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Brothers and Sisters:

On Monday, April 8, 2024, Rochester NY will be in the path of a Total Solar Eclipse. We met with the Contractors Association (N.E.C.A) and addressed concerns including but not limited to safety, traffic, cell phone coverage, and school closures on April 8th. We discussed having a thirty-two (32) hour week or optional four (4) ten (10) hour days for that week. We understand some jobs will require you to work and ask that you keep those projects on a more emergency or absolutely essential basis and staffing. Please talk to your specific Contractor on how to proceed on your particular project. Again, the purpose is to not add to the potential problems of unnecessary travel for emergency workers and vehicles as the Greater Rochester area is anticipated to have approximately 500,000 tourists in and around town. These directives come from the State, County and City elected officials.

The Union office will be reduced to limited staff for emergencies only. We will open as usual, at full capacity, on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Please plan your dues payments and/or vacation withdrawal requests accordingly.

Per Monroe County Executive Adam J. Bello <https://www.monroecounty.gov/eclipse-2024>:

Monroe County will have a front-row seat to the April 8, 2024, total solar eclipse—a once-in-a-lifetime experience where there's not a bad seat in the house. Western NY and the Finger Lakes region are expecting 300,000 to 500,000 visitors, with about 150,000 of those in Monroe County alone. While we can expect traffic delays and the minor inconveniences that come with hosting any major event, with some preparation and planning, we can all enjoy this extraordinary cosmic occurrence. We urge all residents to:

Be Aware: Mark your calendars for April 8, 2024. The visible eclipse will occur from 2:07 p.m. to 4:33 p.m., and the "totality" or darkness duration from 3:20 p.m. to 3:24 p.m.

Be Prepared: Special glasses are required to view the eclipse safely. Give yourself plenty of time to travel to and from any eclipse special event.

Be there: There are dozens of special events and places to experience the eclipse, including our beautiful county parks.

Pick a park—then park it! If you are looking for a family friendly place to view the eclipse and spend the afternoon, I invite you to explore one of our 21 beautiful county parks. Avoid the rush and enjoy a fun family outing.

Fraternally yours,

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