**Brothers and Sisters of Local 1440,**

**We have officially reached voting season!**

Posted on our Union web page is a list of candidates that the Contra Costa Labor Council has come up with after interviewing each person to find out how they view labor issues. This year we have two of our own Brothers running for the following positions:

**\* Mike Orland - Pittsburg school Board. \*Tony Tiscareno - Antioch city council.**

Rapid Response has been fairly quiet this year with not much information being passed down. 2020 has been a crazy year on its own so it is only fitting that political season be just as crazy. No matter what political party you follow we just ask that you get out and vote on who you feel is the best person for the job. Please read and review each any every bill that is on your ballot so you can make the best choice for you and your family.

A few weeks ago, the County office sent some reps out to review how UPI has been doing with the COVID precautions at the mill. While here they made some suggestions on how to better protect us from the spread of COVID. The safety reps have been going around to each break rooms and posting capacity signs and marking off safe distance areas along with getting patricians made up and placed in areas that are needed.

Lastly, we have be asked why two cameras have been installed on the northside of the tunnel. We were informed by the company that they were a requirement for Home Land Security.

As always, any questions comments or concerns please email me at salazar.usw1440@gmail.com

In Solidarity, Ben Salazar

**Presidents letter**

WASHINGTON, D.C. –

The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that for the month of August 2020, U.S. steel mills shipped 6,532,652 net tons, a 8.2 percent increase from the 6,035,596 net tons shipped in the previous month, July 2020, and a 22.9 percent decrease from the 8,472,088 net tons shipped in August 2019. Shipments year-to-date in 2020 are 53,786,455 net tons, a 17.0 percent decrease vs. 2019 shipments of 64,810,436 for eight months.

A comparison of August shipments to the previous month of July shows the following changes: cold rolled sheet, up 16 percent, hot dipped galvanized sheet and strip, up 9 percent and hot rolled sheet, up 6 percent.

Based on preliminary Census Bureau data, the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) reported today that the U.S. imported a total of 1,300,000 net tons (NT) of steel in August 2020, including 1,188,000 net tons (NT) of finished steel (down 51.9% and 13.9%, respectively, vs. July final data). Through the first eight months of 2020, total and finished steel imports are 16,400,000 and 11,211,000 net tons (NT), down 20.7% and 26.9%, respectively, vs. the same period in 2019. Annualized total and finished steel imports in 2020 would be 24.6 and 16.8 million NT, down 11.9% and 20.1%, respectively, vs. 2019. Finished steel import market share was an estimated 17% in August and is estimated at 19% over the first eight months of 2020.

**Steel News**



Union Meetings Are

**Nov. 12th**

677 Cumberland Street

Pittsburg, CA 94565

Phone: 925-432-7396

Mask Required, 25 people Allowed.

**October = Fire Safety Month**

**The top fire causes according to the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) are: cooking, heating, electrical, smoking and candles.**

**All of these things we have control over, some more than others. Here are some safety tips from the NFPA for activities that we all enjoy in the coming months that encompass the top fire causes to help keep us safe and fire free.**

**Top 6 Halloween Fire Safety Tips:**

1. Use a battery powered candle or glow stick in jack-o-lanterns

2. When choosing costumes, stay away from long trailing fabric

3. Teach children to stay away from open flames, including jack-o-lanterns that have candles in them

4. Dried decorations like flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily, keep them and all other decorations away from open flames or heat sources like light bulbs

5. Provide children with flashlights or glow sticks to carry and as part of their costume

6. Make sure smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

**Top 10 Thanksgiving Safety Tips:**

**1.** Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.

**2**. Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it frequently.

**3.** Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay three feet away.

**4.** Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns**.**

**5.** Keep knives out of the reach of children.

**6**. Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.

**7**. Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.

**8**. Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.

**9.** Keep the floor clear so you don’t trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.

**10**. Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

**Winter Holiday Fire Facts:**

**1**. Electrical distribution or lighting equipment was involved in more than two of every five (44%) home Christmas tree fires

**2.** Two of every five (39%) home Christmas tree fires started in the living room. Five percent were chimney or flue fires.

One-fifth (21%) of the decoration fires started in the kitchen. Sixteen percent started in the living room, family room or den.

**3.** Almost three of every five (57%) December home decoration fires were started by candles,

compared to one-third (32%) in January to November.

**Christmas Tree and Decoration Fires:**

Carefully decorating your home can help make your holidays safer. Between 2013-2017, U.S.

fire departments responded to an average of 160 home fires that started with Christmas trees per year. U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated average of 780 home structure fires per year that began with decorations, excluding Christmas trees.

By following simple safety guidelines, we can celebrate a safe and fire free holiday season. The NFPA (https://www.nfpa.org/) has great information for the family with fun activities for children to do. Have a safe and fire free holiday season!!

**Wage Safety**

## **Trick or Treat 2020 Safe and Fun,**

Whatever trick or treat looks like for you and your family this

Halloween, here are a few tips to make it safe and fun for everyone. What would Halloween be without costumes and candy? Keep these social distancing best practices in mind to keep everyone safe.

* Stay home if sick
* Trick-or-treat with people you live with
* Remain 6 feet apart from people not in your household
* Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose (even under/over your Halloween mask)
* Hand sanitize (with sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol) frequently while out, especially during key times like before eating or after coughing/sneezing
* Wash your hands as soon as you return home

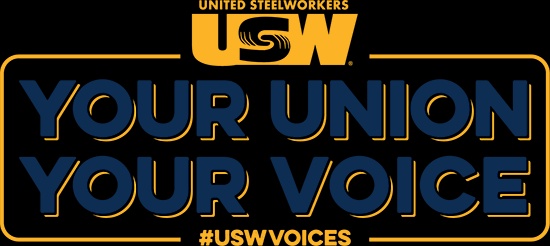
The traditional Halloween decorations might look a little bit different this year. Check out these tips to create a safe celebration setup for your neighborhood ghosts and monsters.

* Do not hand out candy if you are sick
* Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose
* Take the Safe House pledge and register as an official Halloween Safe House
* Use duct tape to mark 6-foot lines in front of your home and leading to your driveway/front door
* Position a distribution table between yourself and trick-or-treaters
* Distribute candy on a disinfected table to eliminate direct contact
* Wash hands often

If you’re like most parents, safety is always top of mind this time of year. Here are a few tricks to keep your children safe and ensure a fun time is had by all.

* Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations
* Guide children to stay on the right side of the road always to ensure distance
* Carry a flashlight at night and ensure your children are wearing reflective clothing
* Inspect candy

Surviving Covid:



**CONTRA COSTA LABOR ENDORSEMENTS 2020**

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