

Adams First Mayor Celebrating Juneteenth

Honored in lead-off vehicle

"Juneteenth" is a day most Oregonians, of all races, know very little about. On Saturday, organizers of the 37th annual Juneteenth parade and festival attempted to explain why this historic celebration should be of importance to people in Portland.

Simply put, African Americans have their own Fourth of July or Independence Day. It comes on June 19, when in 1865 all slaves in America were declared a free people. More than 250 cities across the U.S. had official celebrations. In 31 states, Juneteenth is recognized as a state holiday.

The late morning parade featuring more than 28 diverse groups and over 120 participants marched down Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard as Portland Police motorcycles officers blocked traffic. People lined the street cheering as other came outside from businesses and homes to see what the excitement was all about.

A U.S. Marine Corp. Honor Guard, followed by the Oregon Troop of Buffalo Soldiers led the parade. Portland Mayor Sam Adams served as Grand Marshal and was accompanied by Mrs. Clara Peoples, the founder of Portland Juneteenth. Bruce Broussard, representing the Buffalo Soldiers, rode with them. Mayor Adams became the

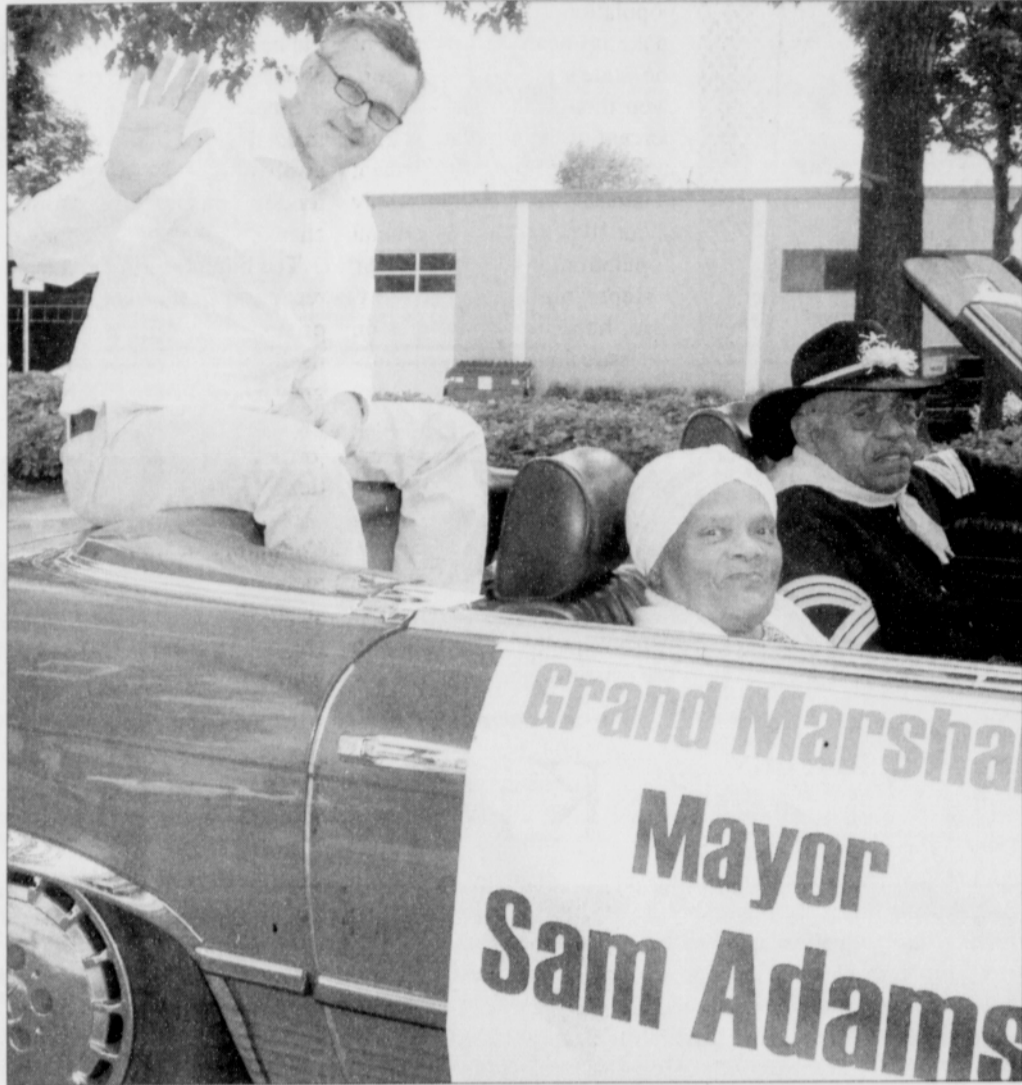
first city mayor to participate in any Juneteenth activity honoring Portland's African-American community.

"It was a complete honor to participate in this historic celebration," said Mayor Adams. "The National Juneteenth movement has a long, 37 year Portland history and is an important annual community event. I encourage all Portlanders to mark their calendars now for next year's Juneteenth celebration."

Parade participants included Miss Black Oregon Chelsea Deloney, Rosa Parks Marching Group, Forty-Acres and a Mule, Jack & Jill Club, Oregon Bus Project, Mother Strong & Friends, Amistad Slave Ship, Streeter Classic Cars, Girlfriends Garden Club, Chrysler 300 Club, Wells Fargo Bank, Prince Hall Chapter and members of the Full Tilt Motorcycle Club.

As the parade reached its Jefferson High School destination, several hundred people took part in the Juneteenth community festival, even under cloudy skies and a persistent drizzle. More than 30 vendors and exhibitors were on hand offering artworks, services and products.

Christopher Gourmet Grill and Yam-Yam's BBQ Restaurant provide food for festival goers. Larry Matthews of Yam-Yam's -



Mayor Sam Adams participates in Saturday's annual Juneteenth Parade on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Accompanying the mayor is Mrs. Clara Peoples, the founder of Portland's Juneteenth celebration and Bruce Broussard, representing the Buffalo Soldiers.

thanks to donations from his suppliers - gave away food free for two hours during the festival, while the Multnomah

County Library gave out free ice cream sundaes.

Entertainment was provided by the Kirk Green Band and

more than 10 musical artists and groups from True Shine Productions. Steve Holgate, a nationally recognized impersonator,

with a striking likeness of President Lincoln, made an appearance. Deloney, as Miss Black Oregon, also spoke.

Peggy Ross, director of the Governor's Affirmative Action Office, read a proclamation from Gov. Ted Kulongoski and Secretary of State Kate Brown recognizing Juneteenth 2009. A proclamation from Mayor Adams was also read. The City proclamation was officially presented to Mrs. Peoples and Miss Orna Lee Green at a City Hall ceremony on Wednesday.

"As Juneteenth pdx chair, I thank all the people who volunteered and worked tirelessly to make this Juneteenth a great success," said Doris Rush, Wells Fargo Bank. "I look forward to coming years where we will take this community event to the traditional three day celebration."

Also part of the Juneteenth celebration was the dedication of a stone plaque at the President Lincoln statue in downtown Portland's Parks Block at Southwest Main Street and Park Avenue.

Miss Black Oregon was joined by Lincoln impersonator Holgate in the ceremony to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Lincoln. The event was in partnership with the Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Committee, led by Mike Burton, vice provost at Portland State University, and the Juneteenth group.



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Federal stimulus monies are going to work adding lighting to 7 miles of a busy I-205 bike and pedestrian corridor.

Stimulus Monies Light Corridor

Crews have begun work to add lighting along the busy bike and pedestrian I-205 Multi-Use Path near Clackamas Town Center.

The Oregon Department of Transportation and TriMet are dedicating \$3.8 million of federal stimulus funds to add lighting along about 7 miles of the corridor from Southeast Foster

Road to Gladstone.

Stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will support about two dozen jobs, and includes calling five people back to work and preventing six layoffs.

The path provides a key connection for cyclists and pedestrians to access the new MAX Green Line and the Springwater

Corridor Trail between Gresham and downtown Portland.

Adding lighting will enhance safety along the corridor and encourage more people to ride bikes and walk to transit. Work on the path adjacent to the new MAX Green Line is expected to be completed in time for the Sept. 12 Green Line opening.

Weekly Unemployment Payments Increase

Unemployment insurance benefits will increase in Oregon starting next week.

The maximum weekly benefit amount an individual can receive will increase to \$493, while the minimum amount will be \$115.

Under Oregon law, each year the Employment Department re-

calculates the maximum and minimum amounts paid weekly to those filing for unemployment benefits.

The amounts are set as percentages of the average weekly wage earned. The minimum unemployment figure is 15 percent of average weekly wage, and the

maximum amount is 64 percent.

The new payment amounts are up slightly from a maximum of \$482 or minimum payment of \$113.

The change affects new unemployment insurance claims. Existing claims will continue to receive their weekly amount.

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Listening Sessions on Tolling

Tolling will help fund the CRC project and manage congestion. The CRC Tolling Study Committee wants your thoughts on preliminary tolling options.

Tuesday, June 30, 2009 | 6-8PM
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Presentation at 6:30PM
Jantzen Beach SuperCenter, Community Room
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