



News

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Local 3634

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Pandemic Appreciation Pay

The local is still in discussions with MTA regarding the pandemic pay. The issue is not **IF** we will receive it but **WHEN**. There has been a slight hiccup in our discussions with MTA, but we hope to resolve things soon so please bear with us.

THE NEW YEARS SOIREE 2023

“The Royal Flush Casino Night”



January 14, 2023

6:30p to Midnight

**RSVP WILL BE STRICTLY
ENFORCED**

Room raffles at the virtual

November/December

General Membership Meeting on

December 3, 2022

RSVP Link

<https://www.afscme36.org/afscme-local-3634-royal-flush-casino-night>

Block Room Link

Booking Link: : [AFSCME New Year's Soiree Room Block](#)

1. [Activate the link](#)
2. [Scroll down](#)
3. [Select the date](#)

General Membership, December 3 @ 10:00am

Meeting

AFSCME Local 3634 is inviting you to a scheduled **Zoom** membership meeting. **Virtually**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82398626336?pwd=QVdsb0tHWtdWRTdUOHJOUS9MVUJVZz09>

Meeting ID: 823 9862 6336

Passcode: 008233

One tap mobile

+16699006833

We have historically combined the November/December monthly meetings to the first Saturday in December due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We look forward to your participation, we'll be updating all of you on current matters and we will also be giving away a few gifts and prizes.

After this upcoming meeting, the next one won't be until January 21st, 2023

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

Please make sure to update your personal contact information including your alternate contacts with Metro. It is especially important in times of emergencies that the employer may need to communicate at once, with you or your family for work and personal reasons.

Prosperity, Peace, and Good Health!!!

AFSCME BENEFITS INFORMATION

Medical/Dental/Vision:

Nicole Patino Patinoni@metro.net

Milette Short ShortM@metro.net

Benefits.metro.net

PERS Contact METRO:

Nixony@metro.net

TOWP Contact:

hrisadmin@metro.net



Open enrollment is **NOW**

Sisters and Brothers:

Open enrollment for your health and benefits began on November 8th. Unlike TCU, SMART and ATU, we do not have or manage our own Health and Trust Fund.

Our benefits fall under non-Contract. Please be sure to make your changes during the enrollment period **from November 8 to November 20** if you have questions contact benefits directly at Benefits.metro.net, Nicole Patino: patinoni@metro.net or ShortM@metro.net

For those of us who have CalPERS for our pension, MTA has a contract with them and is just the intermediary. MTA doesn't make the final call on your retirement benefits and calculations. If you have any questions or problems related to PERS including your service credit, you need to communicate directly with them. If you haven't done so, create your account with them and monitor your service credit. **If you take off work for any reason and miss more than two complete months of work during the service credit year (July 1st to June 30th), it can be detrimental to your yearly credit and delay your retirement.** Again, the Union does not run the PERS retirement system. You must reach out to them.

Medicare Part B

If you are retiring soon or plan to do so in the near future and you'll be 65 or about to turn 65, please know that you are entitled to receive a Medicare part B supplemental stipend that is a reimbursement if you enroll for part B but you have to ask MTA about it when you retire. The supplemental stipend is currently at \$170.22 per month but is due to decline to \$164.90 in 2023.

Union Difference

Life is better in a union. Having a voice on the job means better pay, better health care, a more secure retirement, and so much more. It means having a say in safety, staffing, and other principal issues that help AFSCME members do their jobs and keep America running.

