

## Work Stoppage Tidbits?

Just some information about upcoming Bargaining and Mobilization!!

1. Bargaining between CWA and ATT (Core) Begins  
2/24/2009
2. The current agreement between CWA and ATT expires at  
midnight 4/4/2009
3. Local 6502 will be mailing to all members a "STRIKE  
VOTE BALLOT" around the 1<sup>st</sup> week of March. The  
results of this are gathered on a District Wide Basis. One  
thing to realize. What this vote does is authorize the  
National to call a STRIKE if necessary..... CWA will  
only STRIKE if we are not able to bargain a Fair and  
Equitable Contract. There is a possibility that we could  
continue working without a contract if necessary. If the  
company and Union are close to reaching an agreement on  
4/4/2009 both parties can choose to either extend the current  
agreement or work without a contract. However this does  
not mean that CWA may go on strike at a later date.
4. Your current medical, dental and Vision benefits should be  
valid until the end of the Month in which we go out. ie....If  
we go on STRIKE 4/4/2009 your benefits should continue  
until the end of April.
5. Local 6502 will be mailing to each member a "Striker  
Certification form" on 2/24/09. Please fill this out and send  
back to the Local. In order to be paid STRIKE pay we  
MUST have an updated form on file.
6. CWA has established a Defense Fund and Members Relief  
Fund. The Defense fund is used to maintain picket lines &  
help locals for increased cost during a Strike. The Members  
Relief Fund is used for direct assistance to strikers and  
victims of collective bargaining strategies and other  
approved mobilization actions. And to provide necessary

health care to strikers and victims of collective bargaining strategies and their dependents.

7. The weekly benefit to strikers is \$200.00 beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the STRIKE and \$300.00 per week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the STRIKE. The payments end on the 7<sup>th</sup> day following the conclusion of the strike. The Local will notify each member of where we will bring their checks.
8. In order to be eligible for this payout. Members are required to perform STRIKE duty.
9. You may work elsewhere during the STRIKE and still receive your STRIKE pay as long as you perform your required STRIKE duties.
10. The Local is setting up a food drive at all Work Centers for for non-perishable food. (You never know) if there is NOT a work stoppage we will donate that to a Local Food Bank if there IS a work stoppage the food collected will be available for our members. We will also have information about possible part time jobs if anyone needs that info.
11. You will be updated by the Bargaining team as information is available. This information should be posted on Union bulletin boards and will also be available on both the Local and National websites. The Local website is [www.cwalocal6502.org](http://www.cwalocal6502.org) and the National website is [www.cwa-union.org](http://www.cwa-union.org).
12. And as always any officer or steward should be able to either answer your questions or get the answer.
13. We will have a “WATCH PARTY” at the local office on 4/4/2009. Also, we will be having work nights in the coming weeks to prepare PICKET signs. Any member is welcome to help. There is plenty of work to go around. These dates will be posted soon.
14. We are currently working on picket schedules. We Will try to accommodate everyone so that you are able to picket as close to your residence as possible. Notify your steward or any EBoard member if you have a

preferred location.

15. One thing I ask of everyone, please get involved, Participate and show that we are one. An injustice To One is an Injustice to All.

We know this is a difficult time for everyone. However, as we always have stated. WE are the ones that have made AT&T. WE deserve to have a fair contract with no takebacks.

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