



SPRINGBOARD NEWSLETTER

December 2007



Don't make a mistake

on your Unemployment application!

Join us for a filing session
Thursday, December 27th
at Norway Hall - 1419 N. Forest Street
Experts will walk us through the
application and answer questions.
Pick your time: 9:30am, 11:00am,
1:30pm, or 3:00pm

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NOTE FROM CHIP HILARIDES

We are all about to head out on new adventures and start writing new chapters in our lives. As we undertake this exciting transition, with some normal trepidation, we should all be reminded of the many blessings from our time at the GP Bellingham Mill.

This unique and challenging work environment helped us to be safer than we ever have before. That knowledge and the instinctive work habits we all developed will be true assets in our work and personal lives forever.

The esprit de corps and camaraderie that the Bellingham Mill fostered in our work place is unique and valuable. I will never forget all that I've learned from this experience and hope to replicate the many good aspects of our team and how we did business in my future endeavors.

The business of our mill may have been about making bath tissue products, but the reason we were successful is the people.

I want to wish you all the very best in this very exciting and emotional transition.

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

While all of us have worked together here at G-P, many of us doing similar jobs and doing them side by side with our friends and colleagues, when it comes to thinking about next steps we are each unique. Please remember that information provided to you by WorkSource and college advisors is an individual plan that takes into account your distinct circumstances, skills, education, and desires. Your plan to move forward will be different from everyone else's. Please, if you've not yet met with your WorkSource Counselor, make an appointment today and find out about YOUR options.

GET HELP NOW, DON'T WAIT

Each Friday in January, WorkSource staff host Drop-In sessions from 2:00-4:00pm. You do not need an appointment. Come in and have your questions answered. Help with your **Individual Training Proposal** is available with counselors ready to guide you through the proposal process.

C-STOP CLASS

The C-stop class on December 29th is full; class will start at 8:00am and will be held in the NWC Building Room #130. Please be on time.

DISLOCATED WORKER

The Dislocated Worker program provides job search and training

services to help you return to suitable employment as quickly as possible. Services may also extend to your spouse if they are a homemaker who has been dependent upon your income and is unemployed or underemployed.

For information, contact:
Daniel Reedman - (360) 676-3242
Rich Sandeen - (360) 676-3217

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

The unemployment insurance (UI) program is designed to partially replace your regular earnings and help you meet expenses while you are looking for another job or if you are in a full-time training program approved by Employment Security Department.

For information, contact:
1-800-318-6022
www.go2ui.com

COMMISSIONER APPROVED TRAINING

The Commissioner Approved Training program waives job search requirements for people who are in an approved, full-time training program and meet the eligibility requirements. If you are participating in a full-time, Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) or Dislocated Worker approved

NOTE FROM CHIP HILARIDES CONTINUED...

Please make the best of it and challenge yourself to take the best of what you learned at our mill and share it with those you engage with in your next job, classroom, or even retirement.

I feel truly blessed to have been a part of this team and wish you all the very best in the future.

Sincerely,
Chip Hilarides
General Manager –
Bellingham Operations



COMMISSIONER APPROVED TRAINING CONTINUED...

training program, work closely with your Counselor to receive Commissioner Approved Training.

For information, contact:
Erika Smith
(360) 676-3238

TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

Under the current NAFTA/TAA certifications for Georgia Pacific, eligible workers are entitled to the following services available at WorkSource Whatcom through the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program:

- **Reemployment Services** – assistance in finding a new job including employment counseling, resume writing and interview skills workshops, career assessment, job search assistance and referrals.

- **Training** – assistance with tuition, fees, books, tools, and supplies is available to eligible certified workers who do not have the skills to secure suitable employment in the existing labor market.

For information, contact:
Erika Smith - (360)676-3238
Shawn Brookshier - (360)676-3247

TRAINING BENEFITS

For eligible persons enrolled in an approved training program, Training Benefits allow you to collect additional weeks of unemployment benefits once you have received all of your regular benefits.



Important! You have 60 days to submit a **Training Benefits Application** and **90 days** to be enrolled in training after being notified of Training Benefits.

For information, contact:
Erika Smith - (360) 676-3238

BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Bellingham Technical College (BTC) specializes in preparing students for high-wage, high-demand careers. BTC's educational style is rooted in hands-on and experiential learning. Visit the website for information on available programs.

Steps to Enroll at BTC:

1. Meet with your WorkSource Trade Act or Dislocated Worker Counselor
2. Schedule an assessment by calling BTC at (360) 752-8345
3. Complete an Admissions Application
4. Receive an acceptance letter and register for classes

*Some programs have additional admission requirements.

For information, contact:
Career Center – (360) 752-8450
www.btc.ctc.edu

Website Resources

www.go2worksource.com
www.workforceexplorer.com
www.worksourcenorthwest.com

Worker Retraining funds will help you jump start your career at BTC. Funds cover your first quarter of tuition, fees and supplies.

For information, contact:
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Shawn Brookshier - (360) 676-3247
Rich Sandeen - (360) 676-3217
Dave Knapp – (360) 752-8492

RETIREMENT CALCULATOR

To calculate your retirement, go to www.yourpensionsite.com

1. Password is your social security number
2. Pin number is the month and day of your birthday
3. Make sure your termination date is 12/31/2007; the calculations will be the \$45 per year.

*If your birthday falls in the second quarter, you might consider waiting until after your birthday for a decrease in your discount unless you've already have 35 years.

*If you are calculating your pension after the 2nd Quarter, the dollar amount will be calculated at the minimum (highest interest rate).

PEER OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Peer Outreach Program will continue to operate from our offices here at the mill; we are located in the Administration Building on the bottom floor. Our hours are 7:00am-4:00pm Monday through Friday. Please stop by or call us anytime. Computers with Internet access are also available outside our offices for your use.

For information, contact:
Loni Wiebe & Juan Garcia
(360) 752-6713

Future Issues

of G-P's Springboard Newsletter will be sent to your personal e-mail and available in the Job Seeker section of www.WorkSourceNorthWest.com