

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 10-17-11 (revised)

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<http://local.we-r-1.org/weareone/events/search/state/MI>

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<http://www.workinprogresswm.com/downloads/WIP58.10oct11.pdf>

What	Where	When	Further Details
U.S. Rep. Justin Amash Town Hall Meeting	Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street	Monday, Oct. 17 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.	U.S. Rep. Justin Amash will host a town hall meeting on Oct. 17 at Lowell City Hall, 301 E. Main Street, Lowell. The meeting will be from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The representative will be introduced by State Sen. Dave Hildenbrand.
NAACP Legislative Day in Lansing	On the Steps of the State Capitol in Lansing	Wednesday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.	Stop the Attack on Michigan's Families and the Working Class. Politicians are unfairly exploiting Michigan's economic crisis to attack students, seniors and working families. Join us and fight back! Let the politicians know that "We Will Take Action" and that it is time to start "Protecting Working Families" - not Big Businesses. For Additional Information Call: (313) 835-9671 or Visit Your Local NAACP Branch Office.
America Wants to Work: RALLY IN KALAMAZOO	Axtell Bridge- located at the intersection of Park St and Crosstown Parkway near downtown Kalamazoo, parking located on side streets off Park St.	Thursday, October 20 starting at 3 p.m.	Citizens, local workers, We Are The People, Michigan Citizen Action, South Central Community Action Team, Blue-Green Alliance, and other community leaders are sponsoring a Rally calling on Michigan politicians to fix our local bridges to create good construction jobs and get our economy moving. Michigan needs jobs now. Instead of pandering to the Tea Party and giving handouts to big corporations, we need our leaders to stop the power struggles and focus on creating good jobs that pay a fair wage. By investing in our crumbling local bridges, we can put Michigan back to work and get our economy moving again. If you have questions, please contact: Adam Knott 734.646.7299 adam.j.knott@gmail.com Brittany Fisk 269.599.1294 brittanyfisk09@gmail.com
TENTATIVE Infrastructure Press Conference regarding the NEED FOR JOBS	Muskegon Mona Lake Park vicinity	Thursday, October 20 at 4:30 p.m.	Further information to follow.
Linking early childhood development and economic growth at chamber breakfast	Lake House, 750 Terrace Point, Muskegon	Friday, October 21 7:30 a.m. breakfast	The link between community investment in early childhood development and economic growth will be made by a leading West Michigan economist Tim Bartik. Bartik is the senior economist for the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo. Bartik will give a look at his research into the importance of early childhood education and how it affects current economic growth and workplace development in Muskegon County. The cost of the Oct. 21 chamber breakfast is \$16 for members and \$26 for non-members. For more information and reservations contact the chamber at 722-3751, online at www.muskegon.org or email rvsp@muskegon.org .
"Occupy Detroit" Demand Democracy Now	Roosevelt Park @ The Train Station, Vernor Highway, Detroit, MI	Friday, October 21 at 12:00pm - October 31 at 2:30pm	Join the Rally on Oct. 21 at the old Train Station in Detroit. Occupy Michigan (Detroit) is planning a PEACEFUL, NONVIOLENT OCCUPATION to promote Need over Greed in Solidarity with Occupy Wall Street in NYC!

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Stop the Attacks Rally...Time for Organized Labor to Fight Back	Lake Michigan College 2755 E. Napier Avenue Benton Harbor MI 49022 Main Parking Lot (off Napier Ave)	October 22, 2011 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Guest Speaker: Don Noble, MEA Public Affairs The Michigan Governor and legislators are continuing to attack education and working families. This rally is an attempt to educate all Organized Labor members about recent laws and bills that are a direct attack on public education, working families, and an attempt to pass “right to work” legislation in Michigan. These attacks have to stop. Pulled pork sandwiches, with sides, will be sold at the VFW for \$5.00. Carry-out meals will be available. Bring a lawn chair...bring your family...join others to help If it rains....the rally will be at the VFW (across Napier from LMC). Sponsored by the Michigan Education Association
Every Woman's Place & Changes in Michigan Welfare Laws	Campbell Park in Muskegon	Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2:00 p.m.	An event to draw attention to the lifetime max of 4 years for cash assistance for those on welfare that the Michigan legislature has put in place. Also Every Woman's Place will be gathering needed items.
Death of the Middle Class March “We Are the People and this is Our Funeral”	Grand Rapids starting at the corner of Ottawa and Pearl. The march will end at Rosa Parks where there will be speakers, donuts, hot cocoa, etc.	Saturday, November 5	Because of Michigan's inability to create decent jobs, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1 Billion in cuts to k-12 education funding, • cuts to college level funding, • the new 48 month low-income assistance timeline, • the taxing of senior's pensions, • reduction of the Earned Income Tax Credit, • introduction of “Right to Work” bill, • combined with the 86% tax-cuts to corporations We now have an income-gap between the rich and the poor that has effectively killed the middle class. (US income equality is now 93rd in the world, below Egypt, India, China, Iran, etc.). A New Orleans-style funeral will be conducted. That means a brass band, tombstones, caskets, balloons, face paint, dancing, and everyone is invited! Those attending should dress for a funeral. (black, grey, silver, gold, suits, ties, etc.) Feel free to bring umbrellas, sashes, your own brass instruments, and drums. Watch these videos for inspiration. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krJW2qMv4M http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie7_j_U3M-0&feature=related http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXMI9Dj8sXc
Engage Michigan is a Fall Issues Campaign sponsored by the Michigan Democratic Party	The Lansing Center 333 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933	Saturday, November 12 from 8:00 a.m. (registration) and will conclude at 6:00p.m.	Members of the Michigan Democratic Party will come together this fall to discuss their common values, their vision for change, and their ideas for securing a brighter future for every Michigan resident. For more information go to: www.engagemichigan.com
Holiday Party co-hosted by the SW Michigan Building Trades & West MI Construction Alliance	IBEW LU 131 3641 E. Cork St. Kalamazoo, MI 49001	Monday, December 12 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.	The WMCA in partnership with the SW Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council, will again this year, host a December Holiday Party. This year we are conducting a Legislative Update with area state and federal elected leaders. As the economy and jobs are of the highest priority, having elected leaders briefly update their constituents and respond to questions would seem to be appropriate. As we are honored by having area elected leaders attend our event, we extend our upmost courtesy to them this Holiday season. Please RSVP your attendance to Ed Haynor at 616-837-8080 or email to wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com .

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<p style="text-align: center;">FOR ADDITIONAL UPCOMING MICHIGAN RALLY INFORMATION go to: http://www.facebook.com/MIrallyinfo?sk=app_4949752878</p> <p>For up-to-date news on anti labor legislation, go to: http://www.miaflcio.org/legislative-action/legislative-report.html</p> <p>If you wish to participate in a Community Action Team in your area, please click below: http://www.miaflcio.org/component/content/article/298.html</p> <p>On-Line Petition opposed to Governor Snyder's budget at: http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1141/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=3578</p> <p>Watch Highlights of the "Rebuild the Dream" at: http://www.rebuildthedream.com/launch-highlights.php</p> <p>Visit former MI House of Representative Mary Valentine's blog at: http://politicsforabetteramerica.blogspot.com. She has a very unique view of issues after having been in the legislature.</p>			