

Washington County seeks board members for five committees

The following Washington County boards are currently seeking applications for new members:

Developmental Disabilities Council

(4 terms to expire 12/31/03)
Identifies community needs, recommends funding priorities, and helps select and evaluate service providers. The County's emphasis on contracting with community agencies for social services makes the work of this volunteer advisory council critical.

Housing Advisory Committee

(2 current vacancies, 1 term to expire 12/31/03)

Providing affordable housing is a formidable job. Nine representatives from real estate, banking, building, agriculture, employment, public housing and neighborhoods help the Housing Services Department and the Board of Commissioners with this task. The Committee assists by making recommendations on housing policy issues and on the use of nearly \$1,000,000 annually to build affordable housing.

Budget Committee

(2 current vacancies)
Reviews the proposed County budget each fiscal year.

Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District Budget Committee

(2 current vacancies)
Reviews the proposed budget for unincorporated Washington County. Members must live in the ESPD.

Urban Roads Maintenance District Budget Committee

(2 current vacancies)
Reviews the proposed bud-

get for unincorporated Washington County. Members must live in the URMD.

The application deadline is December 15, or until all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the website or by calling (503) 846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on the website: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/boards/commis.pl>

Free gun locks December 6

Free gun locks will be given away by the Washington County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, December 6, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in the lobby of

the sheriff's office at 215 SW Adams Avenue, Hillsboro.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation partnered with Governor Kulongowski and local law enforcement agencies, to distribute nearly 300,000 free gun locks in Oregon. The gun lock giveaway is part of the national Project

ChildSafe initiative, funded by a \$50 million dollar grant from the Department of Justice and will provide nearly 20 million free gun locks nationwide.

At the free gun lock giveaway, interested families will also be treated to a seven-minute Eddie Eagle gun-safety video. With a firearm present in

about half of all American households, children must learn that guns are not toys. The video teaches this vital lesson through four simple steps. If you see a gun: STOP! Don't Touch. Leave the Area. Tell an Adult. What better gift to give your children, during this holiday season, than the gift of safety.

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