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State GOP coming to Bridgewater to discuss jobs

Town one of seven stops in six-week state tour

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BRIDGEWATER — Statehouse Republicans have targeted Bridgewater as one of seven initial stops in a GOP jobs tour, announced Wednesday during a State House press conference.

The six-week tour kicks off Tuesday, with area Republicans providing a platform throughout the state for residents to present their ideas on how to improve the job climate in Massachusetts.

The announcement comes after President Barack Obama recently announced a plan to create jobs throughout the country. Currently, the state unemployment rate is 7.6 percent, while nationally it is 9.1.

“The creation and sustaining of jobs is a critical issue for every citizen in our state, and we need to explore every avenue for economic growth,” Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr, R-Gloucester, said in a press release.

The discussion in Bridgewater will be on Sept. 27 at the Memorial Building, 25 South St., from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

It will be hosted by Reps. Angelo D’Emelia, R-Bridgewater, and Vinny deMacedo, R-Plymouth. Other representatives involved will be Geoff Diehl, R-Whitman, Daniel Webster, R-Pembroke, and Shaunna O’Connell, R-Taunton.

Political science professor Mike Kryzanek at Bridgewater State University said the tour, regardless of party affiliation, is welcome.

“This should be nonpartisan,” Kryzanek said.

Kryzanek suggested the GOP is also likely hosting the tour to show voters a different approach than they have seen come from the governor’s office. The tour will likely focus on more small business and less government, said Kryzanek.

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