



# NEWS AND NOTES

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## Commercials for UFCW Local 655 Set To Air Around St. Louis

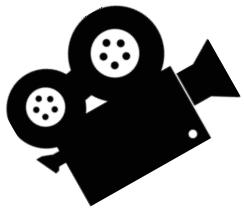


More shoppers at Union stores makes for better negotiations and better contracts, that's why commercials showing our UFCW Local 655 Union Pride and reminding customers to support hard-working families by shopping at Union stores are hitting the airwaves! We worked hard to

bring in a high-quality production team and assembled a stellar lineup of rank and file partners to talk directly with other St. Louisians about why it's so important to patronize Union

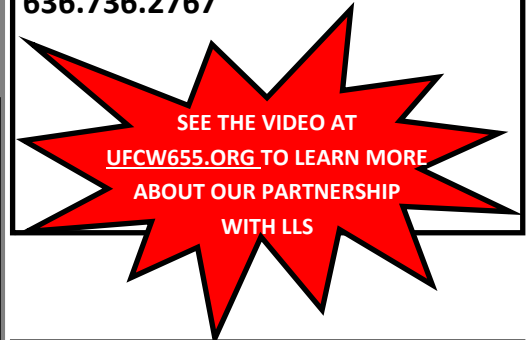


businesses like those staffed by Local 655! These commercials will be making their way to your televisions very soon. We'll also make them available on our website and our Facebook and Twitter pages so we can show people just what it means to be a Union Proud family member of UFCW Local 655. Watch for your fellow co-workers, who starred in this commercial to tell the public about the hard work you do!



## FIGHT LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA

Last year, Local 655 raised more than \$55,000 at **The Annual Joe Pretti Memorial Golf Tournament** for LLS. **The Tournament** will be held this year on **Sept. 12** at the Teamster's Union Hall Golf Course at 1230 Abbey Lane in Pevely, MO. Interested partners should call **Nick Trupiano** at **636.736.2767**



## LIGHT THE NIGHT!

For the first time ever, Local 655 will participate in the LLS Annual **"Light the Night Walk" in Forrest Park** to benefit the LLS.

The **"Light the Night Walk"** at Forrest Park's Central Fields will be held on **Sept. 24** and begins at 5pm. Last year, Local 88 raised more than \$17K for LLS research. Local 88 and Local 655 remain committed to growing that number this year.

Check your bulletin board for more information or call **Nancy Parker** at **636.736.2763**

## AND THE SURVEY SAYS...

IT'S **ELECTION SEASON!** WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ON THE ISSUES! KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR WORKPLACE FLYERS WITH THIS LOGO AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO TAKE OUR **WORKER ISSUE SURVEY!**

[www.ufcw655.org](http://www.ufcw655.org)



## UFCW Wins BIG for Wrongly Terminated Partner

In the Spring of 2015, Quinndale Jernigan was blessed with a gift. His sixth child. The day before, Quinndale Jernigan was wrongfully terminated. Jernigan contacted his Union Representative, Nancy Parker, and explained the problem. He was working two part-time jobs and putting himself through school. Every week he kept his schedule in a small weekly planner. One week, Jernigan did not work all of his scheduled hours. When his paycheck the following week appeared to be short, he spoke to three different managers to correct the problem before putting his request in writing.



Quinndale was fired for "stealing time." Even though he insisted it was an innocent mistake made by a man who was raising (at the time) 5 children,

working two jobs, and going to school, he was terminated. Jernigan insisted on fighting the wrongful termination. He filed a grievance, and spoke to Nancy Parker, his Union Rep.

"Ms. Parker did such a great job," he said. "She was with me through every step, helping to get me back to work and get me what they owed me."

Over 14 months later, Jernigan was not only back at work, but he was headed to his company's corporate office to collect a check for more than \$13,000.

"I didn't know much about unions before all this," Jernigan said. "I've had jobs in the past where I had a union but they weren't nearly as strong as this one. I think employees need to know that they have a strong union backing them up." He now has money to pay his bills, help care for his 6 children, his fiancé, and, most importantly, help him continue his schooling and work toward the better life he has earned.



## Labor Day Parade!

**When:** Monday, Sept. 5th

**Where:** Local 655 will set up and meet at **Olive and 15th at 7am.**

**What:** Annual Labor Day Parade for all Union Brothers and Sisters

**Theme:** 'We Are Union and We Vote!'

Walk with us or just watch the parade. We'll have free hotdogs, refreshment, and some games too! Contact **Mike Frame** if you have any questions at **636.736.2765**



**JOIN US TO FIGHT**

**SICKLE CELL ANEMIA!**

Join us on **Sept 17 from 10-4pm at the Central City Shop 'n Save** located at 10805 Old Halls Ferry as we BBQ to raise money to fight **Sickle Cell Anemia**. We raised \$16,000 last year and we're determined to raise even more this year! Contact **Theresa Hester at 636.736.2758** if you'd like to help! Otherwise, come hungry and get some good food!

## HELP US ELECT FRIENDS OF WORKING MEN AND WOMEN

It's **ELECTION SEASON**. That means we need to make sure we elect men and women of **both parties** that will stand up for hard-working people at work. Help us knock doors, phone bank, and much more! Contact **Nick Trupiano at 636.736.2767** to find out how **YOU** can help!



We know you're busy, you work hard and can't always read every flyer or attend every meeting. Give us a Like on Facebook/ **UFCW655**. Follow us on Twitter **@UFCW655** and check out our website [ufcw655.org](http://ufcw655.org).



Or: text 'Join' to **738674** for regular updates on contracts and much more. *Msg&Data rates may apply.*

## UFCW LOCAL 655 UNION MEETINGS

**Monthly Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
**New Member Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
**Union Hall:** 300 Weidman Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011

