



# 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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RSVP details



This is a hybrid meeting for Local 728 members only.

## 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

**LAFed Breakfast:** 8:00am

**8:50-9:00am:** Head to Start of Parade  
(LAFed 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](mailto: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](http://iatse728.org/calendar)

Visit [iatse728.org/calendar](http://iatse728.org/calendar) for additional events and meeting schedule.

## **CSATF- V3 and V6 Online Courses**



Visit the Industry [Hub.org](https://www.thehub.org)  
to log into your Portal

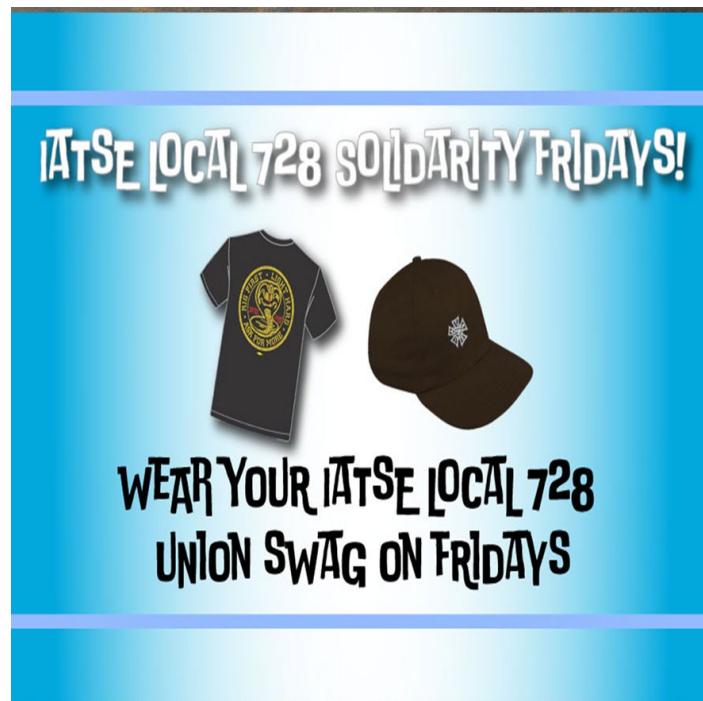
### **V3-Shock/Arc Flash Awareness V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety**

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



**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](https://bit.ly/CATBINGO/26)

## MPC 705 Super Bowl Watch Party



The poster features a dark background with a faint silhouette of two people. In the center is a yellow football field with a yellow end zone. Inside the end zone is a yellow circle containing a black cat logo and the text "MPC 705 CAT". Below the field, the words "SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY" are written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that, in smaller white text, is "IATSE MEMBERS AND GUESTS 21+ ARE WELCOME!". Below the event details, there is a dotted line containing "SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | DOORS OPEN 2:00PM" and "MPC 705 MEMBER HALL" followed by the address "5127 LAUREL CANYON BLVD | VALLEY VILLAGE, CA 91607". At the bottom left, there is a logo for "MOTION PICTURE COSTUMERS" featuring a stylized needle and thread. To the right of the logo, the text "Please RSVP: [bit.ly/CATSB2026](https://bit.ly/CATSB2026)" is displayed, along with a QR code. A football is partially visible on the right side of the poster.

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](https://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](https://bit.ly/CATSB2026)

Union Resources



**MPTF 100**  
Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions

**Entertainment Health Insurance Solutions**



**IATSE Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

**IATSE**  
The Union Behind Entertainment

**Los Angeles Fires Relief and Response**

IATSE International President Matthew D. Loeb Delivers Remarks ...

**DISASTER RESPONSE**



**Health benefits**

**UNION PLUS**

**Union Plus Health Discounts**

Dental	Tax-Free Savings	Hearing
Dental plan that starts offering services as early as just \$195/month! Find the plan that's right for you and your family.	Take advantage of tax-free savings with the Health Savings Plan from Union Plus.	Get annual screening at the hearing center for an average of 60% off retail on trusted hearing aid brands.
Prescriptions	Medical Bill Negotiating Service	Hospital Grant
Take up to 80% on most brand name and generic drugs from participating pharmacies.	If you're struggling to pay doctor and hospital bills, get help negotiating medical bills.	You may be eligible to receive a grant to help pay your hospital bills.

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](http://bit.ly/lacparksfoodprograms)

If you or your family need food assistance, please visit [LAFoodBank](#) 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](http://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!](#)



[What is the IATSE PAC? Play Video](#)

## **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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