

Local 728

Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

Don't miss Union Night on September 7th!

Join your fellow Local 728 members at Dodger Stadium in the Right Field Pavilion

Tickets on sale now! Call the Local 728 office or check the Weekly Digest for details.

Reminder: Hybrid Safety Summit

Saturday, August 24th at 1pm-Details & link information in the events section

Understand Terms of the New Contract- Rest Period Edition

Rest invasion improvements are now a minimum of one-half hour of double time paid for the initial invasion of the daily and weekend rest periods. Thereafter, the double time invasion will be paid in one-tenth hour increments.

What does this mean?

Additional double time is now payable for all such invaded time with the **minimum** penalty time of **30 minutes**, and then computed in 1/10th of an hour increments after. (By way of comparison, prior language established additional straight time paid on the invaded time in 1/10th increments.) This further incentivizes full turnaround times with the initial penalty for invasion of the rest period being a minimum of **triple-time**. Instead of additional straight time it is now additional double time. Current golden hours provisions are unchanged, thus preserving the all-day gold where applicable.

In solidarity,

Greg Reeves
Business Representative-Secretary
Lighting Technicians IATSE Local 728

Safety Bulletin #20 (Motorcycles) and Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

CSATF has published a revised Safety Bulletin #20 (Motorcycles) and a Health and Safety Awareness Sheet on Lithium-Ion Batteries. Both documents were revised by the Bulletin Review Group, received the necessary approvals, and posted to [csatf.org](https://www.csatf.org) on Wednesday, August 14. The new Motorcycle Bulletin provides additional information regarding safe procedures leading up to, and during, a motorcycle sequence. The Lithium-Ion Battery safety document articulates how these batteries should be used, stored, and inspected. Spanish translations for each document will be uploaded to the website by Friday.

https://www.csatf.org/safety_bulletin_20_motorcycles_en/

https://www.csatf.org/ifs_lithium-ion_battery_safety/

Clean Car Wash Mobile Cooperative

Union Mobile Car Wash? Yes there is! It's the first and only mobile green unionized car wash in the nation.

Call: (818) 732-0501

<https://www.cleancarwash.org/cooperative>

UnHappy Hour – It's Back!

Join us on August 28th for pizza, soda, water, snacks, and social interaction with your fellow members.

When: Wednesdays

Time: 4PM-5PM

Location: IATSE Local 728 | Membership Hall | 1001 W. Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91506





IATSE LOCAL 728 SOLIDARITY FRIDAYS!
WEAR YOUR IATSE LOCAL 728 UNION SWAG ON FRIDAYS



Upcoming Events

Hybrid Safety Summit – August 24th

Safety is and remains an issue of the highest importance. Come to this meeting to get an update on the status of stage inspections in town, improving language about inspection guidelines to the fire code that governs our sound stages, and the mental health/crisis response with ESTA and more!

When: Saturday, August 24th

Time: 1:00PM -2:30PM

Location: IATSE Local 80 | 2520 W. Olive Ave | Burbank, CA 91505

You'll be required to **RSVP** when you click the link. You **MUST** be a registered Zoom user. We suggest logging into Zoom **BEFORE** you RSVP. A recording of the event will be distributed at a later date.

[Zoom Registration](#)

In the interest of solidarity, this event is now open to ALL IA West Coast Studio Locals.



Medicare 101 Webinar- Medicare Coverage Option Guide for Non-Retired MPIPHP Participants

“Join us for a Zoom session with MPTF and MPI representatives to discuss clarity on Medicare enrollment for both vested and non-vested MPI participants who have not yet retired.

Navigating the transition to Medicare can be confusing, particularly if you are working past age 65 and are currently covered on the MPI Active Plan. It is crucial to make this transition correctly, as missing the enrollment window can result in lifetime penalties once your Active Coverage ends.”

When: Monday, August 26th

Time: 5PM -6PM PT

Location: via ZOOM

Please RSVP by Sunday, August 25th

Register: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



(calaborfed.org)

Union Night at Dodger Stadium – September 7th

Come out to Dodger Stadium for Union Night as the Los Angeles Dodgers host the Cleveland Guardians!

TICKETS ARE NOW BUY ONE GET ONE FREE – LIMIT FOUR PER MEMBER

When: Saturday, September 7th

Time: 6:10PM

Location: Dodger Stadium | 1000 Vin Scully Ave | Los Angeles, CA 90012

Section: 314PR (Right Field Pavilion)

Tickets: \$86.00 each and are offered on a “first-come, first-served basis”. Delivered via e-ticket. Includes a Union Night item* (pick-up at Dodger Stadium). All tickets include a \$1.00 donation to Labor 411 Educational Foundation.

Call the Local 728 office (818) 954-0728 to purchase your tickets for this special Union Night at Dodger Stadium!

Stadium Entry Guidelines: To familiarize yourself with Major League Baseball directives regarding security measures, please visit: <http://www.dodgers.com/fansafety>

Stadium Bag Policy: <https://www.mlb.com/dodgers/fans/safety/experience#bag>

Cashless Transactions: <https://www.mlb.com/dodgers/fans/safety/experience#cashless>

Parking: <https://www.dodgers.com/parking>



IATSE Blood Drive

IATSE Local 871 and Costume Designers Guild are proud to host an upcoming blood drive on Sunday, September 8th. Details and how to schedule an appointment can be found below.

When: Sunday, September 8th

Time: 9AM- 3PM


Location: Costume Designers Guild | 3919 Magnolia Blvd | Burbank, CA 91505

Appointments: www.redcrossblood.org

Sponsor Code: IATSE871

Contact: Sharron Enriquez (IATSE Local 871) community871@ialocal871.org for more information or trouble scheduling an appointment

To schedule your lifesaving appointment:
Visit: www.redcrossblood.org
Sponsor Code: IATSE871

 American Red Cross



IATSE BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Costume Designers Guild
3919 Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91505

For more information or if you have trouble scheduling online, please contact Sharron Enriquez (Local 871): Community871@ialocal871.org
Picture ID Required to Donate
Download the Blood Donor App | redcrossblood.org
1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767

Sponsored by:

  COSTUME DESIGNERS GUILD

Save the Date! Retiree Luncheon-September 18th
IATSE Local 728 | Burbank, CA
Stay tuned for details!

MPTF & IATSE | Day at the Ranch 2024

We are pleased to announce that MPTF's Day at The Ranch will be happening again at Calamigos Ranch on Sunday, November 10th! The membership graciously approved IATSE Local 728 to be a presenting Sponsor for this worthwhile event a third year in a row! MPTF is our social services net created by Mary Pickford 100 years ago to "take care of our own." This event helps to fund critical services such as crisis counseling, Veteran benefit coordination, and the Motion Picture home in Woodland Hills to name a few.

We will be offering up to four (4) passes to members signed up in the IATSE Local 728 Volunteer database for ANY interest, event, or opportunity. Additional passes can be purchased by using the link below.

All tickets include admission, parking, lunch, and the opportunity to participate in the auction and raffle. games, and more!

When: Sunday, November 10th

Time: 11AM-3PM

Location: Calamigos Ranch | 327 Latigo Canyon Rd | Malibu, CA 90265

To Purchase Tickets: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/CTX/>

MPTF & IATSE PRESENT
DAY AT THE RANCH
FAMILY PICNIC AT CALAMIGOS RANCH
MPTF 100

Sunday, November 10, 2024
Calamigos Ranch
11:00am - 3:00pm • Lunch from 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Join us for a fun family picnic as we raise funds and
celebrate MPTF's 100 years of service!

MPTF.com/DayAtTheRanch
for tickets and sponsorship information

Contact events@mptf.com
with any questions or for more information

Did you know? Health Benefits for 62+ Active Members

For those of you 62 and over with 20K in hours, did you know that you can take a “health only” retirement without retiring from the pension? That’s right. You can start drawing your retiree health benefits now while still working or looking for work. The “pro” is that you no longer have to worry about qualifying hours to your health coverage. The “con” is that there are exceptions such as loss of dependent and lower mental health coverages as well as an application to Medicare at age 65. Call MPI for more details. Some conditions apply.

Significant Milestones

Once Vested, there are some important goals you may want to set before you become eligible for your retirement benefits.

QUALIFIED YEAR(S)	CREDITED HOURS	ELIGIBILITY UNDER PENSION PLAN + IAP PLAN	RETIREE HEALTH PLAN
1	400	Vested in IAP	No
5	-	Vested in Pension Plan	No
10	10,000	With SSA Disability Retirement At Any Age <small>(Participant cannot be on a Break in Service at time of application)</small>	Yes At Any Age
10	-	Reduced Early Retirement At Age 62-64	No
15	20,000	Reduced Early Retirement At Age 62-64	Yes At Age 62 <small>✓ To qualify, you must have earned at least three Qualified Years after the attainment of age 40, and earned at least one Qualified Year in any of the years commencing with the Plan Year 2000 through 2015.</small>
20	20,000	Reduced Early Retirement At Age 55-64	Yes At Age 62
30	60,000	Unreduced Early Retirement Starting at Age 60 OR Special Reduced Early Retirement Age 55-59	Yes At Age 60
30	55,000	Unreduced Early Retirement Starting at Age 61	Yes At Age 61
30	50,000	Unreduced Early Retirement Starting at Age 62	Yes At Age 62



Motion Picture Industry
Pension and Health Plans

Verdugo Jobs Center

Looking for a side hustle? Check out the Verdugo Jobs Center or contact Tina Hartyon (818) 937-8080.

<https://verdugoworks.com/>



VERDUGO JOBS CENTER

GET STARTED | **VISIT** verdugoworks.com | **CALL** 818.937.8000

**COME FOR A JOB
LEAVE WITH A CAREER**

**REACH YOUR GOALS
WITH NO-COST EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Career help from people who care:

- Self-guided or assisted job searches
- Career exploration
- Access to job fairs and hiring events
- Help with résumés and job interviews
- Access to computers, Internet, printers and more

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
Strengthen your skills:

- Paid on-the-job training
- Classroom training to build skills
- Certification courses and apprenticeships
- Counseling and support

[Learn more at verdugoworks.com](https://verdugoworks.com)

GET STARTED ON YOUR CAREER TODAY! CALL 818.937.8000

Verdugo Jobs Center / 1255 South Central Avenue, Glendale, CA 91204

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is an Equal Opportunity Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TTY: (818) 940-5857

VERDUGO JOBS CENTER
Burbank | Glendale | La Cañada Flintridge
America's Job to Center

MPI-Mental Health and Wellness Resources

MPI has a variety of free and low-cost mental health and wellness resources. The list is available on the IATSE Local 728 website in the assistance section.

Log-in required to view content:

[Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

If you have question about any of the resources, please contact Brenda Weiner, Wellness Program Manager at: bweiner@mpiphp.org

Mental Health Tools and Resources

Many of us are dealing with a lack of work for as long as a year in what may be a new normal. If you are in need of mental health assistance, don't feel ashamed. It's natural. Please utilize some of these tools from our website or call us at the hall.

MPTF Intake Line: (323) 634-3888

[Mental Health Resources \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

[Mental Health Tools and Resources with Behind The Scenes | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](https://iatse728.org)

IATSE Local 728 Guide to Assistance and Benefits

Information for IATSE Local 728 members, including:

- Unemployment/Disability Insurance
- Sick Dues
- Life Insurance
- Honorable Withdrawal
- MPI (Motion Picture Pension & Health Plans)
- Motion Picture & Television Fund
- Assistance Information

Log-in required to view content: [Assistance | IATSE Local 728 \(iatse728.org\)](#)

IATSE PAC

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The IATSE PAC is about access to politicians regardless of platform on behalf of ALL members.

While the work stoppage last year impacted you and your colleague's financial wellbeing, the fights we take on with PAC resources continue for our industry, benefiting ALL U.S. members and Local Unions whether they contribute or not. Donate today!

[PAC Action Center \(vocusgr.com\)](#)

[IATSE PAC: Join the Fight! \(youtube.com\)](#)

[The Impact of Elections on Labor Law, Unions, and Their Members 2024 Edition | GoToStage.com](#)



Save the Date-IATSE All in Mixer

It is that time of the year again, the annual Hollywood IATSE ALL in Mixer and PAC Fundraiser event. The location is back at IATSE Local 80 for Saturday, October 12th from 6PM -11PM.

While you may feel this event is ill-timed due to the lack of work, every member can attend for free and have food, drinks, play games, and win multiple door prizes that cost nothing. See you there!



Come out and support our Cornhole team!

