Newsletter

August 2023 Edited by William Debuel Recording Secretary

## John Hoheusle, President/BA

ATU Local 758 expresses gratitude to all our members that attended this year's picnic for making it an unforgettable event, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and cherished memories.

This event was organized by Vicky Simpson, it proved to be a resounding success, bringing together members from all departments and retirees for a day of fun. ATU Local 758 would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to making the event a memorable and enjoyable experience.

Held at a neutral venue, the picnic provided the perfect backdrop for colleagues to unwind and connect outside of the office environment, the day was filled with laughter, friendly competitions, and a sense of camaraderie that further strengthened the bond between members.

From the planning committee who meticulously organized every detail to the enthusiastic participants who engaged in various games, each person paid a vital role in the picnic's success. ATU Local 758 recognizes and appreciates the dedication, effort, and team spirit demonstrated by every member.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who made the annual picnic a remarkable event. The memories created will be cherished, and the bonds formed will continue to strengthen Local 758.

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June was a very busy month for me, I was in Washington D.C lobbying for better safety features for our buses. We need to start pushing our local politicians to invest in buses that will meet higher standards of safety. Make sure that all safety concerns are written up and reported, keep records and share them with your union representatives. Also make sure to report any event that happens while performing your duties ASAP, report it immediately after it happens. Be careful out there while working in the system, be vigilant and courteous and show ATU 758 members are the best at what they do.

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We are continuing negotiations with Sound Transit and starting with Pierce Transit and Longview Paratransit Services.

As long as we are in negotiations please be patient and please refrain from spreading rumors. We will keep you informed during the process as much as we can.

Please make sure to take the survey Pierce Transit is providing. I want you to provide real and truthful data. Don't be afraid to take it, they cannot track who is taking it.

Be safe,

John Hoheusle

## **From Financial Secretary Andrew Boring**

I also want to offer my 'thank yous' and gratitude to all who made this year's picnic a super fun event, especially Vicky Simpson! Thank you to all the Volunteers that helped make this event a success. We all appreciate you!

This coming August 5th is our annual Golf Tournament and I want to extend my gratitude to Jerry Hardeman, Retiree Larry Marks and our Office Secretary Pattie Clark for your hard work in making this event happen. Looking forward to a memorable outing!

## From Recording Secretary William Dehnel

Thank you to all who attended this years Picnic. There was a large turn out and the event was a lot of fun. Like many of you I got to visit with new operators, fondly remembered retirees, and grizzled vets. It was an opportunity for us all to get together and enjoy each others company. Vicky and her crew of volunteers did an amazing job and I am thankful for all that they did.

## <u>C.O.P.E.</u>

C.O.P.E. stands for the Committee On Political Education. It is a committee that allows both the international and locals to contribute to education and activism on a political level. C.O.P.E. funds are used to fund classes to help enable members to get important bills passed. Locals can use C.O.P.E. funds to contribute to Unions/ Transit friendly politicians. Other uses for C.O.P.E. funds, include campaign materials for bond measures that benefit transit.

We ask that you all consider donating a small sum monthly such as 5 dollars to help fund these important political activities.

# ATU LOCAL 758 LONGVIEW PICNIC

**RiverCities Transit / Lift Members** 

Sunday, August 27, 2023

12pm to 5pm at Riverside Park Pavilion 1820 Westside Hwy, Kelso, WA

## Food and Drinks provided!

Bring sunscreen and folding chairs!!

For more information contact

Tony Harris (360-747-1303) or

Shawnda Hurley (360-749-9919)

Come ready to relax, and to enjoy good food and good company!! 

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#### Weingarten rights

This statement could save your job!

"If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated I respectfully request that my shop steward be present at the meeting. Without Union representation present, I choose not to respond to any questions or statements."

#### **UNION MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTICE**

Executive Board meeting -Thursday, August 3, at 3:30pm (EB only) (ATU Local 758: 6923 Lakewood Dr. B-1, Lakewood, WA)

#### <u>Charter meetings</u>

<u>Thursday, August 10th</u> at 6:30 PM & <u>Friday, August 11th</u> at <u>10:30 AM</u> (ATU Local 758: 6923 Lakewood Dr. B-1, Lakewood, WA) <u>Wednesday, August 16th</u> at 7:15 PM in Longview, (upstairs lunchroom: 254 Oregon Way, Longview WA)

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