

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 11-14-11

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

Current Edition of the “Grand Valley Labor News,” is available at:

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

What	Where	When	Further Details
State Reps. Roy Schmidt and Brandon Dillon schedule Monday coffee sessions with citizens	Mr. Burger Restaurant, 2101 Lake Michigan Drive NW	Monday November 14 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.	GRAND RAPIDS – State Reps. Roy Schmidt and Brandon Dillon will hold four weekly joint coffee hours the month of November. The Democratic lawmakers said they will host these regular coffee hours <u>at the same locations every Monday of each month</u> to hear directly from the community, discuss issues that are important to local families and share ideas over a cup of coffee.
State Rep. Sean McCann Scheduled Office Hours	60th District Service Office, 315 S. Burdick Street, Suite 100 Kalamazoo	Monday November 14 from 11 to 12 noon.	State Rep. Sean McCann Scheduled Office Hours at his 60th District Service Office, 315 S. Burdick Street, Suite 100.
“Get on the Bridge” march	I-94 Business Loop / E. Michigan Avenue Bridge (Across the street from the Rose Park Veterans Memorial)	Thursday, Nov. 17 From 4:30 – 6 pm	Decaying bridges nationwide symbolize failure to put people back to work, protect the American Dream for the 99%. After votes by Congress to block the President’s jobs plan, and on the eve of the Super Committee’s recommendations to enact more job-killing budget cuts, Kalamazoo community members will declare an “Economic Emergency for the 99%” on Thursday, November 17 and march across the I-94 Business Loop/ E. Michigan Avenue Bridge, calling on Congress to create jobs and stop the cuts. The demonstration is part of a national day of protests at decaying bridges on November 17 against policies that have enriched the 1% and impoverished the 99%. People nationwide will gather at structurally unsound bridges and other sites in need of repair to demand that America be put back to work now. Protestors will call on Congress to create jobs, stop cuts, and make Wall Street banks pay.
State Reps. Roy Schmidt and Brandon Dillon schedule Monday coffee sessions with citizens	Fat Boy Burgers, 2450 Plainfield Ave. NE	Monday November 21 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.	GRAND RAPIDS – State Reps. Roy Schmidt and Brandon Dillon will hold four weekly joint coffee hours the month of November. The Democratic lawmakers said they will host these regular coffee hours <u>at the same locations every Monday of each month</u> to hear directly from the community, discuss issues that are important to local families and share ideas over a cup of coffee.
State Rep. Sean McCann Scheduled Office Hours	60th District Service Office, 315 S. Burdick Street, Suite 100 Kalamazoo	Monday November 21 from 11 to 12 noon.	State Rep. Sean McCann Scheduled Office Hours at his 60th District Service Office, 315 S. Burdick Street, Suite 100.
Senate Hearing on Workers Compensation	State Capitol	Tuesday, November 22 starting at 1 p.m.	The House passed a terrible attack on workers compensation recently, HB5002. The bill would slash benefits for workers injured on the job. We need to send a strong message to the Michigan Senate: politicians in Lansing need to focus on solving the jobs crisis and creating an economy that works for the 99 percent, not just a select few. November 22, there’s a hearing on HB5002 , and we need to make sure the Senators on the committee see a room full of Michiganders that support workers compensation that helps injured workers. If this bill is passed, it would slash workers comp benefits if you get hurt on the job—and it would give your employer more power to dictate where you can seek medical treatment. Sign up to attend the hearing on Thursday, November 22 at 1:00 pm. Then take action and send a message to your Senator: We Are The People Michigan has set up a page to send a letter.

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State Reps. Roy Schmidt and Brandon Dillon schedule Monday coffee sessions with citizens	Omelette Shoppe, 1880 Breton Road SE.	Monday November 28 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.	GRAND RAPIDS – State Reps. Roy Schmidt and Brandon Dillon will hold four weekly joint coffee hours the month of November. The Democratic lawmakers said they will host these regular coffee hours <u>at the same locations every Monday of each month</u> to hear directly from the community, discuss issues that are important to local families and share ideas over a cup of coffee.
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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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http://www.facebook.com/MIrallyinfo?sk=app_4949752878

For up-to-date news on anti labor legislation, go to: <http://www.miaflcio.org/legislative-action/legislative-report.html>

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>

On-Line Petition opposed to Governor Snyder's budget at:

http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1141/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=3578

Watch Highlights of the "Rebuild the Dream" at:

<http://www.rebuildthedream.com/launch-highlights.php>

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.