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Community Calendar

Fix-it Fair

The City of Portland will hold its 16th Annual Fix-it Fair on resource saving strategies for the home and garden on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Self-Enhancement Inc., located at 3920 N. Kerby. City, County and community non-profit agencies will provide information, hands-on demonstrations and more than a dozen how-to classes on saving money. Tri-met will pass out free bus passes and NW Natural will serve complimentary hotdogs. For more information, call 503-823-4309.

Adopt a Pet

The Oregon Humane Society is extending its outreach efforts to several area pet stores this month. Help the Humane Society bring homeless pets into the community, call 503-285-7722, extension 204 for more information.

Thanksgiving Farmers Market

Portland's farmers, bakers, chocolate and cheese makers will get together for the first annual Thanksgiving Farmers Market on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Portland State University. In addition to the regular farmers market items, shoppers can purchase natural centerpieces and order pies and customized holiday wreaths. Free cooking demonstrations are scheduled on the secrets to wild mushroom soup, new spins on bread stuffing and ginger cranberry sauce. For more information, call 503-241-0032.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner

St. Andrew Catholic Church will offer its annual free Thanksgiving Feast to 400 people from the surrounding neighborhoods on north and northeast Portland on Thanksgiving day from noon to 3 p.m. at the church Community Center located at 4940 NE 8th Ave. To volunteer to help with the dinner or to donate food, call 971-244-0339.

Thanksgiving at Kennedy School

McMenamins welcomes friends and families for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner buffet from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Kennedy School at 5736 N.E. 33rd. The menu features chipotle pepper, pesto and traditional deviled eggs, maple baked ham with honey-beer mustard, herb-roasted turkey breast, baked yams with Jonathan apples and brown sugar glaze, traditional sage stuffing and fresh baked pumpkin pie with whipped cream. For reservations, call 503-249-3983.

Thanksgiving Blood Drive

The American Red Cross invites blood donors to give the gift of life at its Eight Annual Thanksgiving Day Blood Drive. Characters from Oregon Children's Theatre's *Sacagawea* will make a special appearance, along with broadcasts of the Macy's Parade and national football games, hands-on children's activities, food, beverages and a visit from the Portland Fire Bureau and its engines. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. at the American Red Cross Donor Center, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

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Killingsworth Designs Draw Support

'It has all the elements required to create an active street life.'

—neighbor Alex Dorsey on plans for a Killingsworth upgrade

Area residents look at plans to create an active street life along Killingsworth in the vicinity of Portland Community College in inner north and northeast Portland.



Ornamental lighting, trees would make corridor more welcoming

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Some needed attention is coming to a north and northeast Portland thoroughfare and business district.

Neighbors from Interstate Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard have come up with a plan that would line a section of Killingsworth Street with trees and ornamental lighting and make the corridor a more welcoming place.

Thursday night, the Killingsworth Street Improvement Plan was presented at the North Portland Branch Library in the heart of inner

city Killingsworth and adjacent to the Jefferson High School and Portland Community College campuses.

Alex Dorsey brought her son Brandon 10, to review plans that could be implemented if funding is identified.

"I am here because it's my community," Dorsey said.

She often frequents the library with her son. They like to take advantage of places to stop and sit and people watch. They both want a more people friendly corridor.

"He needs to understand he's part of the community," Dorsey said.

Dorsey was impressed by visions of new pavement, brickwork, street trees, streetlights, banners and benches.

"It has all the elements required to create an active street life," she said. "The design is meant to engage the neighborhood."

The plan also calls for public safety features like curb extensions, more crosswalks and additional bike lanes.

One particularly lofty idea would place a park atop Killingsworth where it crosses I-5, extending the current platform 50 feet south and 20 feet north. A design proposal shows trees, benches and foliage over what is now

Brandon Dorsey (left), 10, looks over the choices in a proposed upgrade of the Killingsworth Street corridor. "He needs to understand he's part of the community," his mother said.

a barren concrete overpass.

Michael Shillingford owns the Portland Ice Cream Co. where the freeway intersects Killingsworth. He also liked what he saw and indicated he would consider expanding his retail outlet if the improvements are implemented.

"I think it's nice, it's conducive to the neighborhood," he said.

Ben Ngan is a designer and consultant for the project.

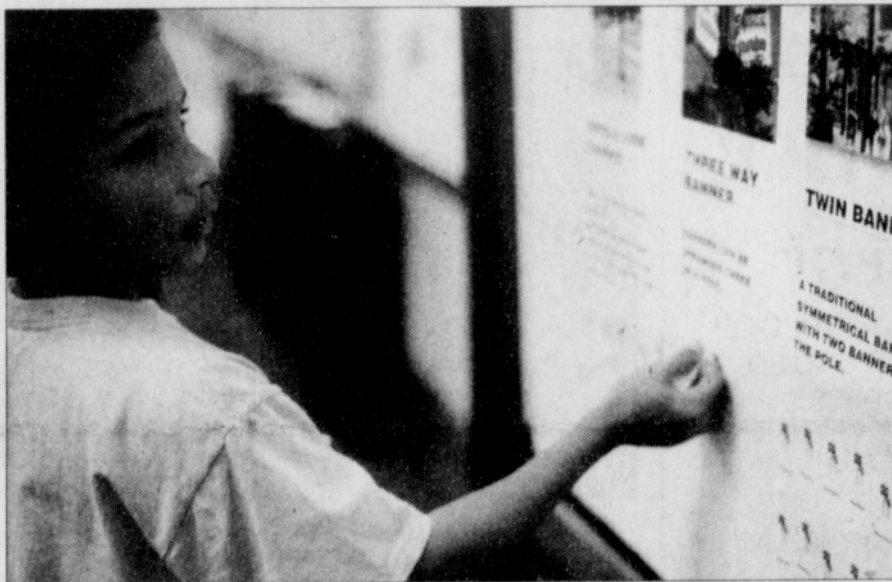
"The whole boulevard would get some kind of distinguishable treatment," he told neighbors.

He said the PCC campus would look different from the rest of Killingsworth but also share a "mainstreet" character.

The city successfully won federal funding for the study by tying it to the light rail construction on Interstate. It will also look for federal money to make the street plans happen.

Officials said if the city does not receive comprehensive funding, projects could be implemented separately, as money trickles in.

"It's Killingsworth's turn to get some dough," Ngan said. "It's clearly in line."



TriMet Forms Diversity, Transit Equity Team

Two Interstate MAX employees promoted

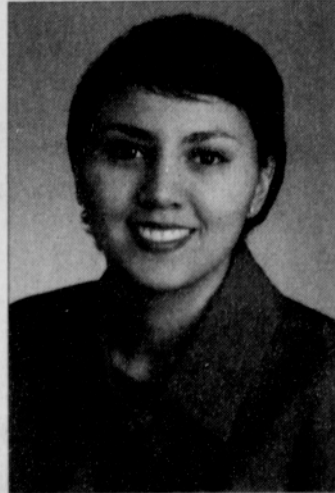
TriMet has created a new Diversity and Transit Equity Department to focus on recruitment, outreach, transit equity and business opportunities for minority and disadvantaged businesses.

Bruce Watts and Amber Ontiveros have been promoted from their work on the Interstate light rail project to expanded roles in the new department within the office of TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen.

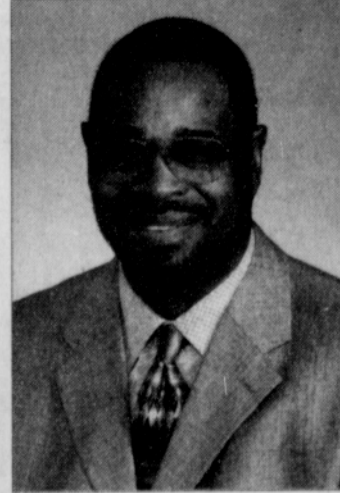
Watts, formerly TriMet's Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) manager, will head the new department as senior director. Under his direction the Diversity and Transit Equity Department will serve as a resource to all divisions in the areas of diversity focusing on recruitment, outreach, transit equity and DBE opportunities.

"Creating this new department underscore's TriMet's commitment to a diverse workforce reflecting the communities we serve," said Hansen. "It also expands on our success with providing opportunities on the Interstate MAX project for locally owned minority businesses."

TriMet's Interstate MAX project created a national model for providing opportunities for involvement by minority businesses.



Amber Ontiveros



Bruce Watts

Prior to joining TriMet, Watts was executive director of the Coalition of Black Men, managing outreach programs and developing avenues to further social and economic change for African-American and broader communities.

Ontiveros has joined the department as manager of special projects. She formerly was the Interstate MAX communications coordinator.

Ontiveros is a former chief of staff for Sen. Margaret Carter, a north and northeast Portland legislator. She provided Carter with policy advice, managing communication, lobbying and serving as a liaison to numerous constituent groups.

Financial Aid Plummets

Educational support for students drops while their tuition increases

(AP) — Student financial aid grants are poised to take a \$2 million hit across the state.

That's about \$200 per student, according to figures tallied last week by the Oregon Student Assistance Commission, the organization that runs the state's primary need-based student financial aid program.

The cuts are being made because of the state budget gap, and because of the September passage of Measure 19, which shifted some money used for the grants over to the public school system. And the news comes as the state's universities have announced tentative plans to raise tuition, pending the outcome of a temporary income tax increase measure on the January ballot.

At the state's public universities, students will get \$228 less for the rest of the year in financial aid grants. Community college students will get \$190 less, and students at private colleges will see their grants reduced anywhere from \$300 to almost \$600, depend-

ing on the school and how much it charges for tuition.

Students will have few options to deal with the cuts. Those who haven't used up all of their loan eligibility could borrow more money, but the amount may not be large enough to justify that step.

Few colleges will be able to help. The Legislature cut more than \$50 million from the state university system budget in a series of special sessions, and an additional \$25 million will be cut if voters turn down the income tax increase in January.

If that measure passes, the grant reductions for spring term will be less. The exact amount hasn't been determined.

Jim Buch, associate vice president for enrollment services at the University of Oregon, said there was hope earlier this year that the university could make up some of the opportunity grant reductions from its own budget. But with the legislative cuts, he said that's no longer possible.