

Thank you for calling Local 1262's Information Hotline. This is the latest update from President Harvey While as of Friday, September 2 and contains two messages. This hotline and other important information for our members can also be found on our website at www.ufcw1262.org.

Local 1262 would like to wish our members and their families a happy and safe Labor Day Weekend and extends our thanks to all of you who are working so hard in local supermarkets to help our friends and neighbors get ready to celebrate the "last weekend of the summer."

The first Labor Day, organized by the Central Labor Union, was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882. In the following years, several states -- including New Jersey and New York -- started to mark the holiday.

It was declared a national holiday in 1894 to be observed on the first Monday in September by President Grover Cleveland (who was, by the way, the only President born in New Jersey).

American labor has raised the nation's standard of living by helping establish things that we take for granted today, like the 40-hour work week and Social Security. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pays tribute on Labor Day to the people who created so much of this nation's strength, freedom, and leadership -- the American worker.

Our second message is to remind you to Shop Union Supermarkets and Buy Union-Made products as you prepare for your Labor Day Celebrations.

Union Supermarkets in our area include ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Foodtown, Fresh Grocer, Food Bazaar, Acme, Tops Market, Morton Williams, PriceRite and Uncle Giuseppe's. For a list of Union Made products, visit www.labor411.org.

As always, I thank you -- our more than 20,000 members here in New Jersey and New York -- for your ongoing dedication and service to your communities. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your president.

That concludes this hotline.

Please ask your fellow Local 1262 Brothers and Sisters to join Local 1262's texting program. Simply text UPDATES1262 to 83071.

Concerns At Your Workplace?

Contact your Union Representative at 1-800-562-6913 (from New Jersey)

or 1-800-526-7814 (from other states).

FOR WEBSITE ADD: You can also listen to this message by calling Local 1262's Information Hotline at 888-438-1262.