

# UFCW 951 BULLETIN

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The UFCW 951 Bulletin is a regular publication of UFCW 951 designed to give members a quick update of union news and events. It is distributed at the workplace by union representatives and is available online at [ufcw951.org](http://ufcw951.org).

## KROGER CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS TO BEGIN SOON

UFCW 951 will start contract talks with Kroger in early May, as the current contract expires on June 15, 2024. The local represents more than 1,000 workers at 10 Michigan Kroger stores. A bargaining committee, made up of members, will represent the union in negotiations and will focus on increased wages. Nationwide, recent contract talks between Kroger and other UFCW locals have been contentious, as Kroger's main focus is a potential merger with Albertsons.



UFCW 951 members at Kroger #888 in Lansing show their solidarity.

"Kroger brings in billions of dollars, and its workers are responsible for those earnings," Courtney Phillips, UFCW 951 secretary-treasurer and lead negotiator for the talks, said. "In these negotiations, Kroger should only be focused on how valuable its employees are to the company."

## CONTRACT TALKS STARTING IN APRIL FOR MEIJER FRESH ASSEMBLY & GRANDVILLE NUT ROASTING

UFCW 951 will begin negotiations on April 12 for a new contract for the nearly 200 workers at Meijer Fresh Assembly in Lansing and the Meijer Grandville Nut Roasting plant. Workers at each facility are currently covered by separate contracts. These negotiations aim to create one contract for workers at both sites.

"The workers at both facilities deserve a substantial wage increase," Courtney Phillips, UFCW 951 secretary-treasurer and lead negotiator for the talks, said. "Unifying these manufacturing workers under one contract strengthens our bargaining power."

A bargaining committee, made up of members from both sites, will focus on wage-related issues. In February, members from both locations joined Meijer retail and distribution center workers in approving a Universal Benefits Agreement securing improvements in paid time off, leaves of absence, and retirement. The current Nut Roasting contract expires on May 18, 2024, and the current Fresh Assembly contract expires on August 2, 2025.

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# DISCOUNTED TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR DETROIT TIGERS VS. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES GAME



UFCW 951 is offering discounted tickets for the June 26, 2024 Detroit Tigers vs. Philadelphia Phillies game at Comerica Park in Detroit at 1:10 p.m. For \$45, members will receive an upper box infield seat and an all-you-can-eat picnic before the game. Members may purchase a maximum of four tickets. The deadline to purchase tickets is May 29 but tickets will likely sell out before then.

To purchase tickets online, visit [ufcw951.org](http://ufcw951.org). Order forms are also available from your union representatives. For more information, contact your union representative or call the union office at 1.800.999.0951.

## SHARE A SUMMER PHOTO FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100

UFCW 951 is asking members to show us what you enjoy about summer! Submit a photo taken between Memorial Day (May 27) and Labor Day (Sept. 2) for a chance to win one of five \$100 prizes.



The UFCW 951 logo must be visible in the photo.

The logo can be found on items such as stickers, pens, or The Voice of 951 newspaper. By entering, members agree to the use of the photo in future publications and online.

To enter, email [comm.team@ufcwlocal951.com](mailto:comm.team@ufcwlocal951.com) with "Photo Contest" in the subject line and attach your photo as a JPEG or PNG file. In the body of the email, type your full name, employer, and unit number (if applicable). Members can also enter by sharing the photo to Facebook and tagging us at [@UFCW951](https://www.facebook.com/UFCW951).

Five winners will be randomly selected from all valid entries. For more information, contact the Communications Department at 1.800.999.0951.

## GET YOUR DISCOUNTED TICKETS NOW FOR 2024 UFCW 951 DAY AT THE TOLEDO ZOO

UFCW 951 Day at Toledo Zoo will be July 24 and discounted tickets are available to members for the price of \$33 each. Members will have the opportunity to see over 10,000 animals from 720+ different species, as well as an aquarium with over 250 species of sharks, rays, fish, and invertebrates. The discounted tickets include access to the zoo and aquarium, parking, and an all-you-can-eat picnic lunch.

There is a limit of six tickets per member at the discounted price and the deadline to purchase tickets is June 13, but they could sell out before then.

To purchase tickets online, visit [ufcw951.org](http://ufcw951.org). For a paper order form or for more information, contact your union representative or the union office at 1.800.999.0951.