

Alaska TEAMSTERS



Local 959 Newsletter

April 2026

A Message from Gary Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer

Recently, there has been a lot of talk about a potential Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Pipeline here in Alaska. Have you heard of this before? About a year ago, I was going through some old boxes here at the Anchorage Hall, and I ran across an article by Jesse Carr talking about a natural gas pipeline. It was the next pipeline coming to Alaska. This article was published soon after the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) was finished. It was an interesting read, for sure. And since those days, this topic has come up a time or two with the same results: no project. Most of the reasoning behind those results was the economic viability.

A little history of how the TAPS came to be:

If you remember, in the early 1970s, the country was in an Arab oil embargo that drove up energy prices. So, the United States Congress passed the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act to reduce the reliance on foreign oil. It took an economic problem for this country to make this project come to life. And to all the political and Trivial Pursuit nerds out there, yes, Spiro Agnew cast the deciding vote to approve of this project.

Now, why are we seeing all this activity for a gas pipeline project? Well, for the first time, a recent viability study for an Alaska LNG pipeline project conducted by Glenfarne Group showed the project could pencil out economically. Since those positive results, Glenfarne has begun seeking preliminary agreements so that contracts are in place if the project moves forward. However, these agreements remain contingent on securing committed buyers.

A little information on the difference between oil & gas:

Unlike oil, natural gas projects depend heavily on long-term purchase contracts before construction begins. This is because natural gas is significantly more difficult and costly to store and transport. Gas must either move continuously through a pipeline or be converted into LNG, which requires expensive infrastructure and specialized shipping. As a result, investors and developers typically require guaranteed buyers in advance to reduce financial risk.

Oil, on the other hand, is traded on a global market and is far easier to store and transport. It can be held in tanks, shipped by tanker, rail, or pipeline, and sold to a wide range of buyers at any given time. This flexibility makes oil projects less dependent on long-term contracts and allows producers to respond more quickly to market demand. These differences are why natural gas developments like the Alaska LNG pipeline must secure firm commitments before moving forward, while oil projects often have more immediate market options.

I've heard some say the legislature doesn't want the project to happen. In reality, they're asking the questions they should be asking, questions that haven't been freely provided by Glenfarne. Clarity is needed to understand the costs and where the funding will come from, which is standard for a project of this magnitude.

We have been at the negotiation table for this project, as one of the four Alaska pipeline unions, alongside all our International partners. Negotiations include the National Pipeline Contractors Association, Glenfarne (the project's 75% owner), and the State of Alaska, through the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (which holds the remaining 25% share). Part of these discussions involves educating others at the table on what working in Alaska truly entails, including the challenges of the elements and remote conditions, drawing on the Alaska unions' field experience. The project is currently projected to take three to five years to complete. Glenfarne has divided the work into phases, which we are negotiating, while the building trades are also addressing additional phases of the project.

In my opinion, the key factor for this project to become a reality is securing a long-term buyer for Alaska's LNG. Until that happens, the activity you are hearing about and potentially seeing remains conditional. I hope a long-term buyer is found. Southcentral Alaska and communities along the proposed pipeline corridor would welcome the opportunity, as it could provide long-term stability for natural gas in these regions.

~ Gary Dixon



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TEAMSTERS CONNECTED



Durham School Bus Drivers Hold The Picket Line

Teamsters in Wasilla are showing incredible strength and resolve as Durham School Bus drivers stand together on strike. It takes real courage to step forward and fight for what matters most: safe working conditions, safe equipment, and ultimately the safety of the children and communities they serve every day. This is not just about a contract; it's about ensuring that the buses carrying our kids are operated under conditions that prioritize care, accountability, and protection.

These striking members are not only strong but also kind, dedicated people who show up for students with patience, compassion, and a genuine commitment to their well-being. They are exactly the kind of individuals you want caring for and protecting your children each morning and afternoon. Their willingness to stand up now reflects how deeply they care not only about their own working conditions but also about doing their jobs safely and responsibly for the families who trust them. These members are standing shoulder to shoulder, demonstrating the power of unity and the deep commitment they have to their work and to the families who rely on them. Their fight is rooted in a shared community concern: when drivers have the support and resources they need, our children are safer.

Now more than ever, solidarity matters. A union is only as strong as its members and the community that stands beside them. Showing support, whether through words of encouragement, honoring the picket line, or spreading awareness, helps lift these workers and reinforces the message that safe buses and safe kids are priorities we all share.

Follow the Teamsters Connected page on our website at www.akteamsters.com for updates.



WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Teamsters Local 959 works closely with the Fairbanks Central Labor Council, collaborating on community-focused, union-led initiatives such as the annual Labor Day Parade and charitable efforts like supporting the Fairbanks Community Food Bank.

Last November, four and a half pallets of turkeys were donated to the Fairbanks Community Food Bank. These donations came from the Fairbanks Central Labor Council, Fairbanks Building Trades, and numerous local labor unions, including Local 959.



Fairbanks Business Representative, Jeremy Holan, helped deliver 2 pallets of donated turkeys to the Fairbanks Community Food Bank.

You can contribute to the Fairbanks community by volunteering with local organizations like the Fairbanks Community Food Bank, Fairbanks Rescue Mission, or Animal Shelter. Other ways include donating to local youth sports, supporting arts groups such as the Fairbanks Drama Association, and participating in environmental efforts with Green Star of Interior Alaska ♡

POLITICAL REPORT

2026 Statewide Teamster Endorsements

Senator Dan Sullivan: Teamsters Local 959 endorsed Senator Dan Sullivan for the second time in a row to maintain his seat in the U.S. Senate. Senator Sullivan has a proven track record of working across the aisle on labor issues that benefit working families of Alaska. Senator Sullivan has brought jobs back for the work on the oil fields, road upgrades, and funding for the Port of Alaska. We are proud to support Senator Dan Sullivan for U.S. Senate.



Click Bishop for Governor: Teamsters Local 959 proudly endorsed Click Bishop in his run for Governor of the state of Alaska. Click has worked as Commissioner of Labor and as a State Senator from Fairbanks. Click has prioritized apprenticeship utilization, project labor agreements, and strengthening Alaska's workforce. Click is dedicated to bringing the long-talked-about large-scale projects to reality and building Alaska's future.



BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

UPDATES—STATEWIDE

~David Nichols, Business Representative (Anchorage)~

At Teamsters Local 959, the work of the Union remains simple but demanding: agreements must be honored, and rights must be defended. A contract is more than language negotiated across a table; it survives only through enforcement. Enforcement is how dignity becomes real in the workplace. This year has included continued enforcement at **United Parcel Service** under Article 37NMA, the Dignity and Respect provision, ensuring members are treated fairly and protected from conditions that undermine both the spirit of the agreement and the dignity of the people who perform the work, including excessive overtime. It has also meant confronting the Company's recent buyout proposal, where Local 959 made clear that changes affecting bargaining unit members cannot bypass the bargaining process. When companies attempt to move around the table, the Union brings them back to it. Because the contract only lives when it is enforced.

Yet, every agreement ultimately rests on something deeper than the words printed inside it. It rests on the shared understanding among working people that fairness is rarely given and must be protected together. Workers build the industries that sustain our communities. In telecommunications, **AT&T Alaska** chose not to renew its contract with the Alaska Pipeline, which created uncertainty. But through continued engagement, layoffs were kept to a minimum, and every member who wished to remain working at AT&T was afforded that opportunity. Because the strength of an industry is the workers who keep it running.

For that reason, Local 959 will continue doing what unions have always done when the moment demands it: enforce the agreement and protect the membership. Solidarity is how agreements endure over time. That commitment was also reflected in the Protected Sick Leave Letter of Understanding signed with **ARCTEC Alaska**, ensuring compliance with Alaska's protected sick leave law and affirming members' rights under state law. Industries change, and companies reorganize, but the principle does not. When working people refuse to stand alone, the contract becomes more than paper. It becomes a promise guarded by solidarity and the understanding that none of us move forward unless we move forward together.

There are moments in every generation when working people are asked to remember who they are and who they stand beside. In those moments, solidarity is not a slogan. It is a decision.

In Solidarity,
David Nichols

~Thor Brown, Business Representative (Anchorage)~

Although most of my work rolls on wheels, I have a few contracts that don't. The Facility Services Management, Inc. (FSI) maintenance group for the Hospital on JBER is one of those bargaining units. This past fall, the two shop stewards, Kyle and David, along with the full backing and support of the bargaining unit, negotiated their current contract with the employer.

This is a real-world example of what can happen when you have a very skilled group of Teamsters and an employer that recognizes them. The result of our collective bargaining was a contract that reflected respect for the employees and their dedication to the critical work they do. To their credit, the FSI management team worked with us, listened to us, and did their best to make this contract happen.

Now the Teamsters at FSI can get back to work, making sure the hospital on JBER is ready to take care of our nation's warriors.

In the front row with the Teamster hat on and the big smile, you'll see the recently retired John Harrington.

Congratulations, John, and great work to the men and women at FSI!



BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (CONT.)

UPDATES—STATEWIDE

~Antwon Dungey, Business Representative (Anchorage)~

Winter 2026 has moved quickly as work continues to mobilize across the North Slope oilfields. Teamster members have faced difficult conditions, including travel to remote worksites, high winds, and deep winter snowstorms while completing deliveries and job responsibilities. Contractors continue to have a strong demand for skilled workers, and training remains important as Alaska prepares for several large, long-term projects expected to begin this spring.

In Anchorage, the Anchorage Sand and Gravel Teamsters have remained busy delivering concrete and related materials to projects throughout the Municipality. Work at Block 49 and the Alaska Native Medical Center has continued steadily through the winter and into the spring of 2026. AGGPRO Anchorage Teamsters are preparing to begin material hauling in May, supporting contractors and private customers on upcoming concrete projects.

Activity along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline has been slower in some areas this winter compared to previous years. During this time, many members have supported winter snow removal operations and crew transportation. Vessel training and additional projects are expected to begin receiving funding as spring approaches, while Ahtna Construction prepares to start maintenance “dig” projects along the pipeline. Teamster Baseline crews, project teams, and Oil Spill Response personnel continue to perform critical work to maintain safe pipeline operations.

The Associated General Contractors agreement has been renewed for another three-year term, including reasonable increases to wages and benefits, providing stability for members and reinforcing the value of union labor. Many signatory contractors have been awarded projects statewide, including work at the Port of Alaska, municipal projects in Anchorage, and road construction along the Alaska Highway system. Members are encouraged to contact Dispatch to register or update their construction cards in preparation for the busy summer season, as additional projects continue to be awarded across Alaska.



~Yolandous Williams, Business Representative (Anchorage)~

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE As we come to the close of another season, I want to thank the UPS team Statewide for another quality effort during peak season. The rebid for full-time 22.3 employees was completed, and the new shifts took effect on April 4, 2026. Our ability to work safely in all the jobs that we cover speaks to the quality of the members that we have.

We are at the halfway point of our five-year National agreement, and as we prepare to look forward to the next National negotiations, we will be asking members to give us their thoughts on what we would like to see in the new contract package.

Our well wishes go out to Ms. Vesta Spencer, who has officially retired after 30+ years of service. Godspeed.

REPUBLIC PARKING Thank you for being the amazing group that you are, strong and steady each day. As we move into the spring and the roads dry up, we continue to be aware of our surroundings as the tourist season begins and the volume of work at the airport increases. Quality customer service is the key.

MV TRANSPORTATION Moving into the spring and summer season, getting our seniors and clients with special needs around the city as the snow melts, let's make sure we are paying attention to the road conditions on our back streets and residential areas where we drive. I want to thank the CSRs, Dispatch, and Mechanics who support our Drivers in moving our clients around the city. Safety is our number one goal.



BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (CONT.)

UPDATES—STATEWIDE

~James Proudfoot, Business Representative (Fairbanks)~

As a new Local 959 Business Representative, I've spent the past few months focused on my training and getting out into the field to better understand the units I represent. I've been making regular site visits, meeting members, and learning the day-to-day issues they face on the job.

I've also been assisting members with workplace concerns and grievances as they arise, making sure their voices are heard and their contract rights are protected.

I look forward to continuing to build relationships with our members and supporting them in the workplace.

Fraternally,
James Proudfoot

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONSTRUCTION CARDS / OUT-OF-WORK LIST




As the Winter North Slope season comes to a close, please remember to stop by and speak with the dispatchers to ensure all your paperwork is complete so you can obtain a construction card and be placed on the out-of-work list. If you are returning home from the North Slope, you will also need to check in with the dispatch department to receive your construction card and be added back to the out-of-work list.


SUMMER CONSTRUCTION / REMOTE LIST

Summer construction work will be here before we know it. If you are interested in working in the construction industry this summer, you must have a current construction card and be up to date on your dues to bid on any summer construction work. If you are not on the Remote List, you will need to be present for Open Call. Open Calls are held at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Fairbanks Dispatch Hall, and at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Anchorage Dispatch Hall.




NON-CONSTRUCTION JOB BOARD

If you are looking for non-construction work, please visit our job board at WWW.AKTEAMSTERS.COM/JOB-BOARD. We offer a wide range of opportunities throughout the state of Alaska. If you are interested in any of the positions or have questions, feel free to contact Hannah Maillelle, the Fairbanks Dispatcher, at 907-450-6123, or Devin Campbell, the Anchorage Lead Dispatcher, at 907-751-8568.

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WHAT IS A SHOP STEWARD

Shop Stewards play a vital role in the representation of our members. A successful Shop Steward must possess several traits, including leadership abilities, good communication skills, and the ability to put aside their own opinions to represent all Teamsters Local 959 represented members professionally and objectively.

A Bargaining Unit's Shop Steward is the go-to Union Representative on the job site. They have several responsibilities from contract enforcement & assisting in grievance procedures, to keeping members informed & motivated about their Union.

A Shop Steward:

- ◆ is familiar with your contract and can answer general questions;
- ◆ assists new employees in joining the Union and are knowledgeable about the benefits of being a member;
- ◆ is familiar with the grievance procedure and can direct you through the proper steps;
- ◆ is available to help you identify violations of the contract and can assist you in referencing sections of the contract;
- ◆ acts as a liaison between employees and the Union;
- ◆ understands problems and challenges facing your department/company and relays information to the Union;
- ◆ participates in contract negotiations;
- ◆ attends Union meetings and stays current and up to date on Union-wide updates & labor issues.

If you are interested in becoming a Shop Steward or would like to recommend someone for the role, please reach out to your Business Representative.

NORTH SLOPE



There's Tough, and then there's North Slope Teamster-Tough

~Jenne Kriner, Executive Assistant~

Alaska Teamsters working on the North Slope don't just show up; they power through some of the harshest conditions on earth! From subzero temperatures and relentless winds to months of darkness and blowing snow, these men and women keep Alaska moving when most of the world would shut down.

Long shifts, often 12 hours or more, are the norm. Weeks away from home mean missing birthdays, school events, and everyday moments with family; sacrifices made to keep critical operations running. It's not just a job; it's a commitment to their families, their coworkers, and the state of Alaska.

But in those extreme conditions, something powerful forms: a tight-knit community. On the Slope, coworkers become family. They look out for each other, share meals, swap stories, and stand shoulder-to-shoulder through the toughest days. That bond, forged in ice, wind, and hard work, is what makes Alaska Teamsters truly badass.

Through every storm, every long hitch, and every mile of frozen tundra, North Slope Teamsters prove what resilience really looks like. Their grit, dedication, Sisterhood, and Brotherhood embody the very best of Alaska labor. *Way to be North Slope Teamster-Tough!*



MEMBERS AROUND



MEMBERS ABOUT (CONT.)



ALASKA TEAMSTER-EMPLOYER SERVICE TRAINING TRUST

HONORING 30 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

John Lovdahl Retires from ATESTT and CEE

After three decades of service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the members of Teamsters Local 959, John Lovdahl retired on January 30, 2026. His career with the Alaska Teamster-Employer Service Training Trust (ATESTT) and Center for Employment Education (CEE) have shaped the training landscape for Teamster members across Alaska and strengthened the foundation of our training mission.



John began his journey with ATESTT in 1996 as an instructor. From the start, he brought a rare combination of technical expertise, patience, and genuine care for the success of every student who walked through the door. His ability to connect with members and elevate their skills quickly made him a trusted mentor and colleague.

Not long after joining the team, John stepped into the role of Shop Foreman, where he continued to raise the bar for training quality and operational excellence. His leadership style, steady, thoughtful, and grounded in the values of hard work and respect, set the tone for the shop and helped shape the culture that exists today.

In 2016, John was promoted to Executive Director of ATESTT and President of CEE, a role in which he made some of his most lasting contributions. Under his leadership, ATESTT expanded and modernized its instructor development programs, strengthened the relevance and rigor of its training offerings, and deepened its service to the Teamster membership. Behind the scenes, John's IT skills kept ATESTT's training systems running smoothly and ensured our programs stayed modern and effective as

technology advanced. He also played a key role in building an active, engaged board of directors and enhancing the fiscal solvency of the organization, ensuring that ATESTT and CEE remain strong, stable, and member-focused for years to come.

His colleagues describe him as a leader who sets the tone not just through decisions, but through action. As David Lipps shared: "John is the best Director ATESTT has had in my nearly 30 years here. He led with competence, understanding, patience, and by example. He could handle any vehicle and was always willing to mentor both new and seasoned instructors. John worked exceptionally well with industry leaders, training experts, and our partners at the DMV as compliance requirements continued to evolve. He was never too busy to throw on coveralls and help troubleshoot or repair a vehicle. He set the standard for all of us—leading by example and showing the level of excellence he expected from others."

Beyond his professional accomplishments, John is known for the passions that have always kept him connected to his community. A lifelong hockey enthusiast, he continues to play in men's recreation leagues and organizes the annual Dimond High Alumni Hockey Tournament, a tradition that brings players and families together year after year. In the summer months, you can often find him traveling around Alaska helping with his wife Trina's Dip n' Dots business, greeting customers with the same warmth and humor he brings to every part of his life. These days, nothing brings him more joy than time spent with his grandkids, and retirement promises even more of those moments.

John's legacy is one of dedication, integrity, and a deep belief in the power of training to change lives. His work left a lasting impact on the transportation and safety training programs that prepare Teamster members for long, successful careers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and wish him all the best in this next chapter.



To celebrate John's remarkable career, members and friends joined at the ATESTT truck shop at 8645 Dimond D Circle on Friday, January 30. We shared stories, memories, and well wishes as we honored John on his last day.

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TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELFARE AND PENSION FUNDS



It's possible to reverse type 2 diabetes and lose weight naturally.

The Health and Welfare Plan has partnered with Virta! Virta is a virtual clinic that helps members eat their way to better health with care plans tailored to you with support from healthcare clinicians, coaches, and digital health tools. Virta helps members reverse* type 2 diabetes and prediabetes.

The Health and Welfare Plan fully covers the cost of Virta for you and your eligible family members with type 2 diabetes or prediabetes.

Virta is your guided nutrition program – available at **\$0 cost to you**. Personalized to your lifestyle and health goals, Virta uses nutrition science to build customer plans that help you sustainably lose weight and manage your diabetes.



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**Reversal on Virta is defined by reaching HbA1c below 6.5% without the use of diabetes medications beyond metformin. Diabetes and related issues can return if lifestyle changes are not maintained.*



Make it easier by taking advantage of the new **BeneSys Now** mobile app. The mobile app is designed for easy access to your Health and Pension Plan info! Download the free “**BeneSys Now**” mobile app from your Apple or Google Play Store!

Features include:

- ✓ Biometric login using facial recognition or fingerprint.
- ✓ User-friendly menu for easy navigation.
- ✓ Secure messaging.
- ✓ Download frequently requested forms and documents.
- ✓ Access to key documents.

Eligibility & Medical ID Cards:

- ◆ View dependent enrollment information.
- ◆ Check current Eligibility status, as well as one year of history.
- ◆ Access to an electronic Medical ID card.

Contributions:

- ◆ View your last 12 months of contributions.

Claims Information:

- ◆ Track your family's annual deductibles.
- ◆ Individual accumulator information for each family member.
- ◆ Access 12 months of Explanation of Benefits (EOB).
- ◆ Twelve (12) months of claims history and payment status.



Make it easier by taking advantage of the online services. Register at www.959trusts.com and click on the “Member Portal” link.

Registration is Easy!

1. From your computer or mobile device, go to www.959trusts.com.
2. As a new user, select the “Member Portal” link.
3. Select “Create an Account.”
4. Enter your name, date of birth, SSN or Alternate ID, and zip code.
5. Make sure what you enter matches our records!
6. Provide your email address and create a password.

What You Will Find:

- ✓ Eligibility, including future eligibility.
- ✓ Dependent information.
- ✓ Your Dollar Bank Reserve Account information.
- ✓ Claims history & Explanation of Benefits (EOB).
- ✓ Work history and pension contributions.
- ✓ Pension vesting and benefit information.
- ✓ Summary Plan Description (SPD).
- ✓ Forms.

Please note: Only one username and password are permitted per email address. If more than one person in your family requires website access, each must use a different email address.

Every member, spouse, and dependent over the age of 18 must create their own login to access their Protected Health Information (PHI).

Questions? Use the “Contact Us” section of the website.

Pensioner Portal

Retirees receiving a pension have access to their accounts with the Pensioner Portal. U.S. Bank offers an online pensioner portal for retirees to access information such as:

- ◆ Current and historical payment information
- ◆ Viewing and editing the destination of your payment, including address and direct deposit information
- ◆ Viewing and editing federal and state tax withholding elections
- ◆ View and print tax forms produced by U.S. Bank
- ◆ Print forms to update your address, direct deposit, and federal or state tax withholding

Contact the Health & Welfare and Pension Offices at 1-800-478-4450

LOCAL 959 EVENTS

42nd Annual Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament

📅 Friday, July 10, 2026, Anchorage Golf Course 📅

The Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament is celebrating 42 years of supporting Alaska charities! With continued support from community partners, Teamsters Local 959 proudly continues to host one of Alaska's premier charity golf events.

Every year, the proceeds from our tournament benefit a wide range of organizations, including Assets, Inc., Katie's Handprint, AWAIC Shelter, Clare House, STAR Alaska, Covenant House, Alaska Children's Trust, The Scotty Gomez Foundation, Special Olympics Alaska, Children's Lunchbox, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Alaska, among many others. As new challenges arise each year, your support makes a meaningful difference.

We humbly invite you to join us at the Anchorage Golf Course for a 7:00 a.m. shotgun start on Friday, July 10, 2026. Enjoy a day of golf, prizes, raffle opportunities, and great camaraderie. For questions or registration assistance, contact Event Coordinator Jennē Kriner at (907) 751-8542 or jkriner@akteamsters.com.



~ SAVE THE DATES ~

📅 May 2026, Anchorage Teamsters Local 959 Clean-Up Day, date & time to be announced

Teamsters Local 959 participates in the Adopt-A-Road program and has proudly kept East 34th Avenue by the Anchorage Hall clean during the snow-free months for years. Our annual clean-up typically takes place in early to mid-May, aligning with the Anchorage Chamber's Citywide Clean-Up, depending on snow melt. The exact date hasn't been set yet, so stay tuned to our website and social media for the announcement! 🧹🧻

📅 June 13, 2026, Anchorage Membership Family Summer BBQ, time & location to be announced

Our summer shindig continues to be a hit with food, bounce houses, a Splash Zone, and more! Invitations will be mailed in May, so keep an eye out for yours. 🍷🍻

📅 July 10, 2026, Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament, Anchorage Golf Course, 7 AM Shotgun Start

42 years of helping Alaska charities is something to be proud of. We are honored to continue to host this event every year in honor of our first Secretary-Treasurer, Jesse L. Carr.

📅 August 2026, Fairbanks Membership Family Picnic, date, time, & location to be announced

Fairbanks' 30+ year family picnic is a long-standing tradition for members in Fairbanks and the surrounding areas. Don't miss this year's celebration of SOLIDARITY! Check our events page on our website for updates 📅

📅 September 7, 2026, Fairbanks Labor Day Parade, time & location to be announced

We celebrate the American labor movement and the power of collective action by the workers who keep our society running. More details on this annual event will be shared on our website and social media as the date approaches. 🇺🇸



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CELEBRATING RETIREES

Congratulations to the following Members for their years of service and on a retirement well-deserved!

OCTOBER 2025

Mark W Bowden	Aleut O&M Services, LLC
Philip A Fonteyn	ARCTEC Alaska
Kevin L Gilliland	HC Contractors, LLC
Bradford M Imboden	AT&T Alaska
David C Valenzuela	ARCTEC Alaska
James A Heitzig	Lynden Transport, Inc.
Robin A Knudsen	Anchorage School District

NOVEMBER 2025

Robert L Moore	World Technical Svcs, Inc.
Tamara Thompson	Doyon/Aramark Denali
Albert F Rivera	Interstate Brands
Heath P Smith	United Parcel Service, Inc.
Jerry E Conlon	AT&T Alaska
Angela F Miller	Matson Navigation Co.

DECEMBER 2025

Roy M Hampton	AT&T Alaska
Yoland F Alcaide	Six Mile NIKA JV, LLC

JANUARY 2026

Ronald W Burns	Sourdough Fuel Svcs
David F Crosby	ARCTEC Alaska
Wendy S Nielsen	Quality Asphalt Paving, Inc.
Frank L Veith Jr	AT&T Alaska

Raymond A Waters
 Ronald L Mach
 John J Jones Jr
 Gregory C Mills

Lynden Transport, Inc.
 United Parcel Service, Inc.
 United Parcel Service, Inc.
 Doyon/Aramark Denali

FEBRUARY 2026

Ralph L Moore
 Richard A Nunes
 Sheryl A Paxton
 William L Savary
 Russell A Stewart
 William K Watkins
 David B Allen
 John M Huffman
 Steven L Cornwall
 Sharon L Sorensen

World Technical Svcs, Inc.
 Weaver Bros, Inc.
 Doyon/Aramark Denali
 Elmendorf Support Svcs
 Kodiak Support Svcs
 Doyon/Aramark Denali
 Matson Navigation Co.
 Arctic Slope Telephone Assoc.
 Great Northwest
 Alaska Teamster-Employer Service Training Trust

MARCH 2026

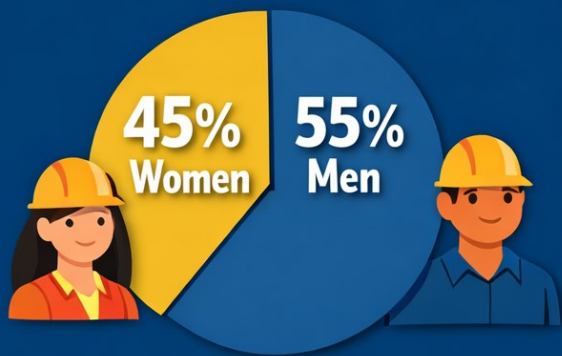
Steven J Armstrong

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Annette M Guenther
 Richard D Hoy
 Robert A Henry
 Steve Miranda
 Rory N Parrish
 Kevin Town
 Gregory A Thompson
 Jerome Mallory
 Gene E LeQuire

United Parcel Service, Inc.
 ASRC Houston
 AILU#1—Longshore
 AILU#1—Longshore
 Kiewit Infrastructure West
 AILU#1—Longshore
 Big Dreams Transport
 AT&T Alaska
 Houston Contracting

Today's Labor Union Workers



40% Public Sector

Teachers, Nurses,
 Public Employees



33% Age 35 & Under



Younger Workers

28% Blue Collar



Trades & Manufacturing



CELEBRATING MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following individuals who have achieved so many years of continuous dues-paying membership with Local 959!

OCTOBER 2025

Kristine Bollinger	10
Rubenjay Mendoza	10
Geraldine Tacaca	10
Roger Iversen	10
Gorman Flatt	15
Hortense Tookes	15
Don Williams	15
Thomas Deugaw	15
Travis Wright	15
Tammy Lanni	15
Fabrette Campbell	20
Greg Belden	25
Richard Axtell	25
Robert Martinez	25
Derek Musto	25
Thomas Haltli	30
Jeffrey Brush	35
Norman Blair	35
Basil Padilla	45
Thomas Jackson	45
Frank Veith	45
✧ James Burzinski	50 ✧
✧ Gary Handrich	50 ✧
✧ Tammy Maggard	50 ✧

NOVEMBER 2025

Torrence Taggart	10
Mathew Hartt	10
Christopher Nickel	10
Richard Hoy	10
Ivan Rinck	15
Randolph Galvez	15
Alexander Mattielli	15

Imelda Labio	20
Nicolette Hernandez	20
Cody Machuga	20
Jessica Mikhail	20
John Fisk	20
Michael Peterson	30
Randall Gochanour	35
✧ Gil Carlton, Jr	50 ✧
✧ Robert Magnusen	50 ✧
✧ Bobbie Mcdow	50 ✧
✧ Kermit "Rusty" Wright, Jr	50 ✧
✧ Steve Willford	50 ✧
✧ Frances Rush	60 ✧

DECEMBER 2026

Rurik Kjeldsen	10
Kamuta Taomi	10
Kristi Houle	10
Billy Mast	10
Shawn Olsen	10
Jonathan Sholl	10
Darin Ward	10
Kharan Sylva	10
Jesse Jens	15
Greta Mahowald	15
Carlos Diaz	15
Anely Duldulao	20
Neil Siefner	20
Freddie Smith	20
Patrick Ihde	35
Michael Graham	35
Lyle Stratton	40

JANUARY 2026

Billy Juhlin	10
Tammy Martinez	10
Hun Oloi	10
Terrie Sanguinetti	15
Kristopher Andre-Sam	15
Elis Martinez	15
Michele Newell-Reekie	15

Tor-Lavaine Rouzan	15
Yia Thao	15
Crystal Downs	25
Michael Balfe	30
Jerry Dosier	35
Chris Martinchick	35
Kenneth Lewis	45
✧ Frederick Johns	50 ✧

FEBRUARY 2026

Rock Dale	10
Elsie Marie Stiner	10
Katie Marden	10
Steven Dinkins	10
Cynthia Nelson	20
Scott Evanchuck	20
David Myers	20
Bart Rippey	25
Michael Patterson	25
Brent Heisler	25
Walter Stanton	30
Mark Spohn	45
Alfonso Palma	45

MARCH 2026

Saitia Suemai	10
Luke Frison	10
Kellen Davenport	10
Kristin Shover	10
Andrew Bennett	15
Eric Gadow	15
Fluturije Rifati	15
Ellen Ramsey	15
Julio Aragon	15
Christi Harris	15
Barbara Wood	15
Jacob Urban	15
Michelle Matthews	15
Travis Voetmann	20
Jason Wirkus	25
Bobby Brown	25
John Marton	30

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Richard Hansen	Wien Air
David W Cole	Anchorage Sand & Gravel
Delbert Berg	K&L Distributors
Robert R Brown, III	Granite Construction dba Wilder
Michael P Bland	AT&T Alaska
Alice Stegall	AT&T Alaska
Kevin L Guthrie	AT&T Alaska
Frederick Johnson	Alascom PTI
Bonnie J Alston Jr	AT&T Alaska
Billy J Reed	Mammoth of Alaska, Inc.
Bernard J Huff	Alascom PTI
Dennis A O'Connor	Martin Marietta Operation
Roy B Nuttall	AT&T Alaska
Jesse Blurton	PMC/Frontec
James R Dietz	H & H Contractors, Inc.
Don J Carey	Wien Air AK/Payroll
Herbert D Hoover	Bendix Field Engr. Corp.
Toby Evers	A.I.C., LLC
Francisco M Javier	Anchorage School District
Gretchen Slater	CSX Lines
Carson L Corrigan	Alaska Truck Transport
Gloria Venters	United Parcel Service, Inc.
Howard Dash	Sea Star Stevedore, Inc.
Dan T Hamman	Norcon, Inc.
Leslie C Kofoid	Matanuska Maid
James P Frankford	Anchorage Sand & Gravel

NOVEMBER 2026

Gary Fischer	Wilder Construction
Gerald J Campbell	Transport Leasing
Imo Jean Hughes	Alascom PTI
Harvey K Eades	Kodiak Oilfield Haulers
Susan K Wyrick-Harding	Anchorage School District
Bruce E Schultz	Lynden Transport, Inc.
Lester P McDowell	Anchorage School District
Ronald Pretzel	Weaver Bros, Inc.

Jason Witt

Karsten Olsen
George M Kimball Jr
Larry Sohlman
Richard C. Sant

Errol McElroy
Leonard Urevich
Leonard G Sanders
Gary E Sanford
John H Lee Morrison

James R. Simmons
ANTON PEDERSEN
Robert N Hill
Frederick Dwight
William Burton
Arsenio Macalintal
Beatrice Campbell
Robert N Stafford
Kenneth E Johnson
Robert B Hemenway
Hanes Hall
Keith T Soukkala
Kirk H Winter

Michael Fink
Bruce Perotti
Celeste Burnett-Garcia
Douglas Chandler
Wayne C Gammon
Richard McGuire

Bradley Norwood

Interstate Brands

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Alutiq Management
Hustlers, Inc.
Alaska Teamster-Employer
Service Training Trust
AT&T Alaska
Elemendorf Support Services
AGGPRO
Teamsters Local 959
Knudsen Co., Inc.

JANUARY 2026

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Alaska Industrial, LLC
Fairbanks Lumber
AT&T Alaska
ARCTEC Alaska
Kodiak Support Services
Anchorage School District
Houston Contracting
C2G, LTD, Co.
Alascom, Inc.
Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc.
Lynden Transport, Inc.
Anchorage Sand & Gravel

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Sourdough Fuel Services
ARCTEC Services
AT&T Alaska
Nanuq, Inc.
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MARCH 2026

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NEWS FROM THE HALL

Local 959 is excited to welcome some new faces! Please join us in giving a warm welcome to our new Union Membership & Dues Administrative Assistant, Paige Stegall, located in the Anchorage Hall, and our newest Business Representative, James Proudfoot, located in the Fairbanks Hall. We're glad to have them on board and look forward to the energy, experience, and dedication they bring in serving our members. If you see them around the Hall, don't hesitate to say hello and introduce yourself, we're proud to keep growing our Teamsters family! 🤝❤️



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