
P4 - DISPATCH

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Here They Go Again...

John Vitale, P-4 Council President

I have been a proud State employee going on a quarter century. As usual, every five to six years a budget crisis develops and the politicians look for a scapegoat, which always seems to be us.

In this latest fiasco, Mr. Malloy went from saying that State employees will not have the budget balanced on their backs to now trying to squeeze 2 billion dollars from State workers. When Malloy wanted our support, he told us everything we wanted to hear and before he sat in the Governor's chair long enough to warm it up, he was giving us the ultimatum of \$22,000 in concessions, per employee, per year, or else. The or else is one of the favorite tools of politicians; **layoffs**.

Mr. Malloy speaks of shared sacrifice and 2 billion dollars of concessions from the State workforce and 1.5 billion dollars in taxes for the residents of Connecticut. The State worker not only has to bear the 2 billion dollars in concessions, but as many people seem to forget, we are also residents and will be burdened, in addition, a portion of the 1.5 billion dollars in tax hikes. How is that shared sacrifice?

Also, it seems to have been forgotten by Mr. Malloy, that State employees are still in a contract that was part of a concession deal with the Rell administration, reached just a few years ago. That concession deal with a zero increase and furlough days cost the average employee approximately \$4000.

If there is a proposed agreement, we must make sure the elements of job security and future

"Come and join us for the P-4 Summer Picnic"



With all this turmoil about contract, givebacks and lay-offs stressing everyone, it's time to relax a little and enjoy the company of your fellow council members at our annual summer picnic. Bring your family and enjoy the foods, games and pool.

When:

July 15th, 2011 – noon to 4 PM

Where:

The Farmington Club
162 Town Farm Road
Farmington, CT 06032

Lots of prices and surprises!

Ticket Prices:

\$ 25 for P-4 Council Members

For tickets see:

Linda King-Corbin or any steward

At last year's picnic at The Farmington Club



incentives such as pay raises and fixing the pension breakpoint are included. We must also insist that the 2017 Agreement remain intact. In these trying times, every member must stay informed and engaged in this process to allow for a chance at the best outcome possible.

By John A Vitale, P-4 Council President

Chapter 88 is Going Green!

For three years running, Chapter 88 has been thinking green by recycling cell phones and batteries that would otherwise add to electronic waste. As an added benefit, part of the profits made by the recycling company, GRE Wireless Recycling, is returned to the chapter to be allocated for Good and Welfare. This year, Chapter 88 is expanding the program to the union hall where anyone can donate a used or broken cell phone to be recycled. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the McCusker Scholarship Fund. Join us in benefiting both our planet and our members. Please bring your phones and extra batteries to Bernadette Conway for collection.

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Annual Phoneraiser

**Have an old cell phone sitting in a desk?
Donate your old or broken Cell Phone to our
Union to be RECYCLED for \$CASH\$**

SHOW ME THE GREEN!

Donate your used cell to CSEA Chapter 88 to help the union earn some green for its members while helping the environment. Proceeds will be used to benefit members through better union functions, meetings, and additional McCusker Scholarship contributions.

GO
GREEN!

Do you want the charger or manual? **NO!!** The cell phone and battery are all we need! Manuals can be recycled along with normal paper recycling. Extra batteries may be donated to be properly disposed of.

The phone's Memory / SIM card will be completely erased during recycling

Collection Boxes are set up at our UNION HALL in Hartford as well as the DOT District 3/ 3A and Rails Offices

Where do I take my phone?

District 3 - Construction - Joi Barry	UNION HALL - Bernadette Conway
District 3 - Surveys - Vinny Hanchuruck	Rails - Office - Marc Ofinoski
District 3 - Permits - Ernie Lagoja	District 3A - Office - Ghazi Alsaqri

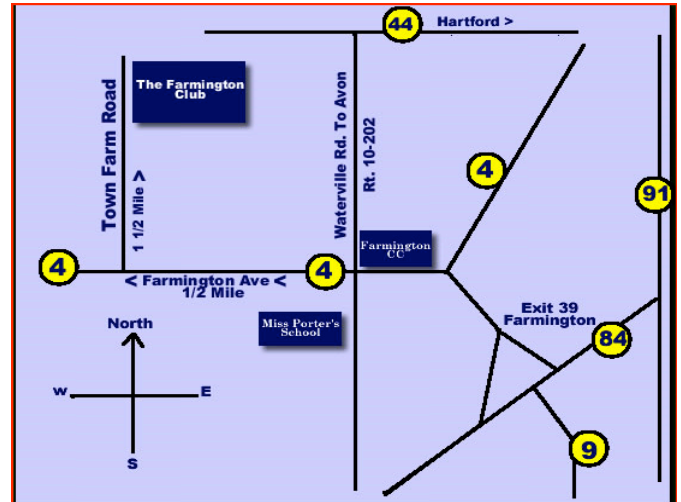
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Cell Phones and batteries will be recycled by GRE Wireless Recycling

Remember to adhere to the State's Ethics Policies when collecting cell phones from a third party

Directions to The Farmington Club:

I-84 to Exit 39, Rte. 4 West or Rte 10 to Farmington Center, proceed _ mile west of center on Rte. 4. Then right on Town Farm Road, 1 _ mile on right. Or take Rte. 9 to I-84 west to Exit 39 and proceed as above.



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

P-4 Council Communications Committee Meeting

June 2, 2011, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Room 3, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Hall, 760 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

P-4 Council Delegates Meeting

June 2, 2011, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Room 1, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Union Hall, 760 Capitol Ave. Hartford, CT

P-4 Council Communications Committee Meeting

July 7, 2011, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Room 3, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001 Hall, 760 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT

P-4 Council Delegates Meeting

July 7, 2011, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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