponsors, and staff will be featured. There will be Facebook Live shows on United Way & Fox10's FB page. Viewers will have an opportunity for viewers to donate as well.



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LABOR COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY CANCELLED

The safety of our affiliates, their members especially their retirees, we decided that cancelling is the safest decision at this time.

We anticipate this holiday season being extremely difficult for many people in our community. The Labor Council will be doing a service project for a UWSWA partner agency. We will provide details soon. If any other affiliate is interested in doing a special project (toy drive, food drive, volunteer day, adopt a family, etc.) for a local non-for-profit organization please contact Leslie Schraeder at 251.431.0101 or lschraeder@uwswa.org. She can assist you with your planning process.