



# Weekly Digest

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## In The Spotlight this week!

### **Call in Your Shows!**

Now more than ever, it's important to lock arms, uphold our oaths, and call in all nonunion work in support of each other. We are stronger together.

Failure to call in shows can result in a fine under the Local 728 Constitution and Bylaws.

You may call in your jobs anonymously using this link on our website:

[Organizing Your Non-Union Show](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

In solidarity,



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

## Upcoming Classes

# UPCOMING CLASSES

## FORKLIFTS & MEMP CERTIFICATE TRAINING

(Mobile Elevated Work Platforms)

February 12, 2026 7:00AM - 3:30PM

**OPENS** on Saturday,  
January 31, at 9:00AM

**There will be NO Lottery for this class!!!**

For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://training728.org/forklift>

## SOLDERING LAB (2 DAY CLASS)

February 14, 2026 9:00AM - 4:30PM

**OPENS** on Saturday,  
January 31, at 9:00AM

February 15, 2026 9:00AM - 4:30PM

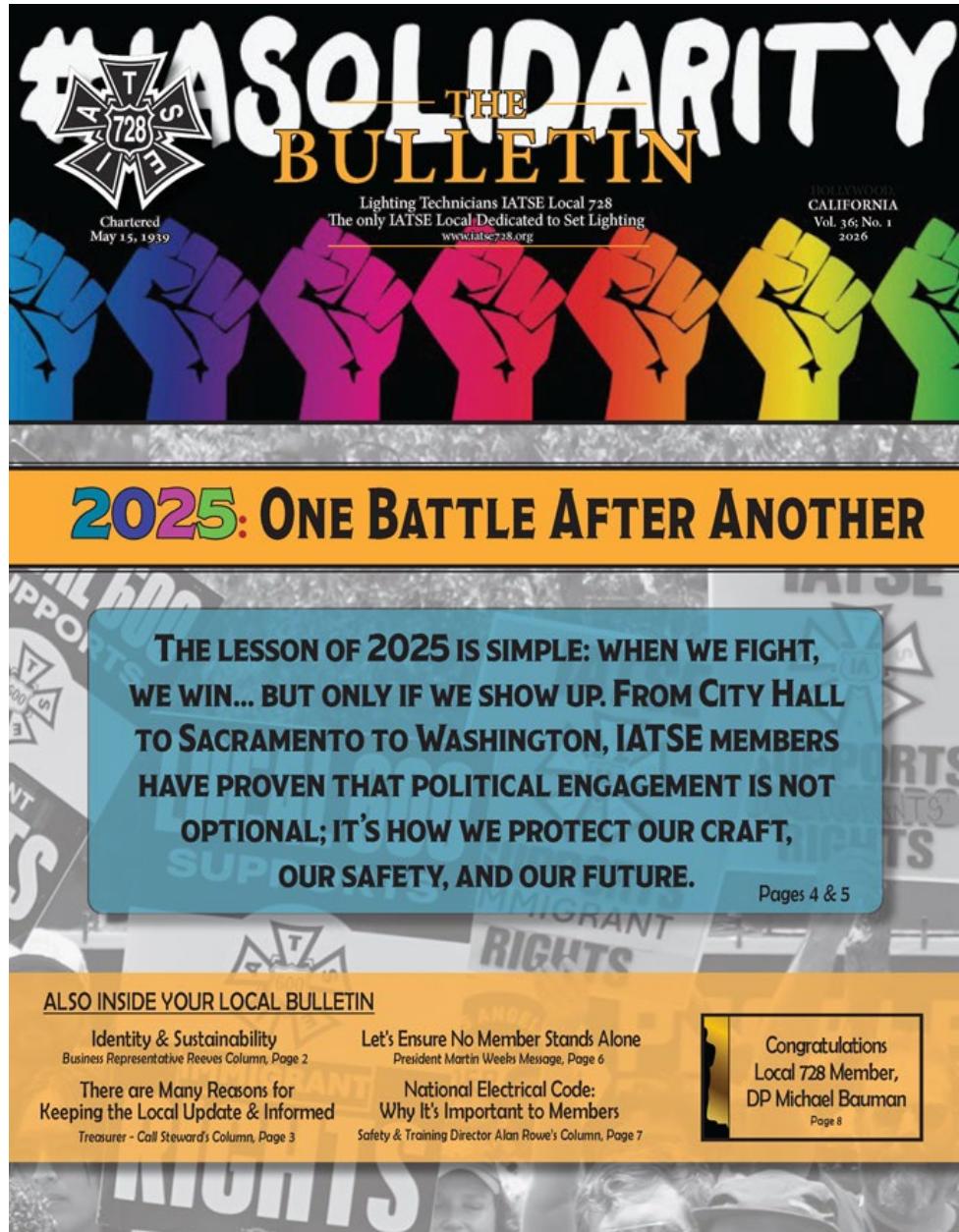
**There will be NO Lottery for this class!!!**

For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://training728.org/solderinglab>

For more information and to sign up, please visit the following:

- HERC Rentals Forklift & MEWP Training <https://training728.org/forklift>
- Soldering Lab (2 Day Class) <https://training728.org/solderinglab>

## The Local 728 Bulletin



The first bulletin issue of 2026 is now available on the website!  
In this issue:

- Identity and Sustainability

- There are Many Reasons for Keeping the Local Updated & Informed
- When We Show Up, We Win
- Let's Ensure No Member Stands Alone
- National Electrical Code: Why It's Important to Members
- Congratulations Michael Bauman

Read More [Here](#) (Log-in for access)

## **2026 MLK Kingdom Day Parade**



Check out IATSE Local 728 at the 2026 MLK parade backing up the LA Fed and its President Yvonne Wheeler. YouTube sign in required.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ucUYvqosB9I>

## **Are You on the Fence with Life in the Industry**



Do you find yourself asking these questions:

- Is my work in the industry as fulfilling as it once was?
- Are economic challenges making me curious about other work opportunities?
- Does my current industry work support my lifestyle needs and goals?

Join your peers for an eight-week group to explore emotional, spiritual, and practical issues of continuing your career in the entertainment industry.

Please register or log in to the [Entertainment Community Fund Portal](#) to access workshops, programs and services.

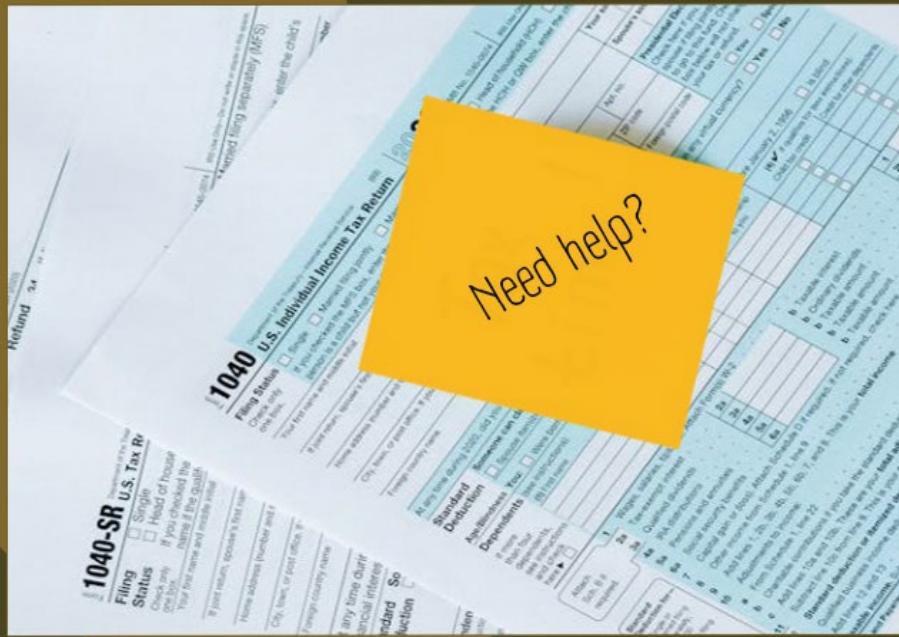
**When:** Tuesdays, February 17- April 7

**Time:** 10AM PT

## Entertainment Community Fund Tax Prep

# Free Tax Prep Services

provided by Entertainment Community Fund's Financial Wellness Program



- Assisted self-prep
  - In-person Tax prep sites
  - Drop-off service
  - Virtual Tax Prep

Learn more



Unsure of how to get started with tax prep? Check out the Entertainment Community Fund's page link below.

<https://entertainmentcommunity.org/free-tax-preparation-services>

## **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](http://www.tsahousing.com/property/hollywoodartscollective)

 [hollywoodartscollective.apps.tsaproPERTIES.com](http://hollywoodartscollective.apps.tsaproPERTIES.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.

Local 728 Events  
Trade Show Committee  
Animal Shelters & Pet Programs  
MPTF Events & Activities  
Habitat for Humanity  
Veterans Programs  
Student Outreach Film Programs  
LBGBTQ+ Groups  
Environmental Causes  
MLK Parade  
Heritage Committee  
be a mentor  
Local LA Labor Events  
Food bank  
Scholarship Committee  
Faith-based Organizations

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

The Local has established a volunteer database on our website, [www.iatse728.org](http://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](https://www.thehub.org)  
to log into your Portal

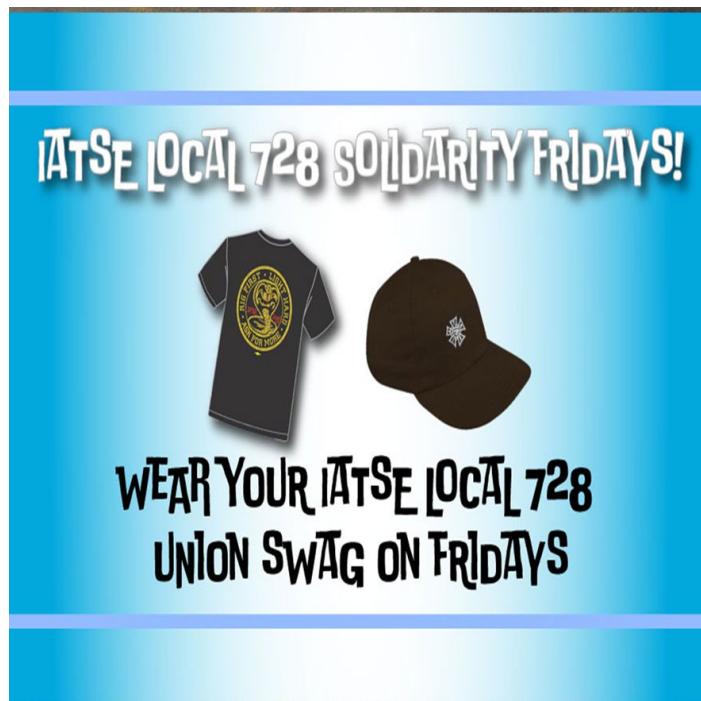
### **V3-Shock/Arc Flash Awareness V6-Overhead Electrical Rigging Safety**

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**

[MPC 705 Bingo Night](#)



**When:** Saturday, January 31

**Time:** 5PM-9PM

**Location:** Local 705 Member 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



A dark green poster for a Super Bowl Watch Party. At the top is a yellow football field graphic with a yellow circle in the center containing a tiger logo and the text 'MPC 705 CAT'. Below the field, the words 'SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY' are written in large, bold, yellow block letters. Underneath that, in smaller white text, is 'IATSE MEMBERS AND GUESTS 21+ ARE WELCOME!'. Below that is a yellow dotted oval containing the text '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 is the IATSE Motion Picture Costumers logo, which includes a pair of scissors and a needle. To the right of the logo, the text 'Please RSVP:' is followed by a blue link 'bit.ly/CATSB2026'. To the right of the text is a QR code and a brown football. At the bottom right, the text 'This event is a CAT Fundraiser\*' and 'CASH PREFERRED' is written. A small note at the bottom left states '\*All funds raised go toward future 705 CAT Initiatives'.

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

\*All funds raised go toward future 705 CAT Initiatives

**When:** Sunday, February 8

**Time:** 2PM

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

**RSVP:** [bit.ly/CATSB2026](https://bit.ly/CATSB2026)

## Save the Date - Techquity Showcase



Mark your calendar for the 2026 Techquity Showcase series presented by Sustainable Entertainment Alliance (SEA). 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



**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
Union Plus dental insurance starting at just \$195/month! Find the plan that's right for you and your family.	Get health screening at the Health Fair and an average of 60% off retail on trusted hearing aid brands.	Get a free hearing screening at the Health Fair and 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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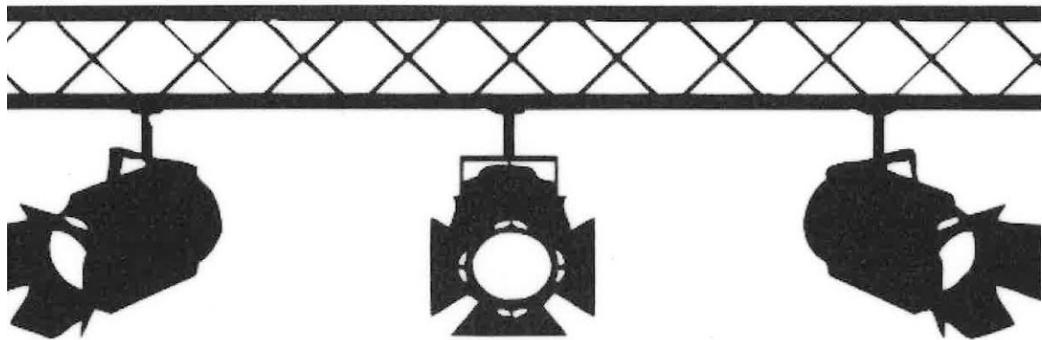
## In Memoriam

## **Celebration of Life for Robert A Petzoldt, III**

A Celebration of Life for Robert A Petzoldt, III will be held on Saturday, January 31 in Burbank, CA.

First Presbyterian Church, 521 E. Olive Ave, Burbank, CA 91501 (Behind Bell-Jeff)

### **Notice of member passing: Robert Petzoldt III**



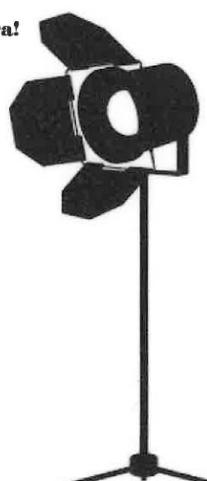
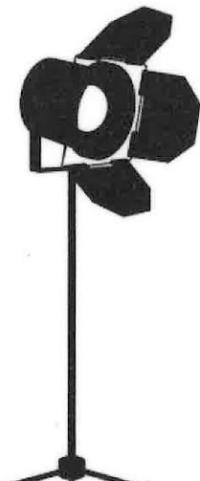
**Please join us in celebrating the life of  
Robert A. Petzoldt III (1947-2025)  
Son of Robert A. Petzoldt Jr. (1923-2016)  
Grandson of Robert A Petzoldt Sr. (1901-1987)**

**First Presbyterian Church of Burbank  
(Church Hall)  
521 E. Olive Avenue  
Burbank, CA 91501**

**Celebration hours are between 2pm-4pm  
Feel free to bring your favorite dessert (or just drop by and enjoy one)  
Listen to some of Bobby's favorite music  
Take a walk down memory lane and  
Share a memory of the unforgettable Petzoldt Era!**

**We hope to see you there**

**Fondly, Linda Petzoldt  
Daughters Angie and Juli**



## **Charles Sears**

A 20-year member of Local 728, Charles Sears passed away January 22, 2026.

[Notice of member passing: Charles Sears](#)

### In Memoriam *Charles Sears*



A member since July 30, 2005

Passed away on January 22, 2026

At the age of 55

