

## Senator Steve O'Ban to speak to Tillicum/Woodbrook Neighborhood August 1<sup>st</sup>



At the TWNA on August 1, Senator Steve O'Ban, R-28<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, will update attendees with a review of the last legislative session and what has been happening in the interim (6:30 P.M., Tillicum Community Center, 14916 Washington Ave. SW).

Among the matters O'Ban has been asked to address is his proposal that would create a special task force to provide oversight of Amtrak and Sound Transit's plans before passenger trains can return to the tracks through Lakewood.

Writes O'Ban, "As soon as the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) [shared its findings](#) with the public on the 2017 Amtrak train derailment that happened in DuPont, [I held a press conference](#). I was joined by Mayor Courts from DuPont and several first responders who participated in the rescue efforts the day of the incident.

"I called for Amtrak and Sound Transit to hold off resuming the Pt. Defiance Bypass route through Lakewood until all of the NTSB's recommendations could be implemented.

"Since one of those recommendations called for the state to have stronger oversight of the final approval process before transportation projects such as these move forward, I also called for the creation of a special task force to provide that kind of oversight.

"In the meantime, the [City of Lakewood sponsored a resolution](#) supporting my position. Service on that route should not resume until we are certain that all recommended safety changes have been implemented. To proceed otherwise is irresponsible and puts the public at unnecessary risk."



### Community Center staff in need

Did you read in [The Suburban Times](#) of the crisis faced by some of our community's own? You can help! Please consider what you might be able to do.

Thank you, Diane Formoso, Caring for Kids, in making this known!

UPDATE! See "Center Needs Help" article below.



Our very own TWNA Vice-President, Jonah Muwanguzi, graduated this past month of June from Washington State Patrol Trooper Basic Training in a ceremony under the State Capitol Rotunda.

The TWNA board (don't tell Jonah) voted to honor Jonah and his family (since police work is a family affair) with a professional family portrait.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, prices are as below. We hope to present this to Jonah and his family at our August 1 meeting.

Contact TWNA Treasurer Abby Henning at [abbyanddwane@aol.com](mailto:abbyanddwane@aol.com).

## Congratulations Jonah!



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## Tillicum Library happenings in August

**Saturdays @ 12:00 PM Bi-lingual Family Storytime** - Bilingual Story Times are offered in Spanish and English. Storytime include art activities, rhymes, singing and finger plays. For families with young children.

**Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 Tech Tuesday** - Have a question about your smart phone or an app, or software on your laptop? Each Tuesday through January, tech help will be available on a drop-in basis to assist with anything tech related from navigating the web, beginning computer help, or solving device quandaries.

**Wednesdays @ 1:00 PM Space Out with STEM** - Every Wednesday through August, come into the library for hands-on crafting using STEM concepts. Make your STEM project and take it home!

**Fridays Aug. 2, 16, 30 @ 3:30 PM Cooking with Irene** - Learn to flavor your food with the right combination of herbs straight from your garden! Flavoring is the key to successful meals that draw attention from family and guests.

**Friday, August 2 @ 2:00 PM Museum of Flight** - Learn the history and science of rocketry. Build and test your own Alka-Seltzer powered rockets. All ages.

**Tuesday, August 13 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Work Source – Email Professional Communication** - Learn about the best practices of professional communications, different email features and safety. Explore free online resources

**Tuesday, August 13 2:00-4:00 PM Work Source – Prepare for Job Interviews** - Benefits of pre-interview prep & responding to challenging questions in a positive way. Attendees will receive an interview survival handout.

**Monday, August 19 @ 12:30 PM Laughter Yoga with Michelle Kucera-Jewell** - Michelle Kucera-Jewell is a Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT) with Yoga Alliance. Laughing is an easy way to [strengthen all immune functions](#), bring more oxygen to the body and brain, foster positive feelings & improve interpersonal skills.

**Friday, August 16 @ 2:00 PM Idea Hatch: Space Quest** - Create a planet & watch it orbit. Test real meteorites & peer into an infinity star box. Create clouds & lightning. Experience space in virtual reality & more!

Jeanine Adams, Supervising Librarian, Tillicum Library, (253) 548-3591 [jadams@piercecountylibrary.org](mailto:jadams@piercecountylibrary.org)



## Tillicum Community Center needs your help

Claudia Fisher, Manager, in charge of Operations and Maintenance at the Tillicum Woodbrook Community Center, is appealing to neighborhood residents for help.

She writes, “We always need people to do yard work (pull weeds, weed whack), The parking lot needs to be cleaned all the time. People throw garbage everywhere, trash cans emptied, etc.”

Evidently help is also needed in the clothes closet which is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-2.

Following the meal site on Wednesdays from 3-4 P.M. the hall needs to be swept, Fisher says, the floor mopped, tables put back, garbage emptied.

“Every day there's always something janitorial that doesn't get done because there isn't enough time, be it mopping bathrooms or vacuuming, or washing windows.

“Whenever somebody wants to help there will be something to do. It might not be much or take long, but there's always something.”

You can reach Fisher at [ClaudiaFisher@outlook.com](mailto:ClaudiaFisher@outlook.com) and/or call 253-584-1280.

Recently an article appeared in The Suburban Times by [Diana Formoso](#), Caring for Kids, who wrote of significant medical and housing crises facing the Fisher family.



## Special Delivery!

By some special people!

Captain and Paramedic Todd Atkins, West Pierce Fire and Rescue, assists with the delivery of a healthy baby boy this past July 5 in Tillicum.

Engine 23 responded and welcomed to the world this little guy who

may also grow up to be a fireman like the dreams of his bit-older neighbor down the street.



## Thank you, Engine 23!