



TEAMSTERS LOCAL 700 CITY OF CHICAGO MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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MARBA Sets Wage Increase for 2016

The Mid-America Regional Bargaining Association (MARBA) has determined that the prevailing wage rate for 2016 will increase by 3.25%, which is equivalent to \$1.78 per hour.

Here is the breakdown of the wage allocation:

Wages.....	\$0.57
Health & Welfare Fund.....	\$0.21
Pension Fund.....	\$1.00
LMCC Task Force.....	\$0

Hourly Wage Rates by Work Classifications

Group 1 (2 or 3 axle trucks).....	\$35.60
Group 2 (4 axle trucks).....	\$35.85
Group 3 (5 axle trucks).....	\$36.05
Group 4 (6 axle trucks).....	\$36.25

Those members affected by this wage rate work at the following locations: certain City of Chicago members, Chicago Public Schools, Chicago Park District, Cook County Highway and Chicago Transit Authority.

Sign up to Receive Text Messages From Local 700



City of Chicago members were invited to be the pilot group for the Local 700 text message program. To sign up, please visit the homepage of TeamstersLocal700.com to download a "Consent to Receive Communications" form and return it to the union office.

Local 700 Trustee Greg Ortiz Named Chair of Political Committee



Greg Ortiz serves as Local 700 Trustee

Teamsters Local 700 Executive Board Trustee Greg Ortiz was recently appointed Chairman of the union's Political Action Committee. A Teamster since 1998, he has previously served Local 700 as union steward, elected delegate and business agent. Greg's work experience with the City of Chicago spans across four departments including: Department of Aviation, Transportation, Streets and Sanitation and Water Management.

"As a rank-and-file member of the City of Chicago Department of Water Management, Greg has both the knowledge and experience to determine what issues are important to the membership and to make sure we are supporting the right candidates," said Becky Strzechowski, Teamsters Local 700 President.

In addition to his service to the city and to the union, Greg is a veteran of the United States Army. He served in two deployments overseas in the Global War on Terrorism as a U.S. Army Infantryman. He retired from the position of First Sergeant in 2011, having earned the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Bronze Star and the Army Accommodation Medal for Valor in battle. Greg serves as the military liaison for Local 700 and the Teamsters Military Assistance Program (TMAP).

"I am honored to lead the Political Action Committee of Local 700," said Ortiz. "Any political decisions we make as a union – whether it's supporting a candidate or an issue – must directly benefit the membership of Local 700 in order for us to take action."

Member's son is 5th Overall Pick in First Round of MLB Draft

City of Chicago member Corey Ray has been busy celebrating his son, also named Corey, who was chosen by the Milwaukee Brewers during the first round of the



Corey Ray was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers

MLB draft on June 9. He was selected fifth overall, making him the first Chicago athlete to be in the top 10 MLB draft picks since 1989.

Ray was the star outfielder for the Louisville Cardinals baseball team and also played on the USA Collegiate National Team in 2015. He just finished his junior year at Louisville and will be heading to the Brewers farm league by the end of June.

Last year baseball aficionados predicted Ray would be selected in the early draft rounds of the 2016 MLB

draft and had ranked him as one of the best players on Team USA's roster.

Upon graduating from Simeon High School in 2013, Ray was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in a later round pick but opted to attend Louisville that fall. Ray became a baseball standout with the Chicago White Sox's Amateur City Elite (ACE) travel program and eventually a standout player at Simeon. He is a former member of the Jackie Robinson West Little League program and also played in the 2012 Under Armour All-America Game at Wrigley Field.

In previous interviews, Ray credits his work ethic to



Corey Ray, proud father and city member

METER SHOP MEMBERS SHOW THEIR TEAMSTER PRIDE

Show yours! E-mail photos to info@teamsterslocal700.com



Members from the Water Department Meter Shop (1424 S. Pershing) show their Teamster Pride with Local 700 Business Agent/Trustee Hector Hernandez (far left) and Trustee Greg Ortiz (far right). The are nine members of the Meter Shop that work one shift, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Steward Profile: Carlos Sanchez



Teamsters Local 700 City of Chicago member Carlos Sanchez serves as union steward for both the Water Department and Meter Shop at the Pershing/S. Iron location on the South Side. Between both locations, Carlos is the steward for 86 workers.

Carlos has worked for the city for the past 24 years and has been steward for five and a half years. He spent four and a half years as acting foreman at the Meter Shop before transferring back to the role of MTD.

“When I first started working for the city, I had said to myself that if I ever had the opportunity to help others, I would,” said Carlos. “That’s why I became a union steward. I want to help people. I want to make sure that I can do everything I possibly can to help my fellow drivers.”

In his free time, Carlos enjoys spending time with his family, including his wife of 44 years and three grown children. He also likes to travel and ride his motorcycle, especially for charity events that benefit children. Carlos and his family also host local families in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Chicago Teamsters Hispanic Caucus 2016 Scholarship



The Chicago Teamsters Hispanic Caucus will be awarding \$5,000 in scholarships for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

Eligible applicants must be an active Teamster member or be the dependent of a Teamster in good standing, who is also a current and active member in the Chicago Teamsters Hispanic Caucus. Applicants must also be enrolled in an accredited university or college full-time.

Visit TeamstersLocal700.com to download an application. **Scholarship applications are due to the Local 700 office by July 1, 2016.**

City Reference Guide

Below is a list of popular city resources with addresses, phone numbers and hours of operation.

Chicago Municipal Employees Credit Union

Website: <http://www.cmecuonline.org/>

OFFICE LOCATIONS

MAIN OFFICE AND CALL CENTER

18 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60603

Phone: 312 236-2326 Fax: 312 236-1147

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

AUSTIN/WEST GARFIELD OFFICE

4909 West Division, Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60651

Phone: 312 236-2326 Fax: 773 378-2897

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

CMECU SOUTH (COS)

3510 S Michigan Ave, Suite 119, Chicago, IL 60653

Phone: 312 236-2326 Fax: 312 372-7693

Office Hours: 9:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Monday – Friday

City Hall & Streets and Sanitation Office

CITY HALL

121 N LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60602

Phone: 312-744-5000

STREETS AND SANITATION MAIN OFFICE

Room 1107 at City Hall

Phone: 312-744-4611 Fax: 312-744-4737

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

City of Chicago Deferred Compensation Plan

205 W. Randolph Street, Suite 1540, Chicago, IL 60606

312-443-1975

Office Hours: 8:30 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday

MEABF of Chicago

Website: <http://www.meabf.org/>

321 N. Clark Street, Suite 700, Chicago, IL 60654

Phone: 312-236-4700 Fax: 312-527-0192

Office Hours: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m, Monday thru Friday

City of Chicago Health and Group Benefits

Benefits Service Center, 877-299-5111

www.cityofchicagobenefits.org

Office Hours: 8 am – 5 pm, Monday – Friday

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his father, who made him run hills at nearby parks as a kid to gain strength.

“I couldn’t be more proud of my son knowing how hard he has worked to get to where he is today in achieving his dream of playing baseball,” said Corey. “I know he will be successful in whatever the future holds for him as long as he continues to work for it.”

Ray will likely receive a hefty seven-figure signing bonus from the Brewers organization.

BENEVOLENT FUND T-SHIRTS



Each shirt costs \$15 and all proceeds are put into the Local 700 Benevolent Fund. Contact or stop by the union office to purchase. 847-939-9707 or info@teamsterslocal700.com.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL - 5XL

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