

State candidates at PAF, September 24 *Veterans Benefits and Job Fair*

On Monday September 24, the Washington County Public Affairs Forum (PAF) will welcome the candidates for Senate Districts 17 and 18, the Democratic incumbents Elizabeth Steiner Haywood and Ginny

Burdick, and their Republican challengers John Verbeek and Suzanne Gallager. Also at the podium will be Tom Cox, Libertarian candidate for State Treasurer.

The PAF meets from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive. The doors open at 10:30, with a first lunch serving at 11:30 and a second at noon. The program begins at noon. The lunches are open to the public; lunch is \$15, \$10 for soup and salad, and \$6 for iced tea or coffee only. Members pay \$2 less for each option.

Founded in 1956, the PAF provides a common meeting place for the interchange of ideas and to stimulate thinking

on civic matters. Each week the Forum brings together community leaders, members and guests who care about what happens in Washington County, the metro region and the state of Oregon. Speakers from government, business, science, the arts and education address the Forum. Members have the opportunity to question speakers – sometimes the most interesting part of the program.

The Forum is a neutral arena for the education of members and the public. It endorses no particular point of view and takes no responsibility for the opinions expressed by speakers, which are not necessarily the opinions of the Forum, its members or its Board of Directors. Programs are replayed on TVCTV Channel 21 Thursday at 6 a.m.; Channel 28 Thursday at 10 p.m., Friday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.; and Channel 11 Monday at 10 a.m.

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Veterans and their families are invited to attend a Veterans Benefits and Job Fair on Thursday, September 27. The free fair will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Willow Creek Center, located at 241 SW Edgeway Drive in Beaverton.

Eric Belt, Veteran Services Program Supervisor for Washington County, says, "High unemployment rates put veterans at risk of becoming homeless more quickly than veterans of any other era." The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who become homeless do so in three years, compared with 13 years for Vietnam-era veterans. Belt goes on to say, "Connecting veterans to benefits they have

earned in honorable service to our country is critical to preventing this from happening to our newest generation of heroes."

The Veterans Administration, other governmental and community-based agencies, and employers will be on hand to provide services and information such as health screenings, job opportunities and the chance to register with the VA for medical care and other benefits.

The event is hosted by Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services (DAVS), WorkSource Employment Beaverton and the Western Washington County Employer Council.

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use alternate routes (Cornell Road or Highway 26).

Milling work is scheduled to occur between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day. During the milling work, a single lane of traffic will generally remain open on Evergreen Road; however, delays of up to 20 minutes or more may be experienced.

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