



Weekly Digest

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In The Spotlight this week!

Update: MPI and State Work Improvements

Reports from both MPI and Film LA are that the sustained growth in production I've been reporting for months is continuing and increasing. While 2025 pension contribution hours were down compared to 2024, they finished at 13% under the previous year after spending the first half of the year at -21%. In addition, Film LA reported last week that shoot days were up 5.6% in Q4. These numbers may seem small, but this is sustained growth. The contraction in the industry seems to be slowing. Read more at these links:

[Mayor Bass Announces Progress on Implementing Executive Directives to Bolster LA's Entertainment Industry | Mayor Karen Bass](#)

[Los Angeles Film and TV Production Finishes 2025 at New Lows](#)

[Los Angeles On-Location Production Down 16.1% In 2025, But California's Revamped Tax Incentive Helps Fuel Small Growth In Q4 — Report](#)

The work your Union is doing at City Hall and in Sacramento have shown that showing up matters.

I hope to see you Saturday at the GMM. We will have as a guest First Entertainment Credit Union CEO Steve Owen.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Reeves", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

IATSE Local 728 Hybrid General Membership Meeting

January 24, 2026

IATSE LOCAL 728 MEMBERSHIP MEETING



RSVP now open

Topics to be covered:

- New Officer swearing in
- 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



iatse728.org

This is a hybrid meeting for Local 728 members only.

Scan for
RSVP details



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 #)

[In-person RSVP Here](#)

[Zoom RSVP Here](#)

Log-in for access:

[View RSVP Information Letter](#)
[Membership Meeting Information](#)

IATSE Local 728 Membership Meeting Minutes, Packet and Reports

The Membership Meeting minutes, packet, and committee reports are available for review on the website. Log in for access to the following:

- [Membership Meeting Information](#) (packet and committee report access)
- [Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Executive Board Meeting Minutes-Jan. 10](#)
- [Special Executive Board Meeting Minutes-Dec. 13](#)
- [Executive Board Meeting Minutes-Dec. 6](#)

Hollywood Arts Collective – Waitlist Open

Hollywood Arts Collective

1630 Schrader Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90028

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS BEGINNING JANUARY 12, 2026



Located in the heart of
Hollywood, CA

 www.tsahousing.com/property/hollywoodartscollective

 hollywoodartscollective.appsetsaproperties.com

 Phone: (424) 551-2424
TTY: (800) 855-7100

The Hollywood Arts Collective's waitlist is now open and accepting applications! The waitlist is open for all unit types and income levels. Note: The majority of the current vacancies are for three-bedrooms, restricted at 80% of Area Median Income (AMI). For complete details, eligibility, and how to apply, please visit the link below.

[Apply Now!](#)

Calling all Local 728 Volunteers

Volunteers Needed

at Your Local and in Your Community

There are many different ways you can make a difference.

Please consider donating your time to a Local 728 Committee, event or to a number of very worthy organizations in your community.

Local 728 Events

Trade Show Committee

Animal Shelters & Pet Programs

MPTF Events & Activities

LGBTQ+ Groups

Habitat for Humanity

Student Outreach Film Programs

Veterans Programs

Heritage Committee

Local LA Labor Events

Environmental Causes

MLK Parade

Food bank

Scholarship Committee

Faith-based Organizations

The Local has established a volunteer database on our website, www.iatse728.org. Check out the many ways you could share your talents and lend a helping hand.

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

In The *Labor* News

["Statement: Trump Administration Reverses NIOSH Cuts After Worker Outcry"](#) (iatse.net):

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"

MPC 705 Bingo Night

A vibrant purple and blue poster for a bingo night fundraiser. At the top center is a circular logo with a cat face and the text 'MPC 705 CAT'. Below it, the text 'MPC 705 CAT Fundraiser' is written in a cursive font, followed by 'BINGO' in large, outlined letters and 'Night' in a cursive script. The poster is decorated with several five-pointed stars in white and blue. On the left side, the text 'Prizes!' is written in a cursive font, and below it, 'Best Bingo Outfit Contest!' is written in a cursive font. On the right side, the text 'Bake Sale!' is written in a cursive font, and below it, 'Prizes!' is written in a cursive font. In the center, the date 'Saturday January 31, 2026' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'Doors open @ 5pm' and 'Games 6-9pm (or 10 games, whichever is first)'. Below this, the text 'Open to IATSE members and their guests (21+ only): pls RSVP' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. At the bottom center, the location 'Local 705 Member Hall 5127 Laurel Canyon Blvd Valley Village CA 91607' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Two stylized flamingo illustrations are positioned on either side of the location text. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'MOTION PICTURE COSTUMERS' featuring a crossed needle and thread. At the bottom right, the text 'RSVP!' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'Let us know you're coming:' and the URL 'bit.ly/CATBINGO26'. A QR code is located at the bottom right of the poster. At the very bottom, the text 'All funds raised go toward future 705 CAT Initiatives' is written in a bold, sans-serif font.

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

Save the Date - Techquity Showcase



Mark your calendar for the 2026 Techquity Showcase series. The first showcase is coming up February 21. To RSVP and for additional details, see link below.

When: Saturday, February 21

Time: 12PM-4PM

Location: Local 728

RSVP: [Click Here](#)

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!](#)



[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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