

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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Pastor B.E. Johnson (from left), Dr. Rev. Leroy Haynes, New Seasons Market President Lisa Sedlar, Rev. Renee Ward and Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman lend their support to the re-naming of the Max Light Rail Station on North Interstate Avenue and Rosa Parks Boulevard in honor of the civil rights leader.

## Max Station Honors Rosa Parks Commemorates role in Civil Rights Movement

TriMet has officially renamed the Portland Boulevard Max Yellow Line Station in north Portland in honor of Rosa Parks.

The new station signage was unveiled Feb. 4 on the anniversary of Parks' birth, in what would have been her 96th birthday.

A short dedication ceremony included music by Ockley Green students and a birthday cake in the New Seasons Market, located across the street.

The historic marker tells how Parks'

courageous act drew national attention to two simple truths: A public transit system said for by all must benefit all, and civil rights must be protected for all.

On Dec. 1, 1955, Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Ala., after refusing to give up her seat to a white man while riding on a segregated bus.

The Portland City Council, under Saltzman's leadership, renamed Portland Boulevard as Rosa Parks Way shortly after Parks died in 2005.

*You are invited!*

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justice forgiveness  
NI-NKA-BI harmony  
freedom fair play

BLACK UNITED FUND OF OREGON

**Black United Fund of Oregon's  
12th annual community banquet**  
February 19, 2009

Proceeds go towards scholarships for African-American High School Seniors and non-profit organizations serving Oregon's low-income communities.

**Thursday, February 19, 2009**  
6:00pm Reception & Silent Auction - 7:00pm Dinner  
The Governor Hotel, Heritage Ballroom  
614 SW 11th and Alder

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**Families are welcome to drop in at these free events:**

<b>Regence Boys &amp; Girls Club</b> 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 4430 N. Trenton St.	<b>Blazers Boys &amp; Girls Club</b> 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 5250 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd.	<b>OMSI Family Science Night</b> 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 2 1945 S.E. Water Ave. (OMSI Café will be closed)
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