

# In the Neighborhood

Mayor Tom Potter has been in office for a little over 100 days. How do you think he is doing?

I like the fact that he took all the city bureaus instead of assigning them to each commissioner. I like how he's looking at the big picture.

—Judy Boyer



He's definitely reinvigorated City Hall and is getting more people involved. People are looking at the city government more intently than before.

—Professor James S. Harrison

He's doing a good job; he's taking risks that Vera Katz didn't take. He doesn't let people come in and push P-Town around.

—Matthew Shevchenko



I'm against using taxpayer money for elections. He seems to be doing a fine job, but for me, I'm not impressed. The jury is still out.

—Kendi Esary

I like his attitude and how he interacts with the public. He's doing a good job.

—Nigel O'Shea



## 'Good in the Neighborhood' Plans Set

### Tom Potter named Grand Marshal

Portland Mayor Tom Potter will be the Grand Marshal in a community parade that is part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Good in the Neighborhood Multicultural Music and Food Festival on the last weekend of June, celebrating the diversity found in north-east Portland.

"Good in the Neighborhood is a wonderful example of neighbors coming together to celebrate community assets," Potter said. "Every year this event highlights the incredible diversity within our city. I am honored to be this year's Grand Marshal of such an effort."

The festival will feature some of the Northwest's finest entertainers and a variety of music styles such as rhythm and blues, Caribbean music and gospel. Some artists scheduled to perform at the festival are Ocean 503, Chatta Addy, the Linda Hornbuckle Band and Ballet Folklorico de Woodburn (dance of Mexico).



Mayor Tom Potter

A variety of ethnic cuisine, a beer and wine garden, and an information village for organizations, businesses and sponsors will also be part of the festival. Activities for children will take place in the KidSpace area, including storytell-

ers, face painting, a bug zoo and arts and crafts.

The route of the parade is from North Russell Street to Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard, north on MLK to Northeast Alberta and east on Alberta to the King School Park site, which is adjacent to King Elementary School, located at 4906 N.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Proceeds from the festival and the kickoff event go to the King School Parent Teacher Association and Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods' outreach programs.

The festival will be held from noon to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25 and from noon to 7:45 p.m. on Sunday, June 26. Admission to the festival is free. A kickoff for the event will be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, June 23 at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

For more information about the event or volunteer opportunities, call 503-282-1288 or visit the Good in the Neighborhood website at [www.goodinthe neighborhood.org](http://www.goodinthe neighborhood.org).

## Oregon Gets It's Ceremonial Strike

Portland will host the official launch of the Oregon quarter on Wednesday, June 15. The historic celebration will begin at 11:45 a.m. at the Oregon Historical Society, 1200 S.W. Park Ave., followed by a block party and quarter exchange at 12:45 p.m.

The festivities include free ice cream, entertainment, and a free quarter for kids younger than 18. This is also one of the only opportunities to buy uncirculated rolls of Oregon quarters.

Oregon marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> quarter to be unveiled since the start of the United



States Mint's 50 States Quarters Program that began in 1999. The image of Crater Lake was recommended by the Oregon Commemorative Coin Commissions, a group of 18 Oregonians and co-chaired by Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

"The Crater Lake image for the Oregon quarter is a symbol that perfectly captures the natural beauty of Oregon and the spirit of its people, from ancient times to today," said Treasurer Randall Edwards at the United States Mint at Denver.

The Oregon quarter from the U.S. Mint goes into circulation on June 15.

## High School Standards Raised

The Portland School Board has unanimously voted to raise the standards for high school graduation, starting with next year's freshman class.

The more rigorous requirements are designed to ensure students leave school prepared for upwardly mobile careers or for further education.

The class of 2009 will be required to earn a total of 24 credits to graduate. The new policy adds an additional credit in both math and science (bringing the total required in each subject area to three), and requires students to take eight electives including three aligned with a career pathway area, culminating in a senior portfolio/project.

"Research shows that the single largest barrier to student achievement is low expectations," said Bobbie Regan, co-chair of the school board. "We can and must expect more from our students, and we will offer them the challenge and support they need to succeed."

The class of 2011 (today's sixth grade students) will be required to complete 25 credits to graduate, including two years studying a world language and one elective credit in the applied or fine arts.

## Viagra Users go Blind

(AP) - Federal health officials are looking into reports of blindness among dozens of men who used Viagra and other impotence drugs - but at the same time cautioning that the vision loss can be linked to the same illnesses that lead to impotence.

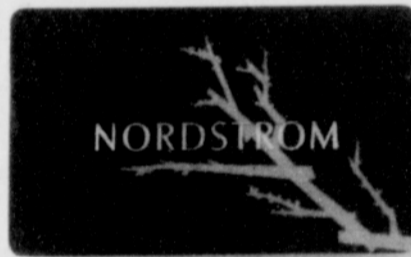
The Food and Drug Administration disclosed Friday that it was in discussions with the makers of Viagra, Cialis and Levitra about what the labels of those drugs should say about the rare cases of varying degrees of vision loss, including blindness. The maker of Cialis already has voluntarily added a one-line mention to its label.

At issue is sudden vision loss when blood flow to the optic nerve is blocked, a condition called NAION or non-arteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy.

Complicating the question: NAION is considered one of the most common causes of sudden vision loss in older Americans, and estimates suggest there are anywhere from 1,000 to 6,000 cases a year.



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