

THE UNION REVIEW

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Our labor unions are not narrow, self-seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor.

John F. Kennedy

Solidarity

Solidarity. It's one of the most important tenants of organized labor. It's the idea that what happens to any workers – other unions or even non-union – affects all working people. Too often we tend to focus on our own struggle and see it as an independent entity. The reality is that solidarity is our great strength. It is precisely our numbers that gives us power.

Due to the recent incidences of violence at the new transit center, RTS made a knee-jerk decision to not renew its contract with RCSD. That decision will cost 140 union employees their jobs. It also means that many who are allowed to continue working will see their pay cut by \$12/hr.

While we all agree that something needs to be done about the situation downtown, this rash decision was made mostly as a PR move with little or no thought about the damage done to those workers, their families or the local economy. It is this sentiment that made me so proud and honored to join with the members of ATU – the transit workers union – in their rally in front of the Main St. bus garage recently. I think it is important that those workers see that FSW supports them and their struggle.

The sooner and the more fervently we realize that our struggle and our union is a small piece of a much bigger movement, the more successful we will be in our mission to affect real positive change for working people.

As a direct result of the efforts of organized labor, layoffs were avoided and good paying were maintained. We share RTS and City School District officials hope that redirecting students from the transit center will diminish the likelihood of incidents that would place students and RTS customers in harm's way.



Mike Bovay marching with members of transit workers union at ATU rally

Submitted by Mike Bovay

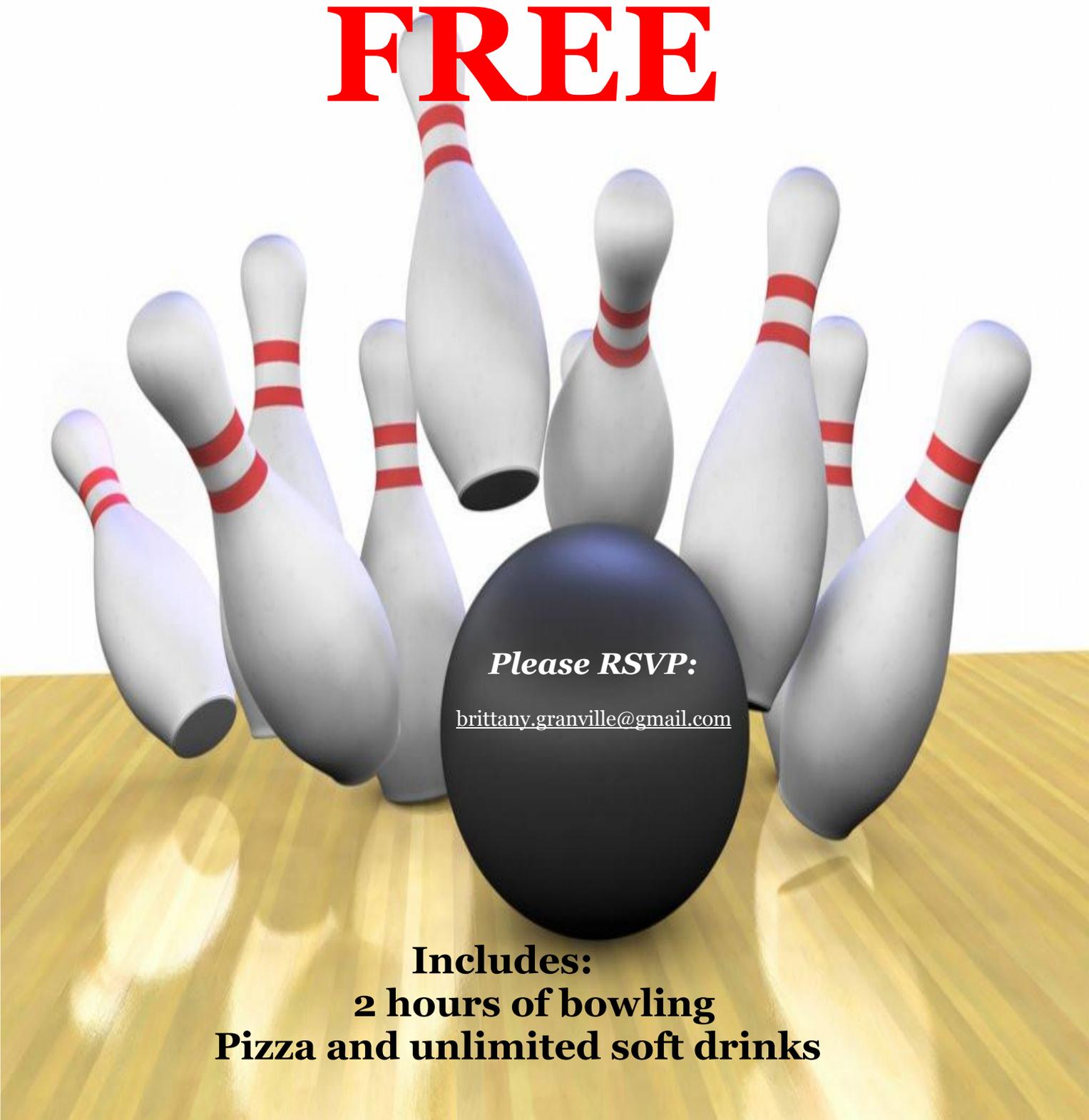


Please join us for ***FSW Family Day***
AMF Bowling – Empire Lanes

When: Saturday, June 20, 2015 12pm – 2pm

Where: Empire Lanes 2400 Empire Blvd. Webster

FREE



Please RSVP:

brittany.granville@gmail.com

Includes:
2 hours of bowling
Pizza and unlimited soft drinks

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE!



GOLF TOURNAMENT

Click [HERE](#) for Registration Brochure!



Monday
JULY 27
2015
GREYSTONE GOLF CLUB
1pm shotgun start

Important meetings coming up!

(Union meetings are at the union office)

Steward's Council: 6/16/15 12:00 pm

Executive Board: 6/16/15, 4:30 pm

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- Alma Lucas: 4th & 10th
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