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Newsletter

AFL-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL

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Next Meeting

SWALC Monthly ZOOM
E-Board & Delegates Meeting
Monday, July 20 at 5:30PM

Click the link to join -
<https://aflcio.zoom.us/j/96422482626?pwd=Y3I6ZWFiNVVkdndF0tWNjRlUwVGVySUT09>
or call 816.423.4261
Code: 543216

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last Day to Request an
Absentee Ballot Application
July 9

Run off Election
July 14

United Way Day
August 1

Labor Day Parade
Tentative - September 7

Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch
October 17

Labor 2020 - My Vote. My Right.

With the election fast approaching, the AFL-CIO is launching a set of social media graphics around the right to vote. These graphics emphasize that all workers are essential voters and highlight the historical importance of voting rights, as well as the importance of voting by mail. In addition, the AFL-CIO 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>



United Way Day 2020

Be a part of changing lives and saving lives in Southwest Alabama when you shop, dine out, or treat yourself at one of the participating merchants on Saturday, August 1, 2020. United Way Day is a one-day fundraiser and awareness campaign for the United Way of Southwest Alabama. The donations are based on a predetermined offer designed by the vendor in agreement with the United Way of Southwest Alabama (UWSWA).

United Way Day will be held at retailers and service providers throughout Choctaw, Clarke, Mobile, and Washington Counties. Donations collected on will be used to fund 12 UWSWA internal programs and provide grants to 47 partner agencies that comprise the Community Safety-net. UWSWA staff or partner agency representatives will be on site at the vendors to provide information about the services available to the community and the importance of the Community Safety-net.

For a full list of participating vendors, visit <https://uwsa.org/unitedwayday2020/#more-20128>

SHOP. DINE OUT. TREAT YOURSELF.
CHANGE LIVES
ON UNITED WAY DAY
AUGUST 1, 2020



HAPPY JULY 4TH!

Workers First Caravan for Racial & Economic Justice

The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated our country. Tens of thousands of America's workers have died and millions more have lost jobs. Yet our nation's leaders aren't responding to this crisis with the urgency it deserves.

We need our elected leaders to implement America's Five Economic Essentials to save lives and our economy, and to pass the HEROES Act, which will be one of the most important pieces of social legislation in decades.

On June 17th, working people from across the country joined together for a national day of action. Hundreds of AFL-CIO affiliates and partners organized events as a bold response to the COVID-19 crisis and promote the America's Five Economic Essentials. SWALC hosted a virtual event and posted calls to action.

AMERICA'S FIVE ECONOMIC ESSENTIALS:

- Keep front-line workers safe and secure.
- Keep workers employed and protect earned pension checks.
- Keep state and local governments, our public schools and the U.S. Postal Service solvent and working.
- Keep America healthy—protect and expand health insurance for all workers.
- Keep America competitive—hire people to build infrastructure.



The Washington County Dental and Vision Program provides limited dental and vision care for residents of Washington County who meet specific requirements.

Dental Care

Dental services are any diagnostic, preventative, or corrective procedures administered by or under direct supervision of an approved Dental Service Provider including the treatment of teeth and the associated structures of the oral cavity, oral injury, or oral impairment that may affect the oral or general health of the individual up to \$750 per year per patient.

Vision Care

Vision services are any diagnostic, preventative, or corrective procedures administered by or under the direct supervision of an approved Vision Service Provider. Recipients are authorized for one pair of glasses each calendar year if indicated by an examination, a one-year supply of disposable contact lenses, or a one-year supply of permanent contact lenses. The program will cover up to \$300 per year for youth up to the age of 19. The program will cover up to \$450 per year for adults.

Program Requirements

- Live in Washington County full-time;
- A full-time student 19 or younger;
- A home-schooled student through Washington County Schools;
- A full-time resident of The Arc of Southwest Alabama;
- A full-time resident of the Washington County Nursing Home;
- Participant in Washington County Senior Centers;
- A Resident approved for the Medicaid Waiver Program wait list

To apply, contact: Anna Waite, Dental & Vision Coordinator at 251-847-2946 or a.clark@webek12.org or contact: Jessica Odom, The Arc of Southwest Alabama at 251-847-2970, ext. 2 or jodom@arcsofswalabama.org. Applying does not guarantee coverage. Applicants Must meet SNAP eligibility requirements to qualify.



LABOR DAY PARADE

We have yet to find out if the city will permit the 75th Annual Labor Day Parade on September 7th. We have been in touch with the department that issues parade permits weekly. We will decide at the July 20th SWALC E-Board & Delegates meeting if we need to cancel the parade or if we will be able to proceed. We will make an announcement after that meeting.

United Way Program Spotlight: Washington County Dental & Vision Program

