



Jordan Vaandering and Luis Brennan are part of a group of Burgerville employees who want a union.

Burgers, fries, and a union?

On April 26, about 100 union supporters marched to the Burgerville at SE 26th and Powell in Portland. Simultaneously, a delegation of five Burgerville workers — accompanied by union organizers from the Painters Union and UNITE HERE — entered Burgerville’s corporate headquarters in Vancouver to present a letter announcing the formation of the Burgerville Workers Union. The 41-store regional chain, privately held by The Holland Inc., has so far failed to respond.

The union is affiliated with the Portland chapter of Industrial Workers of the World. It seeks a

\$5 an hour raise for workers in all 41 stores.

“They promote themselves as a good employer, and I would say it’s better than McDonald’s,” says Luis Brennan, cashier at Burgerville’s airport location. “But that doesn’t mean it’s enough for us to build a life on.”

Currently wages are at or near minimum wage. Full-time employees get health insurance, but it comes with a high deductible.

FIND OUT MORE

At BurgervilleWorkersUnion.org, you can find out how to help, and watch a video of workers explaining in their own words why they want a union.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival drags out union bargaining

A group of 65 stagehands at Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) in Ashland voted to join the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) last June, but 11 months later, they still don’t have a first contract. Union and management bargaining teams have been negotiating since September 2015 and have yet to agree on any economic terms.

OSF has hired former National Labor Relations Board agent Bill Leopardi, now a California union-busting consultant, to help communicate with its workers. But they can make up their own minds: Bargaining is open to all employees. As a result, says IATSE Rep David Bateman, more stagehands support the union now than when the 37-to-25 vote took place.

OSF is represented at the bargaining table by attorney Rick Liebman, while IATSE is assisted by attorney Liz Joffe. They’ve been assisted by a federal mediator since April 11, and they next meet May 9.



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