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MARCH 13, 2018

TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE

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BALLOT DROP SITES

The following drop sites will be open in Clackamas County.

All official drop sites will be available from February 21, 2018 until closing at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Clackamas County Elections

1710 Red Soils Ct., Ste. 100
Oregon City, OR 97045

24 Hours (outdoor)
Office Hours (indoor)

Mon - Thu.....8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fri.....8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Lake Oswego City Hall

380 A Ave. Suite 3, Lake Oswego
24 Hours (outdoor)

Lake Oswego Library

706 4th St., Lake Oswego

Office Hours (indoor)

Mon - Thu.....10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fri, Sat.....10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sun.....1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

West Linn City Hall

22500 Salamo Rd., West Linn
24 Hours (outdoor)

West Linn Library

1595 Burns St., West Linn

Office Hours (indoor)

Mon - Wed.....10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thu, Fri.....10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sat, Sun.....12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Wilsonville Library

8200 S.W. Wilsonville Rd., Wilsonville

Office Hours (indoor)

Mon - Thu.....10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Fri, Sat.....10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sun.....1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any official drop site in the state. The Secretary of State's drop box locator is:

<http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/drop-box-locator.aspx>



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Dear Clackamas County Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet contains information designed to assist you in voting: ballot titles, explanatory statements and arguments pertaining to local measures which appear on the March 13, 2018 Special Election ballot in Clackamas County. Please remember, in order to vote on a measure, you must be an active registered voter of the jurisdiction placing the measure on the ballot.

Your voted ballot must be received at an official ballot drop site or at the Elections Office, 1710 Red Soils Ct., Ste. 100, in Oregon City by 8:00 p.m. on election night in order to be tallied. Remember, the postmark on a mailed ballot does NOT count.

Results are available on the County Clerk's election webpage after 8:00 p.m. on election night. The web address is www.clackamas.us/elections/results.html.

Official ballot drop sites are listed on the front of this pamphlet. Indoor drop boxes will be available during regular business hours (and outdoor drop boxes are available 24 hours a day) beginning Wednesday, February 21 until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

Ballots will be delivered to households between Wednesday, February 21 and Tuesday, February 27. Please contact us if you have not received a ballot by February 27.

If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox. If a ballot was sent to someone who has passed away, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.

If you need assistance voting or have any questions about this particular election or the election process, please call the Elections Division at 503.655.8510.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sherry Hall in black ink.

Sherry Hall
Clackamas County Clerk

VOTER INFORMATION

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

1. You are a resident of Oregon;
2. You are at least 16 years of age (though you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday), and
3. You are a United States citizen.

YOU MUST UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION IF:

1. Your residence or mailing address changes;
2. Your name changes, or
3. You wish to change political affiliation.

To be eligible to vote, you must be registered by the end of the 21st day before an election (February 20, 2018).

If you make a mistake or damage your ballot in any way and need a replacement, or if you have questions on registration or updating your registration, contact the Elections Division by calling **503.655.8510**.

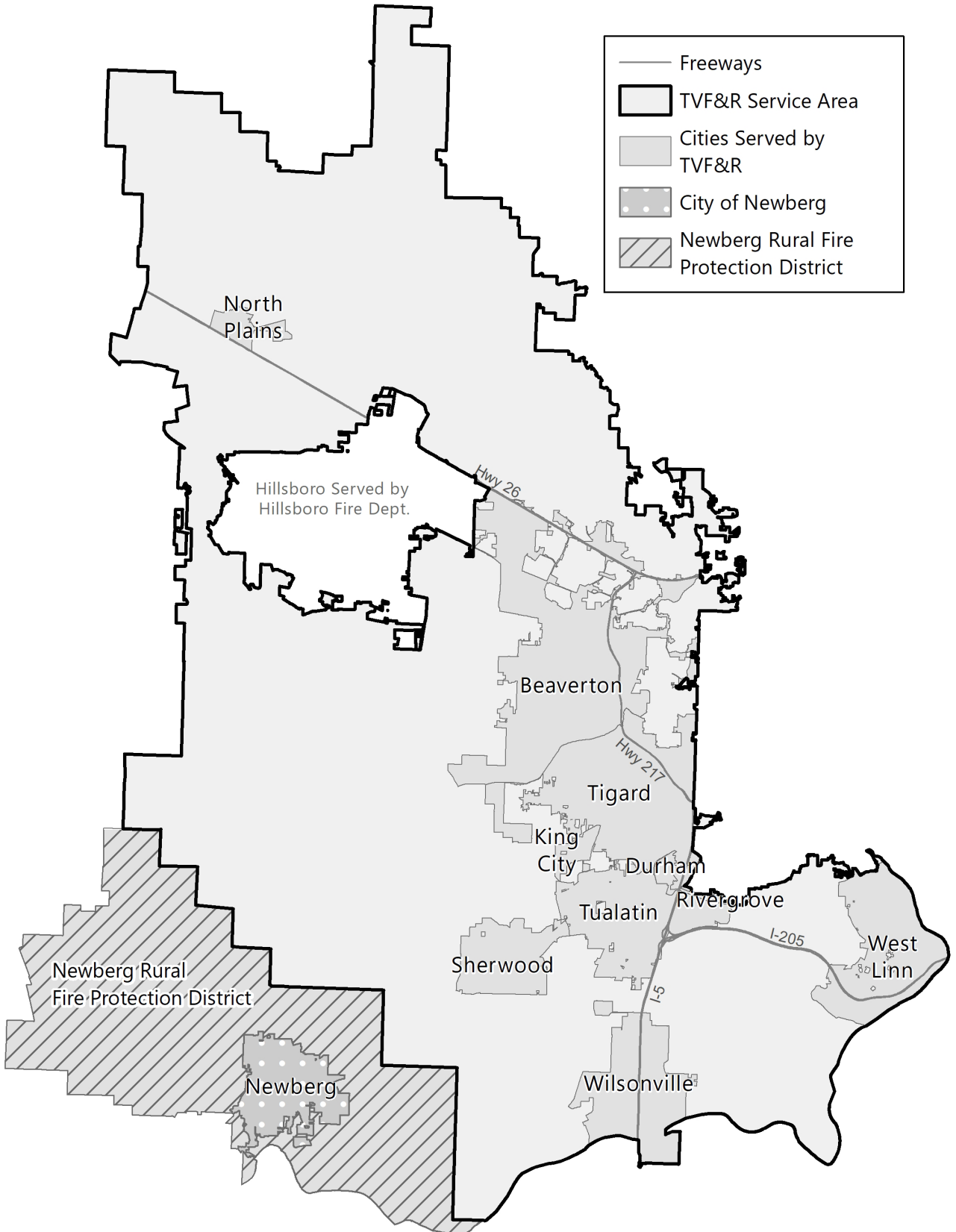
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Your voted ballot may be deposited in any **Official Ballot Drop Site** in the state. Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, March 13, 2018. **If you return your ballot by mail, remember: the postmark does not count.** Clackamas County drop sites are listed on the front of this pamphlet and online at <http://www.clackamas.us/elections/documents/dropboxlocations.pdf>

Measure Text and Arguments (if any) are printed as filed; no spelling or grammatical corrections are made.

Map of the Service Areas with Proposed Boundaries



Measure 34-280

CAPTION: ANNEXATION OF CITY OF NEWBERG TERRITORY BY TVF&R

QUESTION: Shall Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue annex the City of Newberg territory to provide fire, emergency medical, and ambulance services?

SUMMARY: In 2016, the City of Newberg signed a two-year contract with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District (TVF&R) to provide fire protection, advanced emergency medical, and ambulance services. During the contract, elected leaders of TVF&R and Newberg evaluated the feasibility and cost-benefit of annexation. In June 2017, the Newberg City Council approved annexation to TVF&R, subject to voter approval. Voters residing within the City of Newberg voted on the question of annexation to TVF&R in Yamhill County measure 36-190. The outcome of that November 8, 2017, election was 69.32% in favor of annexation.

This measure seeks approval of the annexation from voters residing in TVF&R's existing service area. Once annexed, the City of Newberg residents will pay the same tax rate as existing TVF&R patrons. They will also become eligible to vote for TVF&R directors and on any future TVF&R property tax proposals. This measure will not increase taxes paid by existing TVF&R patrons.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would annex all the territory within the City of Newberg into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue. Annexation was proposed by the elected bodies of TVF&R and the City of Newberg. Voters residing within the City of Newberg voted on the question of annexation to TVF&R in Yamhill County Measure 36-190. The outcome of that November 8, 2017 election was 69.32% in favor of annexation.

If TVF&R voters also approve annexation of the City of Newberg territory, the City of Newberg residents will pay the same tax rate as current TVF&R residents beginning July 1, 2018. They will also become eligible to vote for TVF&R directors and on any future TVF&R property tax proposals. TVF&R's combined tax rate is \$2.0799, which includes a permanent tax rate of \$1.5252 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, a local option levy of \$0.45 (expiring in 2020), and a bond levy of \$0.1047.

Approval of this measure will not increase taxes for existing TVF&R residents and could possibly decrease the rate paid on bonded debt. TVF&R will also receive all fire and emergency response assets such as fire stations, equipment, and apparatus, from the City of Newberg.

TVF&R's history is based on similar voluntary and mutually beneficial annexations. TVF&R took shape between 1972 and 2016, as a number of city fire departments and rural districts consolidated to share limited resources and save money. TVF&R achieves cost savings through economies of scale such as buying trucks and equipment in bulk, reducing administrative overhead, and leveraging a system of response to strategically locate stations, resources, and personnel.

A "yes" vote approves annexation. A "no" vote rejects annexation.

Submitted by
Cassandra Ulven
Public Affairs Chief

Measure 34-280

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Firefighters Support Measures 34-280 and 34-281

TVF&R and Newberg firefighters have long-shared the same outlook:
We're willing to risk our lives to save yours.

There are a lot of things we do to ensure we're prepared to answer a call for help.
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Tualatin Valley Firefighters believe that the team of responders serving the region will grow even stronger if the community chooses to support annexation and we have proof that it's worked for the existing cities and counties we serve.

In service,
International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 1660

(This information furnished by Brian Smith)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

For more than 30 years, I've worked as a physician in the field of emergency medicine. I support Measures 34-280 and 34-281.

As an EMS medical director, I'm particularly passionate about saving lives. I know that competent care at the scene of emergencies has a huge impact on outcomes. I've focused much of my career educating and supervising our first responders so their protocols and training are based on the best available evidence.

When individuals experience heart attacks, strokes, sudden cardiac arrest, or a severe traumatic injury, the treatment they receive in the first minutes is vital. TVF&R firefighters respond to thousands of medical emergencies every year. In the case of cardiac arrest, TVF&R has made great strides in improving patient survival rates which have tripled since 1998. I believe their performance during cardiovascular emergencies is largely due to strong leadership supported by a dedicated workforce of firefighters and paramedics; use of data to make decisions about where and how they locate resources; organizational focus on quality and safety and a commitment to ongoing training

TVF&R's current system exists because of annexations and mergers. If TVF&R expands into Newberg and the surrounding rural area, I'm confident that their service to residents in Beaverton, Tigard, Tualatin, North Plains, Aloha, West Linn, Wilsonville, Rivergrove, Durham, King City and Sherwood will not sustain any negative impacts. On the contrary, regionalization of emergency medical services has always helped improve the quality of care through the adoption of novel approaches and ideas that such mergers provide.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mohamud Daya

Dr. Daya serves as the EMS Section Director at OHSU and EMS Medical Director for Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Forest Grove Fire & Rescue, Cornelius Fire Department, Banks Fire District 13, Gaston Rural Fire District and Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency. He's also on the EMT Advisory Committee for the Oregon Medical Board and is a Co-Principal Investigator for the NIH SIREN Network.

(This information furnished by Mohamud Daya)

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Measure 34-280

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Please vote **YES** for Measures 34-280 and 34-281 to approve annexation of Newberg and Newberg Rural by TVF&R. The voters of Newberg and Newberg Rural, TVF&R's Board, and Washington County Commissioners have already approved. It is now your decision.

History has proven that similar partnerships work.

Over time, several city departments and rural districts have combined to form the TVF&R of today that provides high-quality emergency medical care, fire suppression, technical and water rescue services, hazardous materials response, fire prevention, and education. As we've evolved, we've created a more robust system than individual communities could have on their own.

TVF&R's Board of Directors is made up of residents living in the district.

We are elected to be stewards of your resources and investments. We have collectively volunteered for decades because we care about ensuring reliable emergency services for our friends, family and neighbors.

We must thoughtfully consider the impact of fire district policies and business practices.

For the past two years, our board has evaluated the prospect of permanently adding Newberg and the neighboring rural area to TVF&R. We believe that it is a good fit for our district and their communities and will improve the overall strength and efficiency of our regional system.

Newberg and Newberg Rural will pay their fair share.

Not only will they pay our permanent and levy tax rates, they'll also help repay our bonded debt because all members will benefit from the system's infrastructure investments. This will actually lower the rate paid by all citizens.

TVF&R Board President Clark Balfour

(This information furnished by Clark Balfour)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Last December, we approved Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's request to annex Newberg and the surrounding rural area. We don't make such decisions without careful consideration, and we are responsible for ensuring that the annexations won't negatively impact the people we're elected to serve.

During our tenure, we have approved similar annexations and mergers with TVF&R. In each case, the partnerships have resulted in better service and stability for all communities involved. Improvements have included more firefighters, better infrastructure like fire stations and training facilities, and the reduction of unnecessary administrative duplication.

TVF&R is a trusted community partner that we all can rely on for excellent service. Measures 34-280 and 34-281 will not change that.

We encourage you to vote yes.

Andy Duyck, Washington County Commission Chair
Dick Schouten, District 1 Commissioner
Greg Malinowski, District 2 Commissioner
Roy Rogers, District 3 Commissioner
Bob Terry, District 4 Commissioner

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Measure 34-280

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On Christmas night in 2016, I had the worst experience of my life.

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Firefighter paramedics from King City and Newberg responded to help me and transported me to the hospital.

I'm glad that there was a seamless emergency medical system with trained professionals in place when I was fighting for my life. I want to know that my family and our community can count on the same level of service regardless of which city or county they're in.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue has built a network of stations with highly-trained people who are always ready and willing to risk their lives for the sake of others.

It's a mission I can relate to, and I support them serving the residents of Newberg and the surrounding area.

Nic Cederberg

(This information furnished by Nic Cederberg)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Please vote yes to allow our Newberg neighbors to join TVF&R!

I live in TVF&R's jurisdiction near the Yamhill County line. In the 20 plus years my family has lived on Highway 219, we've seen several horrible car crashes.

Last June, there was also a 15-acre brush fire nearby. TVF&R provided a coordinated response with six water tenders, several engines, and personnel who responded from Newberg, Sherwood, King City and Scholls and were properly trained to fight wildland fires. They worked for 72 hours tending hot spots and monitored the site for weeks because of burning stumps. I'm glad we didn't experience the devastation that we've seen during California wild fires.

Whether you're living in Clackamas, Yamhill, Washington, or Multnomah counties, you want to know that you will have enough trained people and equipment to resolve terrible accidents, respond to fires quickly or render medical care.

As a parent, landowner, and active community member, I respect the decision of Newberg area residents to join forces with Tualatin Valley and I don't feel that Measures 34-280 and 281 will adversely affect TVF&R residents.

Linda Sandberg
Chehalem Mountain Resident

(This information furnished by Linda Sandberg)

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NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

Measure 34-281

CAPTION: ANNEXATION OF NEWBERG RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TERRITORY BY TVF&R

QUESTION: Shall TVF&R annex all territory within Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural) upon Newberg Rural's dissolution?

SUMMARY: Since July 1, 2016, Tualatin Valley Fire and Re.scue District (TVF&R) has provided fire protection, emergency medical, and ambulance transport services to Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural) under contract. In July 2017, Newberg Rural's board of directors decided that dissolution of the Newberg Rural Fire Protection District and annexation to TVF&R would provide the most stable solution for long-term service to the area. Voters residing within the Newberg Rural territory voted on the questions of dissolution of their district and annexation to TVF&R in Yamhill County measures 36-187 and 36-188, respectively, on November 8, 2017. The outcome was 62.28% in favor of dissolution and 62.99% in favor of annexation to TVF&R. This measure seeks approval of the annexation from voters residing in TVF&R's existing service area.

Once annexed, Newberg Rural's residents will pay the same tax rate as existing TVF&R patrons. They will also become eligible to vote for TVF&R directors and on any future TVF&R property tax proposals. This measure will not increase taxes paid by existing TVF&R patrons.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would annex all the territory within Newberg Rural Fire Protection District (Newberg Rural) by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.

For decades, Newberg Rural had an agreement with the City of Newberg for the provision of fire and emergency medical services. The City of Newberg approached TVF&R for contract services in 2016 due to funding limitations that made it difficult to sustain adequate staffing, maintain equipment, and comply with national standards given increased service demands. When the City of Newberg began contracting with TVF&R, services were extended to Newberg Rural to honor the historic arrangement.

After hiring an independent consultant to research options for Newberg Rural's future, the Newberg Rural board of directors decided that dissolution of the district and annexation to TVF&R would provide the most stable solution for long-term service to the area. Voters residing within the Newberg Rural territory voted on the questions of dissolution of their district and annexation to TVF&R in Yamhill County measures 36-187 and 36-188, respectively, on November 8, 2017. The outcome of that election was 62.28% in favor of dissolution and 62.99% in favor of annexation to TVF&R.

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Measure 34-281

Approval of this Measure will not increase taxes for TVF&R residents and could possibly decrease the rate paid on bonded debt. TVF&R will also receive all fire and emergency response assets, such as fire vehicles and cash assets, from Newberg Rural. TVF&R will reinvest proceeds from Newberg Rural's cash assets into future infrastructure that will serve the Newberg Rural area.

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ELECTION RESULTS ON THE INTERNET

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By entering the above web address into your computer's internet browser, you can access current and archived results for elections conducted in Clackamas County.

After 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, navigate to returns for the current election with just a few clicks of the mouse.

Updates are posted as ballot processing continues throughout the evening of the election.

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