



Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

General Membership Meeting Reminder

A friendly reminder that the next general membership meeting is January 24. In preparation, please review the minutes from the January and December Board meetings available now on the website at the links below. We look forward to seeing you there.

Log-in for access:

[Meeting Minutes](#)

[Executive Board Meeting Minutes-Jan. 10](#)

[Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes-Dec. 13](#)

[Executive Board Meeting Minutes-Dec. 6](#)

January 24, 2026

IATSE LOCAL 728 MEMBERSHIP MEETING



RSVP now open

Topics to be covered:

- New Officer Swear Ins
- Constitution and By Laws revisions
- First Entertainment Credit Union - Steve Owen, CEO



Saturday, January 24 at 9AM



1001 W. Magnolia Blvd.
Burbank, CA 91506

January events



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This is a hybrid meeting for Local 728 members only.

Scan for
RSVP details



LBA Summary

Negotiations for the successor agreement to the Low Budget Theatrical Agreement have concluded. While we are working on the new contract, here are the highlights:

1. Wages increase 3.5% in both years one and two and 3% in year three.
2. Three-year agreement (January 1, 2026-December 31, 2028)
3. For new projects, there shall be a 10% increase to all budget tiers in year one. No one's current wages, terms or conditions can be reduced because of the tier increase.
4. Includes AI language from the 2024 Basic/ASA Agreements.

We will post the new agreement to the website when it's available.

In solidarity,



Greg Reeves
Business Representative - Secretary
Lighting Technicians, IATSE Local 728

MLK Day Parade



IATSE LOCAL 728
JOIN US FOR THE
MLK DAY
PARADE

Monday, January 19th, 2026

Meet Up/Lunch Location:
3546 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90008
(1/2 Block East of Crenshaw)

Suggested Parking: Crenshaw Mall Parking Lot
3650 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90008

Call Time: 7:30-7:40am Set-Up, Arrive by 7:50am

LA Fed Breakfast: 8:00am

8:50-9:00am: Head to Start of Parade
(LA Fed Buses to the Starting Point)

9:00am-Noonish: Parade March

Lunch Social: 12:30pm - 4:00pm
3546 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90008

ALL IATSE 728 MEMBERS WELCOME!

RSVP: 

<https://forms.gle/njGswj2caktGh3Rk8>

When: Monday, January 19, 2026

Location: 3546 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90008

Contact: (323) 855-6680 or vp@iatse728.org

RSVP: <https://forms.gle/8pPhutKknvRRkaYE9>

Don't forget to wear your union swag!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MLK Day

"The labor movement did not diminish the strength of the nation but enlarged it. By raising the living standards of millions..."

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



In observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the Local 728 office will be closed on Monday, January 19.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Upcoming Board & Membership Meeting Schedule	
Executive Board	Membership Meeting
January 10	January 24
February 7	March 14
March 7	May 9
April 11	July 18
more information at iatse728.org/calendar	

Visit iatse728.org/calendar for additional events and meeting schedule.

CSATF- V3 and V6 Online Courses



Visit the Industry Hub.org
to log into your Portal

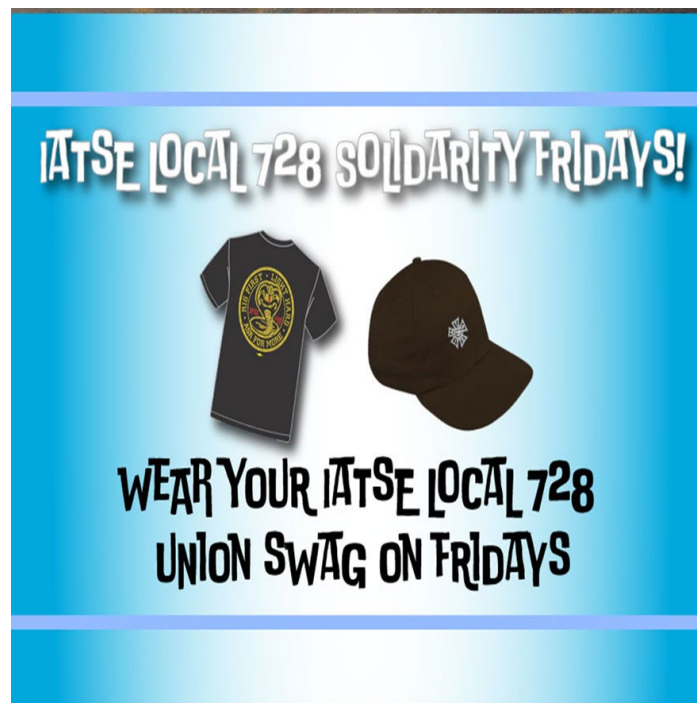
V3-Shock/Arc Flash Awareness V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety

Now available in you Portal!

V3-Shock and Arc Flash Awareness- 3 hour self paced online course
Covers topics to help identify, evaluate, and avoid shock and arc flash hazards related to using a portable power distribution system.

V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety- 2 hour self paced online course
Covers rigging concepts and methods that lighting technicians use to safely lift and support lighting equipment overhead.

Visit Contract Services at <https://www.thehub.org> to take the V3 and V6 self-paced online courses. These new requirements are available in your CSATF Portal.



Scholarship Programs



Information for the 2026 IATSE Local 728 Scholarship is available on the website. You can download an application or request one from the Local 728 office.

The deadline for filing all required materials with the Local 728 office is **Friday, February 6, 2026**. Mail, deliver, or email the completed application package to

the Local 728 office. (*Applicants should contact the Local to confirm receipt of application prior to the deadline*).

If you were a recipient in the past, you are ineligible; this is a one-time award. Scholarship Award recipients will be notified in March 2026.

[IATSE Local 728 Scholarship Programs](#)

Union Plus Scholarships



For the Union Plus scholarship program application, deadline and complete details please visit the following link:

[2026 Union Plus Scholarship](#) – Application deadline: January 31, 2026

Upcoming Events

Hollywood Union Benefit Show



Join Local 800 as they host their "Hollywood Union Benefit Show" at the Comedy Store. Proceeds to benefit the Entertainment Community Fund.

When: Friday, January 23

Time: 8PM

Location: The Comedy Store, 8433 Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90069

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets. Union Members can get \$5 off by entering discount code "IATSE"

IATSE Local 728 Hybrid General Membership Meeting

January 24, 2026

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The IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting is taking place as a hybrid meeting. The meeting is for members only.

When: Saturday, January 24

Time: 9AM

Location: Local 728 and via Zoom

RSVP by 3PM on Friday 1/23/26 (include your full name and union card #)

[Click here](#) for In-person RSVP

[Click here](#) for Zoom RSVP

Log-in for access:

[View RSVP Information Letter](#)

MPC 705 Bingo Night



The poster features a central graphic of a bingo card with a glowing blue and pink border. Inside the card, the text "MPC 705 CAT Fundraiser" is written in a cursive font, followed by "BINGO" in large, bold, outlined letters, and "Night" in a cursive font. Above the card is a circular logo with a cat face and the text "MPC 705 CAT". The background is dark purple with several glowing pink and blue stars. Text on the left side includes "Prizes!" and "Best Bingo Outfit Contest!". Text on the right side includes "Bake Sale!" and "Prizes!". The date and time are "Saturday January 31, 2026" and "Doors open @ 5pm". The location is "Local 705 Member Hall 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd Valley Village CA 91607". The event is "Open to IATSE members and their guests (21+ only): pls RSVP". The ticket prices are "10-Game cards: \$10", "Daubers: \$3", and "Hotdog & Beverage tickets: \$5 each". The text "This is a CASH PREFERRED event, please come prepared!" is on the left. The text "RSVP! Let us know you're coming: bit.ly/CATBINGO26" is on the right. A QR code is at the bottom right. A logo for "MOTION PICTURE COSTUMERS" is at the bottom left. A horizontal line with a cat silhouette is at the bottom.

MPC 705 CAT

MPC 705 CAT Fundraiser

BINGO

Night

Prizes!

Best Bingo Outfit Contest!

Saturday
January 31, 2026
Doors open @ 5pm
Games 6-9pm (or 10 games, whichever is first)
Open to IATSE members and their guests (21+ only): pls RSVP

Bake Sale!

Prizes!

Local 705 Member Hall
5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd
Valley Village CA 91607

This is a CASH PREFERRED event,
please come prepared!

RSVP!
Let us know you're coming:
bit.ly/CATBINGO26

10-Game cards: \$10
Daubers: \$3
Hotdog & Beverage tickets: \$5 each

MOTION PICTURE COSTUMERS

All funds raised go toward future 705 CAT Initiatives



When: Saturday, January 31

Time: 5PM-9PM

Location: Local 705 Membership Hall, 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Valley Village, CA 91607

RSVP: bit.ly/CATBINGO/26

MPC 705 Super Bowl Watch Party



SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY

IATSE MEMBERS AND GUESTS 21+ ARE WELCOME!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | DOORS OPEN 2:00PM

MPC 705 MEMBER HALL
5127 LAUREL CANYON BLVD | VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607

FREE ENTRY
Food & Beverage Tickets: \$5 each
Chilli Cook-off
\$5 entry for a 50/50 prize pot

This event is a CAT Fundraiser*
CASH PREFERRED



 **Please RSVP:**
bit.ly/CATSB2026



*All funds raised go toward future 705 CAT Initiatives

When: Sunday, February 8

Time: 2PM

Location: Local 705 Membership Hall, 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd, Valley Village, CA 91607

RSVP: bit.ly/CATSB2026

Union Resources



Information and tools for financial, mental health and wellness, assistance, food banks, alternative health insurance, discounts and more can be found at the following:

[Financial Assistance and Resources](#)
[Resources | Assistance](#)
[Mental Health Tools and Resources](#)

The Entertainment Community Fund-Tax Prep

Unsure of how to get started with tax prep? The Entertainment Community Fund has resources to assist you. Go to [The Entertainment Community Fund's Tax Prep for Creative Professionals](#)

Food Programs & Resources

LA COUNTY PARKS **FOOD PROGRAMS** FOR YOUTH, TEENS & SENIORS

FREE HOT SUPPER TEEN PROGRAM

- 16 PARKS
- AGES 12-18
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
- SERVING TIME: 7:00 PM
- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

FREE YOUTH SNACK PROGRAM

- 48 PARKS
- AGES 17 AND UNDER
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
- SERVING TIME: 3:00PM - 4:00PM
- NO ENROLLMENT REQUIRED

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS

- 9 PARKS
- AGES 60+
- MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
- SERVING TIME: 11:00AM-1:00PM
- PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
- BASED ON AVAILABILITY

FOR PARK LOCATIONS VISIT:



bit.ly/lacparksfoodprograms

If you or your family need food assistance, please visit [LA FoodBank](#) and [Food Oasis LA](#) (a food directory connecting you to nearby pantries and meals).

LA County Parks has food programs for Youth, Teens (ages 12-18), and Seniors. The programs are designed to ensure that there is access to free, wholesome meals and snacks. To locate a park near you, please visit:
bit.ly/lacparksfoodprograms

The LA County Department of Health Services has different types of food programs, some even help with pet food. Please visit [LA County DHS | Resources | Food](#)
[View Food Distribution & Resources Flyer](#)

IATSE PAC



IATSE PAC

Political Action Committee of
The International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees

IATSE Local 728 Fundraiser to support IATSE PAC

Local 728 now has its own personalized PAC Donation Landing Page.

[Please give today!](#)



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IATSE PAC

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!

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